

Protocol of the 1. General Assembly of MSIS
Doorn, The Netherlands
September 27th 2017
Please refer to attached pdf for further details

Start: 18:02

46 members are present

announced remote members Stacey Oppenheimer, Peggi Angel, Alain Brunelle are not present

The quorum is reached

A presentation is given by Markus Stöckli (MS) and Gerard Hopfgartner (GH).

MS lays out the agenda and explains the business of the General Assembly (GA).

Martina Marchetti-Deschmann (MMD) volunteers to take notes.

1) Nomination of Scrutinizers:

Andreas Römpf (AR) and Per Andren (PA) are volunteering as scrutinizers; the GA uniformly accepts the AR and PA as scrutinizers (46 votes)

2) President's report:

MS gives an overview of the history of MSIS and explains the purpose of the society: "Knowledge Sharing – we want to educate people and contribute to the field".

MS presents the list of actual members (Sept 27th, 2017, time 18:11: 84 members)

MS points to other important societies in the field: IMSS, oMSIs, ... and stresses the importance of working together

3) Treasurer's report:

MSIS has a Swiss bank account and an actual balance of EUR 4325 that mainly comes from the surplus of OurCon IV.

MS explicitly thanks Piotr Widlak, the organizer of OurCon IV (2016, Poland), for his efforts

The report was formally approved by member majority (46 votes).

4) Changes of Statutes:

MS presents statutes which have been put together by Malcolm Clench (MC). MC is excused from the GA and MS thanks him for his efforts.

After explaining the reasons for changes in the statutes in place (types of memberships, joining/leaving the society, Board, ...), MS lays out the proposed new statutes.

After short discussions about the MSIS website, terms for Board members, eventual Board drop-outs and the suggestion of including the function of "Past President" the majority of the GA approved the suggested statutes.

5) Membership Fees:

Currently the membership fee is CHF 11.

A short discussion about membership fees in other societies is started, laying out the pros and cons of raising the fee.

The GA accepts the proposed membership fee of CHF 11 by majority.

6) Election of the Board:

MS presents a proposal for functions within the MSIS Board (president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, education & initiatives) and names nominees for various functions who present

themselves briefly. This first Board has to make sure that the Society start successfully and supports the proposal. Nominees:

Name	Available for role
Liam McDonnell	Vice President (OurCon)
Martina Marchetti-Deschmann	Education
Peter Marshall	Industrial Link
Tiffany Porta	Communications
Ron Heeren	President
Ann-Christin Niehoff	Initiatives
Birte Beine	Secretary
Gerard Hopfgartner	Academia
Garry Corthals	Societies
Markus Stoeckli	Treasurer

A brief discussion points to the fact that the Board is at the moment Europe-centric and should have an odd number of members.

Sheerin Shahidi-Latham and Peter Hoffmann suggest themselves as Board member for the US and Oceania, respectively.

There is no objection to the presented Board (incl Board members for the US and Oceania) and the majority of the GA is in favour of this Board.

7) Scientific Program:

Liam McDonnell (LM) presents the scientific program of MSIS and significant contributions of MSIS to international conferences (spring workshop, EMIM, IMSC).

PA presents the outline of the spring workshop in Upsala

Tiffany Porta (TA) present a workshop M4I, that is already fully booked.

LM mentions a workshop organized by Fulvio Magni and himself at IMSC 2018 in Florence.

Richard Drake (RD) presents Charleston, South Carolina, US, as the conference location in 2018 (OurCon VI).

Charles Pineau (CP) presents St. Malo, France, as the conference location in 2019 (OurCon VII).

8) Budget 2018:

LM presents the budget for 2018. MSIS current budget is limited, and at this stage the society needs to build financial resources. That board activity is needed to help raise funds, but MSIS currently lacks the funds to support that activity.

One of the priorities of the first board will be to define a strategy to secure financial security for the society.

A short discussion on how to raise funding elaborates on funding by companies. At the moment funding for poster prizes, travel grants, etc is preferred to direct donations to MSIS by companies.

9) Individual proposals:

No comments

10) Miscellaneous:

LM presents a graph on citations/year for “MSI”, “IMS” and “MSicl”. A trend for MSI is seen.
LM asks society to go for MSI.

Logo competition:

The majority of the GA was in favour of extending the competition of the MSIS logo.

MS closes the GA.

Closing: 19:26