



89th International Conference of SIEC-ISBE

Second Meeting of the Assembly of Delegates

Agenda

July 28, 2017

San Juan, Puerto Rico

1. Welcome and Introductory Comments

Petra Bragadottir called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Business brought forward from first meeting:

Cege Ekstrom gave his international president candidate presentation via Skype, explaining his ISBE experiences and leadership of over 30 years.

Lila Waldman presented the budget and balance sheet and answered questions about editor pay and U.S. membership dues. A motion to approve the budget passed.

The agenda was approved as printed.

2. Reports

Gerry Begeman, Acting Professional Development Committee Chairperson, reported on the success of the presentations and workshops. There were 34 attendees at the marketplace. Presenters were encouraged to publish in the Journal and/or newsletter. Submit Journal articles to Tamra Davis via her address on website. Judee Timm repeated the dates for newsletter deadlines. Evaluations for the PDC sessions were very positive. Next year's conference theme is "Start Ups". Dana Gray is chairing the committee to review proposals for next year. Information on submission of proposals will be published.

3. Elections/Appointments

In 2018 appointments will be needed for the German speaking Vice President and the PDC chairperson. Lila Waldman distributed ballots for the International Vice President to the head delegates from each chapter. Claudia Cabal and Larry Chung were designated as ballot counters. Chapters and number of votes each: Austria (2), Finland (3), Germany (3), Iceland (1), Poland (1), South Korea (1), Sweden (3), Switzerland (1), and U.S.A. (11). Not in attendance: Denmark (1) and Faroe Islands (1).

Announcement of Future International Conferences

90th International Conference, 2018 – Reykjavik, Iceland
2019 – U.S.A.

4. Recognition of Retiring Executive Committee Members

Certificates and gifts were presented to Monica Tengling, outgoing Nordic Vice President, and Petra Bragadottir, outgoing International President. Both were thanked for their many years of service.

5. Other Business

Gerry Begeman made the following motion, which was seconded by Sandra Poirier:

It is moved that the SIEC-ISBE Constitution be amended to allow for the formation of an International Chapter for members who come from countries that have no national chapter, and be it further amended that when International Members from any one country reach ten (10 persons), that those 10 members be encouraged to form a National Chapter. The rationale for this motion is that this would allow the members of this International Chapter to vote and to run for office. This chapter would be represented by one of the existing Vice Presidents of SIEC-ISBE.

John Lightle amended motion to change the word “encouraged” to “required”. Roietta seconded this motion, which passed. Discussion followed. The motion on the amendment passed on a voice vote. The amended motion passed unanimously.

Monica Tengling made the following motion, which was seconded by David Gilberstadt:

This motion directs the SIEC-ISBE Executive Committee to investigate the merits of moving SIEC-ISBE from a for-profit organization to a non-profit.

Discussion: Reports would be more complicated, but donations could be easier to obtain. SIEC-ISBE is currently registered in the U.S. but could be moved to another country. We currently do not pay tax because of deficit budgets. A CPA-approved audit would be required. Vote on the motion passed.

6. Invitation to International Conferences

Invitation to 2018 conference in Iceland. Dates are July 29 to August 3. The presentation slides will be placed on the website. Rooms must be booked before April 29; the number of rooms at the quoted rate are limited. Petra encouraged everyone to register for the conference and make room reservations early. Pre- and post-conference tours will not be scheduled; information on tours will be provided. The conference theme will be “Start Ups”.

Roietta Fulgham announced that the US chapter is waiting for bids from hotels in Nashville, San Francisco, Buffalo, and Seattle. It is important to have ISBE membership in the area for assistance. Information about the final decision will be placed in the September 15 ISBE newsletter.

Election results: Petra announced that Cege Ekstrom has been elected as the new International President. Of the eligible 28 votes, 2 not present; 21 votes “yes”; and 4 votes “no”.

7. Final Remarks by International President

Petra shared some final remarks on her terms as president.

9. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.