

# Minutes of the General Assembly of IASMiRT

**Date:** November 20, 2014, from 16:30 – 17:45 h

**Venue:** University of Manchester, UK

The invitation with the agenda was published in due time on the IASMiRT website and by email, **Attachment A23-1a and b.** No written or oral changes to the agenda were received.

## 1. Call to Order

President Farhang Ostadan called the General Assembly to order at 16:30 h. A total number of 44 members attended the meeting, **Attachment A23-2a to f.** The assembly had a quorum for decisions.

## 2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously without changes.

## 3. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly in San Francisco, CA, on August 21, 2013

The minutes of the General Assembly held on August 21, 2013 in San Francisco, CA, are published on the IASMiRT website, copies were distributed at the assembly.

To highlight their importance, Vernon Matzen explained the two changes of the statutes summarized in item 5 of the minutes:

- two year membership period in IASMiRT (instead of six year period)
- legal representation of IASMiRT by any two board members (instead of president plus one member).

The minutes were approved unanimously without changes.

## 4. Report of the President on Board Meetings

Farhang Ostadan summarized the discussions and decisions of the meetings of the Board and Advisory Board held in the previous two days as follows:

- cancellation of SMiRT 24 in Russia (see item 10)
- alternate venue in Korea (see item 10)
- update of conference manual in progress
- publications of past conferences will be published on website
- publication of state-of-the-art papers will be continued
- Asa Hadijan started activities to organize SMiRT 26 (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration), preferably in Berlin
- early career award will be considered for future conferences.

## **5. Report of the Secretary**

Vernon Matzen had no issues for discussion to report, but asked the members to list their names on the signing sheet.

## **6. Report of the Treasurer**

Bijon Dutta presented his report for the period August 2013 to November 2014, **Attachment A23-3.** According to the bylaws, there was no need to audit the report this time.

Present surplus is 39,841.19 USD in the US account, 19,573.14 EUR in the German checking account, and 60,003.17 EUR on the German savings account. The total net worth as of November 2014 is about 140,000.- USD.

The report was accepted unanimously.

## **7. Report on NED**

Farhang Ostadan informed the audience that a special issue of Nuclear Engineering and Design (NED) with extended and updated papers from SMiRT 21 in India is available now.

## **8. Final Report on SMiRT 22**

Farhang Ostadan gave a short summary of SMiRT 22 in San Francisco: 474 papers were presented, about 600 delegates attended the conference. The total income was 519,112.- USD, the expenses were 475,833.- USD. The surplus of 43,279.- USD was transferred to the AASMiRT account (American Association of SMiRT). The 110 page final report will be published on the IASMiRT website.

About 35 selected papers will be published in a special issue of NED before August 2015.

## **9. Report on SMiRT 23**

David Shepherd summarized the latest information on SMiRT 23 as follows:

- the organization is well in progress
- the budget is based on 500 participants
- the expected income is 400,500.- GBP (Great Britain Pounds)
- present income from sponsorship is 43,500.- GBP
- the Jaeger lecture will be held by Bob Ainsworth
- at present there are 475 abstracts submitted
- a tour to the Heysham reactor site will be offered
- an early career award will be granted.

## **10. Report on SMiRT 24**

Farhang Ostadan informed the audience that the proposal from Russia to host SMiRT 24 in 2017, which was discussed August 2013 in San Francisco, was dropped because the missing letter clarifying the backup of financial losses could not be provided by Leonid Bolshov.

The new venue for SMiRT 24 will be Korea. Tae Eun Jin, Senior Vice President from the Power Engineering Research Institute of KEPCO E&C, presented a detailed proposal to host the conference in Busan, Korea, **Attachment A23-4a to i**. Chairman will be Goon-Cherl Park, President of KEPCO International Nuclear Graduate School (KINGS).

So far, only a preliminary written statement of financial support is available. The audience was assured that a letter guaranteeing the backup of financial losses will be provided early next year.

The board supports this proposal. Asa Hadjian moved to vote for it, Andrei Blahoianu backed the move. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

## **11. Miscellaneous**

Masoud Zadeh gave a check over 10,000.- USD from AASMiRT to Dave Shepherd for the support of SMiRT 23.

## **12. Adjourn**

Farhang Ostadan closed the meeting at 17:45 h.

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Farhang Ostadan  
President

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Vernon Matzen  
Acting Secretary