

# Minutes of the General Assembly of IASMiRT

**Date:** August 12, 2015, from 16:20 - 17:55 h

**Venue:** The Lowry Centre, Salford, Manchester, UK

The invitation with the agenda was published in due time by email and on the IASMiRT web site, **Attachment A23-5a 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 16:20 h. A total number of 66 members attended the meeting, **Attachment A23-6a to c.** 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 Manchester, UK, on November 20, 2014

The minutes of the General Assembly held on November 20, 2014 in Manchester, UK, were published on the IASMiRT web site, copies were distributed at the assembly, **Attachment A23-7a to c.**

To highlight the importance again, Vernon Matzen explained the reason for the venue change for SMiRT 24 from Moscow, Russia, to Busan, Korea.

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 days as follows:

- both Boards propose Vernon Matzen as Advisor General for the next two years (see item 14)
- Nilesh Chokshi and Ajaya Gupta are proposed as auditors for the next two years (see item 16)
- Rainer Gillot is proposed as statutes custodian for the next two years (see item 17)

## 5. Legal Matters of IASMiRT

Rainer Gillot informed the audience about the update of the statutes by the district court in Berlin regarding the

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

Vernon Matzen again explained the bureaucratic advantages of these changes for the secretary.

## **6. Report of the Secretary**

Goon-Cherl Park had no issues for discussion to report.

## **7. Report of the Treasurer**

Bijan Dutta presented his report for the period from August 2013 to July 2015, **Attachment A23-8a to d.** This report was audited and approved without objections on August 12, 2015, by Nilesh Chokshi and Ajaya Gupta.

Present surplus is 30,584.83 USD in the US account, 17,173.03 EUR in the German checking account, and 60,063.17 EUR in the German savings account. The present total net worth is about 115,500.- USD.

The report was accepted unanimously, the treasurer retired from office.

## **8. Report on NED**

Farhang Ostadan informed the audience that a topical issue of Nuclear Engineering and Design (NED) is available now, including 25 papers from SMiRT 22.

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

Farhang Ostadan gave a short summary of SMiRT 22 in San Francisco: 587 delegates from 30 countries came to the conference, 503 of them paid registration fee, 474 papers from 10 divisions were presented, 157 papers came from the USA.

The total income was 519,112.- USD, the total expenses 475,833.- USD. The expenses include a transfer of 20,000.- USD to IASMiRT as conference fee, and a donation of 43,279.- USD to AASMiRT.

## **10. Report on SMiRT 23**

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

- about 540 delegates from 28 countries attend the conference
- an early career award will be granted (1,000.- USD)
- 1 technical power plant tour was organized and well attended
- the proceedings are available on a memory stick
- the forecast for the income is 272,470.- GBP (Great Britain Pounds)
- two seminars will be organized: Fire Prevention and New Build Nuclear Power Plant Design

## **11. Report on SMiRT 24**

Tae Eun Jin gave an update on SMiRT 24. The conference will be held in Busan, Korea, in the Busan Exhibition & Convention Center (BEXCO) on August 20 to 25, 2017. Conference chairman will be Goon-Cherl Park, President of the Korean Nuclear Society, the honorary chair will be S. Cho. A great variety of hotels in the vicinity of the convention center is available for accommodation.

About 500 participants are expected, the estimates for income from registration fees are 505,000.- USD, from sponsorship 240,000.- USD, and for expenses 745,000.- USD.

There will be pre and post conference seminars, technical tours, and a social program. The next Board meeting will held in Busan on January 28 and 29, 2016. The planning meeting, Board meeting, and a General Assembly is scheduled for November 2016 in Seoul. After the conference a topical issue of NED with selected papers is planned.

## **12. Venue for SMiRT 25**

Farhang Ostadan informed the audience that two comprehensive proposals were submitted for SMiRT 25 in 2019, one from Japan and one from the USA in cooperation with Canada. Both were thoroughly discussed by the Board members in the weeks before the conference via email communication, and judged as equally excellent. Following the IASMiRT rules regarding the rotation of continents for the conference venue, 2019 is the term of the Americas, after having been in Europe in 2015 and in Asia in 2017.

On Friday before the conference, Japan withdraw their proposal in favour of the American one. This was a very hard decision for the Japanese colleagues, which primarily was made to maintain the harmony within the SMiRT community. Farhang Ostadan expressed sincere thanks to Abe san and his colleagues for all their endeavours to prepare the proposal.

Abhinav Gupta gave detailed information on his proposal to hold SMiRT 25 in 2019 in Charlotte, NC, **Appendix A23-9a to f**. There is strong support from many institutions from the USA and Canada, North Carolina State University (NCSU) will ensure financial solvency and viability of the conference. Sujit Samaddar will be the chairman of the international scientific committee, assisted by Andrei Blahoianu.

Charlotte is home of many nuclear energy companies and has earned the title “The New Energy Capital”. The city can provide all necessary conference and hotel facilities, and has international airline access.

The proposal to hold SMiRT 25 in Charlotte, NC, was approved unanimously.

## **13. Election of the Vice President / Secretary**

Based on the nomination of Abhinav Gupta as chairman of SMiRT 25, his election as vice president and secretary of IASMiRT for the next two years was approved unanimously. He accepted the election.

Bijan Dutta leaves the Board and will become a permanent member of the Advisory Board.

## **14. Election of the Advisor General**

Both the Advisory Board and the Board proposed Vernon Matzen again as Advisor General. His re-election was approved unanimously, he accepted the election.

## **15. Composition of the New Board**

After the approval of the American proposal to host SMiRT 25 in Charlotte, NC, and Abhinav Gupta as chairman of the conference, the new Board for the next two years is composed as follows:

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| a) President:                                      | David Shepherd, UK     |
| b) Vice President and Secretary:                   | Abhinav Gupta, USA     |
| c) Treasurer:                                      | Farhang Ostadan, USA   |
| d) President Elect and Chairman of the Conference: | Goon-Cherl Park, Korea |
| e) Advisor General:                                | Vernon Matzen, USA     |

All five Board members were elected unanimously and accepted their election. The previous Board retired from office.

#### **16. Election of the Auditors**

Nilesh Chokshi and Ajaya Gupta were re-elected unanimously as auditors for the IASMiRT accounts for the period September 2015 to August 2017. They accepted their election.

#### **17. Election of the Statutes Custodian**

Rainer Gillot was re-elected unanimously as statutes custodian. He accepted the election.

#### **18. Miscellaneous**

Farhang Ostadan informed the audience that Asa Hadjian started activities to organize SMiRT 26 (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration). The intention is to hold the conference in Berlin, where it started in 1971. Preliminary meetings were held, more detailed information is expected at the next Board meeting in January 2016.

The next General Assembly will be held in Busan, Korea, in November 2016, together with the planning meeting and a Board meeting.

#### **19. Adjourn**

Farhang Ostadan closed the meeting at 17:55 h.

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Farhang Ostadan  
President

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Vernon Matzen  
Acting Secretary