

**IASMiRT BOARD MEETING**  
**BEXCO Exhibition Centre, Busan, Korea**  
**Thursday 24th August 2017**

**1. Call to Order**

GCP called the meeting to order at 16:00. The attendance was as follows (see **Attachment 1**):

Goon-Cherl Park (GCP)	President IASMiRT
Rainer Gillot (RG)	Custodian of the Statutes
Vernon Matzen (VM)	Advisor General
Bernd Klüver (BK)	Deputising for Astrid Petersen (AP), Vice President and Secretary
Abhinav Gupta (AG)	Chairman SMiRT25 and President Elect
David Shepherd (DS)	Treasurer and note-taker for meeting

VM noted that one of the permanent advisory board members had requested to join the meeting but GCP had advised him that the meeting would be too short to make it worth his while. The meeting re-affirmed the principle that permanent advisory board members would be invited to all Board meetings unless there was a Board decision that it was not in the interest of the meeting.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda issued in advance of the meeting was approved and the agenda items are reflected in these notes.

**3. Evaluation of SMiRT 24**

GCP stated that there were approximately 506 attendees and around 478 papers presented. It was too early to provide any further details such as attendance and papers by division and country, the actual rather than assumed breakdown of attendance by category, or any update on the conference finances. GCP agreed to provide a detailed report on SMiRT 24 to the Board by the end of October 2017.

**Action 1: GCP**

The Board confirmed that the payment of conference fees for SMiRT 24 should be made into the bank account of the new IASMiRT organization in USA and VM undertook to advise the Board of the bank details as soon as it is established.

**Action 2: VM**

**4. Outcome of the General Assembly**

RG summarized the significant points: transfer of IASMiRT to USA was agreed, the location of SMiRT 26 in Berlin with the consequent election of AP to post of Vice President and Secretary of IASMiRT, SMiRT 25 good progress reported and the members were advised of the increase in the IASMiRT conference fee to \$35,000 from SMiRT 27 onwards (\$50,000 with Advisory Board travel included).

**5. Outcome of the meeting with Division Coordinators**

GCP reported that no meeting had been held. It was noted that this is good practice to obtain feedback to inform subsequent conferences. DS undertook to ensure that the requirement is captured in the updated Conference Manual.

**Action 3: DJS**

**6. Statutes and Bylaws**

RG had no detailed update in regard to the German statutes. There was no further discussion beyond noting the work to be done to establish the equivalent legal documentation in the US.

It was noted that the German version of the current statutes was slow to download from the IASMiRT website. AG believed this was due to the current use of a pdf file for the statutes and will investigate changing it to an html document.

**Action 4: AG**

## **7. Update on the Advisory Board Members**

The meeting reviewed the list related to the SMiRT 24 biennium and agreed the following amendments:

- All the existing two-year appointments would be renewed with the exception of Dr Blahoianu, Dr Faidy, Dr O'Donnell and Prof Prinja.
- New invitations were confirmed for Dr Shin Morita of IAEA, Dr He Yinbao of SNERDI and Prof Andrey Jivkov of University of Manchester.
- AG advised that he will be nominating two additional individuals in the near future.
- In view of the imminent change of IASMiRT registration from Germany to USA the role of Custodian of the Statutes, fulfilled for many years with distinction by RG, would become redundant. The Board recognized the substantial contribution that RG has made over these many years, not just for his work on the German statutes but as a major and constructive contributor to all Board business. The Board would not wish to lose his contribution in future, and therefore invited RG to become a permanent member of the Advisory Board. RG responded that it would be an honour and a pleasure to continue his involvement with the Board.

VM undertook to write to all two-year AB members and RG to either confirm their re-appointments or thank those whose appointments were not being renewed. He will include a specific statement that two-year AB members are not entitled to travel support or reduced conference fees. He will distribute a draft appointment letter to the Board for its approval before appointing any of the new or returning AB members.

**Action 5: VM**

It was noted that in addition to the above changes Farhang Ostadan is now a permanent member of the Advisory Board. AG agreed to amend the IASMiRT website with respect to all the changes as soon as they have been promulgated to the individuals concerned.

**Action 6: AG**

AG agreed to continue exploring the best candidates for further invitations to individuals from China.

**Action 7: AG**

## **8. Update on SMiRT 25**

AG confirmed that there was no update on SMiRT 25 since the General Assembly on 23 August.

## **9. Dates of next meetings**

AG stated that the next meeting was scheduled for 9 and 10 February 2018 in Charlotte North Carolina, with rooms in the conference hotel blocked from 8th to 11th. AG will advise how individuals are to make reservations.

**Action 8: AG**

The Planning Meeting will be held in Raleigh at NCSU in October 2018, however the university will not release room bookings until within a year of the meeting. Therefore AG will confirm dates as soon as possible during October 2017.

**Action 9: AG**

## 10. Update on SMiRT 26

BK advised that there was no update since the presentation at the General Assembly on 23rd August.

## 11. Miscellaneous

It was becoming apparent that there may be "SMiRT" conferences being organised without authorization of IASMiRT. In general, it is unlikely that there is any intended malice so the first approach should be simply to seek co-operation where feasible. However the meeting agreed that it would be useful if the use of "SMiRT" could be controlled by IASMiRT, and VM undertook to investigate the practicability of registering the name.

### Action 10: VM

AG noted that China may wish to make a bid for the next Asia conference. DS noted that there will be some sensitivity in regard to colleagues from Japan who are also interested and feel some entitlement for their bid to receive priority, since they demurred to Korea when the location of the Asia conference was last determined.

The Board agreed that RG's travel expenses would continue to be recovered as a Board member until he ceases to be Custodian of the Statues, i.e. when the organization in Germany is liquidated.

## 12. Adjourn

The business concluded GCP closed the meeting at 17:50.



Signed G-C Park



Signed D J Shepherd