

ISTS Board Retreat

August 14-18, 2017

National Conservation and Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV, USA

This meeting was chaired by Yoshi Matsuzawa.

Finances

The Auditor's report was reviewed and approved. The Board also reviewed and approved the Treasurer's report. Matsuzawa presented his budget: registration fees were discussed and approved and adjustments made to the 2018 Symposium budget; the final budget was reviewed and approved after the end of early registration. It was agreed that the Board would look into the feasibility of a professional fundraiser.

Website and IT person

It was agreed that Blue Salamander Solutions would continue to be hired to help with the ISTS website. Aliko Panagopoulou was selected as the IT Liaison.

Awards Committee

Confidentiality of Lifetime awardees was discussed; it was decided that it would be determined on a case-by-case basis by the nominator. It was also decided that the number of Lifetime Achievement Awardees would not be restricted to 1 or 2 candidates per year.

Ethics code

A revised draft of the Ethics code was approved and circulated to the membership for comments.

Social media guidelines

The Board approved the social media guidelines. This has now been shared with the membership.

Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee's report was reviewed and approved by the Board, and modifications to the President Elect's application form were also approved. The need to increase the number of people voting was discussed.

New initiatives

The Board passed a motion to allow the President to spend up to a total of \$200 for initiatives at the Symposium such as "dance your research" and "speed chatting."

Resolutions

Frank Paladino agreed to Chair the Resolutions Committee for the 2018 Symposium.

Auction

A new set of guidelines was drafted for the Auction Committee.

2019 Symposium planning was reviewed and discussed.

Members in attendance: Yakup Kaska, Manjula Tiwari, George Balazs, Joanna Alfaro, Laura Prosdocimi, Andrea Phillott, Emma Harrison, Jeanette Wyneken, Andy Agyekumhene, Felix Moncada, Yoshi Matsuzawa and Frank Paladino.