

ISTS Annual Board Meeting

August 22-26, 2011

National Conservation and Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV, US

Finances

The Board is working on improving the ISTS accounting process. The need for liability insurance for the Symposium was discussed and agreed upon. A Policy Resolution that allows the President and President-Elect to enter into contractual agreement on behalf of the ISTS was accepted by the Board.

Nominations Committee

The Board discussed how to make the nominations process more efficient and effective based on recommendations from the Nominations Committee. It was agreed that the length of term of a Nominations Committee member should be extended to 3 years. Information provided on the nominations website will be improved, and a form will be developed for the nominator to submit nominations.

By-Laws and Constitution

The following issues were edited in the By-Laws, which were presented to the membership at the 2012 Symposium in Huatulco: 3-year term for the Nominations Committee, 5-year terms for Secretary and Treasurer, meeting contracts for President and President-Elect, and vacancies on the Board. A thorough revision of the By-Laws and Constitution is being undertaken by the Board.

Student Committee

A lot of good feedback was received from students about this new committee, and therefore the Board recommended that the Student Committee be maintained as a Presidential committee.

Media proposal

The Board authorized the expenditure of a maximum of 7K in 2012 for the ISTS Media and Communication fund.

Managing Director

The Board finalized the Terms of Reference for the Board-appointed ISTS Managing Director position, and drafted a contract to hire Michael Coyne as the Managing Director. This position will be reviewed annually by the Board.

Members in attendance: Ana Barragán, Jean Beasley, Ray Carthy, Paolo Casale, Michael Coyne, Marydele Donnelly, Jack Frazier, Mark Hamann, Cynthia Lagueux, Colin Limpus, Terry Meyer, Aliko Panagopoulou, Jeff Seminoff, Kartik Shanker, Manjula Tiwari, Didier Chacon, and Roldán Valverde.

Observer: Elena Finkbeiner