

ISTS Annual Board Meeting

August 13-17, 2012

National Conservation and Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV, US

The President, Ray Carthy, hands over the meeting to the Managing Director, Michael Coyne, to chair.

Finances

The Board reviewed and approved the Treasurer's report as well as the 2010 Auditor's report. The Board is discussed investing funds in a socially responsible and green company.

Nominations Committee

The Board recommended that two letters of recommendation be obtained for every nomination submitted. It was also clarified that the membership is electing a President for 3 years as past-President because it is in the By-Laws –election is therefore for 5 years with 3-years of Past-President required so that the person has 5 years on the Board like everyone else. Board members agreed that having the experience of past-Presidents on the Board is very valuable.

By-Laws and Constitution

Extensive revisions to the By-Laws and Constitution were discussed and reviewed by the Board. The revised documents will be presented to the membership for comments and voting before they can be officially adopted.

Proceedings

The future of the Proceedings—i.e., whether it should continue to be available as a hard copy—was discussed. No decision has yet been taken.

Use of cell phones and cameras during Symposium presentations

Session Chairs will request the audience not to use video and flash photography to avoid disturbing the presenter, and to silence their cell phones.

Media proposal

The Board received 35 applications from around the world, from which 2 will be selected for a grant of \$3,500 each.

Managing Director

The Board is evaluating this position to ensure maximum effectiveness for the ISTS.

Members in attendance: George Balazs, Ana Barragán, Ray Carthy, Paolo Casale, Didier Chacon, Michael Coyne, Alejandro Fallabrino, Jack Frazier, Mark Hamann, Cynthia Lagueux, Terry Meyer, Aliko Panagopoulou, Jeff Seminoff, Kartik Shanker, Manjula Tiwari, Jesus Tomas, and Roldán Valverde.

Observer: Elena Finkbeiner, Andres Estrades