IADA Members Meeting, 26.09.2019, Warsaw Poland

Minutes

The general meeting was opened on 26.09.2019 at 08:30. The meeting was conducted in German and led by Renate Mesmer. With more than 10% of the members present, a quorum was given.

Report of the Board of Directors for the period from 2015 to 2019

After approval of the agenda and the minutes, the Board reported on the various activities for the period from 2015 to 2019.

IADA members commemorated colleagues Ruth Henriques, Erwin Oberholzer and Dirk Fehlmann, who passed away during the last four years.

The current IADA Board was elected during the congress in Berlin (2015) for the period from 2015 to 2019. It took about six months to get the board trained and on the same page. Due to the resignation of three board members shortly after the election in 2015, the board elected three substitute members: Alberto Campagnolo (Italy), Julia Miszczuk-Küster (Germany / Poland) and Marc Holly (Germany). The treasurer resigned for personal reasons in June 2019. A replacement was not elected.

As the board members live in different countries, there have been regular video and telephone conferences. Furthermore, board members met once a year, or twice a year during the conference years. Reminder: The work of the board is an exclusively honorary activity.

One of the first major tasks of the team was (in addition to numerous administrative activities) preparation and implementation of the conference in Oslo (2017) - "From Generation to Generation", in which about 200 colleagues participated. The photos can be found in the media library of the IADA homepage, www.iada-home.org.

The preparation and execution of the congress in Warsaw was one of the most elaborate projects of the current board. IADA congresses tend to increasingly get more expensive, partly due to inflation rates. However, a reasonable pricing with consistent standard will still be the goal for the next conferences.

The number of members increased to 630 over the last few years. Due to the free participation for IADA members “in education” at the XIVth congress, the number increased from 21 to 65.

IADA is now on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook to communicate with its members.

Journal of Paper Conservation: editorial report, publication contract

Alberto Campagnolo read the greetings and statement from Michal Sofer (JPC Editor-in-Chief), who was unable to attend. Michal Sofer will leave the editorial team after ten years on the board. The editorial team of the Journal of Paper Conservation will be restructured to ease processes and workload. The digitizing of all JPC publications is sought. The editorial team hopes to publish Vol. 20, 2019 as soon as possible. Reasons for the delayed publication were and still are, among other things, the change to a new publisher, new workflows and changing employees in the publishing house. This has been described several times in the JPC.
The number of downloads of JPC articles has increased. Most of the downloads come from USA, England and Germany. The JPC editorial team met several times with the representatives of Taylor & Francis. In particular, the late release of the JPC, work processes and the renewal of the contract were discussed. IADA will continue to work with Taylor & Francis for the next four years. The costs for IADA remain the same. The financial support of the IADA editorial staff was increased from Euro 2400.- to Euro 3000. To simplify processes, an online publishing system is to be introduced.

Since some colleagues are leaving the editorial board, the team is looking for support. Interested members were asked to inform the board and/or editors.

Membership contribution

The last contribution increase took place in 2007. During the members meeting in Berlin, the members suggested reducing the membership contribution for "members in education". According to the statutes, the amount is to be fixed by the proposal of the board via the members meeting. In order to decide on new membership contributions at this year’s members meeting, different cost models were proposed by the board and sent in advance of the congress to all members. As an interim solution to support members in education, between 2015 and 2019 the Board decided to allow those members to attend the conferences in Oslo and Warsaw for free.

IADA wants to further support members in education and make sure the fees are in balance with their financial situation.

In lively discussion with the participants the following topics were discussed:

- reduced fees will need to be split between the ordinary and extraordinary members.
- concerns: increasing the contribution of the ordinary membership can lead to a loss of some members, as members may not have the financial resources to afford an ordinary membership as starting professionals.
- whether a member is still enrolled in a program is difficult to control for a voluntary board. Therefore, IADA members are asked to ensure that the board gets notified. However, future foolow-ups will not be ruled out.

After the different membership fee structures (conservative, moderate and progressive) were presented, Marcus Krön proposes to increase the fees progressively, starting in 2020. Ordinary member: Euro 120.-; in education: Euro 55.-; extraordinary member Euro 185.- The proposal was second and accepted by the members present.

The decision if members in education can continue their membership after ending their training, was postponed to the next members meeting. A proposal for the country-by-country adjustment of membership fees is rejected by the plenary due to too complex of a structure.

Miscellaneous

E.C.C.O: There was a brief report about IADA’s membership in E.C.C.O. IADA is a founding member of E.C.C.O. The new E.C.C.O. membership fees were included in the new budget.

Banking

At the request of a member at the last members meeting in Berlin, the IADA board researched "ethical banking" and made the results available to the members in advance of the meeting. A summary of the research was also presented at this year’s meeting.
Treasurer’s financial report, approval of activities, discharge of the board

Sonja Schwoll resigned as treasurer in June. Her work was continued by Renate Mesmer and Chiara Palandri. A replacement for her was not chosen by the board so shortly before a new election. Since 2016 IADA has been working with the tax advisor in Cologne. The tax advisor office, Ollig, specializes in international association tax law. Tax failures of recent years are now being revised and slowly caught up on.

In the future, the board will invest in an improved member database and a new management software, to facilitate the work to be done. The board hopes to also better meet the tax requirements by doing so. The financial reports from 2015 to 2019 were presented (they were also published in the Journal of Paper Conservation in advance). The 2019 report has not yet been audited since the financial year has not been closed. In the future, annual cash audits are the goal. Renate Mesmer and Marc Holly presented the budget for 2019-2023. The account balance of IADA in September was 250,000 Euros. From this amount, the costs for the JPC for 2018 and 2019 still have to be paid, as well as costs for the Warsaw Congress. After deducting all outstanding commitments, approximately € 150,000 remain as a reserve, enough to meet future obligations over the next four years.

Discharge of the board

The cash audit was conducted by Anna Alena Hoffmann and Elizabet Nijhoff Asser. Elizabet Nijhoff Asser became Barbara Hasse’s replacement, who was unfortunately unable to attend the audit for reasons of timing. All relevant documents were made available to the two auditors. The IADA budgets for the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 were examined and corresponding recommendations for the new treasurer were issued. The two examiners recommended the discharge of the board. A motion was made by Marcus Krön to discharge the board. After the motion was second, the members voted and accepted. See also report from the auditors.

Election of IADA Board 2019 – 2023

In the course of the election (114 valid votes), the new IADA Board for the term of office 2019 - 2023 was confirmed and elected as follows:

Executive Board

Renate Mesmer (USA), president
Chiara Palandri (Norway/Italy), vice-president,
Magdalena Grenda-Kurmanow (Poland), secretary
Alberto Campagnolo (Italy), editor in chief
Marc Holly (Germany), treasurer

Extended Board

Rebecca Honold (Germany)
Malgorzata Grzelec (Poland)
Julia Owczarska (Poland/Netherlands)
Aurelie Martin (France/Australia)
Julia Miszczuk-Küster (Germany/Poland)
The new auditors (for the years 2019-2023) were proposed: Barbara Korbel (Berlin) and Anna Hoffmann (London). The proposal was accepted by the members.

Franziska Butze-Rios, Kevin Cilurzo and Henry Hebert were cordially thanked for the work "behind the scenes". More IADA members came forward and offered to support the board behind the scenes.

**Date, time and location of the next meeting**

The next regular General Assembly will take place during the next IADA Congress 2023. Place and time will be announced in good time by the board.

**Acknowledgments / Closing of the Assembly**

The new Board thanks all former members of the board from 2015 - 2019, the editorial board of the Journal of Paper Conservation for their outstanding work during their last term (and beyond).

The meeting ends at 10:55.