

IACS Board Meeting

28 February 2024

Attending: Jamin Pelkey (President), Todd Oakley (Secretary), Esther Pascual (Past President), Donna West (Board member), Jordan Zlatev (IACS-5 Conference Organizer), Alexandra Mouratidou (PR officer), Alin Olteanu (Treasurer)

1. Minutes

Alin takes minutes.

To check minutes: Jamin and Alexandra

2. A long-term solution for financial management (Jamin)

Due to ongoing issues with payment services and accounts Jamin discussed options for long-term financial management with George Leaman at the [Philosophy Documentation Center](#) (PDC). PDC provides customized services for (many) academic associations, and they could help us establish sustainable financial management. *Payments* is one of the services they cover. This includes membership fees and tracking of membership lists.

See: <https://www.pdcnet.org/wp/membership-services/>

Their (basic) fee is 1,000 USD annually. They are willing to discuss flexible options for our biennial conference model.

Donna is also familiar with their work and recommends them, pointing out that they also offer financial hosting for conferences, which could be potentially useful for the organization of future IACS conferences.

Board members raised several questions on details regarding their precise services (such as scholarship payments) and how-to's.

Todd: in order to clarify these things, invite George Leaman to next Board Meeting or empower Jamin and Alin to have a meeting with him on behalf of the Board.

Jamin will include George in our next board meeting (in early June) for a Q&A.

3. Treasurer update and new alternative (Alin)

We are using the PayPal account. Kristian Tylen is the account holder, still, as a courtesy to IACS.

Alin now has access to the account.

The account holds 3.098,73 euros.

Jordan: Who counts as members? Who is eligible for the reduced conference fees?

Todd and Alin to cross-check payments – membership confirmations since beginning of 2023. Reduced conference fees are quite substantial, especially for non-students. Fees for IACS-5 are as follows:

IACS members: PhD or MA students: 1500 SEK, Others: 2000 SEK
Not IACS members: PhD or MA students: 1750 SEK, Others: 2500 SEK
Later registration (from 3 June 2024): +1000 SEK on the above

4. PR Officer update (Alexandra)

Alexandra keeps up to date the social media channels (i.e., Facebook and Twitter) mainly with posts about the conference (e.g., CfP's, submission deadlines, etc.), and regularly updates the website (e.g., weekly seminars, PayPal buttons, minutes, etc.)

5. Journal update (Todd)

No major news.

Work on the special issues on Göran Sonesson, edited by Sara Lenninger, is progressing well (new submissions, reviews).

Jordan is also supporting this effort (without being co-editor).

Todd reports that Peer (as EiC) is willing to move forward with the De Gruyter S2O open-access initiative beginning in 2025.

6. IACS5 2024 planning (Jordan)

106 submissions were received.

Some reviewers might need to be reminded to review on time the abstracts that had been assigned to them. Some abstracts might be redistributed to those reviewers that already completed their share of reviewing. All IACS members offered to help with reviewing more abstracts than those initially planned (4-6).

We should have results out to presenters before April.

Elena Cuffari replaces Merlin Donald as keynote, because of health reasons.

Board expresses confirmation about the new keynote, as well as the gender-balanced line-up.

Academic matters are all sorted, social program is still being worked out.

Jordan shares considerations/concerns about conference dinner: excellent price with limited seating if held in the museum's restaurant that is next to the university building.

Jordan and colleagues will provide information on the conference website regarding accommodation and transportation in Lund, as relevant for the conference.

How many parallel sessions? 4 or 5.

7. Other business

Piotr Konderak has agreed to place a bid for hosting IACS6 (2026) in Lublin. Other bids will be encouraged via communications prior to the conference.

8. Date range for next board meeting

At least one more meeting before the conference is in order, in early June.

An item for that agenda is setting up the agenda for the General Board Meeting (to take place during IACS6).