

ICSP International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes Executive Board

Minutes of Internet-meeting 25th June 2020

Redacted and unredacted minutes are the same.

Action points:

1. Open ballot to elect the incoming EB (IS)
2. Ask 2 delegates for missing votes (about the life members) and contact current life members (IS)
3. Draft citation announcing award of the Van Niel prize for the website and IJSEM (IS/LD/WBW)
4. Open ballot to elect the 27th class of the JC (DA/IS)

Minute 1. Call to order. The Chair called the meeting to order at 14:00 BST London time.

Minute 2. Record of attendance. The Members that participated were I. Sutcliffe (Chair), F. Rainey (Vice-Chair ICSP), L. Dijkshoorn (Executive Secretary), W. B. Whitman (Treasurer), F. Venter (Member-at-Large), W.-J. Li (Member-at-Large), D. R. Arahall (Chair JC), R. Rosselló-Móra (Vice-Chair JC) and C. T. Bull (Secretary JC). D. Brown (Secretary Subcommittees) sent his apologies.

Minute 3. Minutes of the 28th May 2020 meeting. The minutes received by the EB members contain two names (of candidate life members) that will be redacted. Taking this into account, the minutes were approved.

Minute 4. Matters arising/Action points from 28th May meeting actions.

Action points:

1. Circulate the minutes of 28th May to the ICSP members. (LD).
2. Finalise minutes of the Glasgow plenary. (LD). Ongoing.
3. The manuscript of the discussion regarding the Whitman proposals has been accepted by IJSEM. Once the paper has been typeset by IJSEM, it will be forwarded to FV for the ICSP website. (LD/IS). Done.
4. Establish which ICSP members will be running for which position of the new EB resulting in a final list of candidates to be voted on by the ICSP members. (IS). Ongoing, see minute 5.
5. Proposal for Life Members to be voted on by the ICSP. (IS) Done.
6. Add Life Members to the website. (FV). Ongoing.
7. Nomination of 27th class of the JC. (DA/IS). Ongoing, see minute 9.
8. Encourage election of subcommittee officers (DB). Ongoing.
9. Ask authors of the 'mailing list' for teaching materials (LD, CB).
10. Consider appropriate uses for the money in the bank account (All; for recommendation to the incoming EB)

Minute 5. Election of EB. The list of candidates has been finalised and the ballot paper has been drafted, with accompanying candidate statements collated (circulated to the EB 21/06/20). There are at least one or two candidates for each office. Voting will be opened as soon as possible (IS), allowing 30 days of deliberation time and completion of the vote by late July. LD and DA will collect the votes.

Minute 6. Co-option of Members. There have been several individuals who wanted to join the ICSP as a Member but could not because their society was not an IUMS member. The Chair suggested that the representation of ICSP could be increased by nomination of co-opted members. He proposed that these or other individuals could be co-opted to serve as full members. Four possible candidates were named. This raised the question as to whether the sitting (outgoing) EB should propose these or other candidates in the transition period before the election of a new EB. After some discussion it was decided to postpone this matter. [Addendum: nomination of co-opted delegates is addressed in Article 2.b.1 of the statutes].

Minute 7. Life members update. Two members have not responded yet regarding the approval of the 2 proposed members but all other votes are collected. LD will contact these members. IS will try to contact the present life members (Murray and Komagata).

Minute 8. Update on the Van Niel prize. Tanja Woyke has accepted to receive the Van Niel prize. Arrangements will be made to issue the prize. She has no travel plans for this year but a plenary lecture at the FEMS 2021 meeting in Hamburg may be an option. IS/LD will draft a message for the ICSP website and the Chair will keep contact. A citation for publication in IJSEM is needed (IS to draft with assistance from WBW).

Minute 9. Update on JC. Six candidates have been nominated for the incoming 27th class of the JC and the ballot paper has been drafted and candidate statements collated (circulated to the EB 23/06/20). To avoid confusion, it was agreed to delay the launch of the JC ballot until the ballot to elect the incoming EB is underway. LD and CB will collect the votes. Once the 27th class is elected, the JC will elect their Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

Opinions 100-102 have been submitted to IJSEM. Requests (to become Opinions 103 and 104) are under consideration by the JC.

Minute 10. Update from IJSEM. FR highlighted that some IJSEM authors do not pay attention to the Code with regard to the deposition of type strains, causing problems for the editorial board. This was noted as a problem for authors in those countries that prohibit unrestricted access to type strains. FV commented that ongoing problems around Nagoya still require resolution. This problem will need to be on the task list of the new EB.

Minute 11 Update on subcommittees. In the absence of the Chair of the subcommittees (DB), there was no news. Nominations of new Chairs are being waited for (ongoing).

Minute 12. Update from the working group on Education & Outreach [LD/CB]. Because of COVID-19, few people are travelling to conferences, which may increase engagement with online content delivery. LD and CB will contact each other to redevelop the video competition (when and to be sent to whom). In addition, a request to the ICSP mailing list will be made for teaching materials.

Minute 13. Treasurer's report. There was nothing to report.

Minute 14. Date of next meeting is Thursday 30th July 2 pm UK time.

Minute 15 AOB.

Minute 16. Adjournment. The meeting was closed at 3:00 pm UK time.

Lenie Dijkshoorn, Executive Secretary 12^h July 2020 with edits from Iain Sutcliffe