



FINAL MINUTES

1. Opening and President's Welcome

Dr. Ruth Hamilton, President, opened the 2020 ISCEV Membership Meeting. She welcomed everyone to the 2020 meeting and hoped that everyone could see the entire board on the Zoom meeting. She shared the agenda and reminded everyone that to have the newsletter open on their device in order to participate. She thanked everyone for electing her President, and said it is a great privilege.

Dr. Hamilton hoped everyone had the opportunity to read the officer's reports and to review the minutes of last year's meeting in the Newsletter. She did note that the plan for the meeting was to prioritize questions to the officers; they would not be presenting their reports live due to time constraints of the virtual meeting. Questions would be answered live as time allowed; if they were not covered, they would be addressed after the meeting. If any questions were missed, members were asked to direct them to the Secretary General, whose e-mail is on the ISCEV webpage.

2. Tasks of the Membership Meeting

Dr. Ruth Hamilton gave a brief reminder that our by-laws require members to exonerate the Board. There were no financial issues, nor by-law changes to consider this year.

3. Minutes of 2019 Membership Meeting

Dr. Hamilton noted that the first task was to approve the 2019 minutes, as published online, and linked in the Newsletter. For this vote, a poll appeared on everyone's screens; everyone was advised to vote yes or no to approve the Minutes, or abstain if they wished or if not present at the meeting in Seoul. Members had 15 seconds to complete the poll.

After the voting closed, Dr. Hamilton thanked the membership and announced that the 2019 membership meeting minutes were approved as an accurate record of the membership meeting by a majority.

4. Report from the 2020 Symposium Host

Professor Pierre Lachapelle reported on the 2020 Symposium. There were 218 participants. This included 107 members, 111 non-members as well as 12 exemptions/sponsors. Regarding presentations, there were 30 oral presentations in 5 pre-recorded oral sessions with live Q/A periods; 35 posters in 7 pre-recorded poster sessions with live Q/A periods; 15 case reports and four sponsor presentations. There were six live sessions (clinical cases, Dawson lecture, standards session, sponsor session, Membership meeting, banquet & closing ceremony). There were four events for the virtual Olympics. For the courses, this year only the human course was held, in partnership with Moorfields Eye Hospital / University College London, on the 11-13th September. Dr Hamilton invited the membership to thank Pierre and his team for their extraordinary efforts. Thanks and congratulations were offered from the audience.

5. Report from the Director of Education

Dr. Dorothy Thompson reported on the 2020 Course. Dr. Thompson noted that it was extraordinary and that it exceeded expectations. There were 131 participants registered from all three ISCEV regions (final course enrollment was 157 attendees). Twenty-nine also continued onto the ISCEV symposium. There were more than 13 hours of live plus pre-recorded teaching and three hours of interactive discussion/quiz. Lectures were available on-line for one month after the course via the on-line teaching course platform. This is especially useful for people in different time zones. Dr. Thompson also thanked Dr. Anthony Robson and colleagues at Moorfields and University College London and the participants who made this experience interactive, informative and fun.

Dr. Hamilton invited the membership to thank Drs. Thompson and Robson for their efforts.

6. ISCEV Officer's Reports

Dr. Hamilton noted that we would now turn to the ISCEV Officers' reports, which she hoped the membership enjoyed reading, and she invited questions for each officer in turn.

Were there any questions for Dr Holopigian, **Secretary-General**?

There were no questions on this report.

Were there any questions for Professor Lachapelle, **Editor-in-Chief of Documenta Ophthalmologica**?

Question: Is there an update on the plagiarism case from last year?

Answer: No, an Expression of Concern related to this paper was published in the December 2019 issue of Documenta. No new cases have been reported since.

Were there any questions for Dr Thompson, **Director of Education**?

There were no questions on this report.

Were there any questions for Dr Robson, **Director of Standards**, noting that this year's Standards session had still to take place?

There were no questions on this report.

Were there any questions for Professor Bach, **Director of International Communications**?

There were no questions on this report.

Were there any questions for our Vice-Presidents: firstly for Professor Frishman, **Americas VP**?

There were no questions on this report.

Were there any questions for Professor Kondo, **Asia & Australasia VP**?

There were no questions on this report.

Were there any questions for Mr. Smith, **Europe & Africa VP**?

Question: Was there any activity to replace the canceled BriSCEV?

Answer: The fact that Moorfields Hospital contributed to the teaching course this year was BriSCEV's linked activity but the actual BriSCEV meeting had to be postponed until next year; we are hoping to link with Liverpool next year.

Finally and importantly, are there any questions for our **Treasurer**, Professor Seeliger, regarding his report or summary of ISCEV's finances?

There were no questions on this report.

Dr. Hamilton noted that we then needed to vote, firstly to **exonerate our Treasurer**. She reminded the members that, as stated in the by-laws, only Regular, Corporate, Honorary, Family and Emeritus Type 1 members have the right to vote, Junior and Emeritus Type 2 members may not vote in this poll, so she requested that they did not respond to the poll. Members had 15 seconds to complete the poll.

After the voting closed, Dr. Hamilton thanked the membership and announced that the Treasurer was exonerated by a majority.

The next vote was to accept their reports and to **exonerate the Board**. Again, only members with voting rights were allowed to participate, others were requested to ignore the poll on their screens. Again, members had 15 seconds to complete the poll.

After the voting closed, Dr. Hamilton thanked the membership and announced that the Board was exonerated by a majority.

7. Highlights from the Board of Directors Meeting

Our Board meeting was held via Zoom on Thursday, 10th September. Dr. Karen Holopigian summarized the highlights from the Board meeting:

- The executive board plans to update the by-laws later this year.
- There was discussion about the format of future meetings including the possibility of a blending of live and virtual formats. A working party has been formed to continue these discussions – and additional members are welcome.
- The costs for this 2020 virtual meeting was greatly subsidized by ISCEV to allow us to charge nominal fees; future meetings will not have this luxury.
- There was discussion (continued from 2019) about educational strategies to be developed in the US for electrophysiology training.
- We are delighted to share the information provided by Professor Kondo that Japan has reported a dramatic increase in electrophysiology in recent years.

8. Elections

Dr. Hamilton showed a flowchart as a brief reminder of our voting process as per the by-laws. She reminded everyone that only those members with voting rights were allowed to participate in the polls, others were requested to please ignore the poll that appeared on the screens.

Vice-President for Europe and Africa: Dr. Hamilton thanked Mr. Richard Smith for serving two terms as Vice-President of Europe & Africa. He contributed a great deal to ISCEV life, including co-chairing the Clinical Cases sessions, supporting the Marmor Award, and helping any team he was on to win the singing part of any Olympics. We are delighted that he will remain in the Board as Symposium Coordinator for Liverpool 2021. She thanked Richard and invited applause.

The Board had received one nomination for this position, that of Dr. Dorothy Thompson. Although Dr. Thompson still had one further year to serve on her second term as Director of Education, she and Dr Viswanathan had already made plans to work in partnership over that year, and the by-laws permit her to hold both roles, and this has been endorsed by the Board, should she be elected as Vice-President.

There was a call for nominations but there were no further nominations from the floor.

Professor Michael Bach endorsed Dr. Dorothy Thompson for the role of Vice-President for Europe and Africa.

Following this endorsement, the vote was opened, and members had 15 seconds to complete the poll. After the voting, Dr. Hamilton announced that Dr. Thompson was elected as the Vice-President for Europe and Africa by a majority.

Director of International Communications: Dr. Hamilton thanked Professor Michael Bach for serving two terms as Director of International Communications (DofIC), noting that his support is quite simply irreplaceable. So much so, in fact, that there were no nominations received for this role. If that remained the case, Michael had agreed to serve one further term, during which we aim to support a successor.

There was a call for nominations but there were no further nominations from the floor.

Dr. Karen Holopigian endorsed Professor Michael Bach for the role of DofIC.

Following this endorsement, the vote was opened, and members had 15 seconds to complete the poll. After the voting closed, Dr. Hamilton announced that Professor Michael Bach was elected for this third term as the DofIC by a majority.

Director of Standards: Dr. Hamilton thanked Dr. Anthony Robson for serving one term as Director of Standards. Dr. Robson had completed one term as Director of Standards, and was willing to stand for a second term. The board had received no further nominations.

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Dr. Ruth Hamilton endorsed Dr. Anthony Robson for the role of Director of Standards.

Following this endorsement, the vote was opened, and members had 15 seconds to complete the poll. After the voting closed, Dr. Hamilton announced that Dr. Anthony Robson was elected to a second term as Director of Standards by a majority.

Member-at-large, no geographical restriction: The final election was for member-at-large. Dr. Hamilton thanked Professor Yin for her two terms in this role. Professor Yin made remarkable contributions to ISCEV, in promoting the use of electrophysiology, now used in over 300 centres across China; in enabling the translation of four Standards into Chinese, as described in the Newsletter, and for hosting ISCEV in Chongqing in 2013. Professor Hamilton thanked Professor Yin and invited applause.

The Board received three nominations for the position, listed below.

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The purpose of the election was to reduce the slate of three candidates to two candidates to go forward to the e-ballot.

The candidates were:

Professor Carl Arndt; he was endorsed by Mr. Richard Smith

Professor John Grigg; he was endorsed by Dr. Dorothy Thompson

Professor Kaoru Fujinami; he was endorsed Professor Mineo Kondo

Following these endorsements, there was another vote, again, this was only for members with voting rights. Each voting member had up to two votes, so they were able to tick either one or two boxes. The members were instructed not to tick all three boxes, which would render the ballot meaningless, and would make it eliminated from the vote. The results were not displayed for this vote, but double-checked, and announced later. It was

noted that the two candidates with the highest numbers of votes would go through to our e-ballot later in the year and candidate statements would be published in the News Extra. Dr. Hamilton thanked all three candidates for being willing to stand.

Secretary General: The next job was the ratification of the Secretary General. Dr. Hamilton thanked Dr. Karen Holopigian for serving one term as Secretary General; Dr. Holopigian was willing to stand for a second term. This appointment had been ratified by the ISCEV board and needed endorsement by the membership.

Professor Michael Bach endorsed Dr. Holopigian for the role of Secretary General.

Following this endorsement, the vote was opened, and members had 15 seconds to complete the poll. After the voting closed, Dr. Hamilton announced that Dr. Karen Holopigian was ratified for a second term as Secretary General by a majority.

Honorary member. This year there was the rare honor to have a candidate for Honorary Membership, which is reserved for members whose service to ISCEV has been above and beyond. Michael Marmor was nominated for honorary member and this has been endorsed by the Board, and now requires the ratification of the membership. Mr. Richard Smith supported Professor Marmor's election as honorary member.

Mr. Smith noted highlights of Professor Marmor's illustrious career as a physician, his contributions to the ISCEV standards, clinical cases session, his endowment of the Marmor award and his winning of the Adachi award.

Following this endorsement, the vote was opened, and members had 15 seconds to complete the poll. After the voting closed, Dr. Hamilton and announced that Professor Michael Marmor was elected as Honorary Member by a majority.

Congratulations were offered and it was noted that this would be acknowledged during the Banquet and Closing Ceremony.

9. Future Symposia

2021: Liverpool, England

Dates: 4-7 AUG 2021: Courses are 2-3 AUG 2021. Organizers: Tony Fisher & BriSCEV (British Society for Clinical Electrophysiology of Vision). Symposium Coordinators: Richard Smith and Colin Barber.

Travel to Liverpool is easy and not very expensive. Travel from Europe is via the John Lennon Airport, with budget carriers, travel from outside Europe is via Manchester International Airport with many direct flights and travel from London is via a high-speed train ride.

The meeting will be held in collaboration with BriSCEV with overlap between the meetings. The courses will be held on the 2nd-3rd of AUG, BriSCEV on the 3rd of AUG with a shared day on the 4th of AUG. The Venue is a conference center overlooking the river. There will be >600 available rooms at the venue and other types of accommodations in various price ranges will also be available.

Liverpool also has many interesting social, scientific and cultural places of interest, focused on many aspects of the city, including of course, the Beatles. In addition, the terrain is relatively flat, so it a good location for cyclists. Due to the Pandemic, the team is working on contingency plans in case a live meeting is not possible but the team is still optimistic that they will be able to welcome you to Liverpool in 2021!

2022: Kyoto, Japan

Dates: 23-26 March 2022: Courses are 21-22 March 2022. Organizer: Professor Masayuki Horiguchi. Symposium Coordinator: Mineo Kondo

Professor Horiguchi welcomes everyone to Kyoto. Important dates: Registration/Abstract submission opens October 20, 2021; Abstract submission deadline is December 8, 2021; Registration deadline is January 20, 2022.

The Congressional Venue is ICC Kyoto (Kyoto International Conference center). The venue has several different rooms for the ISCEV dinners. A traditional Japanese meal will be served at the gala dinner.

The Symposium timetable is March 21-22 for the courses; board meeting on the 22nd. The Symposium will be March 23-26, with a tour on March 25th and Gala dinner on March 26th.

There are many hotels available in Kyoto; the fees vary from \$69-\$489 USD per day. There are many wonderful places for the accompanying person's tour. Some of these include the Bamboo forest, a handicraft center, temples, castles and market places.

Location for the 2023 Symposium:

We will return to the Americas in 2023. Two locations were presented for the Symposium location in 2023. These locations were Canada, presented by Drs. Allison Dorfman and Anna Polosa. This presentation was still preliminary, but given how hard the Canadian team had worked on the 2020 virtual meeting, the board was happy to allow them to share a not yet finalized presentation, and to allow the team some additional time to prepare their presentation for the NewsExtra.

The second location in the Americas was for Madison, Wisconsin, presented by Dr. James Ver Hoeve.

Canada:

The team had been excited to invite us to Les Îles-de-la-Madeleine. Currently, the team is presenting a bid for ISCEV 2023 and hope it will be a face-to-face meeting. They would have liked to invite ISCEV to les Îles-de-la-Madeleine again but they realize it would be difficult to travel there even in the best of times so they are looking for a location that is easier to access. Due to their involvement in this virtual meeting, they have not been able to travel to venues to investigate but they are exploring a few beautiful areas. These possibilities include Montreal (the Laurentians region, known for hiking, watersports and beautiful views), Toronto (Niagara Falls or Niagara-on-the-Lake, known for wineries, waterfronts and tours of the falls), Halifax (known for beautiful waters, seafood and lovely views).

The team will look for a location in which everyone can stay together. They will have the ISCEV Olympics, competitive fees and fees for YSCEV members. They want to express thanks to the ISCEV board for their understanding and expect to have to have more details in the News Extra.

Madison, Wisconsin:

Jim Ver Hoeve along with Mike Nork and Bikash Pattnaik and the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Wisconsin invite you to ISCEV 2023. Madison is the capital of Wisconsin and has many recreational activities, including parks, water activities and cultural activities. It is a safe city. The venue for the Symposium overlooks the Lake and was designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright. It has a rooftop venue for receptions, and many amenities. There are many hotels nearby.

The dates being considered are 21-27th July or 4-10th August, 2023.

The convention center will offer a large discount for food/beverage service. Registration fee ~ \$600 to cover meals and ancillary activities, which is within the costs of previous meetings.

Getting to and around Madison: Many major cities have flights to Madison. Many international cities will have flights that arrive in Chicago. From Chicago, it is a 30-minute flight to Madison or 2.5-hour bus trip.

There are many options for lodging near the convention center. The team has received quotes for rooms from the Hilton (attached to the Convention Center) and 2 other hotels and the rates range from \$149-\$229 a night. There are many restaurants within walking distance of the convention center.

There are a variety of places for group outings or for accompanying persons. Many locations are related to Frank Lloyd Wright; his studio and many houses are there, also gardens, and many other attractions. The team sincerely hopes that you will join them in Madison in 2023.

10. Other Business

The Secretary-General was not notified of any other business. Therefore, the meeting was closed at 15:20 CEST.



Dr. Karen Holopigian
Secretary General