

2021 ISCEV Membership Meeting
Tuesday, 7th September 2021, 14:00 UTC
Zoom Meeting



FINAL MINUTES (pending ratification)

1. Opening & President's Welcome

Dr Ruth Hamilton opened the meeting at 14:00 and welcomed members. This year's Symposium was limited to virtual Standards Sessions and this virtual Membership Meeting. Ruth thanked the 2022 Liverpool Symposium group for their ongoing work and outlined progress made against the five programs committed to in her candidacy statement. Ruth also thanked the Board, especially Dr Karen Holopigian, Prof Mathias Seeliger and Prof Michael Bach, for their work for the Society.

2. Minutes of 2020 Membership Meeting

The minutes of the 2020 Symposium were approved using an online vote.

3. ISCEV Officers' reports

Secretary General: Dr Karen Holopigian encouraged members to review the membership policy and noted the hard work of the Liverpool organizers.

Director of Education: Dr Dorothy Thompson thanked the membership for the privilege of serving. She thanked Drs. Suresh Viswanathan and Tony Robson for their contributions, and noted the development of a short, online technical course in partnership with Prof John Grigg, with intake planned for February 2023. Ruth thanked Dr Thompson for her 8 years as Director of Education, and noted she remains on the board as Vice President of Europa/Africa.

Editor-in-chief: The impact factor and journal rank were noted as high for a specialty journal. Ruth thanked Prof Pierre Lachapelle for his 8 years as Editor-in-Chief and long-standing service to ISCEV.

Director of Standards: Dr. Anthony Robson noted the 2 online Standard Session and thanked Prof Daphne McCulloch and Prof John Grigg who presented the updated Calibration Guideline and proposed a new full-field scotopic test (FST) project. Members present voted in favor (80%) of proceeding to develop a guideline for the FST.

Director of International Communications: Professor Michael Bach noted PayPal problems had now been resolved and noted Dr. Thompson's work for the special issue of *Eye* on electrophysiology (link on ISCEV home page). He thanked the membership for putting their trust in him.

Regional Vice Presidents' Reports:

Americas: Professor Laura Frishman noted her hopes for a 2022 ISCEV@ARVO event and thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve as Vice President.

Asia/Oceania: Professor Mineo Kondo noted continuing increase in electrophysiology use in Asia.

Europa/Africa: Dr. Dorothy Thompson noted the excellent work of her predecessor Mr. Richard Smith and thanked the early invitations from European members as potential Symposium hosts for 2025.

4. Treasurer's report: Professor Mathias Seeliger has adjusted accounts to list both euros and US dollars because of PayPal changes. 2021 is his last year as Treasurer, but he will remain on the Board in an advisory capacity to ease the handover and advise on legal matters. Drs. Sven Heinrich and Allison Dorman had audited the accounts to their satisfaction and recommended the exoneration of the work of the treasurer. Ruth thanked Mathias for his eight years of service as the Treasurer.

5. Exoneration of the Board:

Treasurer: The membership accepted the report of the Treasurer and exonerated his work.

Board: The membership accepted the reports of the Board and exonerated the Board.

6. Highlights from the Board of Directors Meeting:

Dr. Karen Holopigian, Secretary-General, summarized the highlights from the Board meeting:

- The Board approved Mathias remaining on the Board in an advisory role and on a year-to-year basis.
- The Board approved the purchase of 50, 24-month licences for members to access e-learning modules written for the UK Royal College of Ophthalmology, including an electrophysiology module written by BriSCEV. If demand exceeds 50, additional licenses could be negotiated.
- The Board approved professional archiving of ISCEV's paper records, to make them more readily available to the membership. Professor Seeliger will add some Treasurer materials to the archive.
- The Board agreed to hold a second Board meeting each year. The executive board and the Director of International Communications currently meets every 2 weeks to discuss business.
- The Board agreed to raise the upper age limit of the Dodt Award by 1 year to 36 for 2022 only, to compensate for the missed year of entrants (2021). Prof Zrenner will investigate whether 2 awards in 2022 would be possible: 2022 also marks the 25th anniversary celebration of the Award.
- An update to the by-laws is forthcoming and will be circulated to the membership for approval.

7. ISCEV Symposia Working Party Survey:

A working party convened to consider the carbon footprint of ISCEV symposia and a questionnaire was circulated to the membership. Prof Paul Constable summarized the 138 responses. The ISCEV board will add information from the questionnaire to the Symposium guide and will also require a 'green champion' on organizing committees.

8. Elections:

Ruth thanked Dr Mary Johnson for 8 years as member-at-large, as well as long service to ISCEV.

Treasurer: Mathias Seeliger will have completed his 2nd term but will remain on the board in an advisory role. One nomination was received (Prof Jan Kremers); there were no further nominations from the floor. Prof Kremers was endorsed by Karen Holopigian and the membership elected him.

Editor in Chief: Professor Pierre Lachapelle will have completed his 2nd term. One nomination had been received (Professor Daphne McCulloch): there were no further nominations from the floor. Prof McCulloch was endorsed by Michael Bach and the membership elected her.

Director of Education: Dr. Dorothy Thompson will have completed her 2nd term, having worked jointly as Director of Education and VP Europe/Africa in 2021. One nomination had been received (Dr. Suresh Viswanathan): there were no further nominations from the floor. Dr Viswanathan was endorsed by Dorothy Thompson and the membership elected him.

Members-at-Large: Dr. Shiyong Li and Dr Josefin Nilsson have both served one term as a member-at-large and are eligible and willing to serve a second term. The membership elected both for second terms. Following these elections, three open positions for member-at-large remained. Bylaws mean at least one position must be filled by a member from the Americas. There were eight nominations: Dr. Maja Šuštar, Prof Seong-Woo Kim, Dr Allison Dorfman, Prof AyatAllah Farouk Hussein, Prof Henry Chan, Prof Carl Arndt, Prof John Grigg, Dr Jason McAnany. No further nominations were received from the floor. All candidates go forward to an online vote following statements in the NewsExtra.

Auditors: Dr Allison Dorfman and Prof Sven Heinrich have both served one term as auditor and are eligible and willing to serve as a second term. The membership endorsed a second term for both auditors by a show of hands. The terms could be staggered by one auditor serving an extra year.

9. Future ISCEV Symposia:

2022, Liverpool, UK: Presented by Mr. Richard Smith on behalf of Prof Tony Fisher & BriSCEV. Courses August 1-2, 2022, Symposium August 3-6, 2022. Travel is relatively straightforward. The venue is the University of Liverpool with cheap local accommodation at ~54 GBP per night and nearby hotels at up to 120 GBP per night. Registration cost will be low as Liverpool is not an expensive city. The opening reception is planned at the Walker art gallery. Highlights will include the Maritime Museum, an evening cruise on the Mersey, two cathedrals, and Beatles attractions.

2023, Kyoto, Japan: Presentation by Prof Masayuki Horiguchi. Courses March 13-14, 2023, Symposium March 15-18, 2023. Dates are to be finalized. The venue is the Kyoto International Conference Center with a welcome reception at the Banquet Hall Swan. An ISCEV tour and Olympics are planned. Hotels vary in price (\$96-485 USD per day), but post-pandemic rates are uncertain. Kyoto has lots of entertainment, temples and music.

2024, Montebello, Quebec, Canada: Presentation by Drs. Allison Dorfman & Anna Polosa. Courses September 14-15, 2024, Symposium September 16-20, 2024. The venue is the Fairmont Le Château Montebello on the Ottawa River with plenty of space onsite. Daily rates for accommodation and three meals of \$350 USD (standard room)/\$400 (deluxe room) have been negotiated. Registration will be similar to previous meetings: \$700 USD for members, \$550 for junior members. The team is sensitive to the effects of the pandemic and will continue to search for the best possible venue and value.

10. Other business:

Professor Tony Robson replied to a question about the draft, updated ERG standard, noting it had generated lots of feedback. The best way to incorporate a shortened protocol is being addressed, and an updated draft will be posted ahead of the membership vote.

11. Close:

The meeting was closed at 16:30. There were 65 members in attendance.



Dr. Karen Holopigian
Secretary General