

MINUTES
IATUL Board Meeting
DATE 12.07.2021
ZOOM, 12:00

1. Attending

- Jill Benn (JB)
- Donna Bourne-Tyson (DBT)
- Charles Eckman (CE)
- Lars Egeland (LE)
- JK Vijaykumar (VJK)
- Anna Wałek (AW)
- Gerda Winkler (GW)
- Kate Robinson (KR)

- Luis Costa (LC)
- Anne Prestamo
- Elizabeth del Campo

1. IATUL Conference and Workshop matters – Porto 2021

CE decided to discuss the Porto conference matters first.

LC noted the need of replacing Donna BT as a moderator by Anna Wałek on 13th July and himself on 15th July. He also asked all the moderators to check their access to the FLOOR sessions. Some minor technical issues were also discussed.

Poster presentations will be evaluated by JB, CE, LE. AW will announce the winner of the prize at the closing session.

Highlights will be sent to CE by moderators after every session, to include it in the report.

314 delegates are registered for the conference. Conference will be streamed on YouTube.

Papers will be published by university publisher and Open Access platform proposed by US, to discuss after the conference.

2. Welcome and Apologies

Gerda Winkler was welcomed for her first Board Meeting before formal approval at the AGM.

3. Previous Minutes

Minutes of the Board meeting held on 23.06.2021 were accepted with one change (DBT will serve for ONE YEAR term as Secretary)

4. IATUL Conference and Workshop matters – other matters

One proposal was received for the Fall Seminar. The deadline for proposals is 15th August 2021 and will be put on the website and mentioned on the Porto Conference. The same criteria as for the Annual Conference will be used to evaluate the proposals.

UAE presentation will be available at the next board meeting December/January.
JKV, DBT and AW will contact organizers from UAE after the Porto Conference.

5. Board Matters

CE thanked the Board for responding for last self-assessment. There were no comments for the review. CE again encouraged everyone to provide honest opinions in the next self-assessment.

CE reminded the Board of the proposed officer transitions, which will be presented at the General Assembly: AW as President, CE as Vice President, DBT as Secretary and GW as Treasurer.

VJK announced this is his last board meeting as his contract with King Abdullah University of Science & Technology Library is ending. He expressed thanked for years of cooperation with IATUL officers. The Board members expressed regret about his leaving and thanked for his involvement in IATUL community. After VJK's leaving, there will be a vacancy on the Board, the issue will be discussed on the next board meeting.

CE also mentioned Teresa Chitty will be stepping down from the Board in November because she is resigning from University of Adelaide and moving back to New Zealand.

The Board confirmed the decision not to continue the translation service.

6. IATUL Office matters

CE, after the last meeting, summarized two assumptions as to the interim direction for the office transition: finding a German library or German consortial organization, or a German-based association management firm. AW and LE will explore two German entities if they are able to assume this role and the German Library association has offered to help by announcing the need through German libraries.

Also, after the meeting with Caval, it still seems to be a good longer-term opportunity to move to Australia. This will be continued to discuss.

DBT is considering finding a partner in Germany as temporary and better solution, as it gives more time between now and October for office transition, as opposed to the added complexity of also moving to another country. LE shared the same opinion.

7. Budget

DBT put on Sync&Share the report from the auditor. Audit was clean, no issues were identified. DBT noted that Anne Horne is named in the audit as the President which is no longer the case, but not a significant matter. The report was approved by Board members.

DBT also put a budget for 2021 on Sync&Share, prepared for the AGM.

8. Membership Report

After sending the payment reminders, some members responded by asking for a copy of the invoice. Until May 2021, there were 251 members, 14 cancellations - mostly for non-payments. New applications are coming though.

In connection with the received application from the Sri Lanka University Librarians Association, in DBT's opinion, if IATUL is going to accept associations as members, there must be a new, higher association rate, so she recommends not to allow associations join IATUL. We have introduced a



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reduction of the membership rate for less developed countries, which is another way to make membership accessible, without creating an association membership option.

Members decided to track the situation with future applications and look at the topic again at some future time. For now, the requirements stay the same.

9. Any other business

CE asked the members to check the presentation for the AGM and report any changes or missing issues.

CE along with Anne Prestamo made a presentation of IATUL Annual Conference in Miami. It contained information about University of Miami, Florida International University, composition of the Program Committee, Logistic (high-level program overview and hotels), study tours and further activities.

CE said there will be some forms of online participation, but that must be discussed with the Organization Committee. More likely there will be recordings made available after the conference, rather than live streaming during the events.

10. Date and Time of the next Board Meeting

September