

# **General Assembly**

## **Minutes**

**Tuesday 13 July 2021, 11h00 UK time**  
**FLOOR online conference platform**

The President, Charles Eckman, welcomed all attendees to the General Assembly

### **FORMAL MATTERS**

The agenda of the meeting was presented and approved without any amendments.

Minutes from General Assembly 14.07.2020 were presented and approved without any amendments.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

The President presented the Secretary Anna Walek and passed her the floor.

Anna Walek thanked the participants for joining the GA. She also expressed gratitude for the high level of activity of the association during past covid year. At present, IATUL has more than 260 members from over 70 countries. In 2021, 12 new members joined the organisation, while 6 members decided to cancel their memberships and 9 expired due to non-payments.

Anna encouraged members to get acquainted with the IATUL website for more information about the association.

The President also emphasized the growth of the organization despite the difficult pandemic year.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The President presented the Treasurer Donna Bourne-Tyson, who noted the difficulty in planning a budget for 2020-2021 because of the pandemic.



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The financial aims of the Association are:

- Financial sustainability
- Providing value to members
- Responsible stewardship
- Responsible for fiscal circumstances of members

The report contained:

- 2020 returns (Fees & Income, Expenditure)
- Financial audit
- 2021 Budget approved by the board

IATUL 2020 income was based only on membership Fees (€41,250), because no event was organized due to pandemic. The accumulated savings at the end 2020 stands at €125,911.

The proposed IATUL expenses, which includes all administrative fees, e.g. managing IATUL office, cost of audit, licences, conference expenses, travel grants and Board travel was €87,360 for 2020/2021. Due to suspended travelling, the actual spend was less, at €26,208.

The Annual Audit Report was conducted in Munich on 2nd July 2021. All IATUL records were true and complete and the cash account and deposited securities were correct.

The budget for 2021 was set at the same level as 2020, at €72,400. Donna confirmed that there will be savings again at the end of the year because of no physical conferences and associated travel expenses.

Budget for 2022 will be approved in December and will likely be €79,165 which includes costs for office transition.

In closing, Donna thanked the IATUL office staff for their support. The President joined to thank the IATUL office, Donna Bourne-Tyson and Anna Wałek for their activity on the Executive Committee.

## **BOARD MATTERS**

The President proposed two new board members: Gerda Winkler from Europe and Kate Robinson from UK, who already started their informal service in the board as there are many matters to work on. Their candidacy was approved by the attendees.

The President proposed a new executive committee:

Anna Wałek has agreed to serve as a President, Gerda Winkler as a Treasurer, Donna Bourne-Tyson as a Secretary. Charles Eckman would serve as a Vice President. Proposition was put to the vote and approved by the members. The President thanked members of the board who are willing to serve as the officers.



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## **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

The President outlined the most important actions:

- Leadership transition after Anne Horne's retirement
- Conference host call for 2023 and evaluating proposals
- Travel awards
- Self-assessment after every board meeting with a survey

## **OFFICE MATTERS**

The President reminded the members that since 2006, the IATUL Office has been based in the Technical University of Munich (TUM).

He emphasized gratitude for the great support from Reiner Kallenborn and expressed the need to find a new cooperating partner in the coming year. To carry out this process, the board subcommittee was established (J. Ben, D. Bourne-Tyson, C. Eckman, L. Egeland, R. Kallenborn, A. Walek) which has already started the activity, because recommendations must be considered in August.

## **ACTIVITY AND INITIATIVES**

The President also listed other activities and initiatives through last past year such as:

- Newsletters – December and June
- Autumn Seminar 2020 Innsbruck
- December 2020 World Forum on the Future of Academic Libraries
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

## **CONFERENCES & EVENTS**

The President listed and shortly presented events in the future:

- 41<sup>st</sup> Annual conference, University of Porto Faculty of Engineering, July 2021
- Fall Seminar, call opened
- 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, Miami USA, June 2022
- 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, United Arab Emirates, 2023

The President thanked Luis Costa and his team for organizing Porto Conference and encouraged members to apply for organizing Seminars by IATUL Website or directly to Board Members.

No other business was reported by attendees