

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL EMBRYO TRANSFER SOCIETY

Monday, January 25, 2016

Galt House Hotel, Ballroom C

Louisville, Kentucky

I. Call to Order

President Blondin called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm. Blondin went over the agenda and stated that the meeting would begin with discussion on the IETS name change. He explained the voting procedures that amendments to the bylaws may be made by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote. Voting members are professional members holding regular membership and emeritus and life members.

Gabriel Bo moved that the name of the International Embryo Transfer Society (IETS) be changed to the International Embryo Technology Society (IETS). Seconded by Paul Renaud.

Motion passed by a vote of 85% for the name change.

There was excellent discussion from many members in the audience for both sides. A shared concern on both sides is the public perception. Many felt that the new name would open up other disciplines to the society and some that had left would come back to the society and increase membership. Others were concerned that the name would scare people away and that there would be problems with regulatory issues and support from OIE.

Blondin shared the poll that the Morulas had sent out.

1) Do you believe that the name of our organization, the International Embryo Transfer Society, accurately encompasses all research and interests of the IETS members?

83.3% no, 16.7% yes

2) Would you support a name modification that does not change the logo or acronym (IETS) of our society?

91.7% yes, 8.3% no

3) Are you in favor of modifying the International Embryo Transfer Society to the International Embryo Technology Society?

91.7% yes, 8.3% no

4) If you are not in favor of a name modification, would you prefer alternative suggestions?

9.1% yes, 18.2% no, 72.7% N/A

Ballots were distributed and gathered by staff and then tallied by Derek Wade and an official from the hotel.

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Patrick Blondin

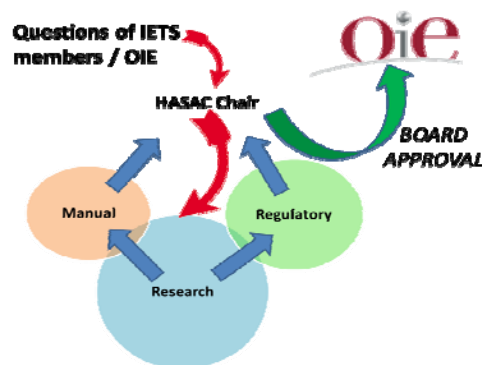
Gabriel Bo moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Henrik Callesen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. Report of the President

Blondin reported that there are 496 registrants and 567 attendees to the Louisville meeting. The meeting in Louisville is the third largest meeting in the United States in 17 years. This year is also the biggest year in sponsor and exhibitor support. Thank you to our sponsors and exhibitors for making this a great meeting.

HASAC

Blondin reported that fewer researchers participate in the subcommittees and attendance to the HASAC meetings has gone down. The HASAC committee has proposed and the board has agreed on a reorganization of HASAC. Emerging technologies will merge with the Research Committee and Forms and Certificates will merge with Manual. Claire Ponsart has stepped down as chair. Francis Fieni has been appointed chair of HASAC. HASAC is a voice to OIE and needs to continue work on germplasm movement. If you are interested in being on the committee, contact Francis.



IV. Treasurer's Report

Durrant reported that the report is just a snapshot of the year, as we are only 5 months into the fiscal year for IETS. The year runs from July 1 to June 30. The total revenue and expenses for the annual conference have not been finalized.
Total Net Assets and Liabilities \$1,050,856.62 (vs. \$954,331.86 in 2014–2015)

*Pete Hansen moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Ed Squires.
Motion passed.*

V. In Memoriam

A slide was presented and a moment of silence was observed to recognize Steph J. Dieleman, Naida M. Loskutoff, Julio de la Fuente, Robert A. Godke, and Peter Mazur, who passed away during the past year.

VI. Other Business, Drawing

Lindsey M. Vansandt was the recipient of the complimentary registration for the 2017 meeting in Austin, Texas.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm