MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

OF THE

INTERNATIONAL EMBRYO TRANSFER SOCIETY

Monday, January 16

Renaissance Austin Hotel, Grand Ballroom A

Austin, Texas

I. Call to order

President Wrenzycki called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. Wrenzycki went over the agenda.

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Wrenzycki reported that the minutes from last year’s business meeting were posted on the website. She asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes, and there were none.

*Motion to accept the minutes from last year’s business meeting as presented, seconded by Rainer Saner. Motion passed.*

III. Report of the President

Wrenzycki reported that there were 432 registrants for this year’s meeting with 517 attendees. In 2016, the IETS voted to change their name from International Embryo Transfer Society to the International Embryo Technology Society. All of the name changes have been made on the society's forms and legal papers. The IETS workshop at ICAR titled “Do we need research for safe trading of embryo and semen?” was very successful. The data retrieval database underwent changes, and this year (2016) 50 countries submitted data. Wrenzycki showed slides of the forms and encouraged members to fill out the sheets. The IETS benefits when data are received from more countries. Users are encouraged to contact George Perry with questions about the data and how to submit data. The Morulas organized a workshop this year on how to write an effective grant proposal.

A second IETS Innovation Workshop, titled “Practical genomics for the ET practitioner,” is being organized by Pete Hansen in conjunction with the AETA/CETA meeting in Orlando, Florida, on October 26, at the Caribe Royale Hotel.

Wrenzycki thanked the Board of Governors, secretary, membership, sponsors, and exhibitors for their support of the annual conference and for her year as president.

*George Perry moved to accept the President’s report, seconded by Irina Polejaeva. Motion passed.*
IV. Treasurer’s Report

Durrant stated that this report covers the first 5 months of the fiscal year only, from July 1 through November 30.

**Net Income Excluding Annual Conference**

Total revenue was $100,840 vs. $127,000.00 (budgeted).

Membership dues income was $64,292 (collected through November 30, 2016) vs $87,000 budgeted.

Other Income was $36,548 (vs. $40,000 budgeted) from mostly unrealized and realized loss on investments and publications income (advertising, manuals, and proceedings).

Total expenses to date were $36,696 (vs $118,527 budgeted).

Net income to IETS to date is $64,143 (vs. $8,473 budgeted).

2017 Annual Conference including preconference symposium:

Total revenue was $112,620 (vs. budgeted $226,250).

Total expenses were $31,377 (budgeted $215,400).

Net income (loss) of the Annual Conference was $81,243 (vs. budgeted $30,173).

Total net change in assets (not all Annual Conference expenses have been taken out yet) was $145,386.

Assets (not all Annual Conference expenses not taken out yet) were as follows:
- Cash and investments were $1,010,756 (vs. $949,528 for FY 2015–2016).
- Total net assets were $1,071,872 (vs. $923,184 for FY 2015–2016).

Liabilities were $30,978, (vs. $63,963 for FY 2015–2016).
- Total net assets and liabilities were $1,102,850 (vs. $987,148 in 2015–2016).
- The total assets represent approved operating amount, including the annual conference for 2 years.

Durrant also reported that because the association was doing so well, the IETS Board voted to reduce the trainee membership fee from $70 to $24 per year. The Board also voted to post the IETS Manual on the website for member access.

*Pascale Chavatte-Palmer moved to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by Richard Fayrer-Hosken. Motion passed.*

V. In Memorial
Wrenzycki asked the members to stand for a moment of silence in memory of passing of David Armstrong and W. C. Douglas Hare.

VI. Other Business

Drawing for next year’s free registration went to Amy Desaulniers.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.