

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

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans

Grand Ballroom AB

I. Call to Order

President Daniel Salamone called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Salamone reported that the minutes from last year's business meeting are posted on the IETS website. He asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes, and there were none.

Minutes of the previous business meeting from Bangkok, Thailand, were accepted as presented.

III. Report of the President

Daniel Salamone reported that the meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, was a great experience; however, there were some problems. It was a very expensive meeting and the attendance was low, causing a loss for the meeting. IETS is an international association and with that comes international meetings. The Board of Governors decided that since IETS is doing well financially, they would proceed with the meeting in Asia. With South Korea being out of the picture, Bangkok, Thailand, was decided for the venue. Next year, the meeting will be held in New York City. International attendees will have easy access to New York and the cost for flights will be much cheaper, since many will be able to book direct flights from the major cities to New York. Co-chairs Peter Hanson and Anna have put together a balanced program with applied and basic science. All of the speakers have confirmed. The Board of Governors have worked together this year to set up new sections for the abstract submission site. Make sure you go online to submit an abstract this year and check out the new sections.

IETS is working with ICAR to select an IETS member to sponsor as a speaker at the ICAR 2020 in Bologna, Italy. The Board has selected Alejo Menchaca, this year's recipient for the IETS Foundation's Early Career Achievement Award.

The Affiliate Society Committee has been working with other societies to promote embryo technology and sponsored a speaker for a meeting in Peru. The Società Italiana di Embryo Transfer (SIET) has joined with the Affiliate Committee this year.

In the past, when a governor resigned, the board had decided not to replace that governor, but to wait until election time. Every year, two governors are replaced, and it was decided that it would be very difficult if the new elected governor only had a year or less to serve. According to the by-laws, at the discretion of the board of governors, they will decide if they will replace the governor. If they decide to replace the governor, there will be an election voted on by the regular members. The board has decided that this year, they will put forth a replacement for Marcelo Bertolini, who has resigned from the board. The nominee will be a former board member who will serve for only the one year left of Bertolini's term. Dimitrios Rizos is the board member that has been nominated by the board to serve for Marcelo Bertolini's last year.

Members will vote on the following change.

I agree that Dimitrios Rizos will serve the remaining Governor's term vacated by Marcelo Bertolini.

- Vote yes, if you agree to the board filling the vacancy with Dimitrios Rizos.
- Vote no, if you do not agree with the board filling the vacancy with Dimitrios.
- Write in your candidate if you feel that someone else should fill the vacancy.

***Dimitrios Rizos was elected to fill the remaining year of Marcelo Bertolini's term.***

#### IV. Treasurer's Report

Katrin Hinrichs reported that the fiscal year for IETS is July 1 to June 30. Her report is just for the first half of the term. There was a slight increase in investments. The past IETS Boards passed a motion that IETS would have two years of operating expenses in the bank, so IETS is still a healthy association. The Bangkok meeting had fewer attendees, and fewer sponsors and exhibitors, for a decreased revenue. There were also organizing costs for two meetings: the first for South Korea, then the move to Thailand. There were also attrition charges for the hotel, since many attendees did not stay at the hotel. We hope that next year the attendees will support IETS and stay at the New York Hilton Midtown Hotel.

Katrin also reported that the IETS had purchased shirts and sweatshirts to sell. The cost is very low, so please buy some shirts and support the IETS Foundation.

#### V. In Memorial

The IETS lost three members this past year: Ray Newcomb, R. Peter Elsdon, and John "Larry" Delver.

VI. Winner of the 2020 complimentary registration is Brett White.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.