

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

Saturday, January 18, 2020

New York Hilton Midtown Hotel, New York

Sutton, North, Center, South

I. Call to order

President Pascale Chavatte-Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes had been posted on the meeting website, before the start of the annual conference.

Charles Rosenkrans moved to accept the minutes as presented, with Matt Wheeler seconding the motion. Motion passed

III. Report of the President

President Chavatte-Palmer reported on the action items of the board. The Affiliate Society committee changed their name to Partner Society committee. The board is working on the annual conferences, 2021 will be held in Lima, Peru, 2022, Savannah, Georgia, 2023 will be sent out for bids and 2024 will be in Denver during the National Western Stock Show. An IETS member has been named the ICAR Simmet winner for this year, Gabriel Bó. Other winners in the past have been Katrin Hinrichs and Cesare Galli. One of the speakers at the ICAR, will be Alejo Menchaca, the 2019 IETS Foundation Early Career Achievement Award winner.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Katrin Hinrichs reported that the total assets for IETS as of 6/30/2019 is \$1,049,096.78. That is equivalent to 3 years operating expenses. The \$28,369.82 transfer in amount is the expense that was added to the IETS budget, when the Morulas Fund was closed and the Morulas then became a regular committee account. The 2019 Annual Conference had a positive revenue of \$42,422.69 with a net change in assets of \$23,832.72. The foundation has a total net assets of \$62,858.63. Both are doing well financially.

Patrick Blondin moved to accept the report of the treasurer, seconded by Francois-Xavier Grand. Motion passed.

Pascale then thanked the co-chairs of the program, Anna Denicol and Peter Hansen for all their hard work on a terrific program. She also thanked the Morulas, President Pouya, Dini, Governors, Beatriz Rodriguez Alonso and Rolando Pasquariello, for their work on the program and with the Morulas Trainee committee. Pascale recognized the committee chairs and thanked

them for their service. HASAC chair Julie Gard will be departing as chair and will be replaced by George Perry. Manual Subcommittee chair is Sue Leelawardana, Regulatory Subcommittee chair is Angela Snell and Research Subcommittee chair is Lamia Briand. HASAC has reestablished the Forms and Certificate Subcommittee, chaired by Sarah Holmes and the Emerging Technologies Subcommittee, chaired by Charles Looney. The manual committee is moving forward and new chapters will be uploaded to the website this year. The Partner Societies Committee will be chaired by Patrick Blondin. CANDES chair Gabriela Mastromonaco will be stepping down this year and Dragos Scarlet who lead the CANDES preconference this year will become chair. DABE chair Marcia A.M.M Ferraz will stay on for another year. Data Retrieval chair João H. M. Viana will remain as chair.

IETS Foundation chair Jennifer Barfield reported on the Research Graduate Student Research Competition, the Peter Farin Trainee Travel Award, and how the Foundation supports students and education and that members can donate by going online. When members donate, they are supporting the students and the future of IETS. Donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible. The Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) corporation.

V. In Memoriam

The IETS lost three members this past year: Joachim Hahn, Pioneer Award Winner; Richard Fayrer-Hosken, recipient of the IETS Lifetime Achievement Award and Clifton Neal Murphy, Honorary Life Membership in the IETS and AETA.

VI. The Future

Pascale reported that over the last ten years, membership has declined. IETS must move forward. The IETS train: Onward for a Safe Journey. The next 50 years will be up to the Board of Governors, the Foundation, the Committees and the Members to move IETS forward. IETS will define goals for the new decade, update the mission statement, set scientific objectives and communicate with the public, both inside and outside the society. Website updates and integration of science and practice. A questionnaire will soon be sent to all members. The Board of Governors will work through year, and the objectives will be presented at the annual conference in Lima.

VII. Drawing

The winner of the 2021 complimentary registration in Lima, Peru is Jesus Manuel Palmino.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.