



IETS 2025  
General Business Meeting  
DRAFT Minutes  
January 20  
Pecos Room

I. Call to Order: Rebecca Krisher

Rebecca Krisher, IETS President, called the meeting to order at 11:30am and provided an overview of the agenda.

II. IETS 2024 Business Meeting Draft Minutes: Rebecca Krisher

Krisher presented the 2024 minutes and welcomed comments, questions, and changes from the floor. There were none.

**Motion.** Viana moved and de la Fuente-Lara seconded the motion to approve the 2024 business meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved.

III. Report of the President: Rebecca Krisher

Krisher reported that 523 registrants attended the main conference program and stated that any time the annual conference surpasses 500 attendees, the meeting does very well. This registration number included 157 full/associate members, 45 non-members, 23 post-docs, 115 graduate students, 23 undergraduate students, and 78 exhibitors.

Krisher announced that the Board of Governors (BOG) has been working on several initiatives since the 2023 business meeting. These include:

- The creation and publication of two publications from IETS in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of Theriogenology. The topics are:
  - [Disease risk of in vitro produced embryos: A review of current commercial practices in the context of international trade with emphasis on bovine embryos.](#)
    - This topic was born from the 2023 Practitioner's Forum in Lima, Peru, and the BOG is currently working with HASAC to develop a position statement based on this publication.
  - [Development of the world farm animal embryo industry over the past 30 years.](#)
    - This paper includes a comprehensive review of all IETS data over the years, providing a holistic review of the industry as it changes over time.
- Reworking the budgeting process for the overall society budget to increase transparency and ensure the budget is balanced and focused on conference profitability. Every change

to the process is intended to support the long-term health and welfare of IETS, and the BOG is pleased with the financials over the last year.

- Program updates and changes, including reducing the number of plenary sessions from 6 to 5 and incorporating more selected oral abstract presentations and concurrent sessions to include a basic topic and a more applied/practical discussion. These changes will be implemented at the 2026 conference in Panama City, Panama.
- The Freeze Code Task Force is progressing their work, presenting information in the Practitioner's Forum this afternoon. This work has been led by Vice President Marc-André Sirard.
- Sirard has also been continuing the work with ICAR in an effort for IETS to have a hand in embryo and embryo movement becoming more international.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Pierre Comizzoli

Comizzoli provided an overview of the 2023-2024 IETS fiscal year, spanning July through June. He compared the IETS society assets, revenue, expenses, and the annual conference (including pre- and post-conference figures) profit and loss from 2023 year-end to 2024 year-end. Comizzoli then reviewed the same for the Foundation.

V. Foundation Report: Bradford Daigneault

Daigneault provided an overview of the Foundation Board, providing more information on the activities, goals, and awards they've been focused on over the last year. He then shared information on the awards statistics for the 2025 annual conference.

VI. DABE Report: Paula Rodriguez-Villamil

Rodriguez introduced the 2025 DABE committee and reviewed the pre-conference session that the committee planned and executed at this year's conference. There were 45 attendees, 31 of whom were professional members and 14 of whom were students. 2 abstracts were selected out of 7 submissions. Rodriguez then shared the topic of the 2026 concurrent session, "Cells to Organoids – Advances and Challenges."

VII. CANDES Report: Dragos Scarlet

Scarlet discussed the forum later in the day and stated that the committee has already begun planning invited talks and keynote lectures for the 2026 pre-conference session.

VIII. Morulas Report: Alejandro de la Fuente-Lara

de la Fuente-Lara reported on the 2025-2027 election process, announcing that Hannah Braun from Colorado State University and Soledad Martinez-Pelaez were elected.

IX. HASAC Report: Rebecca Krisher

Krisher stated that HASAC did not have a report for the business meeting, as their open session would be taking place on Tuesday. She introduced and recognized the overall committee chair, Ashley Swenson, and the subcommittee chairs.

X. 2025 Meeting Review: Paula Rodriguez-Villamil and Kiho Lee

Krisher recognized and thanked Paula Rodriguez-Villamil and Kiho Lee for their hard work putting together the 2025 annual conference. Rodriguez-Villamil recognized the session,

concurrent session, and pre-/post-conference planning chairs, as well as the section editors and abstract reviewers.

Out of 261 submissions, 216 abstracts were accepted, and 10 of those were selected for oral presentation at the main conference.

XI. 2026 Meeting Outlook: Rebecca Krisher

The 2026 annual conference co-chairs are Alan Ealy and Joanna Souza-Fabjan.

XII. Committee Chairs: Rebecca Krisher

Krisher recognized Paula Rodriguez-Villamil as the DABE Chair, Dragos Scarlet as the CANDES Chair, Barbara Durrant and Matthew Wheeler as the Partner Society Co-Chairs, and João Viana as the Data Retrieval Chair.

XIII. Board Composition Update: Rebecca Krisher

Krisher reported that the following terms are ending as of the close of business at this meeting:

- Rebecca Krisher as President
- Pierre Comizzoli as Treasurer
- Gabriela Mastromonaco as Governor
- Marcello Rubessa as Governor

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- Ann Van Soom as Vice President
- Brad Lindsey as Treasurer
- Satoko Matoba as Governor

Krisher then recognized the returning Board Members:

- Marc-André Sirard as President
- Bianca Gasparrini as Governor
- Beatriz Fernandez-Fuertes as Governor
- Trudee Fair as Governor
- João Viana as Governor
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XIV. In Memoria: Rebecca Krisher

Krisher honored the IETS members who have passed away since the last meeting by asking for a moment of silence for Professor Francis Fiéni from the Veterinary School of Nantes, France, and Dr. Mark Westhusin from Texas A&M University.

XV. Other Business: Rebecca Krisher

Krisher then asked for questions and other business. There was none.

XVI. Transfer of Leadership: Rebecca Krisher

Past President Krisher welcomed President Marc-André Sirard who recognized and thanked Krisher for her service over the last two years.

XVII. Closing: Marc-André Sirard

**Motion.** Ortega moved and Saadeldin seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:59am.