

ISB Executive Committee Meeting – Public Minutes

December 12, 2011

Present: Pascale, Marc, Terri, Alex, Mike, Lorna, Chisato, Renate

Regrets: Claire

(1) Update on hosting sites as discussed at the October meeting.

- Investigation ongoing

(2) Membership subscription administration.

- The board are investigating ways to either allow memberships to run for a year from any date, or to carry forward memberships where there is only a short amount of time between payment of dues, and the next membership period. We will report on our plans in a future meeting.

(3) Strategy for ISB board – Are the mission statements still up to date? Discuss who plans to do what in relation to the mission statement and specified goals.

- The board discussed a number of aspects of the mission statement (specifically interaction with publishers, long-term resource funding issues, and providing a structure for the biocuration community) and identified board members who are interested to focus on those areas. As always, any society members who are keen to be involved in any aspect of the mission of the society should get in touch with the board (intsocbio@gmail.com)

- There is a plan to write a collaborative article on the exchange of data between resources and publishers.

- We would like to gather information on the current funding strategies of the resources of our members.

- We would like members to use the mailing list as a way of discussing curation issues and ideas, and to disseminate relevant information for the community.

We have identified some possible funding sources that we can approach to try to gain funding for workshops or meetings.

(4) Biocuration 2013 update.

Discussions are still ongoing for the 2013 Biocuration meeting, but we will announce the time and location as soon as we can.