

ISB Executive Committee Meeting.

Private Notes. 17 October, 2013.

Present: Pascale, Moni, Melissa, Mike, Terri, Renate, Chisato, Jennifer, Claire.

Regrets: Marc, Alex

Absent:

1. Discuss ToDos from September Meeting.

Agreement with Database/OUP.

ToDo: Write an Editorial for Database announcing and explaining the partnership.

****Actions:** Done, paper accepted

Update on Biocuration Training

ToDo: Capture questions from both questionnaires, and ask our membership

****Actions:** In Progress.

2. Topics to discuss Today:

Elections

Electoral process evaluation: Mishaps? Successes?

No big mishaps. Participation rate at 50%

Chair, Secretary, Treasurer Terms

Currently, the terms of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer have been renewed on a yearly basis.

Proposal: Switch to 3-years terms, renewable for another 2 years, to stay within the maximum of 5 years stated by the constitution.

- The assignments are conditional to re-election (if applicable) and approval by the EC at each instatement on November 1st of each year

Implications:

- It is expected that the persons voted for C/S/T posts will remain in place for 3 years
- The yearly approval upon board instatement is expected to be a formality, but provides an opportunity to change the assignments in exceptional cases.

ToDo: EC members to respond approve/reject by local COB Tuesday Oct 22, 2013.

Nomination procedure for Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer

- When one of the posts is open (after a 3 years mandate, or if someone steps down or is exceptionally not approved by the board), EC members may nominate themselves (or be

encouraged to nominate themselves). If necessary there is a vote by email. An external person would manage the vote - if possible a 'Secretary emeritus': someone who knows the ISB enough to help, for example Lydie or Lorna, but external to the EC.

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Executive Committee terms

We currently have two-year terms on the EC, which means that we often go for re-election. 3-year terms would have the following advantages:

1. Would both give more stability to the members of the EC and would make the board look more stable to the membership
2. Would be more compatible with the 3-year terms for C/S/T

ToDo: Send around document describing proposal to change the constitution to extend terms of all EC members to 3-year terms, with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms in office.

TGAC meeting - April 2014

Pascale received an opportunity to represent ISB at the TGAC meeting April 1, 2014 and are seeking support to attend. Can we cover Pascale's attendance ? (3-400 CHF)

****Actions:** Approved

Proposals to start new journals:

- Cambridge press
- OMICS Group International

Pascale: proposes to reply no for now; perhaps in a couple of years it will make more sense.

****Actions:** All approve.

Inclusion of biocurators in the manuscript and data review process

Melissa sent out an email asking:

How can we tell which biocurators participate in which data standards? Perhaps this is functionality that can be added to the website to aid in the selection of a biocurator for review of a paper, data-set, or to have on an editorial board? In this way, if an author indicates use of a data standard, then we know who we might task to review. If not, at least we can more readily determine who might be most relevant in our community to help.

-> How do we want to tackle this?

ToDo: Prepare article about this for ISB newsletter to inform membership and encourage volunteers for the pilot project.

Biocuration 2015 proposals

Decision must be announced by Oct 30th.