

Minutes of IAST Executive Monday March 10, 2008

On Skype conference call: Pauline Sheldon, Rick Perdue, Julio Aramberri, Larry Dwyer

1. Delinquency letters

PS noted that the 'delinquency' letters had been sent out. About 16 in total.

2. Newsletter

The newsletter has been delayed pending revisions to the web site. The web site revisions seem to be a complex task. It was agreed that the secretariat at Hong Kong Poly U are doing a great job on this.

3. The 2009 Conference

J.A summarized the message that he had sent previously. . . .

He re-affirmed that there are no barriers to Local government and other parties' recognition of the Academy leadership of the proposed conference.

It is proposed that there be a merged conference of the Academy meeting plus a one and a half day conference hosted by the regional government.

The issue was raised that members of IAST might be invited to attend and maybe speak at the latter conference.

JA has not been notified as to who are the Rioja officials and will take steps to ascertain who they are and make contact. In the first instance Eduardo will be asked for information on this. JA will pass this information to PS who will then make an official approach to these people.

The end of May around the time of the WTO Education Council meeting seems a good time to go to Rioja but it was agreed that contact needs to be made with the officials soonest. PS and JA will go to Rioja possibly with other senior members of IAST (Jaffar, Kaye)

4. 2009 Conference:

RP suggested a call for papers in December 2008 is appropriate

The issue of Guest invitations need to be explored as numbers are expected to be large.

IAST needs to know how many Rioja is prepared to host.

There are likely to be high numbers (Beijing was high 60s and Turkey was low 50s)

Academy members + likely about 15 nominated fellows + guests

The feeling was that we would need *at least* a commitment to giving us 75 rooms (or more if possible).

5. The new member nomination process

RP noted that the nomination process for new fellows has changed and this has implications for its timing.

He suggested the process could begin in January. By first of March the list of nominees can appear on the IAST web site. At this time members can access information on the nominees.

The change of rules also will require an extra (3rd) business meeting at the IAST conference. At this extra meeting the membership will discuss new applicants and come to a (non-binding consensus) regarding the suitability of each of the applicants.

The voting process will take place in July/August

6. The Conference format

It is agreed that conference format needs changing. This will impact on our demand for space. This issue will need to be raised at the meeting with the Rioja officials.

7. IAST Sponsorship of the Tourism Education Futures Initiative Summit, University of Hawaii, April 11-14, 2008.

This was agreed to unanimously.

Meeting closed 13.00 hours Sydney time