

International Academy for the Study of Tourism
3rd. Business Meeting – June 11, 2009
Sol Antilles Hotel, Mallorca, Spain

Present: Aramberri, Aguilo-Perez, Butler, Chon, Crouch, Dann, Dwyer, Eadington, Fayos-Sola, Goeldner, Gosar, Harrison, Hsu, Jansen, Jafari, Jenkins, King, Moscardo, Nash, Pearce, D., Perdue, Ritchie, Sheldon, Smeral, Smith, S., Smith, V., Turner, Wall, Williams, Yamashita.

A. Book Publication Update: Pearce

1. Conference book: The theme of the book is "Tourism Research: A 20-20 Vision". The deadline for submission of manuscripts is September 30, 2009.
2. Authors of articles not included in conference book can submit papers to *Tourism Analysis* by September 30, 2009 to Muzaffer Uysal at samil@vt.edu. These submissions will go through the usual blind review process.

B. UNWTO Collaboration Working Group Report:

1. V. Smith reported on potential collaboration with UNWTO and made a **Motion** that the Academy should explore ways to seek further collaboration with UNWTO in the future.
2. Gosar commented that, considering the past history of relationship between UNWTO and Academy, any future collaborations would need to be dealt with caution.
3. Aramberri suggested that the motion be approved with the understanding that implementation of any collaborative projects require a majority vote by members at the next business meeting.
4. Goeldner commented that electronic vote should suffice.
5. ***The Motion was approved (Yes – 29; No – 1).***

C. Academy Rituals Working Group Report (S. Smith):

1. S. Smith made a **motion** that when an Academy Fellow dies, a eulogy would be read at the Academy conference following the Fellow's death, published in the Newsletter and a section of the web page dedicated for such eulogies would be created. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

2. **A Motion** to invite a family member of a deceased Fellow to the Academy conference following the member's death. ***This motion did not pass.***

D. Nominations Working Group (Dwyer)

1. Dwyer discussed the bylaw changes and made a **motion** to form a working group to access on the nature of Nominees' presentations and the nomination process.
2. Perdue commented that the voting might reflect the presentations only, as not many members had checked the Nominees' records on the website.
3. Dann noted that the academic reputation of Nominees might not have been adequately reflected in their presentations.
4. Butler suggested that the Committee consider sending Nominees' presentations to all members, and that we devise a way to ensure that no one could vote unless they have accessed and read the nominees' files.
5. Dwyer reminded members that under the bylaws they have to vote at the business meeting. Sheldon confirmed that Fellows may choose to abstain at this point but cannot abstain in the final vote.
6. ***The motion passed (Yes – 29; No – 1).***
7. Dwyer made a **motion** that the results of the initial vote on Nominees taken at the business meeting be kept undisclosed until the formal vote takes place within two months. Perdue offered an **amendment** that communications also would clearly indicate that the vote taken at the conference may have been based solely on Nominees' presentations and interaction with them and *not* on the review of their records. ***The Amended Motion passed.***

E. Innovations Working Group Report by Moscardo

1. Moscardo suggested developing formal partnership or affiliations with other learned societies. **Motion** to appoint an ad-hoc committee to identify potential societies to approach about developing partnerships with the Academy. ***Motion was approved*** (Yes – 20; No – 7).
2. Moscardo also made a **motion** to develop a mentoring program for doctoral graduates who had recently graduated, perhaps within last two years, especially from developing countries. This could include them receiving our newsletters and attending two conferences as

observers. For the Academy, it would be a tangible opportunity to support tourism researchers in a way that fits our goals and enhances our presence. ***Motion was not approved.***

F. Funding and Financial Development Working Group by Gosar

1. The working group proposed that Fellows consider contributing US\$10,000 to create three year named scholarships or smaller amounts to create un-named scholarships; and that the President and Executive Committee step forward in seeking sponsorships from institutions.
 2. Aramberri suggested improving the website, having good summary of conference.
 3. Chon suggested hiring external consulting firm to revamp our website to more professional layout.
 4. The group made a **Motion** to create a mechanism to provide scholarships for researchers. ***The Motion was not approved*** (Yes –13; No - 14).
 5. A **Motion** was made to collect conference fees at every biennial meeting to improve the financial situation of the Academy. ***The motion was approved*** (Yes – 18; No – 8).
 6. Wall made a **motion** to form a conference committee to work with and advise the host organization on arrangements for the biennial meeting. Since the Bylaws state that the President can appoint ad hoc committees as necessary, the motion was not needed. Sheldon will appoint an ad-hoc committee for this purpose.
- G. Sheldon appointed the 2009 Standing Committees: Membership Committee (Jafari, Gartner and Graburn); Nomination Committee (Perdue, Butler and Goeldner).
- H. Sheldon thanked and applause was given to Aguilo for his successful efforts to manage the local details of the Mallorca meeting. Thanks were also given to the Executive Committee (Aramberri, Perdue, Dwyer and Song) for their hard work on behalf of the Academy for the past two years, and to the Secretariat for supporting the Academy's activities. Perdue thanked Sheldon for her leadership of the Academy for the last two years.
- I. Signing Ceremonies of Memoranda of Understanding for 2011 and 2013

conferences were conducted with participation of members as witness. The Academy archives held at the Secretariat in Hong Kong hold these MOU's

J. The Meeting was adjourned.