MINUTES OF THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of members was held at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Bodø, Norway, on 3 October 2018 at 1500 UTC (1700 CEST).


The meeting was chaired by the President.

The meeting commenced at 1720.

1. Opening of the Annual General Meeting

The President welcomed and thanked the members present, and announced that the revised Constitution, distributed with the Notice of Meeting for the AGM, had been adopted at the Special General Meeting held in the morning.

The President announced that his report has been placed on the website for members to read.

2. Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

The 2017 Annual General Meeting was held in Portland Oregon USA on 27 September 2017.

It was MOVED by Didier Vancutsem and seconded by Martin Dubbeling:

THAT the Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting be approved.  CARRIED

3. ISOCARP programs and activities

The President noted that at the Open Forum on Monday each Vice-President spoke about their activities, and that Vice-President reports are on the website.

4. Applications for membership of the International Society of City and Regional Planners

The Secretary General welcomed new members attending the Congress: from Belgium, Lieve de Cock, Frank Mulder and Patrick Lootens; from Bangladesh: Mohammed Hamidul and Hasan from the Bangladesh Institute of Planners; Wenjing Lou from China; Ronit Davidovici-Marton from Israel; Jonas Bjerkland and Annelise Bolland from Norway; Irina Shmeleva from Russia; Paul Reynolds from UK; and Anna Ourslev and Anne Welch from USA. The Secretary-General welcomed new members joining during the Congress: from Albania Jadmira Malaj; from Australia Peter Newman; from Belgium Annette Kuhk; from Brazil Mariana Fiuza; from France, Olga Chepelianskaia; from Italy Silvia Croce, Claudia Dewca, Sara Maldina, Angela Santangelo and Silvia Tomasi; from Kazakhstan, Alexandr Khvan; from Kenya, Christine Auclair, Rose Muema and Nathan Mtunga; from Namibia, Jennilee Kohima; from Netherlands Tjark Gall and Balint Horvath; from Norway Andre Kraemer Goes and Guri Vemvik; from Philippines Gerald Paragas; from Poland Karolina Czyzewska; from Portugal Teresa Marat-Mendes; from Spain Miguel Fernandez Maroto; from South Africa Mohobisi Masinga; and from Ukraine Roman Pomazan.

It was MOVED by Didier Vancutsem and seconded by Jeremy Dawkins:

THAT the membership of the above members of the International Society of City and Regional Planners be confirmed. CARRIED

5. Honouring Life Members

The Secretary General advised the meeting that two Life Members of the International Society of City and Regional Planners were present. Charles Lambert and Joan Domicelj were warmly applauded by the members.

It was MOVED by Didier Vancutsem and seconded by Martin Dubbeling:

THAT the following longstanding members be granted Life Membership in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the Society: Dushko Bogunovich, Jim Colman, Juan Luis de las Rivas Sanz, Zeynep Enil, Béata Hildebrand, Detlef Kammeier, Olusola Olufemi, Parysatis Papadopoulou, Geoffrey Prince, Andreas Schneider and Bernd Scholl. CARRIED

6. Secretary General’s Report

The Secretary General presented his report, covering staffing, workload and restructuring; the ISOCARP 2.0 process, which is strongly connected to the adoption of the new constitution; partnerships and cooperation developed in the past years, include new memoranda of understanding and more. He described ISOCARP 2.0 as a transformation process towards achieving a vision that a recent EXCO workshop defined in the following terms:

The International Society of City and Regional Planners is the global community connecting professionals to create and exchange knowledge for better cities.

Joan Domicelj asked for clarification about the role of the ISOCARP Institute. VP Daniele Vettorato explained the role and activities of the ISOCARP Institute, as well as the recent projects of the Institute.

7. Annual financial statements and budget

VP Dhiru Thadani presented the annual accounts and the budget for fiscal year 2018-2019.

It was MOVED by Dhiru Thadani and seconded by Didier Vancutsem:

THAT the annual accounts and financial statement be approved. CARRIED

8. Introduction of the new President

The President congratulated the President Elect, wished him well during his term, and invited him to present a statement to the meeting.

The incoming President acknowledged the honour and responsibilities of the office of President of the International Society of City and Regional Planners and outlined his priorities for the coming years.

• Focus on members and members activities, improve the engagement with and by members;
• Make better and clever combinations of ISOCARP activities with and for members: congresses, awards, YPP & UPAT workshops, publications, training programmes, technical assistance;
• Modernise and professionalise the office and its activities: communications, website and social media, membership registration, regionalisation of activities and networks;
• Strengthen and intensify the network with partners and institutional members, developing partner programmes;
• Improve the governance of ISOCARP on the basis of the new Constitution.

In closing the meeting, he recognised the outstanding contribution and service of Ric Stephens, and on behalf of the members thanked him for his leadership of the Society and wished him well for the future.

The President declared the meeting closed at 19:20.

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Secretary General Date

Confirmed by the General Meeting

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Chair Date