



Life Section Board Zoom-meeting

August 5th 2022, 08:00 (EDT) / 14:00 (Paris)

Present:	Thomas Behar	Chair
	Rosalind Rossouw	Secretary
	Ana Bojanic	Board Member
	Simone Brathwaite	Board Member
	David Kirk	Board Member
	Mike Lombardi	Board Member
	Christian Levac	IAA Director
	Stuart Wason	IAA Delegate
	Jeremy Brown	IAA Delegate
	Takuro Sorihashi	Board Member
	[Quorum achieved]	
Apologies:	Pedro Pacheco Villagrán	Vice-Chair
	Bill Sayre	Treasurer
	Ernst Visser	Board Member
	Martin Oymanns	Board Member
	Fred Rowley	Board Member
	Juan Laverde	IAA Section Coordinator

0. Agenda of the meeting

Thomas opened the meeting. The draft meeting Agenda was circulated via e-mail by Rosalind prior to the meeting.

1. Minutes of last Board meeting

Approval of the minutes of the May meeting were deferred to September as Thomas needed to make a few edits to the last section of the minutes. The minutes of the June meeting were approved subject to the addition of an action for Simone and Mike to review the current member value proposition.



2. Organization of seminars and colloquia update

- **Convention A**

Ernst was not able to attend the meeting and the item was deferred to the September meeting.

- **2023 Congress Sydney**

Christian gave an update on the Sydney Congress. A communication of the speakers and abstracts was now available to view online. Thomas asked whether the Life Section could contribute to the ICA Bursary Fund. The amount agreed would be decided at the September meeting as part of the 2023 budget discussion. Christian took an action to circulate a list of speakers and their abstracts which would be eligible for Life Section support. To avoid any conflict of interest, Ana noted her intention to apply for an ICA Bursary.

3. Vote on IAA Ukraine Statement

The Board had a lengthy discussion on this topic. As things stand, overall 3 Board members voted yes to the statement, 1 voted against and 8 voted to abstain, with the delegates also suggesting that had they had a vote it would have been to abstain. Thomas took an action to e-mail the Board members who were not present at the meeting to confirm their vote remained unchanged from that previously communicated. The rationale for the Board abstaining would be that we would not be in a position to represent the views of our members on this statement, and that the statement is not aligned to the purpose and objective of the Life Section, which is to share knowledge. The Board also noted that the statement was being issued too late but would not include this in their arguments for abstaining from the vote. The member who voted against the statement clarified that this was only because of the way in which the statement presented for consideration was worded, where the wording used alluded to the possibility of nuclear escalation and that the decision to vote against the statement did not in any way reflect a lack of support for the devastation in Ukraine. Other views expressed were that the IAA should remain apolitical.

4. Any other business

Stuart queried the status of the Joint Section Marketing Taskforce as the work of this taskforce was pertinent to the task we had set ourselves as a Board, which was to attract and retain new members, as well as investigate various ways to engage with our members, as well as obtain ideas from other Sections as to



what has worked well and what we have not yet deployed as a Life Section. Christian took an action to follow-up with Juan. Christian also took an action to extend the time of the next meeting to one hour. There was no other AOB.

Thomas closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation.

Actions from June 30th meeting

3	Consider the value proposition	Simone & Mike	In progress
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Actions from August 5th meeting

1	Thomas to provide edits to the May meeting minutes	Thomas	
2	Circulate a list of eligible speakers and abstracts for Life Section ICA Bursary consideration	Christian	
3	E-mail the Board members who were not present to confirm their vote remained unchanged from that previously communicated	Thomas	Closed
4	Follow-up with Juan on the status of the Joint Section Marketing Taskforce	Christian	
5	Extend the time of the next meeting to one hour	Christian	Closed