Minutes of the Online Meeting of the IAMG Council,
12-25 October 2017

Prepared by
Eric Grunsky
IAMG Secretary General

An online meeting of the IAMG Council was held to consider, discuss, and vote on six motions presented to the voting members of the Council by the Executive Committee. Discussion took place from 12 October through 19 October, with voting on the motions held from 20 October to 25 October.

All of the discussion centered around Motion 2 which was originally presented as follows:

Motion 2: To call for a vote among all IAMG members to amend Article 15 of the IAMG Bylaws to read:

15. The Andrei Borisovich Vistelius Research Award shall be presented to a young male and female scientist for promising contributions in research in the application of mathematics or informatics in the geosciences. There is no preference for specific fields of application. A recipient should be in the early stage of their professional career when selected for the award.

As the discussion continued, the original Motion 2 was withdrawn and a substitute Motion 2 was presented, on which the Council subsequently voted.

The motions considered for a vote, including the substitute Motion 2, are presented on pages 2-4 with the vote results on each motion. As shown, all motions passed.

Secretary General, International Association for Mathematical Geosciences.
=====================================================================
Voting by Council October 20-25, 2017

1. Motion 1: To approve action by the IAMG Treasurer to move all IAMG investments and money market accounts currently with US Bancorp, 900 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence, Kansas 66044, USA to Ameriprise Financial, 601 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, KS 66603, USA. To complete the transfer of assets, be it further resolved and affirmed that:

1. The IAMG Treasurer shall have the authority to sign and transact on behalf of IAMG, and to bind and obligate IAMG, to the same extent as an account owner would, consistent with the relevant product and account opening documentation and restrictions.
2. Ameriprise Financial shall be entitled to rely upon instructions received from the IAMG Treasurer to the same extent as if those instructions were provided by IAMG.
3. Despite this authorization, Ameriprise Financial will continue to deliver all confirmations, notices, and demands upon IAMG to the address of record on the IAMG account.
4. IAMG shall, upon request, promptly furnish Ameriprise Financial with a complete and current copy of IAMG’s Statutes and Bylaws and all amendments thereto.
5. This IAMG resolution shall remain in full force and effect until written notice or revocation or modification thereof is received by Ameriprise Financial.
6. This IAMG resolution may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to constitute a single agreement, and submitted at the same time.
7. Facsimile signatures on the IAMG resolution shall be deemed to constitute originals.

agree (9)

not agree (0)

TOTAL 9 (9)
2. Motion 2: To call for a vote among all IAMG members to amend Article 15 of the IAMG Bylaws to read: 15. The Andrei Borisovich Vistelius Research Awards shall be presented biannually to one male and one female early-career scientist for promising contributions in research in the fields of mathematical geosciences or geoinformatics. There is no preference for specific areas of application. A recipient should be either (a) 35 years or younger at the end of the calendar year when selected for the award or (b) within seven years of the awarding of his or her highest degree. These time limits can be extended for up to two years to address circumstances which have interrupted the nominee’s career (i.e., serious illness, child birth, care giver, etc.).

agree (8)
not agree (1)

TOTAL 9 (9)

3. Motion 3: To establish the Founders Scholarship to be presented annually to an outstanding graduate student or post-graduate scientist. This scholarship will be given in honor or memory of individuals who participated in the founding of IAMG in 1968 at the 23rd International Geologic Congress in Prague and who subsequently gave significant service to the Association.

agree (9)
not agree (0)

TOTAL 9 (9)

4. Motion 4: To approve the 2018 IAMG budget presented in Part V of the Treasurer’s Report as revised on 4 October 2017.

agree (9)
not agree (0)

TOTAL 9 (9)

5. Motion 5: To establish a Commission on Women in IAMG to look into opportunities for future development of women’s careers in mathematical geosciences and selection of women as IAMG award recipients and IAMG conference keynote speakers. The commission would be
asked to submit a report to Council at IAMG2018 in
Olomouc.

agree (8)
not agree (1)

TOTAL 9 (9)

6. Motion 6: To establish a Commission on Revision of IAMG Statutes and Bylaws to bring them into the 21st Century by:

1. Replacing quadrennial General Assemblies and interim Extraordinary Assemblies with Delegate Assemblies held in conjunction with IAMG Symposia at IGC’s and with annual IAMG conferences
2. Making the IAMG membership, through General Referendums, the highest authority of IAMG instead of the current General Assemblies.
3. Addressing issues raised by scheduling of an International Geologic Congress in the spring rather than the fall (as will happen with the 36th IGC in Delhi, India, March 2-8, 2020) regarding scheduling of IAMG elections and transfer of responsibilities to new officers and Council members.
4. Updating Article 1 of the IAMG Statutes regarding IAMG affiliations.
6. Correcting obvious errors of wording in the Statutes or Bylaws.

Using a draft prepared by the IAMG Executive Committee as a starting point, this Commission will be expected to complete its work by 9 April 2018 for review by the Council. The proposed revisions will then be submitted to the IAMG membership for a vote with the results presented to an Extraordinary Assembly at IAMG2018 in Olomouc.

agree (8)
not agree (1)

TOTAL 9 (9)