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06) Election of Directors and Officers

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Topic author: rjellison

Subject: 06) Election of Directors and Officers

Posted on: 06 Feb 2009 08:53:56

Message:

The election of officers and directors was held via online ballot from 22 January through 1 February 2009. At the time of the election we had 72 members in good standing and thus 37 ballots were considered to constitute a quorum. Anonymous ballot results are emailed to the election officer via the website to the election officer, Peri Coleman (see her report below). 44 ballots were received and the results are:

Officers

Aharon Oren - President

Mianping Zheng - Vice-president

Robert Jellison - Sec/Treas

Members at Large

Brian Timms, Wayne Wurtsbaugh, Nikolai Aladin, Mark Coleman, Carol Litchfield, Haydee Montoya, Jasmine Saros

Replies:

Reply author: rjellison

Replied on: 06 Feb 2009 08:55:29

Message:

<Peri Coleman's Report>

Hi Robert,

There were 44 valid votes arrived here. Not everyone voted for everything they were supposed to - some only voted where the next conference was to be held, some did not fill in the 'support' votes and some only picked one or two members at large. So...

President - Oren - 41 votes

VP - Zheng 23, Alcocer 19

Sec/Treas - Jellison - 41 votes

Members at Large

Timms 39

Wurtsbaugh 38

Ladin 31

Coleman 30

Litchfield 28

Montoya 28

Saros 28

Li 25

Salm 20

Next conference
1st preferences
Argentina 22
Chile 11
Yuncheng 6
Xining 5

2nd preference
Argentina 13
Chile 13
Xining 9
Yuncheng 8

3rd preference
Argentina 12
Xining 12
Yuncheng 10
Chile 5

I have attached the tally sheet with the random numbers removed.
All the best
Peri

Reply author: rjellison
Replied on: 06 Feb 2009 09:11:47
Message:

As I've described before, anonymous ballots are recorded on the online database in addition to being emailed as they are cast. I've downloaded the database and 46 ballots were apparently cast. Either two were cast after Peri made her report or she ruled two invalid. The results in the online database indicate an additional vote for Oren, Alcocer, Aladin, Timms, and Wurtsbaugh; and 2 more votes for Jellison. The outcomes would be unaffected.

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 07 Feb 2009 07:16:49
Message:

Congratulations to all those who have been elected. I think we have an excellent new board, and I am looking forward to working with all of you in the coming years. I will get back within 1-2 days with a longer message. Aharon

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 07 Feb 2009 21:21:58
Message:

Let's thank our election officer Peri Coleman for her work.

Concerning the outcome of the election: I personally am highly disappointed to see how little support there was for the idea to get the young generation (represented by Courtney Salm) involved in the work of the board. But, that is how democracy works!

Reply author: rjellison
Replied on: 08 Feb 2009 09:06:24
Message:

I, too, think we need to encourage young scientists. If others think it important, we might consider having a board position for a student representative. Other societies have done this. We

currently have 10 board members as we dissolved the elected "Editor"(Aharon is the editor for the GSL publication). Should we consider this as an item in new business?

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 08 Feb 2009 09:45:05

Message:

We can consider the idea of a student member, but then we have to solicit candidates and have a proper election, after modification of the bylaws.

Moreover, if we have an open position in the board, I rather suggest to have Enrique Bucher joining as co-opted member (after we will formally vote for Argentina as the venue for the next meeting), to make the contact between the local organizer and the board smooth and easy.

Reply author: rjellison

Replied on: 08 Feb 2009 10:04:28

Message:

Excellent idea, Aharon. The Board has the right to fill vacancies and I suggest we do this following the selection of a site.

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 08 Feb 2009 21:18:32

Message:

Nice to see that except for Africa all continents are represented in the Board, and that geographically we have a quite a nice balance (1 from Europe, 2 from Asia, 4 from North America, 1 from South America, and 2 from Australia).

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 23 Feb 2009 21:12:54

Message:

Now we have a majority in favor of a next meeting in Argentina, I formally propose to invite Enrique Bucher to join the board for the coming two and a half years.

Reply author: rjellison

Replied on: 23 Feb 2009 21:24:18

Message:

"Inviting someone to join the board" is not within purview of the board as only the members can vote to expand the board. We can appoint him chair of the conference organizing committee and invite him to board meetings as a non-voting board member, or 2) appoint him to the vacant editor position as Aharon can only hold one office position at a time. However, Aharon has already said he would be willing to perform these duties again and after his remarkable performance I'd like to keep him as acting editor.

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 23 Feb 2009 21:27:55

Message:

Correction - I am in favor of option 1.

Reply author: btimms

Replied on: 24 Feb 2009 02:14:40

Message:

Either option is OK, but I think option 1 looks better to outsiders, and would work well in the teh board will ahve privy to roganisation of next conference.

I agree with Bob that Aharon should be the organising editor, given the excellent job he did with ISSLR10.

By the way I have corrected proofs of the ISSLR9 papers and I am told they will be on line very soon. There could be a close race to see which one is published first (but like the trains in country Queensland, one will be a whole cycle late! =(day/week for trains cf 3 years for ISSLR9).

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 21 Mar 2009 07:04:42

Message:

Summarizing item 06 of the agenda:

1. A new board was elected consisting of: Aharon Oren - President
Mianping Zheng - Vice-president, Robert Jellison - Sec/Treasurer, and Members at Large Brian Timms, Wayne Wurtsbaugh, Nikolai Aladin, Mark Coleman, Carol Litchfield, Haydee Montoya, Jasmine Saros.

2. We thank Peri Coleman for her help organizing and supervising the elections.

3. Aharon Oren will continue his work as editor, in collaboration with the organizers of the next meeting.

4. Enrique Bucher, who will organize the 2010 symposium, has been invited to join the board forum as a non-voting member.

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 21 Mar 2009 09:16:57

Message:

and the most important thing I forgot: Thanks to the outgoing Board of Directors for their great work!

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