

**IAMCR General Assembly Meeting
Novotel Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India
July 19, 2014**

AGENDA

1. Approval of agenda
2. Minutes and matters arising from the previous General Assembly, Durban, July 19, 2012
3. Reports from officers:
 1. President – Janet Wasko
 2. Vice Presidents – Aimeé Vega Montiel, Pradip Thomas
 3. Secretary General – Maria Michalis
 4. Treasurer – Nico Carpentier
4. Approval of leadership and other changes to the Sections and Working Groups
5. Presentation of conferences
 1. Report from Hyderabad
 2. 2015 – Montreal, Canada: Pierre Mongeau
6. Motions from the floor
7. Any other business
8. Adjournment

MINUTES

1. Agenda

The agenda was presented and approved.

2. Minutes

Minutes and matters arising from the previous General Assembly meeting in Durban, South Africa, July 19, 2012, were approved.

3. Reports from IAMCR officers were presented:

(Copies of reports in Dropbox folder.)

- a. President – Janet Wasko
- b. Vice Presidents – Pradip Thomas and Aimee Vega Montiel
- c. Secretary General – Maria Michalis

d. Treasurer – Nico Carpentier

Carpentier's report included the presentation of 2013 Financial Report, Provisional 2014 Financial Report (as of June 2014), and proposed budget for 2015.

He also explained that the excess from the Dublin conference was to be used to finance an Executive Secretariat (responsibilities to include securing funds for the following years) and responded to questions about additional responsibilities of the Secretariat.

The Treasurer also explained that there is an ongoing search to find ecological *and* ethical banking organization for funds.

Kaarle Nordenstreng moved to approve the reports with appreciation for good governance. He also suggested that conference frequency should be further discussed at the next General Assembly meeting.

4. Approval of leadership and other changes to the Sections and Working Groups

a. Changes in leadership of the following Sections and Working Groups were approved:

Crisis Working Group

Rikke Bjerg Jensen - Chair

Eva-Karin Olsson - Vice Chair

Environment, Science and Risk Communication Working Group

Second Vice Chair – Dorothee Arlt

Gender and Communication Section

No nominations for Vice Chairs; will re-advertise for next year.

Journalism Research and Education Section

Claudia Lago - Vice Chair

Media Production Analysis Working Group

Roel Puijk - Continuing Chair

Chris Patterson – Continuing Vice Chair

Willemien Sanders - Vice Chair

Political Economy Section

Rodrigo Gomez - Chair

Peter Thompson - Vice Chair
Peichi Chung - Vice Chair

b. The following groups adopted interim measures, but will need to hold elections next year in Montreal:

Diaspora and the Media Working Group

John Sinclair and Roza Tsagarousianou will be co-chairs

Law Section

Existing team remains until Montreal

Media Education Research Section

Existing team remains until Montreal

The point was also made that these measure are exceptional, can only happen once, and elections will be enforced.

c. Name change

A motion was presented by the Media, Religion & Culture Working Group to change its name to Religion, Communication & Culture Working Group.

The motion passed as follows:

Yes: all present except 2

No: 0

Abstentions: 2

Motion APPROVED.

5. Presentation of conferences

a. Hyderabad:

Usha Rahman reported approximately 820 registrations. Financial details will be prepared and sent to the Treasurer's office.

b. Montreal:

Pierre Mongeau, University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM), presented highlights for the 2015 conference in Montreal, including a brief video presentation and introduction of the website. The theme was announced as “Hegemony or Resistance? On the Ambiguous Power of Communication.”

6. Motions from the floor

Mohammad Sahid Ullah moved that conference registration fees should include all taxes and that registrations payments should be payable at the conference sites.

It was noted that both requests can be taken up by the board without voting, especially since the EB can explore the logistics and implications of such a move.

7. Any other business

No other business

8. Adjournment