

IBPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & AWARDS

Monday, October 24th, 2011
Veldhoven, the Netherlands

Present:

Phillip Alder (USA), Jean-Claude Beineix (France), Wubbo de Boer (Netherlands), John Carruthers (Canada), Jan van Cleeff (Netherlands), Simon Cocheme (England), Philippe Cronier (France), Maureen Dennison (England), Herman De Wael (Belgium), Heather Dhondy (England), Jeremy Dhondy (England), Mario Dix (Malta), Chris Dixon (England), Ernesto d'Orsi (Brazil), Elisabeth van Ettinger (Netherlands), Patrice Foulon (France), Joan Gerard (USA), Panos Gerontopoulos (Greece), Dilip Gidwani (India), Mark Horton (England), Patrick Jourdain (Wales), Britt Jannersten (Sweden), Per Jannersten (Sweden), Ron Klinger (Australia), Suzie Klinger (Australia), Eric Kokish (Canada), Ton Kooijman (Netherlands), Fernando Lema (Argentina), Micke Melander (Sweden), Margaret Parnis-England (Malta), Barry Rigal (USA), Giannarigo Rona (Italy), David Stern (Australia), Jan Swaan (Netherlands), GeO Tislevoll (New Zealand), Tadashi Toshida (Japan)

Minutes:

1) Remembrance of members deceased. Michelle Brunner (England), Maria Erhart (wife to member Peter Erhart), Heinz Gutwirth (Finland, longtime member).and all other members and former members who have passed away since our last AGM.

2) Minutes of the AGM held on 11th October, 2010 in Philadelphia, as published in Bulletin 550, page 12 & 13. Adopted nem. con.

3) Officers' Reports:

3a) President

The big job of the year has been the updating of the Constitution. Your President and Chairman spent much of their spare time in Poznan agreeing each new sentence. The internet era was in its infancy when it was last updated. So the changes mainly reflect current practice with the addition of proxy votes at our AGM. I am most grateful to Per Jannersten for his help in this task.

We have had a happy time in Veldhoven.

I take this opportunity to thank the sponsors of our Awards. Gidwani, Nickell, Lee and Meltzer all continue and we welcome one new sponsor Ron Klinger who donates in memory of his daughter Keri. We are also most grateful to the WBF for its annual grant. This has been substantially increased from \$1000 to \$2500 after many years at the lower figure.

At the last AGM our former Treasurer Mario Dix retired and Heather Dhondy took over. But extra responsibilities she now has elsewhere mean that she wished to limit the Treasurer's role to one year. Hence the proposal of Richard Solomon of New Zealand as our new Treasurer.

I thank the other officers and members of the Executive for their work of the past year. The biggest task may be that of Membership Secretary so I extend my particular thanks to Jeremy Dhondy.

3b) Chairman

The nomination committee's ambition to (gradually) renew the Executive and the Officers with younger forces has materialized. The control committee has had no

reason to take action in the past year. The state of realm of the organization is good, but we [still] need to find new ways to attract new members.

3c) Secretary There is nothing to report.

4) Appointees' Reports

4a) Editor

Europe, North America and Australia continue to provide the bulk of the material for the Bulletin, although in the past year we have had more reports from South America, courtesy of Ana Roth and Fernando Lema from Argentina. We published material from writers residing in 22 countries on five continents. Barry Rigal, Ron Klinger, Tim Bourke, Brent Manley and Mark Horton continue to be our most frequent contributors. We would welcome more material from Africa and Asia. I would like to recognise the assistance and expertise of PO Sundelin of Sweden, my wife Katie Thorpe and Dilip Gidwani of India. Their help is invaluable and I thank them.

4b) Liaison Officer

The IBPA is happy. The WBF is happy

4c) Membership Secretary

We have 292 members plus 4 in Veldhoven, as against 302 last year.

5) Treasurer's report

The accounts are presented.

The Auditor's report is read out.

The accounts are approved nem. con.

The subscription for 2012 is approved as unchanged from 2011 at 42\$ (+45\$ for printed bulletin).

6) Elections

Officers already elected to the 2012 AGM are: President: Patrick Jourdain (Wales); Chairman: Per Jannersten (Sweden); Exec Vice-President: Jan van Cleeff (Netherlands); Organisational Vice-President: Dilip Gidwani (India); Secretary: Herman De Wael (Belgium); Treasurer: Heather Dhondy (England). A vacancy arises for Treasurer to be elected with effect from 1st January 2012 to the 2012 AGM: Richard Solomon (New Zealand). Accepted nem. com.

Proposed for annual election are: Hon. General Counsel: Bill Pencharz (England);

Hon. Auditor: Richard Fleet. Accepted nem. com.

Automatically continuing without election are the Presidents Emeritii:

Tommy Sandsmark (Norway); Henry Francis (USA).

Executive members:

For a three-year election to 2014: John Carruthers (Canada); Barry Rigal (USA); Gavin Wolpert (USA). Accepted nem. com.

Already elected to 2012: GeO Tislevoll (Norway); Nikolas Bausback (Germany); Ron Tacchi (France).

Already elected to 2013: David Stern (Australia); Brent Manley (USA); Todashi Yoshida (Japan).

Note: Appointees in post: Awards Chairman: Barry Rigal (USA); Editor: John Carruthers (Canada). Membership Secretary: Jeremy Dhondy (England).

7) Awards (see separate document)

8) Any other business

8a) a Press Conference is scheduled for Friday morning (28th October)

8b) What happens to the awards when two journalists present the same deal?

The executive position at current is as follows: it is not necessarily the first; there is no bias against English; the awards chairman draws up the shortlist; the editor decides the content of the bulletin.

It was agreed that the journalist whose version appears in the shortlist should be the same one who wins the eventual prize.