



## The International Bridge Press Association

Minutes of the IBPA Executive Wednesday 16th August 2017 10.00 in Lyon.

Present: President: Barry Rigal, Vice Presidents: David Stern, Dilip Gidwani, Chairman: Per Jannersten, Secretary: Herman De Wael, with Brent Manley, Ron Tacchi, GeO Tislevoll, Jan van Cleeff, Marek Wójcicki, Tadashi Yoshida

1) Awards: the list of Award winners is looked at – people charged with making certain that winners will be present at the AGM, and representatives of absentees are appointed.

2) Accounts. The account with HSBC in Malta has now been closed. Per has opened a USD and EUR account with his bank in Sweden, under his personal name. He has signed a declaration stating that the money in the account is IBPA's. Barry has done the same in New York. David Harris (present during a small portion of the meeting) confirms that he has statements of both concerning the true owner of the funds in those accounts. Setting up an account in the name of IBPA proves totally impossible in the USA, and very difficult in Europe. Dilip will try again with his bank in London.

3) the Job Descriptions have been amended to include the current amounts of the awards.

4) The Budget for 2018 is confirmed for approval by the AGM. Allowances for officials are at a lowest level possible, so there is no more room for improvement. The small loss is acceptable though.

The membership fee does not need to be changed, and a change might be counter-productive. An annual augmentation of 2% should however not trouble our members. An amount of 43\$ will be proposed at the next AGM. The cost for the printed bulletin needs to be upped to 72\$ in order to compensate for the new Indian General Sales Tax of 18%.

5) Our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary is coming up in 2018.

A new handbook is not specifically a problem, as Tjolpe makes one every year. People who want a printed copy will be asked to mail Dilip, who will either mail one or bring a number of copies to Oostende and Toronto. A message in our Bulletin at the start of 2018 will be used to ask members to order. It was also noted that we should investigate the possibility to publish the on-line Bulletin and Handbook in a print friendly web format.

6) Chinese sponsorship. A suggestion has been received from the organizers of the yearly tournament in Sanya. They would sponsor IBPA for having the annual awards ceremony in China. We need to examine the offer and make certain it covers more than one year.

7) Falling number of members.

Marek has examined the situation in Eastern Europe and has identified a list of 60+ potential new members. He suggests offering them a first year free membership. He also suggests getting the organizers of festivals to become members. He also wishes to make changes to the web-site.

8) Paid copies of bulletins at Europeans. Maybe readers might be interested in buying printed copies. Herman will investigate if such a service can be set up in Oostende. We need to ask Yves Aubry if it will be allowed, though.

9) Jan van Cleeff asks to allow the developer of KIDA to be allowed to present the App at the AGM. We will arrange for him to give a presentation after the end of the AGM.

Meeting closed at 11.00.

Herman De Wael, Secretary