



## IBPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday morning, 1st October 2018 Orlando, USA Minutes

0. **Attendance:** 25 (see list below)

1. **Remembrance** of members deceased since last AGM: Jean-Paul Meyer and Jon Sveindal.

We paid our respect with a minute of silence.

2. **Minutes** of the AGM held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017 Lyon, France - Approved.

3. **Officers' Reports:** President, Chairman, Secretary (attached). Per Jannersten sees a bright future. The IBPA has healthy finances and the number of members is increasing.

4. **Appointees' Reports:** Editor (attached), Membership Secretary: we have 204 members including 1 deceased and 1 no longer active member.

5. **Treasurer Accounts** for the year ending 31st December 2017 is presented to the meeting. The positive balance is \$6464. Budget for 2019 with membership due \$43: Approved.

### 6. Elections:

The current officers are: President: Barry Rigal (USA); Chairman: Per Jannersten (Sweden); Executive Vice-President: David Stern (Australia); Organisational Vice-President: Dilip Gidwani (India); Treasurer: Richard Solomon (New Zealand). Secretary: Elisabeth van Ettinger (Netherlands)  
Proposed for annual election are: Hon. Auditor: Richard Fleet - Approved Hon. General Counsel: David Harris - Approved

### 7. Election of Executive members:

Proposed for a 3-year election to 2021: Geo Tislevoll (New Zealand) Jerry Li (China) Liam Milne (Australia) - Approved

## 8. The IBPA Annual Awards

Barry Rigal presents The Master Point Press Book of the Year award to Kit Woolsey for his book "The language of Bridge" (at the beginning of the meeting because Kit Woolsey has to play bridge) , The Alan Truscott Memorial Award for computer bridge is won by Bridge Baron, author Ron Tacchi. This is the first year for this award. Until now no computer play was worthy of a reward. Maybe the IBPA, WBF, Funbridge will sponsor this award in the future. All the other awards will be presented at the Hainan Bridge Festival in October. Dilip Gidwani presents them on behalf of the IBPA. Jian-Jian Wang who is the go-between between China and the West, explains about the rewards.

The awards include travel expenses, 3 days hotel in Hainan and free access to the tournament. There will also be a substantial financial reward, but only for the winners that are present. Barry expressed his gratitude to José Damiani who had helped throughout the negotiations with the Hainan Festival and had been helpful with negotiations for a new Computer award.

## 9. Remission of Subscription:

The definition of membership does not permit non-paying members. This means that the membership dues for active members can not be abolished but could be sponsored by the organization. The exact parameters for this proposal are still to be discussed. The organization is estimated to have a reduced income of about 3500 USD but because of our financial situation this is not a major problem. Since our financial position is so healthy, we could spend some of the money in sponsoring active members. This would hopefully stimulate an increase in articles for the bulletin. Marshall Lewis mentions that we need to be clearer on what kind of articles are fit to be published. At the moment we see mostly reports on past Championships. John Carruthers would be happy to publish articles on technical matters, for instance bidding systems. So we all have to stimulate potential writers. In any case we need writers from other parts of the world and younger writers. The new partnership with the Hainan Festival makes the benefits of winning an award much more profitable. A discussion is being held about the definition of "active members" Presenting 4 articles a year for the bulletin seems a practical definition. Herman De Wael suggests that the sponsoring of dues could also in some cases be partial.

At the end of the discussion the proposal is formulated as: *Actively contributing members may have their dues sponsored fully or partly by the organisation, subject to annual approval by the AGM.*

Approved unanimously.

## 10. Any other competent business:

Jan Swaan would like to know the position of the WBF on printed bulletins at championships. With the EBL there is an agreement that IBPA members can receive printed bulletins free of charge, while others have to pay a reasonable sum for a complete set of the whole championship. Is the WBF willing to make the same agreement, in which case we would need a suitable printer. Jan Swaan is willing to coordinate the printing. Gianarrigo Rona is in favour of this idea and will discuss it in the organizing committee.

Barry Rigal has presented a copy of the IBPA Yearbook 2018 to Gianarrigo Rona, President of the WBF. Many members have written a dedication to Gianarrigo. The printing of this Handbook was sponsored by Patrick Jourdain's will (bequest) and published in his honour.

## List of attendees to the AGM

Marc van Beijsterveldt, John Carruthers, José Damiani, Marc De Pauw, Herman De Wael, Elisabeth van Ettinger, David Harris, Per Jannersten, Britt Jannersten, Bob Jones, Monika Kummel, Fernando Lema, Al Levy, Marshall Lewis, Jerry Li, Brent Manley, Barry Rigal, Gianarrigo Rona, Pierre Schmidt, Brian Senior, David Stern, Jan Swaan, Katie Thorpe, Jian-Jian Wang, Kit Woolsey,

## **Reports to the AGM**

See attachment

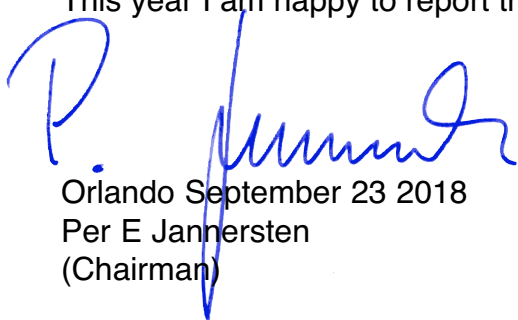


The International Bridge Press Association

## Chairman's Report

I have, longer than I can remember, reported that the state of our organization is good; at the same time as I expressed concerns about the future.

This year I am happy to report that the state is excellent, while the future looks bright.



Orlando September 23 2018  
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(Chairman)



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## Editor's Report for the IBPA AGM

Monday, October 1, 2018, 09:00

As usual, I owe a debt of gratitude to my faithful reviewers, Katie Thorpe, PO Sundelin and Phillip Alder. There is no question that the Bulletin would be of lesser quality without their diligent efforts.

There are two new incentives to encourage member contributions to the Bulletin. Beginning this year, the Hainan Bridge Festival will be sponsoring some of our awards. Their sponsorship will take the form of expenses to the Hainan Bridge Festival and substantial cash prizes to the winning journalists and players.

The second incentive will be that, beginning in 2019, members will have the opportunity to have free dues for the year. To achieve this, members will have to contribute frequently to the Bulletin. The criteria for this incentive are presently under consideration.

John Carruthers

Orlando, October 1, 2018

## IBPA Membership Report 2018

October 1, 2018

<b>Total membership for 2018</b>	204 <sup>1</sup>	
Over 80 years of age	4	
No-pay members	25	(list attached)

### Distribution of members

Zone 1 (Europe)	119	
Zone 2 (N.A.)	48	
Zone 3 (S.A.)	2	
Zone 4 (Africa +)	6	
Zone 5 (C.A.)	2	
Zone 6 (Asia)	6	
Zone 7 (Down Under)	18	
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	201	(three unknown but likely Europe)

### Members PrePaid or Future Years

2019	19
2020	5
2021	2
2022	1

<sup>1</sup> includes 1 deceased member and 1 no-pay member no longer active.

## INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION

## INCOME STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2017

2016		2017	2017	2018
Actual	Income	Actual	Budget	Projection
8034	Subscriptions Email	8591	8000	8300
780	Subscriptions Printing	552	800	500
2500	WBF Grant	2500	2500	2500
4712	Award Sponsors	6500	4700	11500
6	Interest Received	0	0	0
0	Gain on Exchange	4680	0	0
<b>16032</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>22823</b>	<b>16000</b>	<b>22800</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
9000	Bulletin Editor's Fee	11300	9000	12000
1000	Bulletin Editor's Allowance	500	1000	1000
1200	Bulletin Editor's Travel	0	1200	300
960	Bulletin Hands Columnist	960	1000	1000
780	Bulletin Printing and Postage	360	800	400
500	President's Allowance	0	0	0
1000	President's Travel	0	1000	0
500	Treasurer's Allowance	500	500	500
0	Treasurer's Travel	0	0	0
0	Travel and Accommodation- Hainan	0	0	1200
0	Member Advertising	0	0	0
500	Membership Secretary Allowance	500	500	500
1650	IBPA Award Prizes	1700	1700	1700
19	IBPA Award Costs	140	200	200
281	Credit Card Charges	274	400	400
314	Bank Charges	126	400	200
138	Miscellaneous Costs	-1	400	200
1136	Loss on Exchange	0	0	0
<b>18978</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>16359</b>	<b>18100</b>	<b>19600</b>
<b>-2946</b>	<b>Excess Income (Expenditure)for the year.</b>	<b>6464</b>	<b>-2100</b>	<b>3200</b>

## Note Subscriptions

5094	Subscriptions due	6346
720	Subscriptions due (printing)	409
2940	Subs. Paid in advance	2245
60	Subs paid in advance (printing)	143
<b>8814</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>9143</b>
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**INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION**

**BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31 December 2017

	2016	2017
	\$	\$
Assets		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	63 513	84 590
Trade Debtors	262	220
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>63 775</b>	<b>84 810</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Award money in advance	2 000	6 000
Trade and other payables	480	4723
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>2 480</b>	<b>10723</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>61 295</b>	<b>74 087</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Retained profit brought forward	64 241	61 295
Profit and Loss Account	-2 946	6 464
Jourdain Bequest	0	6 328
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**INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION**

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

for the year ended 31st December 2017

	\$	
<b>Cash Funds as at 1st January 2017</b>	67 056	63 513
Net Inflow of Cash during the year	-2 407	16 397
Exchange Gain / (-Loss) in Euro account	-1 136	4 680
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended 31st December 2017

**1 Subscriptions paid in advance**

Subscriptions paid in advance according to the income statement confirm a liability for the year ended 31 December 2016 to the extent of \$2,388

**2 Assets**

Computers, printers and fax machines are all written off to Nil in the year of purchase.

**3 Cash Funds 31st December 2017**

		US\$	US\$
HSBC Euro Account	Euro 29 034	30 533	0
HSBC US\$ Account		23 117	0
Paypal		1 737	4 018
Handelsbanken US\$		8 116	42 711
Handelsbanken Euro Account		0	35 921
US Stripe Account		10	1 940
<b>Per Balance Sheet</b>		<b>63 513</b>	<b>84 590</b>



## INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION

**BUDGET**

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Projection</b>	<b>Budget</b>
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<b>Excess Income (Expenditure)for the year</b>	<b>6464</b>	<b>3200</b>	<b>4600</b>

Note **Subscriptions**

## **PROPOSAL DUE**

- 'The proposed membership due for 2019 is \$43 (same as for 2018)
- The Executive proposes that actively contributing members may have their dues sponsored by the organization.

## **Budget 2019**

The budgeted income from dues for 2019 is based on the assumption that the AGM will pass these proposals.

## **Nominations (proposal) for election at the Orlando AGM**

**OFFICERS** for election until 2020

**President:** Barry Rigal (USA)

**Chairman:** Per Jannersten (Sweden)

**Vice-President:** David Stern (Australia)

**Organisational Vice-President:** Dilip Gidwani (India)

**Treasurer:** Richard Solomon (New Zealand)

**Secretary:** Elisabeth van Ettinger (Netherlands)

**EXECUTIVE MEMBERS** for election until 2021

Geo Tislevoll (New Zealand)

Jerry Li (China)

Liam Milne (Australia)

Already elected

until 2019: Jan Van Cleeff (NLD), Tadashi Yoshida (JPN), Brent Manley (USA)

until 2020: John Carruthers (CAN), Marek Wojcicki (POL), Gavin Wolpert (USA)

**HONORARY** for annual election

**Auditor:** Richard Fleet

**General Counsel:** David Harris

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