

Biennial General Meeting of the ISVO
October 11, 2017
Baltimore, USA

Present:

Gil Ben Shlomo
Nancy Bromberg
Carmen Colitz
Allyson Groth
David Maggs
Bianca Martins
Uchenna Nlebedum
Kangmoon Seo
Adriana Teixeira
Sandra van der Woerd

Apologies & Proxies:

Chandrankanthi Athauda
Peter Bedford
Alexia Cattaneo
Joe Laus
Claudio Peruccio
Bruce Robertson
Karolina Roszak
Akihiko Saito
Bruce Silverman
Felipe Wouk

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM by President, Dr. David Maggs. It was determined that a quorum of the voting members was present at the meeting.

Dr Maggs reviewed the recent history of the ISVO and the creation of group membership over the past few years. At the present time the following organizations have group membership in the ISVO: AiCVO, AiSVO, ANZCVS-OC, BRAVO, ECVO, and SOVI.

Approval of the minutes of the 2015 meeting (attached)

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 2015 meeting as written. This was seconded and passed unopposed

Financial report (attached)

Dr Maggs discussed the financial report of the ISVO which was distributed to the members in attendance.

Secretary's Report (verbal)

There are 86 individual members of the ISVO as of September 2017 in addition to the members who have joined as part of a group membership.

The Bausch and Lomb Scholarship of \$2500 has been awarded to 3 applicants this year. The recipients are Drs. Arnold Lavaud, Agnieszka Balicka, and Gabriela Morais Madruga.

Board member elections

Nominations for the Board were as follows:

Dr. Allyson Groth – Member
Dr. CT Lin – Member
Dr. David Maggs – Immediate Past President and Treasurer
Dr. Kangmoon Seo – President

No other members were nominated from the floor. All nominees were confirmed by unanimous vote of the members present.

Drs. Wouk and Bedford have elected not to fulfill their complete ISVO Board member term. They will be replaced by Drs. Teixeira and Beranek for the remainder of their term.

A motion was introduced to permit waiving the membership fee for current ISVO Board members. This was passed unanimously.

Website

Dr Ben Shlomo discussed the history of the website of the ISVO (www.isvo.info). This website was created in 2013 and is in need of an upgrade to include a database of the members. Projected cost is approximately \$3,500-5,000 plus annual maintenance expenses.

Dr Ben Shlomo encouraged all to participate in the ISVO Facebook discussions.

CE Programs

The Continuing education program in Auckland in 2012 was a great success. The program in 2016 in Colombia was less well attended and resulted in a financial loss for the ISVO. A discussion was started regarding the 2018 WSAVA meeting. It was agreed that having a veterinarian residing in the area involved with the organization of the conference was of great benefit. Dr Seo may have a lead for a veterinarian in the area.

Committees

If the ISVO is to expand its functions, this will require more members becoming involved than just the Board members. Plans were discussed to create a Continuing Education committee and a Scholarship committee

Other New Business

The Acrivet scholarship winners will be announced on both the VOPH and ACVO distribution list.

Dr Bianca Martins was welcomed as the Associate Editor of *The Globe* and thanked for her help so far. The suggestion was made to include an update on previous scholarship winners in *The Globe*.

Dr Kangmoon Seo was introduced as the new President of the ISVO. He addressed the membership and thanked Dr Maggs for his years of service to the ISVO in many roles, including the Presidency.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Alexandra van der Woerd, DVM, MS, ACVO, ECVO
ISVO Secretary

Biennial General Meeting, Helsinki, May 29th, 2015.

Present:

Bruce Robertson
Maurice Roze
Kangmoon Seo
Joe Laus
Gil Ben Shlomo
David Maggs
Claudio Peruccio
Peter Bedford
Gil McLellan
Jean-Pierre Jegou
Johanna Premont

Apologies:

Sandra van der Woerdt
Akihiko Saito
Felipe Wouk

Proxy:

None

Minutes

1. Bruce Robertson called meeting to order 12:40 pm
2. Motion to adopt agenda Proposed Bruce Robertson; Seconded David Maggs
3. Approval of the minutes from Auckland 2013. Proposed David Maggs; Seconded Bruce Robertson
4. Bruce Robertson summarized and answered questions regarding the President's report (attached)
5. Bruce Robertson read Sandra van der Woerdt's Secretary/Treasurer's Report (attached)
6. David Maggs presented and answered questions regarding the financial report (attached)
7. Gil Ben Shlomo provided webpage/Facebook update
 - a. Facebook has 400 members and is seeing a moderate level of activity. Gil receives feedback from many more than those who are active on Facebook
 - b. It is currently open to any veterinarian not just members
 - c. Gil encouraged more experienced members to provide entries and responses to those posting
 - d. Bruce Robertson thanked Gil for his work on this
8. **Elections:** Bruce Robertson summarized the relevant bylaws and summarized the ways in which these had been adhered to during the election process. The nominees were Peter Bedford (nominated by Bruce Robertson; seconded David Maggs); Gil Ben Shlomo (nominated by David Maggs; seconded Bruce Robertson), Felipe Wouk (nominated by Joe Laus; seconded David Maggs). All were elected by unanimous voice vote. Bruce Robertson reported that Sandra van der Woerdt had agreed to remain as Secretary/Treasurer and that Kangmoon Seo had agreed to become President Elect. David Maggs will become President and Bruce will become Immediate Past President as dictated by policy.
9. Bruce Robertson and David Maggs provided some background on the notice of motion to change the bylaws such that members could be elected to the Board without serving the

- currently required 2 year minimum. This notice of motion was described in full in the agenda and had been posted in The Globe and on the ISVO website for some time. A short discussion followed. The motion (unchanged from the notice of motion) was then moved by David Maggs, seconded by Maurice Roze, and carried by a unanimous voice vote.
10. Bruce Robertson explained that the WSAVA had sent a request to all Associate Members asking that we endorse their pain guidelines. Bruce had emailed this in advance to all members of the Board. David Maggs noted that he thought that ocular pain was not listed specifically and that, as such, a specific endorsement should likely not be controversial for us. Peter Bedford recommended that the guidelines be made available to the general membership via the website. Gil Ben Shlomo will do so and we will allow member comment for 30 days before Bruce Robertson conveys a reply to the WSAVA.
 11. Bruce Robertson then led a discussion with all present on the future of the ISVO, in particular our sources of funding, links with other associations/colleges, regularity and locations of future scientific and business meetings, etc. The following general topics were all considered:
 - a. How often should we align with WSAVA?
 - b. Should we have a business meeting more commonly than biennially (at ECVO/ACVO)?
 - c. How often should we host a scientific meeting?
 - d. Claudio Peruccio spoke to the origin of ISVO and how its role as a continuing education group has been largely outdated because the colleges are doing this so well. Our difficulty arranging a scientific meeting in collaboration with the ECVO this week was good evidence of that. He now sees the ISVO as a link among those with an ophthalmology interest all around the globe. He wonders if the ISVO should continue to sponsor the Magrane lecture at the ACVO and ECVO meetings (maybe in an alternating pattern). Claudio also suggested that ISVO membership might be best approached as a membership benefit of the ACVO/ECVO/AiCVO/CLOVE/Australian College/etc.?
 - e. Gil Ben Shlomo pointed out that this would need to be carefully packaged so as to appeal to the ACVO/ECVO/AiCVO/CLOVE/Australian College/etc.
 - f. Bruce Robertson suggested that we need to promote ourselves as an important link across the globe especially to currently less well-served areas. He suggested that we might be able to appeal to the major colleges as a means of "outreach".
 - g. David Maggs proposed that as President, he lead this discussion among the board members and that more frequent meetings of the ISVO board may be useful. Those present agreed and so it was proposed that as many of the Board as possible should meet at ACVO in 2015.
 - h. It was similarly agreed that we could delay a decision regarding the site and date for the next ISVO Biennial General Meeting be delayed until the board had decided on answers to many of the issues raised above.
 12. David Maggs presented Bruce Robertson with a plaque and thanked him for his service to the ISVO.
 13. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

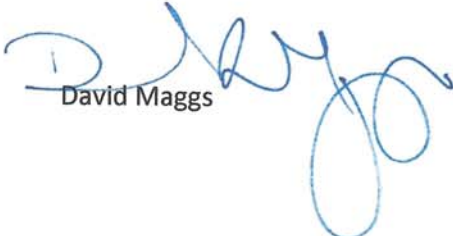
ISVO Financial Report 2014-2016
Presented at Biennial General Meeting (Baltimore)
 Oct 11, 2017

	31-Dec-15		31-Dec-16	
	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit
First Northern Bank	\$12,532.07		\$8,338.80	
First Northern Bank CD	\$20,070.15		\$20,130.61	
PayPal Cash	\$3,334.75		\$5,022.84	
Opening Balance Equity		\$43,352.30		\$35,936.97
Biennial Conference Income		\$0.00		\$1,870.00
Exhibitors fees		\$0.00		\$0.00
Interest Income		\$60.12		\$60.46
Membership Dues		\$1,650.00		\$100.00
Scholarship Income		\$7,000.00		\$7,500.00
Advertising	\$167.76		\$150.36	
Bank Fees	\$454.25		\$188.00	
Accounting/Legal Fees	\$1,386.00		\$1,262.50	
Contributions	\$672.00		\$1,500.00	
Fees	\$40.00		\$52.00	
Insurance	\$754.00		\$754.00	
Travel/Meals/Entertainment	\$0.00		\$1,327.50	
Miscellaneous	\$90.75		\$0.00	
Scholarships	\$7,500.00		\$2,500.00	
Taxes	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Conference expenses	\$5,060.69		\$5,929.91	
Total	\$52,062.42	\$52,062.42	\$47,156.52	\$45,467.43

Comments:

1. Overall cash on hand dropped about 5k due to costs of reorganization but has been stable at about 35k dollars for the last 2 years
2. We suffered a loss on our Cartagena conference
3. The introduction of group registration will be reflected in the next financial report (2016-18)
4. Rationalization of the Society's legal and taxation situation is now complete and legal, insurance and accounting fees are stable at about 1500 per annum
5. The Acrivet scholarship is a cost-neutral and highly meritorious venture. B&L have taken over Acrivet's responsibility but requires an annual request (which could be denied)

Respectfully submitted


 David Maggs