

Minutes of the April 29, 2022 USS/CI Board Meeting

1. Attendance

- David Lignell
- Guillaume Blanquart
- Setev Son
- Erica Belmont
- Nicole Labbe
- Paul Papas
- Rob Tranter
- Tim Jacobs
- Jacquelin O'Connor
- Yiguang Ju
- Perrine Pepiot

2. Approval of minutes meeting on Sept 29th, 2021. Motion by Rob, second by Paul, all in favor.

3. Approval of minutes meeting on Dec 01th, 2021. Motion by Paul, second by Perrine, all in favor.

4. Review of online votes

- Rotation of US officers with respect to the US NCM – Bylaws changed made
- Potential need to amend the bylaws to change distribution of funds from 2021 US NCM
 - From original 50-25-25 split to 33-33-33 split
 - Against current bylaws => need amendment to bylaws
 - CI office is waiting on answers to distribute the funds.
 - Proposal put forward by email. But one section requested a discussion. No motion made. No vote.
 - Erica: Summary on the WSSCI discussion and the discussion with CI office about their legal counsel.
 - Concerns of doing so after the fact. Are we allowed to change the bylaws retroactively?
 - Concerns on appearance of quid pro quo since we awarded 2023 to CSSCI.
 - Straw poll: if legal, then Yes. If not legal, then no.
 - No interests in taking risks if gray area. Then stay with current bylaws.
 - Tim: proposes to wait for CI office to reply and then vote by email.
 - David: asks for a straw poll
 - Ju: Vote on bylaws changes not done timely. Does not want to do retroactively. Proposes to stick with current distribution and then have CSSCI does something to help other two sections.
 - Guillaume: local host does a lot of work. That is why we have the 50-25-25 split right now. Hard to split the work evenly between the 3 sections.
 - Other plans discussed: donation of money
 - Guillaume: the US 2021 NCM took place 1 year ago and yet none of the funds have been transferred to the 3 sections. Suggest that USSCI has a bank account.

Attendance: Peter Sunderland joins

- David: asks on the potential ramification of what a non-profit organization is.

5. Review of elections done online for changing the vice-chair. Paul Papas was elected.

6. Nothing to discuss

7. Code of conduction discussion

- Nicole reviews the changes.
 - Took the 3 codes of conducts from each section
 - Highlighted the differences and proposed changes
 - Document would give USSCI power to act on reported misconduct.
 - Put? An amendment in the bylaws stating there is a Code of Conduct
- Discussions
 - Not currently mandatory reporters
 - Possibly having the 3 US sections to revise their Code of Conduct/adopt the same document
- Paul: good feedback from ESSCI on document.
- Motion to approved the code of conduct with CoC=CC by Guillaume, second by Jacqueline, all in favor.
- Vote to add mention to the bylaws will be done by email.

8. Dr. Fletcher Miller was selected by WSS/CI to replace Dr. Marchese.

9. Next meeting at International Symposium

Motion to adjourn by Nicole, second by Paul, all in favor.