

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR
THE STUDY OF POPULAR MUSIC**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

**RHODES UNIVERSITY, GRAHAMSTOWN
30 JUNE 2011**

Introduction

The 2011 General Assembly was convened by the current Executive Committee elected at the General Assembly held in Liverpool, 16 July 2009:

Chair: Jan Fairley

General Secretary: Helmi Järviluoma Mäkelä

Membership Secretary/Treasurer: Violeta Mayer

Web/Publications: Carlo Nardi

Member at Large: Héctor Fouce

1. Call to order

The meeting began at 15:40.

(a) Election of Meeting Chair

Philip Tagg was elected to chair the meeting as proposed by Bruce Johnson and seconded by Martha Tubinambá de Ulhôa.

(b) Approval of Agenda

Philip Tagg proposed that the agenda be formally adopted, and no objections occurred.

(c) Approval of 2009 Minutes (Liverpool)

The Chair said that the [Liverpool Minutes](#) had been on the web available to the members to be read and proposed that the Minutes be formally adopted. No objections occurred.

(d) Election of Auditors

Eduardo Vinuela and Mark Percival were elected as Auditors of the yearly Treasurer's reports up to end of December 2013.

(e) Election of Electoral Officers

Rob Bowman and Bruce Johnson were elected as electoral officers and ballot counters.

2. Reports 2009-2010

The [Executive Committee Report](#) was introduced (using powerpoint) by Helmi Järviluoma Mäkelä, Carlo Nardi, and Héctor Fouce (see the powerpoints / report on IASPM.net). Additionally, Martha Ulhôa reported on the IASPM Journal. The [Membership Secretary/Treasurer's Report](#) was introduced by Violeta Mayer. The participants of the meeting thanked the Treasurer for the work she had put into stabilizing the economy of the organization.

Bruce Johnson proposed that the reports be formally accepted and this was seconded by Rob Bowman.

3. IASPM International 2011 Book Awards

The Chair called Marita Fornaro from Uruguay to read the [jury's report](#). The report had been finalised by the chair of the jury Antti-Ville Kärjä:

IAPSM THANKS TO Antti-Ville Kärjä for his work

The 2011 IASPM prize for a book written in English is awarded to *Protest Music in France* by Barbara Lebrun.

The 2011 IASPM Book Prize for a book written in a language other than English is awarded to *Creating the Myth of 'Japanese Spirit'* by Yusuke Wajima.

Special Mention is given to *El videoclip en España* by Eduardo Viñuela.

It is worth mentioning that the statement was read in light of iPads and mobile phones due to a major power cut. The chair proposed the meeting to be moved to the hall of the venue, which then was done, and people sat on hall stairs for the rest of the meeting.

4. 2013 Conference Site

The chair called Eduardo Viñuela to introduce the proposed next conference site, University of Oviedo in Spain. The conference is planned to take place during the last week of June 2013. Due to the power cut Viñuela was not able to show the prepared powerpoint, but it did not matter: the attendants welcomed the proposal with pleasure. Bruce Johnson proposed the motion be accepted, seconded by Rob Bowman.

5 and 6 Amendments of Statutes and Rules of Procedures

The executive had prepared a list of amendments of Statutes and Rules of Procedures, which were made available for the General Assembly. First, the Chair proposed the following motions concerning the Statutes:

(a) New formulation: 4. Membership. Membership of the Association consists of individual members, institutional members, supporting members **and honorary members.**

(b) New formulation: 9.5. The executive Committee publishes notice on its activities at least once a year on the Association's website [~~bulletin~~] or in another appropriate medium reaching out to the members. It submits a full report to all members two weeks [~~months~~] before the General Meeting. The full report includes the Executive Committee's nominations for its successors and proposals made by the Executive Committee for changes.

Mark Percival proposed the motions be accepted, seconded by Bruce Johnson.

Second, the Chair proposed the following four motions arising from the Executive Reports:

1. In order to facilitate the administrative work of IASPM, the treasurer / membership secretary position may be exercised by a team that will have

autonomy to organize administrative tasks within its members. These positions were unified for the purpose of simplifying the administration of IASPM at the 1993 Stockton conference. As communication and data administration tools and facilities have improved since then, the work can be done by different members in continuous collaboration.

David Shumway pointed out that the expression ‘a team’ is misleading. The formulation was changed for “may be exercised by **two members** that” etc.

Bruce Johnson proposed motion 1 be accepted, seconded by Mark Percival.

2. That two members at the General Meeting nominate Sara Jansson (University of Gothenburg, Sweden) to become a member of the Executive 2011-2013. Sara Jansson’s tasks will be discussed at the first meeting of the Executive and the division of work within the executive will be performed in the way that costs will rise only minimally. (For legal reasons as IASPM is registered in Sweden, a member of the executive committee must be resident in Sweden. To proceed with the processes of centralization of membership data and introduction of ‘Paypal’ IASPM needs clearly supported legal status.)

Some discussion was raised concerning the permanence of this solution. The Chair confirmed that this is a short-term solution to the acute problem concerning the legal status at the moment.

Rob Bowman proposed motion 2 be accepted, seconded by Matt Brennan.

3. That the individual student / unwaged member’s fee of 10 US dollars be re-introduced for members joining IASPM international (i.e. not a local branch). It is suggested for 2013 that the new Executive Committee to seriously consider the raising of individual membership fee for waged up to 25 US dollars.

Hillegonda Rietveld suggested that instead of waiting up to 2013 we should raise the waged individual membership from the beginning of the year 2012. Chair proposed the motion to be amended according to that. The motion was seconded in the new format by David Shumway, Cris Ballantine and Paula Fourie.

4. That people joining the IASPM-list be given 6 months to pay lapsed membership, and accept any subsequent consequence having been reminded if they omit doing so. Rupert Till and Martin Cloonan reminded that all people who join the IASPM-list are actually members of IASPM – the problem arises when people fail to renew their membership.

David Shumway expressed his dissatisfaction with the motion. The Chair asked those against the acceptance of the motion to raise their hands, and one hand rose. There were three votes in favour of the motion. Martin Cloonan proposed motion 4 be accepted, seconded by Rupert Till.

Finally, the Chair Philip Tagg proposed the last motion as a depute for the proposer, IASPM chair Jan Fairley, who could not be at the General Meeting. The motion concerns the need for complementary relationship between bi-annual international IASPM conference and “regional” conferences. The motion could be discussed after Rob Bowman had seconded it.

5. That given the primary international nature of IASPM and the significant role of the bi-annual conference in bringing IASPM members together from all over the world, ‘national’ and other legitimate branches of IASPM are requested to organise their own conferences in the year alternate to the international bi-annual conference (i.e 2012, 2014, etc.) In the extreme case, for good reason, that in exceptional circumstances, it is deemed necessary for a regional conference to take place within the same year as an international bi-annual conference, that said regional conference place a clear six, ideally nice months before or after the international bi-annual conference so as not to interfere with the possible physical presence of members and economic viability of said presence at international bi-annual IASPM conference.

That this information be prominent on the IASPM international website and that it be formally communicated by each new executive to ‘national’ executives.

The motion was discussed. It became clear that most of the branches already follow this rule of procedure. Even if the matter was considered to be extremely important, the majority of discussants felt that it is not good for the IASPM international to restrict the branch activities too harshly. Especially, since, as in the case of Australia / New Zealand branch, many younger scholars only can afford to travel to the branch conference, not to the international one. However, the matter formulated in the motion plus the timetable of international and national branches should be stated clearly on the IASPM webpage so that branches could make sure that the regional conferences do not interfere or make it economically impossible for members to attend the international conference.

The Chair asked those in favour of the motion to raise their hands, and four members voted in favour. There were 23 votes against the motion, and the Chair stated that the motion was not accepted.

7. Election of Next Executive

The Chair stated that Nominations to become a member of the IASPM executive for 2011-2013 were open at the Elections page of www.iaspm.net from 26.4.2011 up to 27.5.2011. Additionally, one nomination was made at Grahamstown General Meeting (see above 5: Motion 2). The following have each received two nominations for their respective positions:

Chair: Martha Tupinambá Ulhôa (Brazil) (nominated by Franco Fabbri (Italy) and Geoff Stahl (New Zealand))

General Secretary: Carlo Nardi (Italy) (nominated by Philip Tagg (UK) and Shane Homan (Australia))

Membership Secretary/Treasurer:

Laura Francesca Jordan (Chile, Canada) (nominated by Christian Spencer (Chile) and Marita Fornaro Bordolli (Uruguay)) and Violeta Mayer (Chile, UK) (nominated by Anahid Kassabian (UK) and Motti Regev (Israel))

Web/Publications Manager:

Ed Montano (Australia-New Zealand) (nominated by Shelley Brunt (Australia-New Zealand) and Bruce Johnson (Australia, Finland, UK)); also nominated Li Jia (Philippines) (nominated by Wen Yiu Wu (Philippines) and Vivian da on Naploy (Philippines))

Member at Large: Héctor Fouce (Spain) (nominated by Motti Regev (Israel) and Marita Fornaro Bordolli (Uruguay))

Member at Large: Sara Jansson (Sweden) (nominated by Rob Bowman (USA) and Matt Brennan (UK))

Violeta Mayer stated that the nomination of Li Jia was not acceptable since the nominators were not “members of IASPM in good standing”, i.e. they had joined IASPM only just before the nomination. Even if this was considered unfortunate, it was generally felt that the Statutes had to be followed strictly here. This

meant that there was only one legal nomination for each position.

The Vote was carried.

8. Re-introducing student membership fee of \$10

The Chair noted that this matter had already been decided at point 5: Motion 3.

9. Other Business

At this point the Chair Philip Tagg left the room for a while, and General Secretary Helmi Järviluoma Mäkelä suggested that IASPM International should elect two honorary members according to the change made in statutes (see above 5-6: amendment a): Jan Fairley and Philip Tagg, for their lifelong and outstanding efforts within IASPM. It was noted that IASPM already has some honorary members, at least Charles Hamm is one. The new executive was left with the task of tracing all the earlier honorary members.

Claire Levy proposed the motion be accepted, seconded by Martha Ulhoa. The meeting gives warm congratulations to both new Honorary Members!

Philip Tagg returned, and as the Chair of meeting gave the word to Martin Cloonan. Martin Cloonan reported that on his recent attendance at the Canadian branch conference he and other international delegates had been required to pay a local membership fee in order to attend the conference. This is contravention of IASPM rules and results in members having to pay international fees twice in one year. Cloonan therefore proposed that the Executive should instruct the Canadian branch to return all membership fees to international delegates who had been obliged to pay them in order to attend the conference. This proposal was carried.

Philip Tagg, and the applauding audience thanked the outgoing executive for their work; and Michael Drewett for his work in organizing the conference.

The meeting concluded at 6 pm.

Helmi Järviluoma Mäkelä ,
General Secretary