

Minutes
Board of Directors
World Space Week Association
 28 September 2016 Guadalajara, Mexico



1) Welcome and Introductions

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of World Space Week Association (WSWA) was called to order by Chairman Max Grimard at 1445 on 28 September 2016 during the International Astronautical Congress in Guadalajara, Mexico.

The following persons participated in the meeting. (Those marked * participated via teleconference):

Directors in Attendance (14)

- Ade Abiodun*
- Sergio Camacho
- Jean Babtiste Desbois (elected during meeting)
- Karl Doetsch
- Kerrie Dougherty
- Max Grimard
- Victoria Mayorova
- Bill Nye
- Misuzu Onuki
- Dorin Prunariu
- Michael Simpson
- Chris Welch
- Loretta Whitesides*
- Wang Yiran (elected during meeting)

Others in Attendance (14)

- Mario Arreola (Mexican Space Agency)
- Nina Beckhardt (Cosma Schema)
- Marcia Gilbert (WSWA)*

- Erin Greeson (Planetary Society)
- Ryan Kobrick (Yuri's Night)
- Ishraj Inderjeet (SWF)
- Talia Landman (WSWA)*
- Goran Nikolasevic (WSWA)*
- Rod Ramsden (Lex Mercatoria)*
- Andrew Sloan (Cosma Schema)
- Dennis Stone (WSWA)
- Reuben Umunna (WSWA)
- Zhang Yao (CSA)
- Martina Zork

Directors Represented by Proxy (7)

- Elöd Both (Dennis Stone)
- Tom Hanks (Dennis Stone)
- F.R. Sarker (Dennis Stone)
- Ali Al-Mashat (M Simpson)
- Oleg Alifanov (Max Grimard)
- Michel Laffaiteur (Sergio Camacho)
- Li Guoping (Wang Yiran)
(proxy holder name is in parentheses)

Chairman Grimard welcomed attendees and asked each to introduce themselves.

2) Report from Mexico

Chairman Grimard introduced Mario Manuel Arreola of Agencia Espacial Mexicana (AEM), who gave a brief report on Mexico's participation in World Space Week. The Board thanked and congratulated Sr. Arreola for AEM's very strong participation in WSW over many years.

3) Secretary's Report

The minutes of the previous meeting of Board of Directors meeting were reviewed and approved.

The next meeting will occur during the Scientific & Technical Subcommittee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in Vienna Austria on February 2, 2017 at 1300-1500.

4) Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed the Association's current balance sheet and profit and loss report for the year to date.

5) Nominating Committee Report

a) Nominations

Nominating Committee Chair Dr. Sergio Camacho presented the Nominating Report:

1) Election of Board Members

a) Reelection of Directors (two-year term expiring in 2018)

- Buzz Aldrin
- Ali Al-Mashat
- Alvaro Azcárraga
- Sergio Camacho
- Kerrie Dougherty
- Art Dula
- Tom Hanks
- Qaiser Anees Khurram
- Michel Laffaiteur
- Li Guoping
- Agnieszka Lukaszczyk
- Victoria Maiorova
- Yasunori Matogawa
- Elon Musk
- Dorin-Dumitru Prunariu
- Michael Simpson
- Chris Welch
- Loretta Hidalgo Whitesides

b) Election of New Directors (two-year term expiring in 2018)

- Jean-Baptiste Desbois, La Cité de l'espace
- Francisco Javier Mendieta, Agencia Espacial Mexicana (subject to acceptance)
- Courtney Stadd, former NASA executive and former Chair of the WSWA Board

c) Change of Directors (two-year term expiring in 2017)

- Wang Yiran replaces Yang Junhua, Chinese Society of Astronautics
- Kaori Sasaki replaces Seiichi Sakamoto, JAXA

2) Election of Board Committees (elected for one year term)

a) Executive Committee

- Michael Simpson
- Misuzu Onuki
- Lisa LaBonté
- Kerrie Dougherty
- Chris Welch

b) Nominating Committee

- Sergio Camacho, Chair
- Agnieszka Lukaszczyk
- Bill Nye
- Bijal Thakore
- Dorin Prunariu

3) Election of Officers (elected for one year term)

- Max Grimard Chair
- Dennis Stone President
- Ali Al-Mashat Vice President – Middle East
- Michel Laffaiteur Vice President – Strategy
- Marcia Gilbert Treasurer

The following was discussed:

- All nominees have been contacted to confirm willingness to serve.
- Courtney Stadd, former Chair of WSW Association, has completed his service for an ethics violation, has actively returned to the space community, and wishes to resume service to the Association. Directors agreed to warmly welcome his return.

All nominations were approved by the Board by unanimous consent.

Chairman Grimard announced that he will not stand for re-election as Board Chair when his term ends in one year because he will be leaving Airbus. He asked the Nominating Committee to plan on nominating his successor.

Mr. Stone recognized Dr. Doetsch, whose term on the Board is expiring and opted out of reelection, for his long and highly distinguished service to the global space community. The Board thanked Dr. Doetsch as well for his long and deeply valued contribution to WSW Association.

b) Presentation by Wang Yiran

Newly elected director Wang Yiran of the Chinese Society of Astronautics gave an informative presentation of China's activities in space education and outreach, including its celebration of World Space Week. The presentation was appreciated by the Board.

6) Executive Committee Report

a) Executive Director Report

Mr. Stone introduced Executive Director Timiebi Aganaba-Jeanty who then presented an overview of accomplishments and plans for the Association, including status of the 2016 action plan.

b) Operations Manager Report

Due to time constraints, the Operations Manager report was not presented but is available on the Board meeting web site, <http://www.worldspaceweek.org/september-28-2016-guadalajara-mexico/> Mr. Stone commended Mr. Nikolasevic for his diligent efforts as Operations Manager.

7) New Business

a) 2017 Theme

At the previous meeting, the Board decided that the general concept for the WSW 2017 theme should be on extraterrestrial resources or astrobiology. Mr. Nye proposed that the theme ask the question "where did we come from?" Dr. Doetsch suggested the question "where are we going?" There was significant discussion about both alternatives. The executive team was asked to develop both concepts and put the question to a vote by the Board prior to the next meeting.

b) Management Review Committee

Dr. Camacho, who chairs the Management Review Committee, said the committee has developed terms of reference, but has not completed its findings.


c) Advisory Council

As there was insufficient time for this topic, it will be scheduled for a later meeting.

8) Closing Remarks and Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Grimard thanked the Board members for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 16:45.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Stone", is written over a light gray rectangular background. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dennis Stone, President