

**Minutes**  
**Board of Directors**  
**World Space Week Association**  
27 September 2017 Adelaide, Australia



### 1) Call to Order 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 09:45 on 27 September 2017 during the International Astronautical Congress in Adelaide, Australia.

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

#### Directors in Attendance (14)

- Ade Abiodun\*
- Ali Al-Mashat\*
- Art Dula
- Yann Gouy
- Max Grimard
- Lisa LaBonte\*
- Bill Nye
- Francisco Javier Mendieta
- Victoria Mayorova
- Misuzu Onuki
- Kaori Sasaki
- Randy Sweet
- Wang Yiran
- Chris Welch

- Austin Dula
- Marcia Gilbert (WSWA)\*
- Erin Greeson (Planetary Society)
- Buckner Hightower
- Goran Nikolasevic (WSWA)
- Rosa Maria Ramirez de Arellano (AEM)
- Dennis Stone (WSWA)\*
- Zhang Yao (CSA)

#### Directors Represented by Proxy (7)

- George Abbey (Stone)
- Gerard Brachet (Grimard)
- Sergio Camacho (Stone)
- Kerrie Dougherty (Stone)
- Tom Hanks (Grimard)
- Miguel Hernandez (Stone)
- F.R. Sarker (Stone)

(proxy holder name is in parentheses)

#### Others in Attendance (10)

- Timiebi Aganaba Jeanty

Chairman Grimard welcomed attendees and asked each to introduce themselves.

#### **a. Election of Chair and Deputy Chair**

On behalf of Nominating Committee Chair Dr. Sergio Camacho, President Dennis Stone moved the nomination of Dr. Francisco Javier Mendieta as Chair and Dr. Christopher Welch as Deputy Chair. The motion was approved by unanimous consent. Both Drs. Mendieta and Welch thanked the Board for their election and gave introductory remarks.

#### **b. Presentation by Outgoing Chair**

Outgoing Chair Grimard reported on the accomplishments of WSWA during his term in office. On behalf of the entire Board, Executive Director Goran Nikolasevic then presented Mr. Grimard with a plaque including a WSW logo flag flown in space on Orion. The Board expressed its deepest appreciation for Mr. Grimard's excellent service.

### 2) 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. The meeting date will be announced.

### **3) Treasurer's Report**

Buckner Hightower, Treasurer nominee, presented the financial report, consisting of current balance sheet and revenue and expenses for the year to date. The report was accepted by the Board.

### **5) Nominating Committee Report**

Mr. Stone presented the remaining nominations on behalf of the Nominating Committee.

#### **a. Reelection of Directors (two-year term expiring in 2019) subject to acceptance:**

- George Abbey
- Ade Abiodun
- Oleg Alifanov
- Fruzsina Tari
- Raimundo González
- Max Grimard
- Senol Gulgonul
- Lisa LaBonté
- Mark Mackay
- Bill Nye
- Misuzu Onuki
- F. R. Sarker
- Kaori Sasaki
- Randy Sweet
- Bee Thakore
- Wang Yiran

#### **b. Election of New Director (two-year term expiring in 2019)**

- Fruzsina Tari, Hungarian Space Office

#### **c. Election of Board Committees (elected for one year term):**

- Executive Committee (President is ex-officio Chair)
  - Max Grimard
  - Michael Simpson
  - Misuzu Onuki
  - Lisa LaBonté
  - Kerrie Dougherty
  - Chris Welch
- Nominating Committee
  - Sergio Camacho, Chair
  - Agnieszka Lukaszczyk
  - Bill Nye
  - Bijal Thakore
  - Dorin Prunariu
- Additional Officers (elected for one year term)

- Dennis Stone President
- Ali Al-Mashat Vice President – Middle East
- Michel Laffaiteur Vice President – Strategy
- Marcia Gilbert Vice President – Administration
- Buckner Hightower -- Treasurer

All nominations were approved by the Board by unanimous consent.

## **6) Executive Committee Report**

### Executive Director Report

Mr. Nikolasevic provided an overview of the results of World Space Week 2016, update on World Space Week 2017 and the plan for 2017-2018.

## **7) New Business**

### **a. 2018 and 2019 Themes**

Mr. Stone presented recommendation on the 2018 theme. Previously, the Board decided that the theme concept would broadly address the benefits of space since 2018 will be the year of UNISPACE+50. Several proposals for wording of the theme were discussed. It was agreed that wording concepts would be updated and put to an electronic vote of the Board in the coming months.

Mr. Stone recommended that the 2019 theme concept would be about the Moon, in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first human Moon landing. The Board agreed. Specific wording will be considered at the next meeting.

### **b. Student Experiments in Space**

Mr. Art Dula briefed the Board on a proposal for flying experiments in space from students around the world on the Almaz spacecraft. The Heinlein Prize Trust is working with organizations in several nations to develop this program, and said that he would welcome the participation of WSWA. The Board agreed to consider this once the program is further defined.

### **c. Other**

World Space Week China National Coordinator Zhang Yao gave a presentation on WSW 2017 plans for China. His presentation was warmly received by the Board.

## **8) Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

There being no further business, Deputy Chairman Welch thanked the Board members for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dennis Stone, President