Minutes from the Board of Directors of The Combustion Institute
Teleconference Meeting
(Forty-Fourth Meeting)
31 October 2019

In attendance were the following Board Members: F. Battin-Leclerc\(^2\), S. Correa, R. Cracknell, P. Dagaut, P. de Goey, P. Desgroux\(^2\), J.F. Driscoll, D. Dunn-Rankin, F. Egolfopoulos, O. Fujita, B. Haynes\(^1\), S. Hochgreb, Z. Huang, G. Kalghatgi\(^2\), H. Kobayashi, K. Kohse-Höinghaus\(^1\), T. Lieuwen, A. Masri, H. Pitsch\(^1\), T. Poinsot, F. Qi, R. Sawyer\(^1\), C. Shaddix, H. Wang

Not attending: A. Dreizler, T. Fujimori, K.Y. Huh, Y. Ju, C.K. Law\(^1\), D. Seery\(^1\), C. Westbrook\(^1\), M. Xu

Guests: R. Tassari, Office Manager; B. Waronek, Executive Administrator (All CI Staff)

1: Honorary Non-Voting Member
2: Arrived Late
3: Left Early

Introduction

President Driscoll called the meeting to order at 9:04 EDST with a welcome to everyone. This was followed with a reminder of the ‘Conflict of Interest’ Policy.

Item 1: Minutes

Minutes from the 21 March 2019 Board Meeting were approved.
Vote: (Accept: 18, Reject: 0, Abstain: 0, Honorary Non-Voting: 3)

Item 2. CI-SS Update and Proposal

H. Kobayashi provided an update on the history and success of CI-SS program. Proposal, previously approved by the EC and the Finance Committee, to extend and fund program was approved by the Board. Vote: (Accept: 18, Reject: 0; Abstain:0, Honorary Non-Voting: 3)

Item 3: 38th Symposium Summary

Program Co-Chair (PCC), Fei Qi, presented an update and summary of symposium progress. Discussion ensued regarding distribution of sessions to appropriate room sizes, potential conflicting sessions of the same colloquium, and gender balance among invited speakers, colloquia teams, etc..

MZ Congressi as Professional Conference Organizer (PCO) will be present to observe in Adelaide but will defer to Local Professional Conference Organizer (LPCO), AOG, and the Local Host Team (LHT) to make decisions and planning.
**ACTION ITEM:** Future PCCs will continue to seek diversity among invited speakers, colloquia teams, plenary lecturers and topical reviewers and welcome any and all recommendations.

**Item 4. Committee Information and Updates**

President Driscoll reviewed the document containing proposed members for the following committees: 2020 Board Directors Nominations, 2020 Gold Medal Nominations, 2020 Gold Medal Selection, 2020 Bernard Lewis Fellowship. All lists were previously approved by the Executive Board. Discuss followed with request to identify gender on the committee lists in the future.

B. Waronek provided updates on Fellows Committee, received 60 nomination packages, to narrow it down to approximately 27 awardees.

President Driscoll reviewed breakdown of Tsuji Award Committee which is adequately diverse.

P. Dagaut reviewed Executive Board Nominations Committee progress. Slate to be presented to the Board once selectees confirm willingness to serve.

**Item 5. Presidential Appreciation Award**

President Driscoll gave brief history of past awardees. Uwe Riedel has been selected to receive Presidential Appreciation Award to be publicized at the Symposium in July 2020.

**Item 6: Office Update**

EA, B. Waronek discussed her impending retirement. Emotional discussion followed with many sentiments of gratitude and appreciation for all that Barb has done for The Combustion Institute.

**Item 7. Transition Plan**

President Driscoll discussed the transition plan that he, Philippe and Barb have created, including the proposed timeline through the symposium in July 2020. Possible interest in having Barb serve in an “of counsel” type position in the future rather than just continuing to bother her with CI questions.

**Item 8. New Awards**

President Driscoll expressed interest in creating two new awards: A Highly Cited Researcher award that would recognize mid-career members and a fifth Gold Medal. Discussion
followed, the topic to be tabled for next Executive Board to discuss and make any decisions.

Item 9. Elsevier Update

B. Waronek provided update on symposium manuscript submission that were opened today. Elsevier has undergone a number of staff changes, hope to have some progress on international access to journals.

Item 10. New Business

Discussion about whether CI should develop a task force or perspective papers on climate change. Possible approaches discussed: special issues of our journals devoted to the topic - would need to be organized through the editors; position/perspective papers; and blog. Suggestion to possibly develop separate or side group to discuss and determine.

President Driscoll thanked everyone for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m. EDST.