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Minutes from the Board of Directors of The Combustion Institute Teleconference Meeting

(Forty-Seventh Meeting)

July 2020

15 July 2020

In attendance were the following Board Members: F. Battin-Leclerc, S. Correa, R. Cracknell, P. Dagaut, A. Dreizler, J.F. Driscoll, D. Dunn-Rankin, F. Egolfopoulos, T. Fujimori, O. Fujita, S. Hochgreb, Z. Huang, G. Kalghatgi, H. Kobayashi, K. Kohse-Höinghaus¹, C.K. Law¹, T. Lieuwen³, A. Masri, H. Pitsch³, T. Poinso³, R. Sawyer¹, C. Shaddix, H. Wang, M. Xu²

Not attending: P. de Goey, P. Desgroux, B. Haynes¹, K.Y. Huh, Y. Ju, F. Qi, C. Westbrook¹

Guests: R. Tassari, CI Executive Administrator, K. Benzenhoefer, CI Website and Communications Facilitator, J. Bergthorson³, Site Committee Chair

1: Honorary Non-Voting Member

2: Arrived Late

3: Left Early

Introduction

President Driscoll called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. EDT with a welcome to everyone. This was followed with a review of the Agenda for the 13 July and 15 July Board Meetings and the 'Conflict of Interest' Policy.

Item 1: Review of Site Proposals

Jeff Bergthorson reported that there are six strong site bids for the 40th Symposium and reviewed Site Committee guidelines. Presented summary table of information provided from bidders provided in response to inquiries since their presentation on 13 July and review of any additional or new information. Discussion ensued, Former President Kohse-Höinghaus provided summary of the sites, President Driscoll pointed out strength of each local host team. Further areas discussed included the guidelines or restrictions for selection of location, sponsorship information available, and difficulty basing judgment on estimated numbers due to travel uncertainties. Clarification of current Site Guidelines concerning the Rotation Policy and discussion as to why Asian bids were given consideration equivalent to European bids. Some board members suggest a committee or EC to address this in future.

Item 2: Vote on Site Proposals

Board agreed to following voting procedure: Three polls consisting of four questions.

Poll 1, Question 1 vote for one European site, Question 2, vote for one Asian site;

Poll 2, vote for one European site from the top two determined by Poll 1;

Poll 3, vote for one (of two) site from the top European and top Asian site.

Results of vote send to President Driscoll for verification. Voting produced clear selection of Milan as site of 2024 Symposium. Winner revealed without specific numbers being revealed. Results to be shared with bidders and then public.

Item 3: Minutes

Minutes from the 21 May 2020 Board Meeting were approved.

Vote: *Accept (18), Abstain (0), Non-Voting Member (4)*

Item 4: Changes to By-Laws

Proposed changes to By-Laws were approved.

Vote: *Accept (20), Abstain (0), Non-Voting Member (3)*

Item 5: 38th Symposium Update

Assaad Masri presented an update on the 38th Symposium, which is being held as a Hybrid conference. New affirmation to present to be sent to authors to confirm their intent to present either virtually or in-person and to submit a recorded version of their presentation.

Item 6: Elsevier Update

Editorial Board of Combustion and Flame has meeting scheduled. Fokion Egolfopoulos reported the journal is doing well with increasing subscriptions and impact factor. PROCI editorial meeting postponed to date in the future. Renny Tassari provided update on production of PROCI papers appearing online.

Item 7: Finance Committee Report

Derek Dunn-Rankin presented the Finance Committee Report and state of finances of CI.

Simone Hochgreb suggested assisting smaller sections with their web presence, possibly grants for Communications/Websites. Simone invited to submit proposal after research.

Item 8: Future Directions for Combustion Science

This has been a topic of discussion for the past 1-2 years and will now be passed upon to President Dagaut and new Executive Committee to determine how to proceed.

Andreas recently published position paper available for distribution.

Item 9: 39th Symposium

Discussion about whether local hosting committee of International Symposia should be expected to accept the risk of financial losses from symposium and at what percent. Jim suggests that if local hosts follow the guidelines for hosting the symposium, then they are not expected to assume the financial risks. Possible need to revise guidelines.

Conclusion:

Retiring Board Members were thanked for their service, time and dedication, Philippe Dagaut thanked Jim for his leadership and work, entire Board expressed their gratitude.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. EDST.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by R. Tassari

