



International Association of Fish Inspectors
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Board Meeting

5th October, 4:00-5:30 pm Omni Shoreham Hotel

1. President's Remarks

Mike Dillon opened the meeting and handed over to the new President Chris Letfwich

2. Membership Report

Due to unavailability of records from the 2009 WSC, there is no record of membership. The NFI will however send full details from this years WSC to the President, which will be used to establish current membership list.

3. Sub-Committee Reports

There are currently no sub-committees established

4. Treasurer report

- 2009- 2011 Financial report,-
In the absence of the Treasurer Patrick McGuinness, John Emberley presented copies of the IAFI accounts that were then ratified by the board.
- Since there has been no income from the Morocco WSC (2009), there is no entry in the accounts for this event.
Action point: To be discussed further by Executive committee later today
- It was also noted that a contribution from Grimsby Institute of US\$ 15k direct into the IAFI account was gratefully received.

5. 2011 Congress Issues

To be discussed by the executive committee

6. Review of 2013 Event Proposal

- Payment up front – (see MI presentation point 1) MI agreed to provided US\$ 25k upfront to host the event plus US\$50 per delegate.
- Their budget is such that the event would break even with an attendance similar to this year.

7. Proposed congress in 2015

The president asked for a vote from the membership with regard to accepting the proposal to hold the 2015 conference in Grimsby, UK.

The proposal was unanimously carried.

8. AOB

Direction of IAFI

JG – IAFI needs to identify and focus on emerging issues



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JE - OK but need focus on core aims with clear agenda (IAFI charter) fish inspection

The WSC at 2013 MI will be much better organized (mind blowing!!)

IAFI should focus on the WSC, since we cant be all things to all people, resources limited so need to focus direction/

JG - Need clear separation of board from working groups

MD-IAFI branding of educational/professional/conference services. Most organizations vertical IAFI is horizontal i.e. crosses many groups this is a strength that should be optimised.

Priority is next Congress & how the networks can generate support for IAFI.

MD- Also need to establish a communications strategy on how we communicate both as a board and with the wider membership, with respect to regional networks, internet access.

Establishing such communications will require funding and resources, which will be sought, but also commitment from the members to undertake work such as translations, and involvement in discussions.

Focus needs to be on Market Access especially the 2013 event at St Johns.

CL:-The technical committee for the 2013 WSC needs to be established as soon as possible and draft programme with key issues identified so that sessions can be outlined needs to be done within next few weeks.

WSC congress dates need to be confirmed ASAP so that information can be published on the internet.

A) RP:- Future WSC events need to have unique selling points (USP) that make IAFI events different from the various other Seafood/Fisheries events being hosted around the world. For example like the linkage between WAS and IAFI, where there is the mutual facilitation of sessions at each others events. This would allow IAFI to become an umbrella organization at which members could interact and network with a wide range of sectors.

PM- although there is plenty of talk, we need the directors to take responsibility for development activities. The president agreed and called for volunteers to take the lead on the various proposals that were discussed.

- Peter Marshall :- To take lead on Standards and equivalence
- Luisa & Antonio to lead on Accreditation
- Tim Hansen to lead on Membership
- GILLS: to be continued to be developed and run by Roy Palmer, Antonio and Jose
- World seafood academy. Mike Dillon to take the lead with assistance from the various academic institutions including the marine Institute of Canada.



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The president said that the list of tasks would be circulated to the membership and that he would ask for anyone who is interested in any of the topics to make themselves known to the lead members on that topic.

9. Adjournment

With all official business conducted, the President thanked everybody for their inputs and adjourned the board meeting until the next WSC.