

AICT-IATC
Minutes of Organizing Meeting
29 May 2021 and 5 June 2021

Meeting called to order at 07.06, Central USA time, 29 May 2021.

- 1) Ivan MEDENICA agreed to take meeting minutes.
- 2) Members present: President (Jeffrey Eric JENKINS), General Secretary (Michel VAÏS), Argentina (Halima TAHAN FERREYRA), China (ZHU Ning), France (Jean-Pierre HAN), Georgia (Irina GOGOBERIDZE), Japan (Manabu NODA), Nigeria (Emmanuel DANDAURA), Russia (Nikolai PESOCHINSKY), Serbia (Ivan MEDENICA), Slovakia (Zuzana ULIČIANSKA), Thailand (Pawit MAHASARINAND)
- 3) Agenda adopted without objection.
- 4) Minutes of April 24 meeting adopted without objection.
- 5) Stéphane GILBART appointed General Treasurer without objection.
- 6) Ivan MEDENICA appointed Director of Conferences after discussion of the position and the need for adjunct support for success.
- 7) Jean-Pierre HAN appointed Director of Young Critics' Workshops after discussion of the position and the need for adjunct support for success.
- 8) Following discussion of the adjunct positions, Zuzana ULIČIANSKA appointed Adjunct to Director of Conferences and Pawit MAHASARINAND appointed Adjunct to Director of Young Critics' Workshops. As these adjuncts are elected members of the Executive Committee, they will have full participation rights in discussions during meetings. During a discussion of the Adjunct to the General Secretary position, it became necessary to suspend the meeting due to time constraints. It was the sense of the Executive Committee that the decision for the appointment would be left to the General Secretary. The President and the General Secretary will meet to discuss the position with potential candidates.

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- 8) Meeting continues 5 June 2021 with the President taking minutes. Ivan MEDENICA is absent due to a schedule conflict. An update is given to the Executive Committee on a change made to the webmaster and hosting for the association's website. Octavian SAIU, a potential candidate for the Adjunct to the General Secretary has withdrawn his name. The General Secretary and the President noted SAIU's valued service to the association over the past six years and will thank him officially after the new letterhead is complete. The General Secretary presented Natalia TVALTCHRELIDZE of Georgia as a potential candidate for Adjunct to the General Secretary. Following discussion, TVALTCHRELIDZE was appointed without objection. She will attend all future meetings of the Executive Committee and the Cabinet.
- 9) The President presented three potential candidates to serve as Vice Presidents of the association. The Vice Presidents may be delegated to represent the President in certain cases, where necessary, or serve if the President is incapacitated. Following discussion, Emmanuel DANDAURA, Irina GOGOBERIDZE, and Jean-Pierre HAN are all appointed without objection.
- 10) Discussion of claim for payment by PicRights, a company that represents rightsholders of images disseminated on the internet. PicRights made a demand in 2020 for an image that was

posted on the AICT-IATC website. The image was removed, but the association paid \$225 for use of the image. In recent months, another image on our website attracted the attention of PicRights. It was attached to a news item about a Romanian actor and world-record holder who had died. The image appeared without attribution of photo credit or rights. PicRights made a demand for \$900. It was reported by the General Secretary that he had contacted an intellectual property lawyer in Montreal and was awaiting reply. The President stated his belief that, under the “fair-use” doctrine of international copyright law, this was not incorrect usage but that photo credits must always be included. It was suggested that we engage in a wider conversation about copyrights with our members going forward. The matter will be updated as it progresses.

11) It is agreed that June 26 will be the next Zoom meeting. MEDENICA will be notified. Conference and Workshop proposals may be presented at that time. We will still plan for online participation in the fall due to international travel restrictions. It is suggested that perhaps a fall online conference in September or October could address the ways various countries have opened or are opening theatres. The meeting time will be 07.00 (Central USA time).

12) ITEM A: It is decided to invite the Editor in Chief of *Critical Stages/Scènes critiques*, Savas PATSALIDIS to all future meetings of the Executive Committee.

12) ITEM B: After a discussion, it is agreed to create a Statutes Working Group to review the association’s Statutes and recommend potential changes. The group will seek input from all national sections on issues the sections would like to see addressed through the structural document that is the Statutes. Several topics were mentioned for possible inclusion: adding the Vice Presidents to the Cabinet, adding *Critical Stages/Scènes critiques* to the Statutes, detailing the duties and responsibilities of the Cabinet, expansion of the official languages, adding the Editor of *Critical Stages/Scènes critiques* to the Cabinet, adding language related to digital publishing, adding structure for digital operations of AICT-IATC in special conditions such as the current pandemic, adding a Nominating Committee to help identify future leaders of the association. There are many possibilities for rethinking how our association does its work. The Working Group will gather input from the global membership and make a report to the Executive Committee with recommended changes. The Executive Committee will review the potential changes, discuss the changes, make its own recommendations, and create a document for dissemination to the entire membership. Changes to the Statutes might then be undertaken during an Extraordinary General Assembly. The Executive Committee appointed the Working Group as follows: It will be chaired by Honorary President Margareta SÖRENSON (Sweden). Members of the Working Group are Emmanuel DANDAURA (ExCom Member, Nigeria), Honorary President Yun-Cheol KIM (Korea), Pawit MAHASARINAND (ExCom Member, Thailand), Don RUBIN (Canada), and Halima TAHAN FERREYRA (ExCom Member, Argentina).

13) Meeting adjourned at 08.58, Central USA Time, 5 June 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Ivan MEDENICA
Jeffrey Eric JENKINS
