

# **International Society of Bionic Engineering**

## **Minutes of the Executive Board of Directors 2018**

(9:00-11:00, June 15 2018, Rotem Hall, Tal Hotel, Tel-Aviv, Israel)

### **Present:**

President and Chair:	Julian Vincent
Vice-President:	Thomas Stegmaier, ITV Denkendorf, Germany
General Secretary:	Jianqiao Li, Jilin University, China
Country Representative:	Daniel Weihs, Technion, Israel
Youth Commission:	Zhiguang Guo, Lanzhou, CAS, China Limei Tian, Jilin University, China

### **1. Welcome**

### **2. Apologies for non-attendance**

Luquan Ren, Michael King

### **3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes of the last meeting (Denkendorf, June 2017) were read and approved by those board members who had been present.

### **4. Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda**

#### **1) Workshop in Hong Kong**

Dr. Zuankai Wang will try to organize a youth workshop in Hong Kong in 2020. Prof. Li will ask Dr. Wang to contact Prof Weihs for a suitable contact in Hong Kong to help with the organization.

The Youth Commission will submit a report to the Executive Board each year.

### **5. Financial Report of the Board of Directors**

Prof Li presented a summary of the finances of the Society covering June 2017 to May 2018. The net contribution is \$6,761. The Society has a working balance of about \$23,716.00 (including the registered capital of \$15,210.00). The administrative expenses are still covered by Jilin University. The Board expressed its gratitude to Jilin University.

## **6. Discussion Programme**

### **6.1 Specialist Short Courses**

The Youth Commission should be involved more in the short courses which will enable the students to learn and understand more.

### **6.2 Progress on the ICBE2019**

Prof. Li gave a general introduction of the progress of ICBE2019 in Jilin University, September 10-13. The conference website <http://icbe2019.com> was launched in the early June. Leaflets were distributed at the Israel conference.

### **6.3 Election to the Board of Directors in 2019**

The rules for the election of new members of the Board were discussed. It was agreed that the nominees should present their case for election in a statement of no more than 200 words. This information will be sent to all members who would then vote. Details will be clarified by the General Secretary. The results will be announced by the Board of Directors at the ICBE2019.

### **6.4 Proposal of the IWBE2020**

Dr. Lei Ren from the University of Manchester of UK has applied to organize the IWBE2020 in Manchester, July 1-2, 2020. The workshop will concentrate on Biorobotics and Bioengineering.

Dr. Ren will be asked to support short courses before the workshop.

### **6.5 Organization Adjustment of Youth Commission**

Prof. Limei Tian and Prof. Zhigung Guo said they would like to enlarge the youth commission. The current nine commission members will be promoted to a standing committee, and the newly appointed members will be approved by the

standing committee. The proposal was fully supported by the Executive Board.

## **6.6 Other Business**

### **1) Evaluation Committee**

A document that proposed the creation of an Evaluation Committee had been circulated for discussion. Main responses were that the number of its members shall be seven that the members should represent biology, design and commerce. Ximei Tian will be responsible for the revision of the Measures and will send the revision to the Executive Board members for their approval.

### **2) The Design Society**

Prof Vincent had proposed that a Special Interest Group (SIG) that he wanted to establish in the Design Society should be shared with the ISBE. The Design Society acquiesced to this arrangement. The full description and aims of the SIG will be made available shortly.

### **3) Collaboration with other International Organizations**

This was agreed to be a Good Idea. The terms of collaboration would be clarified for each case, but might include shared sessions at conferences and reduced conference fees for members.

### **4) The DaVinci Index**

The Key Laboratory of Bionic Engineering of Jilin University would like to collaborate with the Fermanian Business & Economic Institute (FBEI) in the USA to launch the Da Vinci Index of China. The advantage for the ISBE has yet to be quantified.

**Meeting ended at 11:00**