

**Minutes of the ISAAC 2014 General Meeting
Held at the South African Astronomical Observatory
Cape Town, South Africa
2.00 pm, 18 July 2014**

To be confirmed at the next General Meeting

ISAAC Members present

ISAAC members in attendance were Gerardo Aldana, Duane Hamacher, Jarita Holbrook, Clive Ruggles, Barbara Tedlock and Dennis Tedlock.

Chair and Secretary for the meeting

In the absence of the outgoing President, Barbara Tedlock nominated Clive Ruggles as meeting Chair. This was seconded by Jarita Holbrook and approved by all members in attendance. Duane Hamacher volunteered to take the minutes.

Minutes of the 2011 General Meeting

The minutes from the 2011 General Meeting at Oxford IX in Lima were reviewed and approved with minor amendments, *nem. con.*

Matters arising

Clive Ruggles noted that no action has been taken with regard to the Center for Archaeoastronomy site www.archaeoastronomy.net, which is now more out of date than ever, and continues to show above the ISAAC site www.archaeoastronomy.org in many google searches. It was decided that John Carlson should be approached again to update or take down the Center's site, and that the ISAAC site should be updated more frequently with new content.

President's Report

The outgoing President, Stanisław Iwaniszewski, was not present to give the President's report.

It was noted that very little had been happening recently with ISAAC aside from the organisation of the Oxford X meeting. The Secretary Jarita Holbrook said that the Oxford X meeting had been successful and that an evaluation and assessment of the meeting is underway. She noted the need for a new mailing list of Oxford X participants.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Stephen McCluskey, was not present to give the Treasurer's report.

By-laws

There having been election ballot for new Council members two months prior to Oxford X, as required in the By-laws, Clive Ruggles presented a proposal from Council to change By-law 7 so as to permit Council elections to take place after the meeting. Under By-law 9, such amendments to the By-laws can be approved by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at the meeting. He proposed that the amendments should be adopted, seconded by Jarita Holbrook. The amendments were approved *nem. con.*

New Council

It was noted that the Vice President and President-Elect Barbara Tedlock would now succeed Stanisław Iwaniszewski as President, who continues on Council *ex officio* as Past President. Secretary Jarita Holbrook and Treasurer Stephen McCluskey remain in post. John Carlson continues *ex officio* as journal editor. As Jarita Holbrook, organiser of Oxford X, is already on Council as the Secretary, Barbara Tedlock asked Clive Ruggles to continue on Council *ex officio* as organiser of Oxford IX.

All remaining Council positions expire in 2014 or already expired in 2011. These, together with the post of Vice President/President-Elect now need to be filled. Council will discuss their nominations for these positions and Jarita Holbrook will email ISAAC membership to invite nominations for these positions, so that an election can be held at the earliest opportunity.

Website

It was noted that Rüdiger Schultz and Clive Ruggles had worked together to set up and maintain the new ISAAC website following Oxford IX. Duane Hamacher offered to take the role of webmaster over the following months.

Journal

It was noted that no issue of *Archaeoastronomy: The Journal of Astronomy in Culture* has appeared since 2012 and that several articles submitted for publication in the journal during the past two years have not been advanced. It was agreed that the new Council should review seriously and urgently the situation with regard to the journal, keeping open all options to ensure the prompt publication of research papers in archaeoastronomy and ethnoastronomy in the future.

Fees

Fees for ISAAC membership were discussed. Jarita Holbrook moved to keep the fees set at the rate agreed upon at Oxford IX in Lima: \$60 for members in developed/wealthy nations and \$30 for members in under-developed or less-wealthy nations (particularly students). This was seconded by Barbara Tedlock and approved by all members present.

Oxford XI

Two informal nominations were received to host Oxford XI: the first from Juan Belmonte and César González-García to hold the meeting in Santiago, Spain as a joint meeting of ISAAC, SEAC, and INSAP; and the second from Duane Hamacher to host the meeting in Sydney as a joint venture between Australia and New Zealand.

It was also noted that Edmundo Edwards had offered at Oxford IX to hold Oxford XI in Rapa Nui. It was agreed that a request for formal proposals to host Oxford XI would be distributed to ISAAC membership within two weeks of the Oxford X meeting.

Closure

Barbara Tedlock accepted the presidency of ISAAC and closed the meeting.