



Minutes Annual General Meeting - Virtual meeting

Wednesday 18th October 2023

Present:

Executive committee: Ruth Lovering (RL, Chair), Sue Bello, Nicole Vasilevsky, Rama Balakrishnan, Mary Ann Tuli

Total of 70 subscribers

These minutes are based on the [slides](#) and [recording](#) of the AGM. For more information see these resources

1. Welcome and Logistics

RL welcomed all to the AGM and reminded the attendees that they were expected to adhere to ISB's code of conduct. ISB members were invited to ask questions during the presentation.

2. ISB Executive Committee 2022-2023

RL introduced the current EC and pointed out the EC members who would be retiring, and thanked the EC for their work and time over the past year.

3. ISB EC 2023-2024 New Members

RL listed the new ISB EC members and thanked the organisers of the EC election (Sabrina Toro (Election Officer), Cristina Casals, Arzu Ozturk Colak, Pascale Gaudet, and George Georghiou).

4. ISB EC 2023-2024 Candidates

RL thanked all of the ISB members who volunteered to stand for election to the ISB EC.

5. ISB Aims

RL listed the 4 main aims of the ISB to: Promote the work of biocurators, Foster connections, promote communications and Encourage best practice.

6. What does ISB offer

RL listed the awards, fellowships, grants that are available from ISB and also the outreach approaches taken.

7. Subcommittee and Officer Reports

RL explained that she would provide a summary of the achievements of the various subcommittee and officers.

8. ISB Financial Report

RL explained that the ISB finances were good and that in 2022-23 the income was greater than the expenditures.

9. Membership Report

RL pointed out that there are currently 231 members.

10. IT Update

RL listed the IT achievements, which included improving the membership form. In addition, there are plans to create a list of members that will be available to ISB members only.

11. ISB Awards Committee

RL confirmed that biocuration career awards had been made to Charlie Hoyt, Nico Matentzoglou, and lifetime achievement awards to Pascale Gaudet and Sandra Orchard.

12. Outreach & Training

RL described the training resources available through the ISB website and the various platforms used to promote biocuration and biocurators.

13. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

RL explained the importance of EDI to the ISB community and the work of this committee, which includes non-EC members to address the various EDI issues as they arise.

14. Conferences 2023, 2024 and 2025

RL reminded the attendees about the past and forthcoming biocuration conferences

- 2023 - Padova, Italy (25-28th April)
- 2024 - New Delhi, India (5-8th March)
- 2025 - Stowers Institute for Medical Research, USA (5th-9th April)

15. Close of AGM

RL closed the meeting asking the attendees to consider what they hope to see the ISB EC accomplish in the upcoming year and to invite attendees to ask questions. At the close of the AGM RL invited the attendees to remain on the call for presentations by the two ISB Biocuration Career Awardees.