

Minutes of the Executive Board of Directors

(9:00-10:30, June 13 2017, Institute for Textile and Fibre Research Denkendorf,
Germany)

International Society of Bionic Engineering

Present:

President: Julian F.V. Vincent

Vice-President: Thomas Stegmaier, ITV Denkendorf, Germany

General Secretary: Jianqiao Li, Jilin University, China

Quorum Present: 2/3

Deputy General Secretary: Yuying Yan, University of Nottingham, UK

Members of Youth Commission:

Zhiguang Guo, Lanzhou Institute of Chemical Physics, CAS, China

Poramate Manoonpong, University of Southern Denmark, Denmark

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Vincent.

1. Welcome

2. Apologies for non-attendance

Luquan Ren, Michael King

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting (Ningbo, June 2016) were read and approved by those Boardmembers who had been present.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered by the Agenda

None.

5. Work and Financial Report of the Board of Directors

Jianqiao Li presented a summary of the finances of the Society covering June 2016 to May (June 2017). The net contribution is \$-478. The Society has a working balance of about \$16,900.00 (including the registered capital of \$15,210.00 dollars). Prof. Li mentioned that the administrative expenses are still covered by Jilin

University. The Board expressed its gratitude to Jilin University.

6. Work Report of the Youth Commission, ISBE

Prof. Li introduced the members of Youth commission. Prof Vincent asked the maximal age of the youth commission members, The Board decided that **it should be no more than 40 years old.**

Zhiguang Guo, the chairman of Youth Commission, gave a work report including the 1st International Youth Conference of Bionic Science and Engineering (ICBSE2017) in Lanzhou in July and the workshop in Jilin University in September.

The next Youth conference is planned to be held in Hong Kong. Prof. Vincent suggested that it should be held in other countries. The ISBE shall try to cooperate with Elsevier to organize activities together which will be very important.

7. Discussion Programme

7.1 Progress on 2018 International Workshop on Bionic Engineering

Prof. Li gave a general introduction of the progress of IWBE2018 in Israel. Prof. Daniel Weihs has applied for travel funds for 2-5 visitors which should be granted around the end of November 2017. He had authorization for the lecture hall and meals for about 200, but hasn't yet fixed a date. Prof. Weihs suggested that the best time would be end of June or early July 2018.

7.2 Discussion on Specialist Short Courses in 2018

Prof. Vincent proposed a specialist short course 2018 in Edinburgh, Scotland. He will contact Marc DESMULLIEZ at the engineering department of Heriot-Watt University for further details.

7.3 Nomination and Evaluation of Fellow Members in 2018

It is agreed to evaluate the fellow members in 2018, and ISBE can release the related notices at the society website as well as in Newsletter.

7.4 Establishment of Awards Committee

It was agreed to set up a permanent panel of the Awards Committee, the Secretariat will send emails to members on this after the meeting.

7.5 Collaboration with Related International Organizations

So far, the ISBE has contacted American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) and International Society for Terrain Vehicle Systems (ISTVS). For ASABE we can continue to apply for organizing a session next year. As for ISTVS, a session can be organized at each other's conference based on the memorandum.

Prof. Vincent suggested listing collaborating societies on the ISBE website.

7.6 Cooperate members

Prof. Vincent suggested that Dr Stegmaier should invite Festo (a company based near the TFRD) to be a cooperate member of the ISBE. He agreed.

Prof. Li mentioned the enterprises at ICBE2016 in Ningbo (3D Systems China, York Technologies Ltd., Beijing Husun Technologies Co., Ltd. and Sanying Precision Instruments Ltd.), and suggested to contact with them to become the cooperate members of ISBE.

Meeting ended at 10:30