

**IAWS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, 7-8 MAY 2007,
HAMBURG/GERMANY**

The meeting was called to order by President Deglise and was held at the Federal Research Centre for Forestry and Forest Products Hamburg. Fellows Deglise, Beall, Barnett, Rosen and Schmitt were present.

President Deglise opened the meeting at 13-30 h and welcomed Fellows. Secretary Schmitt reported on his recent activities in sending out Fellows election and voting materials (revised Bylaws to Board Members and revised Constitution to all Fellows; four institutions applied for Supporting Membership). Regarding approval of the Constitution, 81 Fellows responded, 80 approved the revision and there was only one abstention. Except two paper ballots, votes came in electronically. Treasurer Rosen gave an overview on the financial situation of IAWS, especially on outstanding dues, which could be reduced drastically. The Pay Pal system is working very easily so that more and more Fellows are using this way of payment (Pay Pal directions are presented in this Bulletin). President Deglise congratulated Fellow Rosen on his successful work. Details of the Treasurer's report are outlined separately in this Bulletin.

EC discussed the revision of Academy Board organization. Since it was not practical to initially follow the new Constitution for election of a Chair of the Board, it was decided to appoint an interim Board Chair to act begin the new Board activities.

President Deglise reported on his recent activities in establishing the new web page. It now works very well and can be opened under the following address:

www.iaws.uhp-nancy.fr

The old address remains linked to the new address for another few months. EC discussed future possibilities to maintain the web page, including the option of spending a certain amount of money for a responsible person at Nancy University. President Deglise was asked to contact that person to discuss details. In order to create a multilingual web page, corresponding Fellows should be asked to assist in the translation of the first two pages of the web site; the remainder will be in English.

The IAWS archive which was used by Fellow Anders Björkman during the past years until his death last year for writing the IAWS history (please visit our new web page and click on "Academy Past") has now been transferred from Denmark to Hamburg by Fellow Walter Liese. EC decided to save important documents as electronic files. Walter Liese and Secretary Schmitt agreed to look through the material for this purpose. It was also recommended to store a complete set of Newsletters and Bulletins in one library to retain all the information about past IAWS activities. President Deglise will take responsibility to look for an adequate library.



Dinner by invitation of the University of Hamburg



EC at work during the meeting

President Deglise and Vice President Beall raised the question of establishing the approved “Certification Committee”. After a short discussion, EC recommended to assign this task to the future Board Chair, who should figure out rules for such a committee, e.g., evaluating outstanding activities in R&D and teaching programs.

According to the changed Bylaws, our Fellowship Subcommittee, which was a 3-member committee chaired by the Vice President, will be eliminated, with the Vice President assuming that responsibility.



EC at the Wood Collection of the Federal Research Centre for Forestry and Forest Products Hamburg (Beall, Schmitt, Barnett, Deglise, Rosen)

Plans for the 2007 IAWS annual meeting in Kyoto are progressing very well. A preliminary program is provided separately in this Bulletin. In 2008, EC decided to hold its annual meeting in London on May 29-30 as a joint meeting between IAWS, IAWA (International Association of Wood Anatomists) and the Linnéan Society of London. For 2009, there is an option to hold it in Russia. During IAWS annual meetings, local Supporting Members should have the opportunity to describe their structure and activities. In addition, representatives of the Supporting Members should be invited by the president to participate in IAWS plenary meetings.

Vice President Beall clarified the new Fellow nomination and election procedure. Details can be found in the President/Vice President message and on the inside back cover of this Bulletin. EC endorsed the introduction of electronic balloting for election of Fellows. E-mails should then be sent directly to the Teller's committee.

There was a short discussion on the Fellow Identification Code. It was decided that EC will revise the key words; later the secretary is responsible for creating an electronic use of such a system.

In the run-up of the IUFRO All Division 5 meeting in Taipei, IUFRO asked IAWS for sponsorship. EC decided to provide financial support with a sum of 1000 US\$. This money should go to a wood scientist from a developing country to present an oral paper on an aspect of wood science at the Taipei conference. The candidate should be mutually agreed between IUFRO and IAWS. An official agreement between IUFRO and IAWS will be made with signatures of both organizations (official agreement letter published in this Bulletin).

Vice President Beall provided information on the costs for IAWS lapel pins. EC decided to order 400 with a diameter of 20mm showing the IAWS logo.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed on May 8 at 17-30 h.

Uwe Schmitt/Hamburg