

International Association of Chemical Thermodynamics

IACT



Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Virtual Meeting

Monday 5 December 2022, Time: 23.00 to 00.00 UTC

Board Members and Counsellors Present at the Meeting:

Chair (acting)	Prof. Martin Trusler
Secretary	Dr. Kenneth Kroenlein
Treasurer (acting)	Prof. Martin Trusler
Board Members	Prof. Josefa Fernandez Prof. Heiko Heerklotz Prof. Luis Alejandro Galicia-Luna Prof. Kazuya Saito Prof. Alberto Striolo
Counsellors	Prof. Walter Chapman Prof. Watson Loh Prof. Luis Belchior Santos Prof. Sergey Verevkin Prof. Brian Woodfield

1. Welcome, Introduction and Apologies

Dr Kroenlein welcomed attendees and summarised the role of IACT. Dr Kroenlein also presented the agenda for the meeting, which was accepted.

Apologies were received from Prof May. Communication issues precluded the participation of Prof Gomes.

2. International Conferences on Chemical Thermodynamics (ICCT)

The 2023 ICCT meeting will be held in Osaka, Japan and additional information is available at <https://www.chem.sci.osaka-u.ac.jp/lab/micro/ICCT2023/>. The current organization efforts are proceeding smoothly and abstract submissions are presently open. The local organizing committee requires details on the Rossini Lecture, IACT Junior Awards and the 2025 conference venue. Dr Kroenlein proposed and the Board approved that Prof. George Jackson, who was to give the Rossini Lecture in 2020 be the sole Rossini Lecture for the 2023 meeting.

3. Constitutional Status Update

Dr. Kroenlein reported that the constitution has not been followed carefully for some time and that, due to the way the constitution describes terms of service and election cycles, most of the board will have expired terms prior to the next conference. Prof. Trusler proposed and the Board approved that nominations of a new Chair would be collected by the Secretary in the next 30 days, and that a Board meeting be held after that time to select the new Chair Elect. To address the gaps in the constitution, Dr. Kroenlein will prepare proposed amendments with consultation from Prof Trusler, to be reviewed at a future Board meeting, allowing for a proper proposal to the next Business meeting of an amended Constitution.

4. IACT Awards

In order to evaluate candidates for IACT Junior Awards, the Nominating Committee needs to be populated, where the Constitution stipulates prior Rossini Awardees are preferred. Prof Santos offered to reach out to Prof. Padua and Prof. Chapman offered to reach out to Prof. Gubbins. The named recipients of the 2020 Junior Awards will be invited to participate in the 2023 conference on the same terms.

5. Treasurer's report

Prof Trusler presented the present state of the IACT accounts. The current balance is £4907. Support from Elsevier has been traditional, and Prof. Chapman will contact the current managing editor as The Journal of Chemical Thermodynamics to establish if they wish to continue supporting IACT and the Junior Awards.

6. Site for 2025 Conference

A location for the 2025 Conference has not yet been decided. Proposals for host locations should be submitted in the next 30 days, and discussion of proposals will follow at the next Board meeting.