

Calculemus Business Meeting

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1 Business

Windsteiger chaired the meeting, and JHD ended up taking the notes.

2 Membership

Track Chairs: 2011 (Farmer), who therefore comes off, 2012 (Dos Reis), 2013 (Windsteiger). It was proposed that Davenport chaired 2014. In fact this is the Trustees decision, so it is now a *fait accompli*

The elected trustees had a vacancy. There had been two candidates: Asperti and van der Hoeven. The election had not been run, however. The secretary pleads *incuria*. It was noted that Sorge had been elected in 2011.

It was noted that the Charter still referred to six programme chairs and six elected — JHD moved, and MK seconded, that the Charter be amended to conform with reality (three of each).

GdR

We still need more candidates: MK nominated FR, seconded JC. SMW nominated, and JHD seconded, Elena Smirnova. WW nominated JC, seconded JHD.

Nominations would remain open until the end of CICM, then we would need an election.

GdR

3 Calculemus/CICM

RR was the Calculemus member of CICM, and the trustees wished him to continue. Again, the Charter needed fixing. WW was agreed as his alternate. It should also allow for an alternate to the delegate, especially at the meeting itself.

GdR

4 Publicity

It was noted (again) that publicity was important, and that this needed to be done at the Calculemus/MKM/...level *as well as* just by CICM.

5 General

MK queried the extent to which Calculemus still needed its own organisation. JHD commented, based on his experience as General Chair of 2011, that the existence of separate tracks, with chairs and advertised PCs, and track-specific publicity, was good. No-one dissented.

It had been noted that the Trustees had no Chair, only a Secretary. This had been intended to resemble Stalin's position as Secretary of the Communist Party, but probably wasn't clear.

SMW noted that SYNASC was an example of a similar conference with multiple areas, but had one organising committee. JHD supported the SYNASC argument. MK noted that individual tracks had fluctuated widely in popularity.

JHD proposed, and no-one dissented from

The meeting mandated the trustees to investigate abolishing the separate administrative structure of Calculemus, while retaining the academic identity.

Trustees

It was noted that the (membership) mailing lists were in various states of disarray. It probably only made sense these days to have a CICM mailing list, but this should be left to the Calculemus and CICM Trustees.

Trustees

6 Calculemus 2013

WW reported. There were 15 submissions initially, but 2 were withdrawn. There were 3 or 4 referees per paper, and 2 papers/referee. Of the 13, we accepted 5 (38% acceptance rate). The EasyChair gap between accept and reject was 1.7 (!). He felt, and all agreed, that this had led to an excellent programme.

WW was thanked by acclamation.

SMW noted that he had seen a system whereby "conflict of interest" was merely managed by being silent, and co-authorship was handled out-of-band by a co-Chair. JC noted that over-zealous conflict declaration in EasyChair also made the General Chair's task more difficult.

7 A.O.B.

SMW asked that the candidate's statement explicitly addressed the "to do list" formulated above. This met with general support.