

GENERAL MEETING 2015
CANOAS - BRAZIL (May 6th, 2015)
12:15 pm - 12:55 pm

ATTENDANCE

Rosemary Auchmuty, Pierre Guibentif, Adam Czarnota, Mavis Maclean, Masayuki Murayama, Rogelio Perdomo, Dani Rudnicki, Germano Schwartz.

I. The president reported on activities after the Yokohama Congress in July, 2014.

1. As the new RCSL rule makes it virtually impossible for the Board to decide at a Board meeting by requiring a half of the Board members (10 members of the present Board) for quorum, we created the rule for the Board to decide by e-mails and an internet ballot.

2. The new Governing Body was organized with four coopted Board members: Pierre Guibentif, Kiyoshi Hasegawa, Susan Sterett and Rachel Vanneuville.

3. The Editorial Committee was created to renew our Newsletter. The Chair is Stefan Machura. The committee published two issues.

4. A joint grant for Onati Master students was created between the RCSL and the IISL to help Onati Master students attend a RCSL meeting. Registration fee is to be provided by the joint grant.

5. Discounted student fees were created. At the time of the Board meeting, the ballot was not closed yet. Student discounted fee for A countries is either 50 Euros or 25 Euros, and student discounted fee for B or C countries is 25 Euros.

II. The secretary reported on the Brazilian Meeting.

III. WG reports

1. A new WG was approved by the Board last summer: WG on Sociology of Constitution chaired by Alberto Febbrajo.

2. Secretary will ask WG Chairs to send a report to him.

3. Board members shared a view that it was important to revitalize WG.

IV. Budget

The secretary will send a report on incomes and expenses to the Board members later.

V. Membership

RCSL had 263 members from 39 countries in May, 2015.

VI. RCSL Program at ISA Forum in Vienna, July 10-14, 2016

The president appointed Julia Dahlvik at the University of Vienna as the local program coordinator. 13 session proposals were accepted and 4 session proposals were rejected with conditions: any of those 4 proposals will be accepted if it is made more international and if space is found. Julia, with help of Walter Fuchs, found a room for RCSL to get more space in addition to the space ISA gives us. The room can be used for a day.

VII. Joint-Meeting in Mexico City, June 18-20, 2017

Advance Planning Committee will be held in Seattle on May 27, 2015. Lawrence Friedman and Manuel Gomez are Co-Chairs of the Advance Planning Committee. Valerie Hans (incoming LSA President) and Susan Olson (LSA Secretary) will join from LSA. Rogelio Perez Perdomo will also join (Valerie proposed and Masayuki agreed). The local organizer is Karina Ansolabehere who teaches at FLASCO-Mexico.

The president asked RCSL members to organize as many sessions as possible with the name of RCSL. This should be a good opportunity to publicize RCSL activities to Mexican and Latin American scholars.

VIII. Podgorecki Senior Prize 2015

The Board approved Robert Dingwall (Chair), Maria Bergoglio and Stephan Parmentier to serve on the Podgorecki Prize Committee. This is independent of the Governing Body and made their selection on their own.

IX. Search for next Scientific Director

The president will send Call for Nomination to all the RCSL members with a profile of a good SD that present SD will write. President appointed Anne Boigeol (Chair), David Nelken and Reza Banakar and also will appoint scholars from a Latin American country and from the Basque country, based on the discussion at the Board meeting, to serve the Search Committee as an advisory board for the president in order to “dig out” candidates and choose three candidates if there are more candidates.

X. Research Center in St. Petersburg

The president explained the discussion at the Board meeting in which it was agreed to consider the possibility of writing about the situation to the ISA without taking any position as RCSL (Later, after the RCSL meeting in Canoas, Marina Kurkchiyan, a member of the ISA Executive Committee, reported to the Board members that the ISA had already discussed on the matter and that it had decided not to do anything as the ISA would not get involved in political matters).