

IASSIST 45th Annual Business Meeting
Sydney, Australia
Thursday, May 30, 2019

The Business Meeting commenced at 12:32 pm. IASSIST President Tuomas Alaterä welcomed the group and explained the purpose of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes from the 2018 Business Meeting

Hearing no objection, the minutes from 2018 have been approved.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee (Jennifer Doty)

Alaterä reported on behalf of Doty, and reviewed membership numbers. The US membership has been growing. Overall the association has been growing, although numbers dipped slightly after the largest ever conference in Montréal. University dominates as the type of organization, while librarians are the largest membership category

Sponsorships by IASSIST over the course of the year included NADDI, Data Literacy Training in Uganda, RDAP in Miami. All sponsorships must include an IASSIST liaison.

The call is open for the second round of event sponsorships now. Apply at <http://tiny.cc/even-sponsorship2>

Anyone can get involved with IASSIST via the Administrative Committee, other Committees and Interest Groups. Alaterä encouraged members to become actively involved, including working with the Membership Committee

Professional Development (Amy Pienta)

Bobray Bordelon and Abay Israel are also members of the Professional Development Committee.

Activities are the Webinar series for IASSIST, available on the IASSIST YouTube channel (iassistdata at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC315efmsReDcFbWHpWBmb9g>)

The Professional Development Network has been created to connect experienced members with new members and support professional development goals.

Communications Committee & IQ (Alaterä presenting on behalf of Marilyn Andrews)

Zac Painter was introduced as the new Web Editor.

The IASSIST Quarterly (IQ) has moved to the Open Journal Systems (OJS) platform at the University of Alberta. The publication process has been streamlined. Karsten Boye Rasmussen is the Editor and Michele Hayslett is the Production Editor. If you love to present at IASSIST, you will love to publish in IQ. Please consider publishing in IQ, which is one of the few publications that focuses on the data issues of concern to our community.

The website redevelopment is continuing. You can get involved in updating the website if you are interested.

Elections (Alaterä reporting on behalf of Bill Block)

Alaterä announced the results of the 2019 elections. The following members were elected to the offices and terms listed below.

President	San Cannon	2019-2021
Vice president	Robin Rice	2019-2021
Immediate past president	Tuomas Alater	2019-2021
Secretary	Lynda Kellam	2019-2023
Regional secretary – Africa	Winnie Nekesa	2019-2021
Regional secretary – Asia/Pacific	Sam Spencer	2019-2021
Regional secretary – Canada	Carol Perry	2019-2021
Regional secretary – Europe	Anne-Sophie Fink	2019-2021
Regional secretary – USA	Stephanie Tulley	2019-2021
Member at large – Canada	Dylan Dearborn	2019-2023
Member at large – Europe	David Schiller	2019-2023
Member at large – Europe	Wolfgang Zenk-Möltgen	2019-2023
Member at large – USA	Bobray Bordelon	2019-2023
Member at large – USA	Ashley Jester	2019-2023
Member at large – USA	Ryan Womack	2019-2023

Continuing in office are the following:

Treasurer	T Lindsay	2017-2021
Member at large – Canada	Amber Leahey	2017-2021
Member at large – Europe	Laurence Horton	2017-2021
Member at large – USA	Harrison Dekker	2017-2021
Member at large – USA	Amy Pienta	2017-2021

Appointed replacement:

Member at Large – USA	Sophia Lafferty-Hess	2019-2021
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Members' names were announced and stood to be introduced. Alaterä described the circumstances that led to Lafferty-Hess' appointment. Lynda Kellam's election as Secretary led to her resignation as Member at large. Lafferty-Hess was confirmed by the Administrative Committee as the replacement to serve out the remainder of Kellam's term.

Executive Committee (Alaterä)

The Executive Committee discusses IASSIST business on a continuous basis. The Executive Committee will have a face-to-face meeting to transition from the outgoing Executive Committee to the incoming Executive Committee, due to the large turnover this election (all but the Treasurer).

IASSIST Fellows (Florio Arguillas)

This year's call for Fellows will come later in the year, around the time of the call for proposals. This year's record number of Fellows were introduced and called forward.

- Adetoun Adebisi Oyelude, Nigeria, Principal Librarian Kenneth Dike Library, University of Ibadan
- Reysa Capero Alenzuela, Vanuatu (Philippines), Senior Librarian University of the South Pacific Emalus Campus
- Brian Washington Mandikiana, Qatar (Zimbabwe), Senior Research Data Analyst / Lead Archivist The Social and Economic Survey Research Institute, Qatar University
- Chandra Shekhar Roy, Bangladesh, Senior Maintenance Engineer-IT Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics
- Harinder Pal Singh Kalra, India, Professor and Head of Department Punjabi University, Patiala (India)
- Joao Daniel Aguiar de Castro, Portugal, Ph.D Student in Digital Media Faculty of Engineering University of Porto
- Myagmarsuren Lkhagva, Mongolia, Director of IT department National Statistics Office of Mongolia
- Obileye Olatunbosun Matthew, Nigeria, Institutional Data Manager International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, IITA
- Rafidiharinirina Fabienne Mananarivoarisoa, Madagascar, Freelance journalist / Consultant MAdagascar Initiatives for Digital Innovation
- Robert Wayne Fleet, Australia (New Zealand), eResearch Analyst Intersect Australia Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center
- Stephen Biaco Alayon, Philippines, Aquaculture Department
- Taylor Wright Hixson, UAE (USA), Librarian for Geospatial Data Services New York University Abu Dhabi
- Yun Dai, China, Data Services Manager, New York University, Shanghai
- Khasiah Zakaria, Malaysia, Senior Librarian Universiti Teknologi Mara
- Wahidah Mohd Zain, Malaysia, Librarian Asia e University

Program Committee (Bobray Bordelon, Ashley Jester, and Kelly Schultz)

Alaterã offered special thanks to the 2019 Program Committee for their success in organizing this year's conference.

This year was a year of many firsts: the first IASSIST meeting in Australia, the first in the Southern Hemisphere, and the first meeting of IASSIST in winter. There was also a new schedule with more opportunities for workshops and networking. A new introductory session on making the most of the conference session was introduced. There were also separate time slots for interest groups and birds of a feather discussion.

The program consisted of 172 authors from 23 unique countries. There were 92 authors from North America, 43 from the Asia/Pacific Region, 31 from Europe, and 6 from Africa.

In terms of affiliation, we had almost an even split; 51% of authors are not members of IASSIST, and 49% were. This year, as in past years, the majority of the program was made up of presentations, with 59. We also had 18 posters, 8 lightning talks, 8 papers that were presented, 8 workshops, and 5 panels. These covered a wide range of topics.

Kathleen Weldon's paper "Standards and Scoring to Increase Transparency for Archived Public Opinion Data" won the paper competition.

The Local Arrangements Committee (Steven McEachern, Lauren Eichorst, and Sam Spencer, and Adam Zammit) were thanked for their hard work in putting together a fantastic conference.

Interest Group Reports

Qualitative Social Science & Humanities Data Interest Group (Sebastian Karcher and Alesia Montgomery)

QSSHDIG is now being led by Sebastian Karcher and Alesia Montgomery as of this conference, taking over from Lynda Kellam and Mandy Swygart-Hobaugh. They met on Wednesday and encourage interested members to join.

Geospatial Interest Group (Amanda Tickner)

GEOIG has surveyed respondents for their interests. Geospatial data literacy and data privacy, in conjunction with professional development, will be focus of webinars. Those will be discussion based. Look for webinars and discussion papers to emerge.

Health Data Interest Group (Richard Welpton)

Bobray Bordelon reported on behalf of Richard Welpton. Please see Bordelon or contact Welpton if you are interested in this newly formed subject group

Treasurer's Report (Tom Lindsay)

Alaterä reported on behalf of Tom Lindsay. IASSIST is doing well financially. FY2018 recorded a loss, but that is because Montréal conferences revenues will be recorded in 2019 (there is a delay in accounting for GST tax)

FY2019 had a planned loss of approximately 14k, but the actual loss will be much smaller due to the Montréal income being recorded this year. Balances over time are healthy.

Regional Reports

Alaterä announced that regional reports will be made available on the IASSIST website.

Future Conferences

The 2020 conference will be hosted by the Swedish National Data Service, Gothenburg, Sweden. It will be held May 18-May 22, 2020. The website <https://iassist2020.org> already has information.

Iris Alfredsson, Local Arrangements Chair, was introduced. Members can talk with her with questions about attending. The Program Chairs are to be announced shortly. There are plenty of roles available in planning the program.

IASSIST is asking for expressions of interest in 2021 and beyond. For 2021, a USA location is desirable. Beyond that anywhere in the world is possible.

Other business

Steve McEachern reminded participants of the logistics of the remainder of the afternoon and banquet transportation.

Adjournment

Bordelon MOVED to adjourn. SECONDED by Spencer.

Alaterä expressed his appreciation and thanks to the IASSIST community as outgoing IASSIST president.

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 pm

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Womack, IASSIST Secretary 2015-2019