

**Council Meeting  
24<sup>rd</sup> ISRA World Meeting  
Ottawa, Canada**

**Location: Learning Crossroads Building C308, University of Ottawa**

**Council Meeting #1: Wednesday July 20, 2022 from 8:00-9:00 a.m.**

**Council Meeting #2: Thursday July 21, 2022 from 8:00-9:00 a.m.**

In attendance: Craig Anderson, Tom Denson, Ken Dodge (Thursday Only), Eric Dubow, Barbara Krahé, Jamie Ostrov, Dominic Parrott, Tracy Vaillancourt, Katja Bertsch (Wednesday only), Rebecca Bondu (Thursday only), Paul Boxer, Alex Burt, Karin Osterman (Thursday only), Wayne Warburton.

Unable to attend: John Archer, Cara Swit

**AGENDA ITEMS [note: order of agenda items subject to change]**

1. Treasurer Report (Jamie)

See the attached PowerPoint from Jamie in this folder. To summarize, ISRA remains in a strong financial position. The arrangement with Wiley is integral to this strong financial position. There were no costs associated with a 2020 meeting because it did not take place due to COVID. ISRA currently has 259 members. Providing free memberships to students has been a huge success in attracting new members. Memberships remain low for mid-career researchers. Primary expenses are paying Wiley ~\$5,000 for unlimited subscriptions and website maintenance via Science Sites.

2. Report from *Aggressive Behavior* (Craig Anderson)

See the attached PDF presentation from Craig in this folder. Data were presented from 2019 onwards. Submission have increased from 235 in 2019 to 275 in 2021. The US, followed by China, are the primary countries of origin for manuscripts. Acceptance rate is approximately 23%. Average turnaround time is approximately 30 days. One development, which was viewed unfavorably, is that Wiley will not screen for article formatting or page limits. They have decided to allow authors to submit their articles in any format. The impact factor has been slowly but steadily increasing since 2010. In addition to the Brief Report format of 5,000 words, the Council discussed have two additional formats for research articles: “normal research articles” with 7,500 word limit and “extended research articles” with a 10,000 word limit. The latter would be expected to be useful for multiple experiment manuscripts. The Council also discussed whether the journal should require a power analysis. If any of these changes are implemented, it was agreed that the author instructions for the journal should be revised to reflect these changes.

3. Report on Ottawa World Meeting (Tracy)

Tracy reported that participants provided great feedback regarding the conference as a whole including excellent keynotes and food. Talks were very well attended. 230 participants registered. Of those, 210 participants attended on site, which included 110 students. Most attendees were non-members. Attrition was attributed to COVID and problems with the airlines. The cost to ISRA was estimated at approximately \$5000.

4. Voting on nominees for ISRA Fellows (Tracy)

The nominees were Kaj Björkqvist, John Knutson, Karin Osterman, and Mike Potegal. Although the by-laws state that only three can be approved, because no meeting occurred in 2020, the Council agreed that the normal rule of 3 maximum fellows selected can be extended to all 4 nominees. All were approved as Life Fellows unanimously.

5. Registration Fees for World Meetings (Jamie, Dominic)

- a. Discussion of the extent to which World Meeting registration costs may prohibit attendance, particularly from ISRA members who are less able to pay (e.g., those who qualify for free membership).

6. 2024 World Meeting Update

ISRA has received four initial proposals. These are:

- Proposal from Kaj and Karin to host meeting in Vaasa, Finland.
- Proposal from Katja Bertsch to be in Munich (potentially late July or August).
- Proposal from James Blair in Copenhagen. Needs to find rooms at Uni and funding.
- Proposal from Josef Haller in Budapest.

Because of the effort involved in writing a proposal, the Council thought it would be a good idea to invite a pre-proposal budget, team space considerations, accessibility and lodging, and proposed time of when the meeting would take place. Ideally, pre-proposal would be late August/early September and include amenities – food, entertainment, family-friendly options.

7. Identifying new ISRA Bulletin editors

Dominic will identify new editors.

8. ISRA as a voice on world events

NA

## 9. ISRA Website: Blogs and upkeep of other content

NA

## 10. Results of Elections (Dominic)

The ISRA Council has reviewed and acknowledged the results presented below. These results were publicly announced at the ISRA Business Meeting and emailed to all ISRA members. The election turnout was only about 60 members, although it was noted that student members cannot vote. Barbara expressed asking/reminding people to vote next time. Because of no meeting in 2022, the Council agreed that the by-laws allow a council of 20. Thus, all 8 were elected.

ISRA extended its thanks to all nominees for accepting the nomination and for their commitment to the Society.

At the end of the 2022 Business Meeting, the officers and councilors are as follows:

President Elect – Wayne Warburton, Australia (2 year term ending in 2024)

President – Tracy Vaillancourt, Canada (2 year term ending in 2024)

Past President – Eric Dubow, USA (2 year term ending in 2024)

Executive Secretary – Brad Bushman, USA (4 year term ending in 2026)

Treasurer – Jamie Ostrov, USA (4 year term ending in 2024)

Archivist – Tom Denson, Australia (4 year term ending in 2024)

Returning Council Members (2020-2024) are: Katja Bertsch (Germany), Rebecca Bondü (Germany), Paul Boxer (USA), Ken Dodge (USA), Cara Swit (New Zealand)

New Council Members (2022-2026) are: S. Alexandra Burt (USA), Ann Farrell (Canada), Noni Gaylord-Harden (USA), Tom Gumpel (Israel), Jane Ireland (UK), Jan Pfetsch (Germany), Kevin Runions (Australia), Patrik Söderberg (Finland).

Many thanks to the hard work of the Nominations Committee Members – Tracy Vaillancourt [Chair], Paul Boxer, Rebecca Bondü, Karin Österman, and Wayne Warburton – for presenting an impressive slate of candidates.

## 11. Elections Process

- a. Discussion of procedures for notifying nominees of election outcome as well as codifying specific customs (e.g., alternation of ISRA President nominees' country of origin being in North America and the rest of the world).

The custom of alternating presidents between North America and elsewhere has not been codified in the by-laws. The Council agreed to retain the custom but not codify it in the by-laws.