**IMPS 2018**

**Meeting of Members Minutes**

**Columbia University**

**New York, NY, USA**

**July 11, 2018**

Carolyn Anderson, Secretary called the Psychometric Society Business Meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

**Approval of the 2017 Business Meeting Minutes:**

Carolyn called for a motion to approve the 2017 meeting minutes as presented. A motion was made and seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Dan Bolt discussed the 2017 financial report. The Society had starting cash of $468,756. Income for 2017 was $423,003. With the investments, total available funds are $891,760. Expenses were $404,111. The majority of the expenses occur around the annual meeting. Ending cash on hand indicated a loss of about $20,000 for IMPS 2017. Ending cash and equities for 2017 was $487,648. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

***Psychometrika* Executive Editor’s Report:**

Irini Moustaki, Executive Editor discussed the three and five year impact factors. The three-year impact factor is 2.089. The five-year impact factor is 2.018. She discussed the number of days from submission to the first decision, which is currently averaging 65 days. Time from acceptance to publication is 27 days. She thanked the Associate Editors for the excellent job they have done, particularly Alina von Davier and Elizabeth Stewart who will be stepping down at the end of their term. Irini highlighted *Psychometrika’s* ranking in several journal categories. In Psychology, Mathematical there are 13 total journals and *Psychometrika* ranks 5th. In Social Sciences, Mathematical Methods, there are 49 journals and *Psychometrika* Ranks 15th.

In Mathematics, Interdisciplinary Applications, there are 103 journals and *Psychometrika* ranks 31st.

***Psychometrika*:**

Carolyn reported on behalf of the Editorial Council several items pertaining to *Psychometrika.* Carolyn introduced the new Executive Editor of *Psychometrika*, Matthias von Davier and the new ARCS Editor, Edward Ip. Beginning in 2019, the members will receipt electronic access to the journal as part of membership. Print copies are available for an additional $30.

**New Members:**

Carolyn highlighted that there are 279 new members for 2017. She reviewed the names of the new members and called for a motion to approve. A motion was made and seconded to approve the new members. Motion carried.

Carolyn highlighted the membership statistics for 2018. Currently there are 681 members, with 372 regular members, 240 student members, 33 emeritus members, and 1 family member. There are members from 40 different countries and 24 emerging nations members. Emerging nations represented include: Argentina, Bosnia/Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, India, Indonesia, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, Thailand, Turkey and Venezuela.

**Election Results:**

Carolyn reported on the election results. President-elect will be Dan Bolt. Two Board of Trustees members were elected, Steven Culpepper and Victoria Savalei. The new Editorial Council member is Chun Wang. The Editorial Council elected Sy-Miin Chow as Chair for 2018-2019. Carolyn announced nominations for President open directly after the Membership Meeting. Board of Trustee Nominations opens August 15 to September 1, 2018.

**Election of Secretary:**

Cees Glas joined Carolyn on the stage. He discussed the nominations for Secretary. Carolyn has been asked to stand for a two-year term while additional candidates for Secretary are solicited. A motion was made and seconded to accept Carolyn as a candidate for a two-year term. Motion carried.

**IMPS 2018 Update:**

Cees reported that registration for IMPS 2018 is 505 attendees of whom 216 are members, 66 are nonmembers, 215 are students, 1 is a retired member, and 7 registered for the workshop only.

**IMPS 2019 Update:**

Francis Tuerlinckx reported on the IMPS 2019, July 15-19 in Santiago, Chile at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Sessions will be held at the Centro de Extension. Local hosts are Jorge Gonzales, David Torres Irribarra, and Veronica Santelices. The excursion will be a tour of historic Santiago, ending with the Sky Costanera. Abstracts will open on January 2, 2019.

**IMPS 2020 Update:**

Dan Bolt reported on the 2020 location, the University of Maryland. Local hosts are Hong Jiao, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland; Qiwei He, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey, and Frank Rijmen, American Institute for Research, Washington, DC. Dates are still being discussed. The excursion would be to an attraction in the Maryland/Washington, DC area.

Question from floor – International Biometrics Society meets at the same time. Could these meeting dates be coordinated to try to eliminate overlap? It was noted that given the diverse membership of the Psychometric Society and the large number of conferences held in summer, it has historically been difficult to schedule IMPS at a time that avoids overlap with other meetings that are of interest to at least some members.

Question from the floor about the small number of invited female speakers. The Board of Trustees discussed this in their board meeting and will be sensitive for future conferences. The conference strives to have a balanced program.

**2018 Conference Proceedings**

Marie Wiberg discussed the newly published 2017 Conference Proceedings, which includes 34 Chapters. The call for papers will be distributed on July 13. The deadline for authors to confirm their intent to submit is August 1. First draft is due October 1, Reviews will be returned November 12 and the final deadline for revised chapters will be January 6, 2019. Open access option will be available if authors would like to pay a $3,000 USD access fee.

Question from the floor about whether the society would pay to have the proceedings free for members.

**Website:**

Ed Merkle provided an update on the request for proposals that will be distributed in the fall for a new website platform. Videos on an introduction to and the history of psychometrics have been posted in the last year and a newsletter will be forthcoming after IMPS.

**Ivo Molenaar:**

Klaas Sijtsma provided a memorial for Ivo Molenaar, past president 1997-1998 and long-time Psychometric Society member.

**New Business:**

Carolyn called for new business. Carolyn called for new business or questions from the floor. Hearing none, Carolyn called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

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