

ISKO News 32

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President of ISKO

Nominations of best papers for the ISKO festschrift

In conjunction with the 10th anniversary of the founding of ISKO, which will occur in July 1999, ISKO would like to issue a Festschrift volume including the best papers that have come forth from the Society during its existence.

All ISKO members are invited to nominate one (1) title for inclusion in the volume. Nominations are now being received and will be accepted through December 31, 1998. Please send your nomination to Rebecca Green at rgreen@umd5.umd.edu.

The following papers are eligible for nomination:

1. All papers published in International Classification and Knowledge Organization since July 1989.
2. All papers published in Advances in Knowledge Organization or other ISKO publications.
3. All papers presented at conferences sponsored or co-sponsored by ISKO.

("ISKO" should be understood throughout to include all ISKO chapters.)

Rebecca Green

General Assembly of ISKO held Thursday 27 August 1998 in Lille France

ISKO held its general assembly in Lille during the successful 5th International ISKO Conference, which had more than 120 delegates. The most important results from meeting was the election of a new president of ISKO, Clare Beghtol, University of Toronto, Canada, and the elections of 3 new members of ISKO's executive board: Steve Pollitt, University of Huddersfield, UK, Rebecca Green, University of Maryland, USA, and Widad Mustafa-Elhadi, University of Lille, France.

Agenda:

1. Opening
2. Election of assembly chair and secretary
3. Acceptance of additions to agenda
4. President's progress report
5. The report of the treasurer
6. Discussion of points 4-5

7. Election for Presidency
8. Election for the Executive Board
9. Election of Auditor and Deputy
10. Proposals of the membership for further activities of ISKO
11. Proposals for topics, places and dates of the 6th and 7th international ISKO conferences in the years 2000 and 2002
12. Any other business

1. Opening

Hanne Albrechtsen, ISKO President, opened the meeting.

2. Election of Assembly Chair and the Secretary

Hanne Albrechtsen nominated Joan Mitchell to be Assembly Chair. No other nominations were forthcoming. Joan Mitchell was elected by a show of hands. Joan Mitchell nominated Hope Olson to be Secretary. No other nominations were forthcoming. Hope Olson was elected by a show of hands.

3. Acceptance of or additions to agenda

Alexander Sigel asked to present suggestions for future ISKO activities. Joan Mitchell suggested that they be discussed under item 10. Items 7. and 9. were exchanged to put the election of the president before the election of the auditor and deputy. The motion to accept the revised agenda was moved by Ia McIwaine and seconded by Rebecca Green. The motion was carried.

4. President's progress report

Hanne Albrechtsen presented the report noting increased ISKO membership in recent years (now 499), successful series of conferences, including co-sponsorship of the International Study Conference on Classification Research, numerous ISKO national chapter meetings, new working groups and communications fora, development of the ISKO web site, award to recognize the contributions of Ingetraut Dahlberg, appointment of Francis Miksa as new editor of the society's journal, *Knowledge Organization*, and assumption of responsibility by Gerhard Riesthuis for the bibliography and by Nancy Williamson for reporting events and developments in *Knowledge Organization*. There were two executive board

meetings, and it is with regret that the board accepted the resignations of Robert Fugmann, Hellmut Loeckenhoff and Ingetraut Dahlberg.

5. The report of the treasurer

Ingetraut Dahlberg presented the treasurer's report in the absence of treasurer. A summary distributed at the meeting is attached. Dr. Dahlberg called particular attention to the fact that expenses were just less than income and to the assets transferred from Frankfurt.

6. Discussion of points 4-5

A request was made for a strong vision for ISKO, an account for 1996 and budget forecast. Hanne Albrechtsen responded with emphasis on freedom of action for the new president. Acceptance of the president's report was moved by Kim Veltman, seconded by Ia McIlwaine. The motion was carried. Acceptance of the treasurer's report was moved by Ia McIlwaine, seconded by Carol Bean. The motion was carried. Joan Mitchell thanked Hanne Albrechtsen for her work as president, expressing the feelings of the assembly, followed by presentation of flowers by Winfried Schmitz-Esser.

7. Election for the Presidency

Nominations for president from the Nominating Committee were: Clare Beghtol, Rebecca Green, Kim Veltman. There were no other nominations from the floor. The motion to close nominations was moved by Ia McIlwaine, seconded by Francis Miksa. The motion was carried.

Each of the candidates described briefly their qualifications for the position with special emphasis on their previous work with ISKO.

After balloting the election officer, Steven Pollitt, announced that Clare Beghtol was elected as the new president of ISKO.

8. Election for the Executive Board

The election was for six positions on the Executive Board.

The Nominating Committee nominated:

Nancy Williamson
Hanne Albrechtsen
Steven Pollitt
Pavla Stancikova
Javier Garcia Marco
Gerhard Riesthuis

It was clarified that candidates need not be present to be elected. The chair called for additional nominations. Alexander Sigel nominated both other candidates for president: Rebecca Green and Kim Veltman. Hanne Albrechtsen nominated Widad Mustafa el Hadi. Francis Miksa moved to close nominations which was seconded and carried. Because the election officer, Steven Pollitt, was a candidate Alexander Sigel and Dorothy McGarry agreed to serve as election officers.

In the tie between Gerhard Riesthuis and Javier Garcia Marco the latter graciously withdrew. Therefore, the new Executive Board consists of:

Hanne Albrechtsen
Rebecca Green
Widad Mustafa el Hadi
Steven Pollitt
Gerhard Riesthuis
Nancy Williamson

9. Election of Auditor and Deputy

Ingetraut Dahlberg explained the necessity of this position in relation to the German registration of ISKO as an organization. It was suggested that this election be postponed and that the Executive Board appoint the auditor and deputy once the location of a new secretariat is determined.

10. Proposals of the membership for further activities of ISKO

Alexander Sigel made several suggestions:

1. Reserve at least 90 minutes for the ISKO General Assembly at future conferences
2. Future conferences should have some parallel sessions, be shorter, and have more time for discussion within sessions and at coffee breaks.
3. The ISKO web presence should be enhanced by reserving its domain name, building on the German chapter's work on a FAQ page, clarification of the status of ISKO's relation with the ICC classification especially with the possibility of making it available through the WWW, and providing a clearinghouse for classifications and other schemata available on the WWW.

A fuller description of these points is available at: <http://zeus.gmd.de/~sigel/ISKO/Suggestions.html>

Kim Veltman referred to other societies working in parallel directions to ISKO and suggested that ISKO should have formal representation at their meetings.

Carol Bean suggested the development of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) as points for outreach having a more logical basis than geographical organizations.

11. Proposals for topics, places and dates of the 6th and 7th international ISKO conferences in the years 2000 and 2002

Hanne Albrechtsen led discussion of the topics, places, and dates for the next two conferences. Winfried Schmitz-Esser reported from the Scientific Advisory Board that four themes were discussed for the conference in 2000:

- challenges of multimedia - user interfaces
- cultural bias in worldwide application
- diachronous stability in systemization of knowledge and knowledge sources
- KO in computer assisted learning

The conclusion was that the first and last were too specific so an effort was made to combine the others.

The resulting proposed theme is:

dynamism and stability in knowledge organization

Upcoming conference venues are currently planned for 2000 in Toronto, 2002 in Spain, 2004 in Brazil.

12. Any other business

Hanne Albrechtsen announced the 4th Spanish ISKO conference in Granada. Joan Mitchell announced the Russian ISKO chapter conference. Widad Mustafa el Hadi noted that the French chapter will have a conference in October at ENSSIB and U3 with a theme in the area of indexing and the Internet. Kim Veltman expressed the assembly's thanks to Ingetraut Dahlberg for her pioneering work in ISKO. The assembly expressed its thanks to Widad Mustafa el Hadi for her organization of this very successful fifth conference.

Hope A. Olson (secretary at the general assembly)/Hanne Albrechtsen