ISTS Annual Board Meeting  
August 22-26, 2011  
National Conservation and Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV, US

**Finances**
The Board is working on improving the ISTS accounting process. The need for liability insurance for the Symposium was discussed and agreed upon. A Policy Resolution that allows the President and President-Elect to enter into contractual agreement on behalf of the ISTS was accepted by the Board.

**Nominations Committee**
The Board discussed how to make the nominations process more efficient and effective based on recommendations from the Nominations Committee. It was agreed that the length of term of a Nominations Committee member should be extended to 3 years. Information provided on the nominations website will be improved, and a form will be developed for the nominator to submit nominations.

**By-Laws and Constitution**
The following issues were edited in the By-Laws, which were presented to the membership at the 2012 Symposium in Huatulco: 3-year term for the Nominations Committee, 5-year terms for Secretary and Treasurer, meeting contracts for President and President-Elect, and vacancies on the Board. A thorough revision of the By-Laws and Constitution is being undertaken by the Board.

**Student Committee**
A lot of good feedback was received from students about this new committee, and therefore the Board recommended that the Student Committee be maintained as a Presidential committee.

**Media proposal**
The Board authorized the expenditure of a maximum of 7K in 2012 for the ISTS Media and Communication fund.

**Managing Director**
The Board finalized the Terms of Reference for the Board-appointed ISTS Managing Director position, and drafted a contract to hire Michael Coyne as the Managing Director. This position will be reviewed annually by the Board.

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