

ISTS Business Meeting 14 September 2020 Voting on the Emergency Response Plan

Kellie Pendoley chaired both meetings in the absence of Diego Amorocho and opened the meetings by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land and their elders past, present, and emerging. Kellie read out the final draft of the Emergency Response Plan, which included feedback from the membership.

Session 1:

Move to open the proposal for discussion: Frank Paladino

Second: Ken Lohmann/Richard Reina

Discussion:

The Board was asked about the change in order for Presidents/locations. Kellie explained her personal reasons for not being able to do it beyond 2022. For Diego Amorocho it provides a break—he has worked very hard, has dealt with the fallout of the pandemic, and negotiated a deal with the hotel.

Students have missed an opportunity to present with no Symposium in 2021 as well. But the Emergency Plan allows for students to present at an online event—the Board will be working on virtual events and will request volunteers to organize it.

Motion to approve the Emergency Response Plan: Terry Meyer

Second: Richard Reina

Members were provided a link to cast their vote.

Votes:

Session 1 = 39 attended; 39 approved

Motion passes unanimously.

Session 2:

Motion to accept the Emergency Response Plan: Terry Meyer

Second: Andres Estrades

Discussion:

The Emergency Response Plan has a start date of 1 October because any amendments approved to the By-Laws & Constitution go into effect after 30 days. Since the amendments were approved on 31 Aug/ 1 Sep 2020, the Emergency Response Plan's start date is 1 October 2020.

Organization of online events is encouraged. The lifespan of online events, for now, is for the duration of the Emergency Response Plan.

Members were provided a link to cast their vote.

Votes:

Session 2 = 30 attended (a few participants had attended Session 1 as well – they did not vote again); 24 approved, 1 abstained.

Motion passes

Total votes: Session 1 + Session 2

Approved: 63

Abstained: 1

Of 590 active members, 64 members voted.

We met our 10% required quorum.

The Emergency Response Plan was approved.