IAAHS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
held in Dresden, 27 April 2004

Attendees:
Howard Bolnick (Chairman)
Yair Babad
John Bertko – by telephone
Alvarro Castro
Claude Ferguson
Giovanna Ferrara
Rainer Fürhaupter
Aisling Kennedy
Hillevi Mannonen
Ibrahim Muhanna
Brent Walker

Nicole Séguin (IAA Secretariat) – by telephone
Christian Levac (IAA Secretariat) – by telephone

Emile Stipp (Actuarial Society of South Africa) – for part of the meeting

Apologies
Shaun Matisonn
David Paul

1. Minutes

Minutes of the conference call on 14 January were approved.

2. Arrangements for the General Meeting

Howard Bolnick (HB) outlined his proposed remarks to the General Meeting, focusing principally on the need for voluntarism.

Hillevi Mannonen (HM) will chair the part of the meeting devoted to the election of the new Committee.

It was agreed that, should they be reelected, the existing officers would continue to serve until the next Committee meeting in Stockholm in June, at which stage formal approval would be sought in relation to the filling of these positions.
3. ICA 2006

It was agreed that IAAHS should work with the ICA 2006 organising committee to arrange a health “track” at ICA 2006 (including a General Meeting of the Health Section), rather than hold a separate Colloquium that year. The financial risks/rewards will rest with ICA 2006. It was agreed that Claude Ferguson should act as the Committee’s liaison with the ICA 2006 organising committee.

Ibrahim Muhanna (IM) noted that it would be important to ensure that feedback from the Dresden Colloquium is taken on board in designing the health sessions for 2006.

4. Committee elections

It was agreed that following the Committee elections at the General Meeting, and following consultation with the IAA Secretariat and Secretary-General, Aisling Kennedy (AK) would prepare a brief report on the process, including any recommendations for changes for future elections.

5. Treasurer’s report

It remains difficult to make financial predictions for the session, due to the interim status of dues collection in the section’s first year of operation. There are now 261 members from 36 countries, and dues have been received for 100 members.

Christian Levac (CL) has reconciled those who registered via the website and those for whom dues have been paid by national associations and has contacted individually those who registered via the website for whom dues were not received when the national association made its payment. In some cases, the individual has decided that they do not want to proceed with IAAHS membership; in others, the issue is the timing difference between the collection of dues by national associations and the IAA; a number of members have therefore paid individually.

Some confusion may arise for such members when their national association collects dues during 2004 for payment to IAA in 2005; it was agreed that the Secretariat should in due course send an explanatory email to members who have paid individually (with a copy to their national associations) – AK to liaise with NS/CL on this.

Nicole Séguin (NS) noted that the IAA Newsletter to be issued within the next week would again invite members to join IAAHS.

Brent Walker (BW) noted that there may be a difficulty for some members as the IAA accept VISA only, and do not accept payment by Mastercard. IM offered to process Mastercard payments on behalf of the IAA where members need to use Mastercard to pay their IAAHS dues.
It was agreed that the member questionnaire – which is completed by members registering on the website – should be sent to members who registered other than through the website.

Some initial discussion took place in relation to the question of a membership database. While the privacy issues are not quite the same as for the IAA, it was agreed that care would be needed in relation to confidentiality. CL indicated that it is feasible to make the database available only to IAAHS members (and access could be given to Observer Members as well as Full Members).

6. Future Colloquia

Emile Stipp made a presentation on behalf of the Actuarial Society of South Africa (ASSA), inviting IAAHS to hold a future Colloquium in either Johannesburg or Cape Town. ASSA is willing to take the lead both with the administrative arrangements and with the arrangements for the scientific programme. It would take the financial risk and would run the Colloquium on a not-for-profit basis. The Colloquium could potentially be run on a joint basis with one or more other IAA sections.

The Committee agreed to consider this proposal and revert to ASSA.

It was agreed that the section’s next Colloquium would be at ICA in 2006 and that, thereafter, the aim should be to hold an annual Colloquium.

It was suggested that IAAHS should focus on partnering with the national associations that have a significant number of members in IAAHS or working in the health field to host future Colloquia. The Colloquia should, however, aim to attract a wider audience and the topics covered by Colloquia should include those that are of interest to non-actuaries.

7. Dresden Colloquium

Rainer Fürhaupter (RF) noted that 198 persons would be attending the Dresden Colloquium, comprising 83 members and 115 non-members. The Colloquium includes 42 speeches with 45 speakers. He noted that language had been a difficulty in attracting German actuaries to attend the Colloquium.

8. Online Journal/Future Projects

YB briefly outlined the presentation that he will make to the General Meeting. There is a need to reorganise the way in which content is being sourced, and it was noted that topic orientation should tie with other projects and with Colloquia. It was suggested that communities of interest should be formed for different topic areas.
HB undertook to prepare, with assistance from AK, a proposal on a “way forward” to align the sections efforts in relation to topics, projects, the online journal and colloquia.