International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: File
RE: Rot IFSR
FROM: BDT
DATE: 30 May 2016

The Annual General Meeting of IFSR took place today in Room 209-B of the Kintex I center in Seoul, presided over by IFSR International Commissioner Brian D. Thiessen at the request of President Harold Friend.

Members introduced themselves, including several new members who had joined IFSR at the Convention. Those attending were Bev Poor (D-9465), Doug McDonald (DGN D 5190), Phil Fleming (D-6460), Mark Ortiz (D-3850), Peter Pang (D-3450), Panayiotis Katrougalos (D-2470), Carolyn Thiessen (D-5160), Erik McGuire (D-6040), Kevin Button (D-5330), Debbie High (D-5930), Hajima Sakakibora (D-2760), Alan Thomson (D-9465), Alfredo Montes Nino (D-2201), Ross McConnell (Australia/New Zealand Chair from D-9710), Michael High (D-5930).

Invocation was given by Erik McGuire.

The Treasurer’s Report that had been provided by IFSR Treasurer Ralph Winter was discussed and then approved by the members.

The Exhibit Booth report indicated that at that point we had about 17 new members and renewals [up to 24 by the end of the Convention] Members who helped in the Booth included Doug McDonald, Ross McConnell, Wayne Beaumier, Bev Poor, Alan Thomson, and Carolyn Thiessen.

The new Community Service Award and the Youth Service Award were explained so members can use them - information in detail is on the IFSR Web site.

Members were urged to send articles and pictures about their activities with Scouting to our webmaster and newsletter editor.

The upcoming world Scouting and Rotary events schedule was discussed and members were urged to volunteer to set up a booth to recruit new members.

Wayne Beaumier volunteered to help set up and staff a booth at the Interamerican Scout Region meeting in Houston 24-29 October as...
well as Lone Star PETS but this is the same weekend as Zone 21b & 27 in Salt Lake City — so he needs help on this.

Alfredo M. Nontes Nino of Madrid volunteered to do so at Zones 11, 12, 13, 14, 17 and 18 Institute in Madrid in 23-27 November.

Others indicated they would help at District Conferences or Zone Institutes near them.

Election process and organization of IFSR by the 6 WOSM Regions (50 members minimum) and country Sections (25 members) was discussed and the qualifications for leadership positions as outlined in the IFSR Constitution (available on the web site www.ifsr-net.org). Apologies for their inability to attend were relayed from Harold Friend and Mark Kriebel who were at the BSA National Annual Meeting in San Diego.

Following this discussion, the members unanimously approved the following officers for 2016-17:

President: Mark Kriebel
President-Elect: (vacant)
Vice Pres. WOSM: Michael Bradshaw
Vice Pres. WAGGGS: Joie Hain
Intn’l Secretary: John Bradshaw
Exec Secretary: Randy Seefeldt
Treasurer: Ralph Winter
Exec Board

Intern’t Commissioner: Brian D. Thiessen
All Region Chairs - [elected by Region]

InterAmerican: Dan O’Brien/Richard Thorn
Europe: Zdenek Michalek
Asia Pacific: vacant

Newsletter Editor: Steven Kesler
Website guru: Steve Henning/Noel Beard
District Coordinators: as listed Newsletter/Website

The process of each Region selecting its own leadership was discussed as well as a wide ranging discussion concerning the need for the Asia Pacific Region (APR) members to develop a process for selecting its leadership — such as a possible conference call or email connection.

A communication had been received from several APR Rotarians who are active in Scouting in APR and who are interested in pursuing this — but none of those named in that communication were present so there will be follow-up with them to try to make sure an APR Chair is selected within this year. APR is the largest region of Scouting and Rotary and IFSR needs an energized and committed APR Chair to move us forward.

After Words for the Good of IFSR, a door prize drawing was held for a multitude of Scouting items — everyone received something.

After that, the meeting was adjourned.

BDT, Scrivener