

Minutes
Board meeting 25
BioEM

January 22, 2024
06:00 pm – 08:00 pm (CEST)
Online meeting

In attendance:

- Luc Martens (LM)
- Florence Poulletier (FPoulletier)
- Niels Kuster (NK) joined at 19:00
- Olga Zeni (OZ)
- Rich Nuccitelli (RN)
- Frank Prato (FPrato) joined at 18:45
- Azadeh Peyman (AP)
- Anke Huss (AH)
- Lucas Portelli (LP)

Absent:

- Bennett Ibey (BI)
- Wout Joseph (WJ)

Invited for making notes: Melanie De Coster (MD)

Invited for point 4: Theodoros Samaras (TS): Absent

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Minutes of the twenty-fourth meeting: approval
3. Overview of the action of meeting #24
 1. Item 3.1:
 - NK and LM: contact the Chinese society after the call in October. ✓
 - LM to initiate contact. ✓
 - NK to send contact details to Luc ✓
 2. Item 4.5:
 - TS to write an editorial, possibly with OZ, and to involve experts from biology, dosimetry, and statistics.
 - No feedback from TS; OZ will contact TS.
 - OZ approached TS, working on the editorial; update to the board pending
 3. Item 9:
 - LP to gather information from other researchers who knew Prof. Ben Greenebaum very well
 - Obituary from James C. Lin, in the Bioelectromagnetics journal needs to be published before it is published on BioEM.org. LP will contact James if this can be done sooner. AP will share her previous communication with James. ✓
 - LP will write a short obituary and add letters when they come in. The text can be published immediately and will be sent to the communication committee this week. ✓
 4. Item 4.2: BioEM 2024
 - Discussion on the contract between BioEM and LOC.
 - Management company (CCBS) added
 - Needs to be signed: NP, LM and NK ✓
 5. Item 4.3: Plenary speakers BioEM 2024
 - Suggestions for BioEM 2025 plenary speakers who are not available for BioEM 2024:
 - Christof Koch, Gael Varogaux. (AH)
 - LM: Continues efforts to reach David Baker and Clifford Brangwynne. ✓
 - NK: Contact Ed Boyen with a proposal to be a plenary speaker in BioEM 2024.
 - RN to contact Damijan Meklavcic if there's no response from Baker and Brangwynne. ✓

- To be addressed later; LM reached out to Baker and Brangwynne, both unavailable for 2024. Meklavcic also unavailable for the same year.
 - 6. Item 5.3: Awards
 - FPoullietier to send details for board review to all board members; feedback within a week. ✓
 - Information to be published ASAP (MD). ✓
 - 7. Item 10.1: BioEM 2024 Program:
 - Considered additional sessions and platform changes; AH to finalize and share with the board in January. ✓
 - 8. Item 10.2: Schedule publication
 - AH and MD: Publish after approval from the Board (approval needed within the week) ✓
4. News and activities for 2024 from editor in chief Bioelectromagnetics Journal
 1. Not addressed as TS was absent.
 5. BioEM 2024
 1. Report of the extended LOC meeting
 - Submission form adjusted after the meeting.
 - The LOC chair, Nikolaos Petroulakis contacted sponsors; GSMA agreed to sponsor.
 - RN announced that Pulse Bioelectric is unable to sponsor this year due to other financial commitments.
 2. Final list of invited speakers, workshop and tutorials
 - Plenary speakers
 - AH highlighted the challenge of securing plenary speakers.
 - Action on NK to approach Ed Boyen.
 - Koch has confirmed that he is not interested for this year but expresses interest for the next.
 - Varogaux unavailable due to time constraints.
 - LM suggested changing the schedule if there are no plenary speakers, AH disagrees, stating minimal changes depending on the number of abstracts.
 - Mickael Tanter not available for 2024, approved for 2025
 - Steven Laureys not available for 2024, possibility for 2025
 - Proposition: focus more on topics and find the best speakers in the following topics
 - AI and life science
 - Ethics
 - AP moved to approve, AH second
 - New/remaining candidates
 - Vincent Blok (<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=sW-5JbYAAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=sra>) for Ethics
 - LM will initiate contact
 - LM to contact people from IMEC and Pieter Abeel from Berkeley.
 - NK will contact Ed Boyen,
 - Abstract submission deadline
 - Extension to the day of the original deadline proposed.
 - MD to send a mail to the members about the extension of the deadline on the 31st
 - MD to write a newsletter regarding the deadline, awards, and any new updates.
 - Workshop/tutorial
 - AH proposes three workshops during the conference, one before, and one tutorial.
 - LM asks if these can be published on the website, AH confirms. (AH will pass on the information to MD)
6. Elections: update from the election committee
 1. Update from the election committee (Excel)
 2. looking for 2 additional candidates with biology background
7. Obituary for members (BEMS/EBEA/BioEM) that passed away
 1. The next step is to publish the obituary online, including the obituary text and letters from individuals who knew the deceased. An example from IEEE has been emailed by LP to everyone.
 2. AP suggests creating a dedicated page for the obituary. An example page is provided: <https://www.ece.ufl.edu/people/faculty/other/in-memoriam/#prettyPhoto>

- LM makes the motion, RN seconds it.
 - 3. LP will provide all necessary information to MD.
 - 4. LM suggests including all D'Arsonval winners or others who received awards from the society or were highly active in the society.
 - LP agrees, RN seconds it, and AP is also in favor.
 - 5. Additionally, include all other obituaries that are already published on BioEM.org (MD).
- 8. Honorary membership request by Dariusz Leszczynski
 - 1. Unanimous vote: declined
- 9. Review of decision and action list
 - 1. Item 3.2: Editorial
 - OZ approached TS, working on the editorial; update to the board pending
 - 2. Item 5.2 Final list of invited speakers, workshop and tutorials
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 - 3. Item 7: Obituary for members (BEMS/EBEA/BioEM) that passed away
 - Dedicated page for the obituary. An example page is provided: <https://www.ece.ufl.edu/people/faculty/other/in-memoriam/#prettyPhoto>
 - LP will provide all necessary information to MD for Ben Greenebaum.
 - Additionally, include all other obituaries that are already published on BioEM.org (MD).
- 10. AOD and Adjourn
 - 1. Next Meeting Dates:
 - February 20, 2024, at 18:00 CET
 - March 25, 2024, at 18:00 CET
 - April 22, 2024, at 18:00 CET
 - May 21, 2024, at 18:00 CET