

Minutes
Board meeting #40
BioEM

June 22, 2025
12:00-17:30 (Brussels Time)
Room 13, Le Couvent des Jacobins
Rennes, France

In attendance:

- Azadeh Peyman (AP)
- Francesca Apollonio (FA)
- Myles Capstick (MC)
- Lena Kranold (LK)
- Micaela Liberti (ML)
- Sarah Loughran (SL)
- Akira Ushiyama (AU)
- Wout Joseph (WJ)
- Florence Poullietier (FP)
- Maxim Zhadobov (MZ)
- Anke Huss (AH)

Invited for item 4.a. Journal: Theodoros Samaras (TS)

Invited for 5.a BioEM 2027: Guandi Chen (GC)

Invited for 5.b BioEM 2027: Liyang Yu (LY, online attendee)

Invited for making notes: Melanie De Coster (MD)

1. Adoption of agenda
 1. The agenda was adopted.
2. Minutes of the meeting #39
 1. Minutes approved. (Motion: MC, Second: ML)
3. Overview of the action of meeting #38
 1. Item 4: Update of the committees
 - 4.1: Journal
 - Publisher Report 2024:
 - Will be sent to all board members (AP). TS will present it at the June meeting. ✓
 - 4.2. Meeting
 - A Doodle poll will be created to schedule the meeting in May. (MD) ✓
 - 4.3. Communication
 - Alexandre Legros
 - A slideshow will be created with photos (AP and MD), to be discussed with Julien. This will be a topic on the agenda of the extended LOC meeting. ✓
 - Social Media
 - The communication committee is tasked with promoting both the program and its speakers. ✓
 - LOC and TPC guidance documents
 - Clean versions will be produced and sent to all board members (MD) for the conference. They will also be presented at the General Assembly. ✓
 - 4.4. Education
 - STM
 - A poster calling for volunteers to host STM (during the conference) will be added to the general call poster. ✓

- 4.5 Membership
 - *Student membership clarification*
 - A new text for the AoA will be proposed (ML). It will be presented at the Sunday board meeting in Rennes and submitted for approval at the General Assembly (GA). ✓
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 - 4.6 Awards
 - Judges
 - All board members will be involved. Awards committee and MD to send out invitations. ✓
 - 4.7 Finance
 - Credit card
 - The finance committee is asked to come up with a proposal for dual approval (by two individuals), to be discussed in June. – postponed to meeting Friday June 2027
 - 2. Item 6: BioEM 2027
 - Invite all three applicants to give a presentation during the Sunday board meeting in June. MD will send the invitations. Each presentation should be a maximum of 10 minutes. The applicants will present separately. ✓
 - 3. Item 7: Privacy
 - Review record-keeping (participants) and disposal of records.
 - All relevant documents will be shared with the board members in advance and will be discussed during the Board meeting on Friday, June 27, in Rennes.
 - 4. Item 9: AOB
 - Nomination committee: Organize first meeting (MD) (After meeting Rennes)
4. Update from the committees
1. Journal
 - EiC Report: Prepared for the GA.
 - EiC Renewal:
 - Proposal was made by the EiC to change bylaws for EiC term from 3 to 5 years and associate editors from 2 to 3 years was accepted; to be presented at GA on June 27, 2025.
 - TS confirmed willingness to serve another term as EiC candidate.
 - TS renewal vote: Unanimously approved.
 - Renewal of existing associate editors: Unanimously approved.
 - Senior Editors:
 - Currently not in place.
 - The need for senior editors was acknowledged, and the board agreed to explore this further.
 - New Associate Editors:
 - A list of associate editors together with their CVs and justification for their appointment was proposed by the EiC and presented to the board members ahead of the board meeting #40
 - The board discussed approved the proposed nominations and approved the followings to become new associate editors of the journal : Erica Constantini, Kensuke Sasaki, Simona Di Meo, Yan Mi, Aiping Yao.
 - Noted: ML and FA objected to the decision-making process, asking for more time to discuss the nominations.
 - The list of new editors will be announced during the GA.
 - Special Issue: The journal committee will discuss a special issue on biological aspects of 5G.
 2. Meeting
 - Survey for BioEM 2025
 - Survey was approved and will be sent out on Friday, June 27, 2025.
 3. Membership
 - Clarification on student membership was discussed.
 - Approved text to be presented on GA
 - Student Member: Any student enrolled at the moment of application submission or renewal at a degree-granting institution (for example: BSc, MSc, PhD or

equivalent degree), who has an interest in bioelectromagnetics or allied fields.
The Student Member cannot vote in the General Assembly or hold office.

4. Finance
 - Credit Card:
 - To be discussed further on Friday, June 27, 2025.
 - Auditors:
 - No changes foreseen unless the board decides otherwise and the yearly approval by the GA is obtained.
5. BioEM 2027
 1. 12:30 – Guangdi Chen (Wuhan, China)
 2. 12:40 – Liyang Yu (Hangzhou, China) – via Zoom
 3. 12:50 – Video by Alberto Najera (Toledo, Spain) – recording will be viewed on Friday.
 4. Discussions are scheduled for Friday, following the viewing of a pre-recorded video by Alberto Najera.
6. President Report for GA
 1. Updated membership numbers to be forwarded to AP.
 2. Discussion about criteria Awards (Young Scientist and d'Arsonval):
 - The Awards Committee will prepare a draft of new criteria for both awards.
 - This draft will be presented to the Board at the first meeting after Rennes for discussion and approval.
 - Note: Need to discuss if nominees for the Young Scientist Award and D'Arsonval be members of the society?
7. TPC Report
 1. Presented by FA.
8. LOC Report
 1. No additional notes recorded.
9. Treasurer Report for GA
 1. Presented by MC.
10. Review of decision and action list
 1. Item 3.1: Nomination committee: Organize first meeting (MD) (After meeting Rennes)
 2. Item 4.1: Journal
 - EiC Renewal:
 - Proposal to change bylaws for EiC term from 3 to 5 years and editors from 2 to 3 years was accepted; to be presented at GA on June 27, 2025.
 - Associate Editors:
 - Approvals: Erica Constantini, Kensuke Sasaki, Simona Di Meo, Yan Mi, Aiping Yao.
 - Final selection will be announced during the GA.
 3. Item 11.2: ML will forward the Erice School report to MD for upload to the website.
 4. Item 4.2: Meeting
 - Survey for BioEM 2025
 - Survey was approved and will be sent out on Friday, June 27, 2025.
 5. Item 4.3: Membership
 - Approved text to be presented on GA
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11. AOB and Adjournment
 1. Erice School Discount Request
 - ISBTT, like BioEM, is a sponsor of the Erice School.
 - ISBTT offers a discount for its members and invites the society president to the welcome session.
 - It was suggested that BioEM could consider adopting a similar approach.
 2. ML will forward the Erice School report to MD for upload to the website.