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Highlights of the Minutes of Meetings of the Council and Executive Committee of the International Association of Gerontology (IAG)
July 14–16, 1985 and April 5–6, 1986

Deliberations and Actions of the IAG Council

On July 14, 1985, at the Congress in New York City, USA, President E.W. Busse, certifying a quorum of 50 members of council present, opened the meeting with the announcement of an active program to develop gerontology internationally.

Treasurer’s Report. IAG Treasurer Schmitz-Scherzer reported a current fund balance of US$45,017.

Election of Officers. On the nomination of President Busse, the council unanimously elected George L. Maddox (USA) Secretary-General and Vice President of the association and Leonard Hayflick, Treasurer.

Committee on Bylaws Report. Simon Bergman (Israel, European Region) reported for the Bylaws Committee (G. Andrews, Australia/Asia Oceania Region; J. Gonzalez-Aragon, Mexico/Latin American Region; E. Brody, US/North American Region, and G. Maddox, US/Committee Secretary). He noted a substantial review led to recommendations to edit and reorder some items for purposes of clarity and in a few instances recommendations for substantive changes. On March 15, 1985, all constituent societies of the association received a copy of the current bylaws, a copy of the proposed revisions, and a memorandum identifying significant changes proposed to clarify terms of office, regional responsibilities, and conditions of membership in the association.

The council, after appropriate discussion on July 14, 1985, accepted in principle the revised bylaws as proposed, asked that the document receive one final legal review, and instructed the Secretary-General to translate into French and file the revised bylaws in Belgium, where the original 1950 bylaws of the association are registered.

With the assistance of W. J. Dekoninck of Belgium, a member of council, the revised bylaws are expected to be appropriately filed in Belgium by the end of 1986.

UN Committee on Terms and Definitions. Hans Thomae (West Germany), who represented IAG on this committee, reviewed an initial meeting and recommended that the IAG pursue the matter on its own as well as in cooperation with the UN. This recommendation was approved (further action was taken on this matter at the meeting of the executive committee; see below).

Regional Reports. Reports were heard from A. Viidik (Denmark/Europe); G. Andrews (Australia/Asia-Oceania); J. Gonzalez-Aragon (Mexico/Latin America), and J. Tobin (US/North America). Regional meetings in 1987 were announced for Brighton, UK and Bangkok.

14th International Congress, Mexico 1989. President-Elect S. Bravo Williams announced that J. Gonzalez-Aragon would be the congress Vice-President; P. Babb, Secretary, and E. Contreras, Treasurer. The exact time and location of the congress had not been determined (see below).

Sandoz Price. President Busse appointed F. Anderson (UK), E. Beregi (Hungary) and H. Orimo (Japan) to review procedures for awarding the Sandoz Prize. The committee report which was accepted by the council on July 16, 1985, and subsequently by Sandoz management, recommended the continued use of the IAG Executive Committee as the selection committee but augmented as required to be representative of the diverse disciplines in gerontology. M. Bergener will continue as coordinator but will not have a vote in the final selection.

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Dues and Budgeting. Treasurer Hayflick reviewed the complex procedures required to secure payment of annual dues and his plans to contact constituent societies. J. Brocklehurst requested, and the council seconded, a request that a working budget for IAG be prepared and distributed to the council.

Prospective Members. The Latin American Region recommended for membership Costa Rica, Paraguay, Cuba, Ecuador and several individuals. Formal applications were awaited. The full minutes were circulated to members of the executive committee for comment and amendment as required on November 5, 1985.

Deliberations and Actions of the Executive Committee

Treasurer’s Report. Treasurer Hayflick’s report of a fund balance of US $ 45,284.45 on March 5, 1986, was approved.

Committee on Terminology. The executive committee encouraged H. Thomae to pursue this project for IAG initially begun with the UN and to use the executive committee as appropriate. US $ 200 was approved for his use as needed.

Developing Nations Network. G. Andrews (Australia) has proposed, following a recommendation at the 1985 congress, to continue the Developing Nations Network. The executive committee approved this idea in principle and agreed to appropriate financial support pending a formal budgetary request.

Allocation of Funds to Regions. The executive committee approved US $ 100 for each region to assist in interregional communication plus an additional US $ 200 on request for the promotion of IAG objectives. An additional allocation of $ 300 per region will be considered in 18 months.

IAG Newsletter. Highlights of the minutes of the meetings of the council and the executive committee will be published in journals in the various regions. Additionally, up to US $ 1,000 was authorized to the Secretary-General to develop an initial issue of an IAG newsletter.

New Members of the Association. Acting in behalf of the council after reviewing documents as required by the bylaws, the executive committee approved the membership of gerontological societies in Costa Rica, Paraguay and Singapore contingent on payment of dues. The individual memberships of D. Dutari-Estevez (Panama) and A. Guevara D’Arriello (Ecuador) are contingent on the payment of US $ 25 in annual dues.

Update on the 14th IAG Congress, 1989. The next congress will be held in Acapulco ‘probably in the last week of June or the first week of July, 1989’. A congress logo was approved. The Mexican organizing committee is now mobilizing the Congress Scientific Planning Committee as required by bylaws and is contacting regional leadership for suggestion regarding the program.

The executive committee discussed with President-Elect S. Bravo Williams the financial responsibilities of the Mexican organizing committee for the congress and the need for an
estimated budget for the congress to be reviewed by the planning committee. Memoranda of
agreement regarding these matters were to be received by the executive committee by July, 1986.

Next Meeting of the Executive Committee. The next meeting is scheduled in conjunction with
the regional meeting in Brighton, UK, September, 1987.

T. The full minutes of the executive committee were sent to its members on April 28
1986.

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