

**Minutes
Study Group on Ethnochoreology Business Meeting
Szeged, 2 August 2018**

1. Agenda for SZEGED Business Meeting

The agenda for the business meeting was approved.

2. Selection of Meeting Chair and Secretary

Catherine Foley was selected to be Meeting President, and Andriy Nahachewsky to be Secretary for the meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes, Meeting President and Secretary

Members were invited to communicate corrections/suggestions to the draft minutes of the Graz Business Meeting (July 2016), which had been posted prior to the Symposium. No corrections/suggestions were brought forward. The Minutes of the Business Meeting in Graz are thus accepted as posted.

4. Chair's Report

President Catherine Foley reported that the Board had numerous meetings since 2016. Dance was well represented in the ICTM World Conference in Limerick. This Conference celebrated the 70th Anniversary of ICTM. Catherine was elected a member of the ICTM Executive Committee. Members are encouraged to participate as our Study Group Board makes announcements in the ICTM Bulletin in January, April and October. Content should be submitted via our StG President by the 10th day of the month before.

5. News from the ICTM Executive Committee

Jeanette Mollenhauer reported on the Archive Subcommittee. The ICTM archives are in the National Archives of Australia in Canberra. Archival Holdings are listed. Kendra Stepputat reported on the Subcommittee on Publications. ICTM has instituted a procedure by which any publication using the ICTM name and logo must be submitted to ICTM for a review process 6 weeks before intended publication.

MOTION: With reference to the recent announcement from the ICTM Board about Publication Requirements, the ICTM Study Group on Ethnochoreology regrets the apparent lack of trust in the academic integrity of its membership. Discussion.

6. Publications Committee Report

Tvrtko Zebec submitted a written report in his absence, appended.

The Study Group hosts two Facebook pages, the page restricted to members remains very little used. The public page is used by advertisers.

The Etnokor listserv is more active. Stephanie Smith, long time listserv administrator, will retire from the Smithsonian Institution soon. She can apparently continue after retirement, but proposed that the Secretary of the Study Group become involved as co-administrator.

7. Secretary's Report

Anne Von Bibra Wharton reported that the membership list contains 416 names from the past. ICTM and its Study Groups now need to conform to the “General Data Protection Regulation” (GDPR, 2018). We now have approximately 162 members designated as “active” (in contact with the Board in the last 4 years). To become a formal member of the Study Group, email the Chair and Secretary of the Study Group and fill in a quick 1 page form for the Study Group’s records. Please also take care to be a paid up member of ICTM, and click the link in the ICTM website to identify yourself on this Study Group.

8. Bylaws

An announcement of proposed Bylaws changes was circulated on the ICTM website prior to the Business Meeting:

1. Due to a conflict between 5c and 6b, we propose to make the following change:
#6b, which currently states that "the location, the topics and **responsible local organiser** of Study Group symposia shall be approved by a majority of members present and voting at a business meeting" would be changed by deleting responsible local organiser, thus reading instead "[the location and the topics of](#) Study Group symposia shall be approved by a majority of members present and voting at a business meeting..." The appointment of the local organiser is already covered under #5c, which states "The Leader of a Symposium Organising Committee is appointed by the Board for each Symposium of the Study Group."

2. Under #7 it currently states, "a report of activity shall be given by the Secretary of each sub-study group at Business meetings." The Board proposes a change to allow for greater flexibility in the programming of the symposium and also reduce the number of items that we need to attend to during the official business meeting.

We propose that the above sentence be changed to the following:
"a report of activity shall be given by the Secretary of each sub-study group at [each symposium.](#)"

3. Due to newer ICTM guidelines regarding terminology related to study groups, we propose to change the terminology Study Group Board to [Study Group Executive Committee](#) as this is the terminology adopted by the ICTM in the memoranda on terminology (see link below). We propose changing Secretary/Treasurer to [Secretary](#) for the same reason. The spelling of Program Chair and Program Committee would also be changed to align with that used in the ICTM memoranda. The new spelling would be [Programme Chair](#) and [Programme Committee](#).

Motion proposed by Anne Von Bibra Wharton, seconded by Georgiana Gore. Carried unanimously.

9. Election of Chairperson and Secretary

The process for electing StG Board Members was modified in Graz in 2016, to allow for electronic voting. Notices were sent to membership to participate in the online voting program set up by ICTM and managed by Carlos Yoder. Procedures for

electing the Chairperson and Secretary were discussed extensively, with differences of interpretation of the wording of Bylaw paragraphs 4c and 4d, and different opinions about desired procedures.

MOTION: Theresa Buckland moved, and Dina Staro seconded, that the Study Group conduct the current election by ballot at this Board Meeting, and that this procedure be accepted as valid by the membership. Carried unanimously except for one abstention.

One nomination for each open position had been received prior to the Business Meeting and no new nominations were made during the meeting.

Catherine Foley was elected to a second term as Chairperson.

Andriy Nahachewsky was elected as Secretary.

10. Next Symposium Location

Dina Staro presented a proposal to the membership to host the 2020 Symposium in Bologna.

Kristina Dolinina and Dalia Urbanavičienė presented a proposal to the membership to host the 2020 Symposium in Klaipėda, Lithuania.

Membership voted to support the Klaipėda proposal as their first choice. The Board will confirm as appropriate arrangements are detailed.

11. Discussion of Themes for the Next Meeting

The membership proposed numerous themes for the next Symposium: Competition; Dance and Emotions; Knowledge Organization and Transmission; Knowledge Outlets; Autoethnographies; Fieldwork – Participant Observation – Methodologies; Gender; Mistakes and Serendipity; Dance Analysis; Dance and Religion, History of the Profession of Ethnochoreology; Dance and Economy; Diaspora; Dance and Technology; Dance and Popular Culture. After long discussion and two rounds of votes, the membership voted to propose: “Dance and Economy.” The Lithuanian colleagues announced that the theme proposed by the hosts will be “Dance and Transmission.”

12. Other Business

Theresa Buckland announced a forthcoming conference: “Stepping On in Traditional Dance Across the British Isles”, 16-17 Nov 2019.

Kendra Stepputat reported that some copies of the published proceedings from the Graz symposium were returned. More copies are available.

Laszlo Felföldi honoured former members Grazyna Dąbrowska and Roderyk Lange, who had passed away since the previous Symposium.

13. Adjournment

Andriy Nahachewsky, Secretary