

## **IASSIST Virtual General Business Meeting**

Notes

Wednesday, 20 May 2020

03:00 UTC - 04:00 UTC (11:00 am - 12:00 pm EDT)

[Zoom Link](#)

All documents for this meeting are available in the [2020 Business Meeting Google Drive](#)

### **1. Approval of [Minutes from the 2019 Business Meeting](#)**

- Block moved to approve; Alaterä seconded
- Hearing no objection, the minutes from 2019 have been approved.

### **2. Written Committee Reports**

- All following reports are available online. Please contact the following people if you have any questions. <https://iassistdata.org/about/officials/>
- [Membership Committee](#) (PDF in Drive) (Doty)
- [Professional Development Committee](#) (Pienta)
  - Pienta renewed as Chair & Bordelon approved as Co-Chair
- [IASSIST Fellows](#) (Arguillas)
  - Arguillas renewed as Chair & Sarah Young as new Co-Chair
- Interest group reports: All IGs were renewed for 2020-2021
  - [Qualitative Social Science & Humanities Data Interest Group](#) (Karcher & Montgomery)
  - [Geospatial Interest Group](#) (Tickner & Murack)
  - [Health Data Interest Group](#) (Welpton)

### **3. Live Reports**

- [President's Report](#) (Cannon)
  - Cannon presented the main points. We are looking at strategic issues as well as operational concerns. We need a European regional treasurer since the passing of Stuart Macdonald. Thank you to everyone for coming to the first ever zoom session.
- [Treasurer's Report](#) (Lindsay) - Slides
  - Election next year will include the Treasurer position.
  - We planned to run a deficit in 2019 but do not have one this year because Montreal money came in during 2019 and we are holding onto some income for Canadian tax purposes. Biggest expenditures last year was Fellows and then Sponsorships.
  - Budget for 2020 has all income from dues and none from the conference. We will end up with a surplus this year but that can be carried forward to next year's conference. Put sponsorships and fellows on hold.
  - Balances include a Euro account established this year.
- [Elections Committee](#) (Alaterä) - Slides
  - Upcoming elections
  - Alaterä will send a call out in early autumn but contact Alaterä if interested any time. Voting will begin early March as an online ballot.
  - Offices up for election: Pres, VP, Treasurer, All Regional Secretaries, Members at Large seats (1 Canada, 1 Europe, 3 US)
  - Questions:

- Do officers need to be at conference? Not required but strongly encouraged.
  - Does the Euro Treasurer need to be based in the UK? Not necessary.
- [Communications Committee](#) (Alaterä) - Slides
  - Website launch (<https://iassistdata.org/>) has been the main activity.
  - Main change will be the move of conference presentations to Zenodo.
  - IQ Report: Will be a double issue in June on reproducible research. He needs articles as always.
  - Questions:
    - Anyone who wants info about the jobs repository can email Stephanie at [stulley@clev.frb.org](mailto:stulley@clev.frb.org)
    - Who should people contact in relation to adding ORCID IDs to Zenodo records? We will let you know about adding ORCID IDs soon. But feel free to send to [iassistwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:iassistwebmaster@gmail.com) for now.
- Regional Secretaries
  - [Africa](#) (Nekesa)
    - IASSIST Sponsored Events
      - Pre-Conference Data Literacy Workshop with Association of Parliamentary Libraries.
      - Integrating data lit into the LIS Curriculum
      - Digital Preservation Conference
    - Other data activities
      - Summer School on Machine Learning & DS
      - Data Sci School
      - National Data Workshop
    - Next year we will welcome everyone to the first IASSIST African regional workshop in January 2021!
  - Asia/Pacific (Spencer) - no report
  - Europe (Fink Kjeldgaard)
    - Report given by Alaterä on behalf of Kjeldgaard.
    - They are still working on the GDPR and its impact researchers. FAIR is a main focus. EUSC marketplace gathering resources for data providers in the EU. Next year it will change from a project to a cloud infrastructure (European Open Science Cloud)
    - CESSDA recently added Northern Macedonia.
  - Canada ([PDF in Drive called Reg Sec: Canada Report](#)) (Perry)
    - The focus has been on the New Digital Research Infrastructure Organization.
  - [U.S. Regional Secretary Report](#) (Tulley) - Slides
    - Primary focus has been COVID response, getting access to old resources and new sources. 2020 Decennial Census is underway.
- Program Committee update about IASSIST 20-21 (Tulley)
  - Conference is not canceled, but postponed to 7-9 April 2021.
  - If you were accepted in 2020, your acceptance is good for 2021. Presenters can make changes to abstracts but not basic content. If spots open, they will send out a call for proposals in November 2020.
  - If you already know you will want to withdraw, please email us at: [programme@lists.iassistdata.org](mailto:programme@lists.iassistdata.org)

- Questions:
    - Remote presenting? We will need to look at the demand and possibilities.
- **Fun stuff**
  - Group photo
    - If you do not want to participate, please turn off your video or sign off.
  - Kahoot IASSIST Trivia (Kellam)
    - But don't sign off too early!
    - You will need an internet-enabled device to play.
    - Category: IASSIST in the past 12 years (or so)
- **Adjournment**
  - Bordelon motioned to adjourn. Partlo seconded. We adjourned at 12:07 pm.