

## **IASSIST Virtual General Business Meeting**

Approved Minutes

Tuesday, 22 June 2021

15:00 - 16:00 UTC (11:00 - 12:00 EDT)

[Zoom Link](#)

All documents including reports for this meeting are available  
in the [2021 Business Meeting Google Drive](#)

### **1. Approval of [Minutes from the 2020 Business Meeting](#)**

- Motion to approve the minutes: Bobray Bordelon
- Seconded: Stephanie Labou
- Approved minutes from the 2020 Business Meeting

### **2. Executive Reports**

- President's Report (Cannon)
  - Cannon will send a formal report to the listserv.
  - Going forward, thinking about strategic planning and the 2022 conference.
  - She will finish privacy policy.
- Treasurer's Report (Lindsay)
  - Membership is not substantially lower than normal. We did not spend much money and we have a surplus. The Swedish conference did not impact our budget last year but might appear going forward.
  - FY 2021 Budget - reality not as bad as the expectation for the 2021 budget. Biggest item was the covid-related loss for Sweden but we did not have that issue. Lindsay budgeted for the virtual conference expenditures, but we received some income from it. There will be some expenditure for the treasurer transfer logistics.
  - Our budget is stronger but looks inflated because of exchange rates related to various currencies we work in.
  - Jennifer Doty was elected Treasurer (2021-2025). Her term began on 22 June 2021.

### **3. Committee Reports**

- Membership Committee (Doty)
  - Not able to come. Report online.
- Professional Development Committee (Pienta & Bordelon)
  - Working with the Anti-Racism Group
  - Send suggestions for speakers to Bobray or Amy.
- IASSIST Fellows (Arguillas)
  - The committee selected 15 fellows for the African conference along with Winny.
  - The Fellows contributed blog posts to the IASSIST blog.
  - They supported 10 fellows at the GVC.
  - The committee made some changes to the language on the fellows program website. They removed early career applicants to focus on low resource settings, HBCUs, etc.
- Elections Committee (Alaterä)
  - 2020-2021 was an election year.
- Communications Committee (Alaterä)
  - Social media, IQ update
  - Putting up conference presentation slides to the Zenodo community.

- Program Committee report on IASSIST Global Virtual Conference (Labou)
  - 356 total attendees
  - Whoova had mixed feelings, but the committee saw a high amount of engagement on the platform.
  - Kumospace worked for fun but not great for Birds of a Feather.
  - There was overall positive feedback for the conference. People missed community building. Need to find times that work for people but not great for everyone.

#### **4. Action Group Reports**

- Values and Ethics Statement Action Group (Tuai) - no report received.
- Anti-Racism Resources Action Group (Hayslett)
  - Group is figuring out what to include from the various resources suggested.
  - They have 24 articles, tools, rubrics on identifying bias.
  - They are creating a webpage and planning some webinars with the professional development committee.
- Anti-Racism Action Plan (Rice)
  - The call for a special issue on anti-racism is still open.

#### **5. Interest group Reports**

- All IGs were renewed for 2020-2021
- Qualitative Social Science & Humanities Data Interest Group (Karcher & Montgomery)
  - Two webinars hosted in 2019/2020 are the most watched videos on the YouTube channel.
  - Next webinar is most likely on de-identification of qualitative data.
- Geospatial Interest Group (Tickner & Murack)
  - Discussions on geospatial data literacy.
  - Interest in developing a repository of materials on the topic.
  - Interest group discussions at the conference came up with more topics.
- Health Data Interest Group (Wiltshire)
  - Discussions over the last few months
  - Focused discussion on race data in health data.

#### **6. Regional Secretaries Reports**

- Africa (Nekesa)
  - IASSIST Africa Regional Workshop was a success.
  - They launched the Africa Chapter at the close of the workshop and plan to use it to increase membership in Africa.
  - They held some webinars and have several planned.
- Asia/Pacific (Spencer) - no report; not in attendance
- Europe (Fink Kjeldgaard)
  - CESSDA ERIC expanding.
- Canada (Perry) - not in attendance; Jane Fry gave report
  - Tri-Agency DMP mandate
  - New digital research infrastructure organization
- U.S. Regional Secretary Report (Tulley) - report in drive; not in attendance

#### **● Group photo**

#### **● Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn: Bobray Bordelon
- Seconded: Michele Hayslett
- We adjourned at 11:56 am