



## **11- Minutes of the IASA Board meeting August 28, 2010 at St. Johns College, Cambridge, UK.**

**Accepted unanimously on Oct. 2, 2010.**

Present: Mike Blows, Pat Crittenden, Airi Hautamäki, Andrea Landini, Irmie Nickel, Bente Nilsen and Lane Strathearn.

Absent: Emilia Sasson and Tito Zagnutt

### The state of IASA by Chair Pat Crittenden:

- IASA has too many activities and too few workers, leaving too much workload on the Chair.
- The goal for the next two years must be to shape up the internal organization or close down.
- We are making progress in arranging conferences, but future conferences need better functioning committees and professional arrangements.
- If Board members cannot complete their tasks, they are responsible for finding a replacement.

### Conference in 2012

Miami will be delayed until 2014 as the conference venue because:

- Chair cannot face the work this will create
- We have too few US and Canadian members to support a North American conference.
- Europe (possibly Syros) is the probable site for 2012. A shorter conference was proposed.

Shirley Gracias resigned from the board by email.

### IASA's accomplishments:

- The UK Minister of Children and Families, Tim Loughton, will offer a plenary.
- Melanie Gill and Angela de Mille invited the media and organized a media table.
- Melanie Gill was appointed to an ad hoc board position as IASA media person.
- The special issue in CCPP is out and will be on sale at the conference.
- Sabrina Bowen has done a great job for IASA and deserves a raise.
- There are at least 6 DMM research projects coming up in the US.
- IASA Family Court group has produced a protocol for assessing attachment.
- DMM academic programs in Roehampton and Chile have begun, but lack trained personnel.
- DMM News had three issues this year. We are working on a post-conference DMM News.
- We have a list of approximately 200 DMM Publications available on the web.

### Membership by Andrea Landini and Bente Nilsen

IASA has 117 members so far in 2010, compared to 72 previously.

### Planning the Board meeting on August 31

There was discussion of the conflict between the exhaustion of the old Board members (all of whom preferred to cancel the Aug. 31 meeting in favor of a joint recreational and celebratory activity) and the need of incoming Board members to be integrated into the Board. We decided to hold a brief board meeting, as planned, to integrate in-coming members into the Board and handle a few small tasks, and then move to a celebratory post-conference dinner. The agenda topics were defined as:

- 1) Establish an annual meeting plan, using Skype or teleconference meetings.
- 2) Assign jobs for the new board.
- 3) Set up policy for replacement for non-working board members.
- 4) Agree on the next conference site, with conference planner.

#### Report from Treasurer Irmie Nickel

IASA will have a profit of \$75,000 to \$100,000 from the conference.

The webpage was expensive.

IASA needs professionals to handle the next conference.

#### The short term goals of IASA will be:

- Reduce the effort needed by the Chair.
- Increase membership.
- Increase of contacts in the US/Canada substantially.
- Focus on crucial research.
- Prepare back-up coverage on tasks in case of illness or other unexpected leave.
- Latin-America needs attention.

#### Longer term goals of IASA:

IASA needs to work for the Chair succeeding Pat Crittenden. Because we have no internal candidates, PC offered to chair for 2010-2012, with a co-chair from 2012-2014. In 2014, she will retire from the chair position entirely. The next chair needs a foot in both research and practice.

- IASA's Board should move towards a more thinking and less hard working function.
- A hired executive director was suggested as a solution.
- Nurturing research presentations and international symposia is important. We need to actively engage in what we want to see on our program next time.
- IASA needs to nurture the training of coders for researchers.
- IASA could subsidize trainer's courses through a scholarship fund which people can apply for.

#### The BGM

There will be a 10-minute description of what we have accomplished and then introducing the new board members. We should ask the membership what they want.