

**Draft Minutes of the ICOS Board Meeting**

**Zoom, 09 April 2024, 3 pm CET**

<https://tuni.zoom.us/j/61433502471?pwd=b1dpOUFzcVlKREFjQ3RyT0tVQjZ2UT09>

**Present:** Katalin Reszegi (KR, chair), Yolanda Guillermina López Franco (YGLF, Vice-President), Peter Jordan (PJ, Vice-President), Vladislav Alpatov (VA, Secretary), Alexandra Petrulevich (AP, Treasurer), Daniel Solling (DS, Vice-Treasurer), Eugen Schochenmaier (ES, Assistant Secretary and Web Officer), Fatemeh Akbari (FA), Artur Gałkowski (AG), Lasse Hämäläinen (LH), Márcia Sipavicius Seide (MSS),

# Welcome and Apologies

KR welcomed everyone present. Everyone is present.

# Minutes of the previous meeting (Zoom, 13 December 2023)

The minutes were approved for publication by the Board.

# Confirmation of the agenda

The following agenda was confirmed:

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# Administration

AP: A) PJ has approached asked Staffan Nyström to lead the next Board. However, we still need the rest of the candidates. The Statutes do not give any info on how to go about this business. I suppose we do it in the same way as the last time as Lasse seems to be suggesting (releasing an open call or call for ICOS members), but we need to make sure that it is 100 % clear for everyone that the nominees have to be informed and agree to the nomination. (We did have a problem of people not asking the nominees for consent.)

B) Here, we need another Swedish Vice Treasurer for the next mandate period (I will no longer be a part of the Board as I have already been involved for two three-year periods which is a maximum according to the statutes, “Except for the President, who will not be eligible for immediate re-election to that office, all persons elected by the General Assembly may be re-elected, but no-one may be elected to office for more than two successive terms (partial appointments excepted).”).

C) I also would like to draw the Board’s attention to the fact that some of the Board members have not paid any membership fees for a long time. I am convinced this is for the best of the organization if the Board constitutes an example and pays the membership fees.

The members of the Board eligible for re-election were polled for their wish to continue on the Board. After their consent, the formal process of nomination and seconding the nominations was held. The nomination forms would need to be formally submitted to the Secretary after the meeting.

It was also pointed out that the actual election for the Board positions will be held during the General Assembly, and more nominations from ICOS members can be made after the open call. Distance voting will be organised during the ICOS Congress 2024 (LH). LH also volunteered to update the Nomination form.

This nomination form was agreed on:

**Procedures for the nomination of candidates for appointment to**

**the ICOS Board of Directors (2024–2027)**

Anyone wishing to stand for election must be a fully paid-up member of ICOS on 10 June 2024. The candidate should be nominated by two other members, who must also be fully paid-up members on 10 June 2024.

 Name E-mail

Nominee

1st Nominator

2nd Nominator

The nominee is proposed for the position of (please mark with an X):

[ ]  President (1 post)

[ ]  Vice-President (2 posts)

[ ]  Treasurer (1 post)

[ ]  Vice-treasurer (1 post)

[ ]  Secretary (1 post)

[ ]  Assistant Secretary and Web Officer (1 post)

[ ]  Postgraduate Representative (1 ring-fenced Non-Executive Officer post; the candidate must be a postgraduate student on 15 June 2021)

[ ]  Non-Executive Officer (4 posts)

Should a nominee’s candidacy for an executive post be unsuccessful, the candidate can be entered into the ballot for the five non-executive posts. Similarly, should a nominee’s candidacy for the postgraduate representative post be unsuccessful, the candidate can be entered into the ballot for the other five non-executive posts.

If nominees for executive and postgraduate representative posts agree with this procedure, they should mark with an X the option ‘Yes’. If they do not wish to be entered automatically into the ballot for a non-executive post, they should mark with an X the option ‘No’.

[ ]  Yes / [ ]  No

Please fill out this form and send it via e-mail to the ICOS Secretary Vladislav Alpatov: alpatovvv@mgpu.ru The forms must be sent from the e-mail of the proposed candidate.

All nominations must be submitted by 10 June 2024. Any forms submitted later will not be considered.

**Additional information about the Board election**

1. Eligibility of the current Board members for re-election (marked yellow – have served 2 terms and are no longer eligible, marked green – have served 1 term and are eligible):

Executive Committee

 President: Katalin Reszegi (Hungary)

 Vice-President: Yolanda Guillermina López Franco (Mexico)

 Vice-President: Peter Jordan (Austria)

 Secretary: Vladislav Alpatov (Russia)

 Treasurer: Alexandra Petrulevich (Sweden)

 Vice-Treasurer: Daniel Solling (Sweden)

 Web Officer: Eugen Schochenmaier (Germany)

Non-executive Members

 Brittnee Leysen (UK) (Postgraduate Representative)

 Fatemeh Akbari (Austria)

 Artur Gałkowski (Poland)

 Lasse Hämäläinen (Finland)

 Márcia Sipavicius Seide (Brazil)

1. At the latest meeting, Board members have nominated Staffan Nyström (Sweden) for President, Yolanda Guillermina López Franco (Mexico) and Peter Jordan (Austria) for Vice-Presidents, Vladislav Alpatov (Russia) for Secretary, Daniel Solling (Sweden) for Treasurer, Žaneta Dvořáková (Czechia) for Web Officer, Fatemeh Akbari (Austria), Chrismi Rinda Loth (South Africa) and Márcia Sipavicius Seide (Brazil) for additional non-executive members. No nominations so far for Vice-Treasurer (must be Sweden), and for Postgraduate Representative.
2. Every ICOS member has the right to nominate additional candidates for all the above functions, provided that the nominee is ready to accept the nomination and this nomination is supported by a second nominator out of the ICOS membership. This has to be documented by the nomination form enclosed.

# ICOS Congress 2024

LH: As for the ICOS 2024 congress in Helsinki, I’m not sure whether I have anything new to report currently, in addition to the information released on the [congress website](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/conferences/28th-international-congress-onomastic-sciences/participants/circular-letters%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) and the [circular letters](https://www.helsinki.fi/en/conferences/28th-international-congress-onomastic-sciences/participants/circular-letters%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank). But if you have any questions, I am obviously happy to answer those.

KR proposed to think about motions for the General Assembly in Helsinki.

PJ proposes 1) a motion for a change of statutes related to the term of office of the President (towards re-election for a second term). 2) a motion to make English the only official language of ICOS. YGLF strongly opposes this second motion about official languages. PJ and YGLF will prepare working proposals with their arguments and disseminate them to the members ahead of the GA.

AP proposed that the issue of the fee system (more differentiated in the future) should be brought to the General Assembly for a general vote. The GA vote could be used as a consultative vote by the next Board.

AP: I believe also there are some points arisen in the last Congress this Board was supposed to solve, e.g. “the election of non-executive members of the ICOS Board of Directors as Chairs of the specialised groups” (point 13 in the Krakow minutes).

PJ proposes that the Board be expanded to include WG Chairs, Onoma Editor-in-Chief and the Head of Onoma’s Editorial Board, even if without voting rights.

LH proposes that the Board discusses the Congress agenda in our next meeting.

# ICOS Congress 2027

The venue in Bloemfontein in South Africa that sent in their bid in winter, will not be able to host the ICOS Congress in 2027 due to newly arisen heavy financial constraints.

PJ informed the Board of his active and wide efforts to find the venue in 2027 outside Europe to highlight the international reach of ICOS. As a last resort, PJ tentatively suggested Vienna as a venue, should other options fail.

# Any other business

PJ proposes that we should avoid too many Onomastics Online lectures clustered within a very short period of time (as was the case in March-April) to ensure attendance. PJ announced that he is now the ICOS liason officer for the UNGEGN and that Volume 58 (2023) of Onoma under PJ’s Guest Editorship had been published. LH mentions that attendance of OO lectures has been lower in the current academic year and proposes to discuss the frequency of the OO lectures in the future and the related technical isssues arising with KR and LH retiring from the next Board.

# Next board meeting

Next Board meeting has been set for 18 June 2024, (5 pm CEST).

KR thanked everyone for participation and adjourned the meeting at 4.10 pm.

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Vladislav Alpatov

Secretary

(27 May 2024)