

Executive Committee Actions, October 2018 – September 2019

1. Storage Space on Star Island Reduced: Justina Maji told the Executive Committee that our conference has way too many storage bins in the storage closet and the SIC would like us to downsize in preparation for the reconstruction of Brookfield. Deb and Tom Walton were contacted regarding the need and they agreed to review and reduce ASI's storage space usage. Deb Walton reported back that she and Deb and Ben Soule have inventoried and significantly reduced ASI's usage of storage space on Star Island.

2. Proposal to Set a Permanent Trust Annual Donation Percentage is Withdrawn: At the October 2018 Fall meeting, Larry Yermack made a motion to have a percentage of the conference's annual donation designated to go into the Star Island Corporation's permanent trust. The motion was postponed to a later time. The Executive Committee discussed the proposal, but there was not general agreement with the proposal. Later, Dave Yermack spoke with Larry in more detail about the proposal and after some private discussion Larry has withdrawn his proposed motion.

3. Star Union Interaction: When the announcement of the new conference, Star Union, was made, the Executive Committee discussed the possible ramifications of the similarity and the proximity of the conference to All Star I. To get more information, the EC invited Tom Coleman to participate in our meeting. Tom explained the origins and the goals of the new conference and answered questions that the EC members put forward. At the end of this discussion, the two conferences pledged to work together to make a successful two weeks on island.

4. Process for Leadership Evaluations Implemented: Over the last couple of years, the conference evaluations form has been augmented with specific leadership evaluations for Children's Program, Housing Coordinator, Treasurer and Registrar. The conference evaluations go to the incoming chairs, and the leadership evaluations go to the Nominating Committee. A subcommittee was formed to review how the Leadership Evaluations are collected, distributed, and whether they should be archived.

The subcommittee, consisting of Shelley Powsner, Cathy Bertasi, and Ali Walton, along with Lisa Gresser, the Convener of the Nominating Committee, and Elissa Best, member of the Healing & Reconciliation committee, submitted a proposal for gathering, handling, and distributing the results. The Executive Committee discussed and approved the proposed process. The basic conclusions were that the evaluations would be gathered separately from the conference evaluations, that confidential information would not be distributed outside of the Nominating Committee, and that the surveys would be held for a limit of three years. This process was implemented for the year of the 2019 conference.

5. Insurance Policy Acquired: The Treasurer reported that the previous insurance provider was no longer available. In addition, the new potential insurance policy would be very expensive even before a sexual harassment rider was added. The decision was made to take advantage of the insurance policy offered through Star Island and to re-assess next year.

6. Nominating Committee Membership: Lisa Gresser, as convener of the Nominating Committee ("NC"), indicated that since she is now an Acting-Chair, she no longer is a non-Governing Council member of the NC. Technically, two such members are needed for the NC, and now there is only one. The Executive Committee discussed this question and advised her that this should be corrected when the next vacancy occurred in the NC, but that no one had to resign to make space for someone new to satisfy this requirement.