



Date: July 5, 2011  
To: All Members of ISVR  
From: Emily Keshner, President ISVR  
Re: Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting  
June 28, 2011, Zurich, Switzerland

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*Board Members Present: Greg Burdea, Joyce Fung, Emily Keshner, Evelyne Klinger, Mindy Levin, Skip Rizzo, Paul Sharkey, Daniel Thalmann, Tamar Weiss*

*Board Members Absent: Mohammed Al-Amri, Tony Brooks, Sue Cobb, Cali Fidopiastis, Walter Greenleaf, Rachel McCrindle, Jaime Sanchez*

*General Membership: Approximately 45 members were in attendance.*

Emily Keshner, as President of the society, called the meeting to order at 17:30. It was determined that a general membership quorum was not present so no official votes were taken.

- a. **CORRECTION** to Minutes: No quorum is necessary at general membership meetings. These meetings are informational and advisory. Votes are taken at meetings of the Board of Directors and members are welcome to voice their opinions about issues through email to the members of the board.

#### **Old Business:**

1. There are currently 266 members in the society (Tamar Weiss, Membership Chair)
2. The moratorium on membership dues will stand until 12/31/2011. Dues will then be reinstated. These funds are necessary to support the cost of web site maintenance, web site licenses, and sponsored conference awards. When funds are available, we plan to establish student travel awards and reduced student conference fees.
3. Members of the society currently receive reduced registrations at ISVR sponsored and affiliated meetings (ICVR, ICDVRAT, INRS, VRIC, ArtAbilitation)

#### **New Business:**

1. Other meeting organizers interested in becoming affiliated conferences to the society have approached members of the board. These include: Interactive Technologies and Games, Joint VR Conf 2011, European Alliance for Innovation, and EuroVR. The Board of Directors has voted in favor of establishing memorandum of understanding with each of these groups. A general on-line membership vote will be called by Paul Sharkey, Secretary of the Society.
2. Mindy Levin, Awards Chair: The awards committee evaluated all platform and poster presentations at the ICVR. The society sponsors two student awards: one for best poster and one for best platform presentation.

3. A WIKI page developed by Sue Cobb, Mohammed Al-Amri and Cali Fidopiastis is now on-line ([http://isvr.org/wiki/index.php?title=Main Page](http://isvr.org/wiki/index.php?title=Main_Page)). Each member of the society will be given access to the page to upload information about their research, conferences, and other items of interest to the society. The board members plan to upload or email brief newsletters to update the membership about meetings attended and activities in our labs.

*An opportunity exists for a member to volunteer for the role of webpage manager to keep the website current and send periodic reminders to society members about uploading images, videos, and reports on recent activities.*

4. The next sponsored meeting of the society will be ICDVRAT, in Laval, France from September 10-12, 2012 (<http://www.icdvrat.rdg.ac.uk/>). The next meeting of ICVR will held in Philadelphia in 2013. Exact dates to be determined.
5. Emily Keshner will step down as society President and Paul Sharkey as Secretary at the end of 2011. According to the by-laws, Sue Cobb, current vice-President, will become President. A nominating committee will be announced in August 2011. Nominations require the vote of one society member with agreement of the nominee. A general on-line election process will be take place for open positions in November 2011.

*If any member of the society is interested in running for election as Vice-President or Secretary or serving on the nominating committee please contact Emily Keshner ([ekeshner@temple.edu](mailto:ekeshner@temple.edu)) or Sue Cobb ([Sue.Cobb@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Sue.Cobb@nottingham.ac.uk)), or members of the nominating committee once announced.*

#### **Open Discussion:**

1. There was discussion about coordinating our future meetings with ICORR; they have chosen to hold their meeting in Seattle for 2013.
2. The probability of the formation of an ICORR society was announced.
3. There was discussion about linking with Cybertherapy and iACTOR and identifying the dates of their conferences to strengthen rehabilitation and psychotherapy representation.
4. There was discussion about generating special interest conference papers to increase visibility of the society.
5. All society members were encouraged to get involved in society leadership, promotion of the society, and communicating with each other. Each member of the board has reached out to their respective professional associations and meetings to promote the society.
6. A member expressed interest in having more clinicians actively involved in the society.
7. Student members suggested that there be a session set-aside for students to present at sponsored conferences.

The meeting was concluded at 18:30.