MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
April 1, 2022

Subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, the following minutes are submitted. The virtual Executive Committee Meeting was called to order on Friday, April 1, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. EDT. Those present were:

VOTING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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NON-VOTING PARTICIPANTS:

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<td>Lisa Beaty</td>
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AGENDA
1. Country designation in ION conference programs
2. Conference cancellation insurance for 2022 events, purchase or self-insure?
3. Preparing for the next editor of NAVIGATION

See Attached File: Exec Comm Mtg Charts 4-1-22

Country Designation in ION Conference Programs

In 2021, the ION was advised by the Chinese Satellite Navigation Office that they would reconsider their participation in ION programs and events if ION continued to list Taiwan as a country of origin in ION conference programs. Academics in Taiwan have taken offense to being listed as from Taiwan, China or Taiwan, ROC to the point that several Taiwanese academics have pulled their presentations from the Pacific PNT virtual conference. In compromising efforts to preserve the program, all geographic designations were removed from the Pacific PNT program.

It was reported that many engineering conferences list countries of origin as requested by the author and list Taiwan independent of an ROC designation. However, those engineering conferences were not specific to a major navigation system.
All agreed that ION should serve its PNT educational objectives in a non-political manner. It was discussed if ION was prepared to host an international GNSS conference without having BDS represented at ION GNSS+, or have BDS papers published in NAVIGATION.

Motion: ION to cease listing country of origin affiliation in association with speaker names and affiliations in ION conference programs/ION public materials. ION recognizes authors may continue to list their country of origin on their individual presentations. This motion was passed by the ION Executive Committee.

Conference Cancellation Insurance for 2022 Events: Purchase or Self-insure?

It was reported that in 2022 the Executive Committee opted to self-insure and declined to purchase conference cancellation insurance for JNC or ION GNSS+, as insurance rates increased and liability exclusions were increasingly restrictive. Beaty reported that current cancellation insurance does not provide coverage for any communicable illnesses. Terrorism was limited to direct terrorism that causes destruction to the conference facility; war/military activity/aggression was also excluded, essentially limiting the insurance coverage to natural disasters and local labor disputes/civil unrest, making it impossible to use the contracted facility.

It was reported that the current rates for cancellation insurance had been quoted as:

- JNC: San Diego, June 2022 $6,871
- ION GNSS+: Denver, September 2022 $4,054
- ITM/PTTI: Long Beach, January 2023 $1,867

Based on the cost of premiums and the ION’s ability to transition ION GNSS+ and ITM/PTTI to a virtual environment should a disaster occur, Beaty recommended that the ION decline to purchase insurance from a third-party carrier and self-insure.

Concerning JNC, the largest threat to cancellation in San Diego would be war, or a change in DOD policy that prohibited travel, none of which would be covered by cancellation insurance. Should a disaster occur, unless it happened during the event, we would realistically reschedule and the actual loss amount would be very difficult to calculate/prove. Even in this situation, Beaty suggested the insurance was of little value. It was noted that transitioning JNC to a virtual environment was not possible due to the restricted nature of the conference.

Motion: The ION Executive Committee declined to purchase conference cancellation insurance for JNC 2022, ION GNSS+ 2022, and ITM/PTTI 2023. This motion was passed by the ION Executive Committee.

Preparing for the Next Editor of NAVIGATION
It was reported that Richard Langley’s three-year term as editor of NAVIGATION officially ends in December 2022. Beaty reported that it was difficult to find an editor for NAVIGATION. Additionally, in order to avoid a conflict of interest and competition with other international IONs, NAVI’s editor needed to reside in North America. The following NAVIGATION Associate Editors (AEs) currently reside in North America:

- Braasch, Michael
- Closas, Pau
- Curran, James
- El-Sheimy, Naser
- Hegarty, Chris (past editor)
- Lo, Sherman (will be president January 2023)
- McGraw, Gary
- Pervan, Boris (past editor)
- Rife, Jason
- Soloviev, Andrey
- Walter, Todd
- Zhu, Zhen

Additional North American AE candidates were discussed. It was agreed that Beaty would first determine Langley’s desire to extend his appointment as editor for another term. Beaty was provided instructions for additional candidates should Langley desire to pass the torch at the end of 2022.

The Executive Committee adjourned at 11:45 a.m.