

International Ceramic Federation Council Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2022
Krakow, Poland

Attendees:

Suk-Joong Kang, President, ICF , Korean Ceramic Society
Paolo Colombo, President-Elect, Italian Ceramic Society
Sylvia Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer, American Ceramic Society
Takashi Goto, Past President, Japanese Ceramic Society

Ceramic Society Representatives

American Ceramic Society: Mark Mecklenborg (ICC-10), William Fahrenholtz, representative,
Raj Bordia, Technical Committees Chair
Australian Ceramic Society: Richard Bowman, Andrew Ang , representative (by Zoom)
Belgian Ceramic Society: Omer van der Biest, representative
Brazilian Ceramic Society: Edgar Dutra Zanotto, representative (by Zoom)
Danish Ceramic Society: Astri Haugen, representative
European Ceramic Society: Francis Cambier, representative
French Ceramic Society: Anne Leriche, Jacques Poirier, representative
Georgian Ceramic Society: Zviad Kovziridze, representative
Hungarian Ceramic Society: Csaba Balazsi, representative
Italian Ceramic Society: Michele Dondi, representative
Japanese Ceramic Society: Ayako Oyane, representative (by Zoom)
Polish Ceramic Society: Zbigniew Pedzich, representative
Slovak Silicate Society: Pavol Sajgalik, representative
Slovenian Chemical Society, Ceramics Section: Matjaz Spreitzer, representative
Spanish Ceramic Society: Begogna Ferrari, representative
Turkish Ceramic Society: Ayse Tunali (sub for Taner Kavas), representative
United Kingdom IOM3: Jon Binner, representative
World Academy of Ceramics: Jay Singh, representative (by Zoom)

1. Call to Order

President Kang called the meeting to order at 4:07pm and thanked everyone for attending. Introductions were made. Attendance was in person and by video call.

2. Approval of minutes of April 30, 2021

President Kang presented the minutes. The motion to approve them was unanimously approved. (Proposed by Johnson, seconded by Colombo).

3. Approval of the Proposed changes to the Constitution

The proposed changes were described by Johnson. The essence of these changes is to allow for electronic voting such as by Zoom or email as necessary (Article 9.5), and to allow for a council

member to appoint a representative for a specific meeting to overcome travel difficulties (Article 9.3). The complete change is in Attachment 1.

The changes were approved unanimously (Motion proposed by Kang and seconded by Colombo.)

4. Nominating Committee Report

President Goto presented the report. The committee members were Goto, Colombo and Bordia (Technical Committee Chair).

The recommendations were

Sylvia Johnson, President -Elect (ACerS)

Zhengyi Fu, Secretary/ Treasurer (Chinese Ceramic Society)

Jay Singh questioned the nominating process. President Kang explained the process as outlined in the constitution. Singh remarked that the process is quite closed, and wanted the Committee to reach out. Colombo stated that people can make suggestions.

Kang recommended that the committee send out a call for nominations.

Richard Bowman discussed that the original thought process for the nominating committee was that the candidates should have previous experience on the ICF council. He remarked that due process had been followed and that the nominations should be accepted. Changes to the process were a different discussion.

The motion to accept the nominations was unanimously approved. (Motion proposed by Kang and seconded by Colombo.)

5. Technical Committees Report

Raj Bordia gave an overview of the Technical Committees. There are currently 6 committees, and 4 have no activity to report.

The Information and Communications committee (Tatsuki Ohji, Chair) has performed ICF website maintenance and provided input to technical programs in major meetings.

The Novel Sintering Committee (Takashi Goto, Chair) has held an annual workshop on spark plasma sintering (SPS).

Bordia noted that the technical committees need clear guidance on roles and responsibilities.

Johnson noted that there was a document written about 8 years ago. Bowman suggested that we should only have committees where someone who wants to achieve a goal is the chair. Singh asked if we should just cut our losses. Bowman remarked that the only area of productivity is in running of conferences and suggested retaining the Information Committee.

President Kang explained that the Executive Committee had discussed the role of the Committees.

He noted that time was needed to collect ideas and for discussion, that this should be done under the lead of the TC chair, and that no directions could be concluded at the current meeting.

Bowman suggested that new areas could be integrated.

Action: Bordia to gather information and present ideas to the Executive Committee and the Council.

6. Report on ICC8

Suk-Joong Kang, chair of ICC8, reported on the meeting which was held virtually on April 25-30, 2021 rather than on the original dates of August 23-27, 2020 in Busan, Korea. There were 1221 abstracts from 41 countries; 715 presentations from 33 countries were made. There were 740 registrants.

7. Report on ICC9

Prof. Pedzich reported on ICC9 which was held jointly with the ECerS meeting and Electroceramics XVII, merging the three conference into the “Ceramics in Europe” conference in Krakow, Poland from July 10-14, 2022. There were approximately 630 participants, with 430 oral presentations and 185 posters. Attendance to this meeting was affected by the pandemic as well as the situation in Ukraine.

8. Update on ICC10

Mark Mecklenborg, Executive director of ACerS presented the plans for ICC10 titled “ Enabling a Better World through Ceramics and Glass” which is to be held July 14-18, 2024, in Montreal, Canada. The conference chair is Edgar Lara-Curzio.

The estimated attendance is ~600, many of whom will be invited speakers. ACerS will reach out to the Technical Committees as appropriate.

9. Update on ICC11

ICC11 will be held September 6-1, 2026 in Sapporo Japan. Kazumi Kato is the chair. Ayako Oyane from the Ceramic Society of Japan, presented some plans for the meeting.

10. ICC12 Proposal Presentation

One proposal was received from the IOM3 in the United Kingdom. ECerS had down-selected from ~6 initial proposals from its members.

Jon Binner of the University of Birmingham presented the proposal. The meeting will be held in Birmingham in the summer of 2028. The details are in the proposal.

11. Vote on ICC12

After discussion and questions, a motion was made to approve the proposal to hold ICC12 in Birmingham, England. The vote was unanimous to approve the selection.

12. New Business

Johnson showed the financial statement from ACerS who holds the ICF funds; the current balance is \$866 USD.

President Kang suggested that future ICC hosts provide complimentary registrations to the Executive committee to support the meeting, fund a social event such as a dinner or reception following the ICF council Meeting at an ICC meeting, and that they make a voluntary monetary contribution to the ICF, if the meeting balance is positive, to support its activities and outreach.

Jay Singh spoke from his personal experience supporting other organizations and committees.

Johnson explained that this was not to be a large sum of money (perhaps of the order of \$1000) and was to put the ICF on a sounder financial footing.

Bowman commented that it sounded sensible.

Supporting students was raised, but Johnson commented that although supporting and encouraging students is critical, this was not a proposal to raise that kind of money, but a proposal to allow the ICF to function and fund small activities.

Cambier of ECerS commented that he wanted to know the rules in advance, and suggested a proposal from the Council.

Kang emphasized that any contribution was voluntary. Mecklenborg said that ACerS was committed to the complimentary registrations, and liked the idea of voluntary contributions.

Singh commented further on the use and size of such funds, and called extensively on his own experience.

Pavol Sajgalik reminded the council that the suggestion was for a voluntary contribution. Kang asked for further questions, and there were none.

A motion to ask the ICC host for: 1. Complimentary registrations for the Executive committee, 2. Funding for a social event after the ICF Council meeting, and 3. A voluntary contribution to the ICF funds, was proposed by Kang and seconded by Colombo.

Singh requested further discussion, but the motion was voted on since Kang had, at the end of the previous discussion, asked if anybody wanted to add further comments, and nobody did. There were 4 abstentions, no nays and the motion was passed.

13. Adjournment

President Kang asked for other any issues, and there being none, adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sylvia M. Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer , ICF

Attachment 1: Changes to the Constitution

The essence of these changes is to allow for electronic voting such as by Zoom or email as necessary (Article 9.5), and to allow for a council member to appoint a representative for a specific meeting to overcome travel difficulties (Article 9.3).

In addition, we are removing the word annual in referring to the council meeting, as these occur every 2 years. (Article 10).

In Article 10 we are also including a clause that allows for proposing and voting on changes to the constitution in between meetings. The constitution was last updated in 2012, and so a review is needed.

Proposed changes to wording are in Articles 9.3, 9.5 and the addition of 10.2.

Article 9. Voting Rights

9.1 Each Full Member of the Council (as defined in Article 2) shall have one vote.

9.2 All votes of Council require a quorum, which is equal to one-half of the eligible votes.

9.3 The Council member of record may authorize a substitute for a given meeting. The member must notify the Executive Committee of the substitution in advance of the meeting. Official substitutes will be counted as part of the quorum, and can vote on all matters.

9.4 All matters shall be decided by majority vote.

9.5 Council may elect to use either mail or electronic voting for extraordinary matters or in times when it is not possible to physically convene. The Executive Committee will determine if the circumstances are such that electronic voting will be allowed to elect officers; select a hosting organization for an ICC meeting; approve the annual budget; and approve changes to the Constitution.

Article 10. Amendments to the Constitution

10.1 An amendment to the Constitution may be proposed at the Meeting of the Council, provided that notification of the proposed amendment is submitted to the Secretary in time to notify all members of Council at least six weeks before the Meeting.

10.2 Amendments may also be proposed between Council meetings. The Amendment shall be presented to the Council in writing.