

Minutes of the RAMPS board meeting (5/16/2017)

Present: Larry Rothenberg, Jussi Sillanpaa, Ziad Saleh, Klaus Hamacher, Gil Cohen , Sean Berry, Doracy Fontenla, Usman Mahmood, Steven Balter, Jakov Pipman

1. Minutes from board meeting 4/26/2017

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

2. Working Group for New Article 175

Jussi Sillanpaa gave an update on the working group. The group had a follow-up conference call, Thomas Petrone is collating the notes from working group members into a single document. The prospective new article 175 is expected to be released for comments sometime in the summer.

3. Blueprint for 2018 YIS

The President's draft for next year's symposium announcement was discussed. The Secretary will update the draft and send it to the board for final comment round.

4. Elections

The nomination and election committee has identified two candidates for the election. We will wait a few more weeks to give the membership a chance to nominate more candidates. The candidates will be asked to provide a short statement.

5. New Member applications

Four new member applications were approved, pending verification by the treasurer that the recommenders are members in good standing.

6. Scientific Symposium update

The President-Elect gave a brief update on the symposium.