

ICF Business Meeting  
Friday April 5 2019, 10:30 am-12:30 pm  
Room Skagit 4/5  
SFB 2019 Annual Meeting

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introduction- by Joachim Kohn (Chair)
2. Challenges and Important Developments
  - a. Joachim Kohn will step down as Chair in May 2020.
  - b. Proposal to the IUS to nominate Fellows was approved. The ICF-BSE will establish a special nomination committee
  - c. Sustainability of the organization
3. Updates on the development of the ICF-BSE
  - a. International Student Exchange 2018 report
  - b. Membership donation for 2018
  - c. Lapel Pin
  - d. Debates and their format
  - e. How to improve communication with all Fellows?
  - f. Support for new and developing societies- Africa, Latin America, Southeast Asia
4. Update on WBC 2020 in Glasgow

## **Minutes/Summary**

Dear Fellows BSE,





This past week we had our annual ICF-BSE Annual Business Meeting at the Society for Biomaterials. Below, please find a summary of the main bullet points from the meeting. As always, please reach out with any questions or comments. On behalf of the ICF Steering Committee, I would like to thank everyone for their continued efforts.

- We will arrange for the election of a new Steering Committee for the ICF-BSE. Based on our current By-Laws, the fellows will elect the members of the Steering Committee - and the Steering Committee will then decide on the Chair and other Officer positions among the elected members of the Steering Committee. The term of the Steering Committee is for four years and elections are always held in the year prior to the World Biomaterials Congress. Currently, we have no term limits in our By-Laws. Therefore, the current members of the Steering Committee are allowed to run for office again. As part of this transition, I will be stepping down as Chair of ICF-BSE in 2020 and will not be a candidate for re-election. As you know, I have served as the Chair from the very beginning of the College in 2004 and feel that it is time for a change.
- A copy of the By-Laws is available on our ICF web page: <https://fellowsbse.org>
- Thank you to our current Steering Committee: Stuart Cooper, Fu-zhai Cui, John A. Hunt, Laura Poole-Warren, Chandra Sharma, Liz Tanner, and Min Wang
- All active Fellows are able to nominate themselves as a candidate for election to the Steering Committee. We will come out with a formal "Request for Nominations" in the near future.

- We are currently in the process of updating our website. It is important to keep the website updated with all of your wonderful news and events! Please be sure to send them to: [icfbse@gmail.com](mailto:icfbse@gmail.com) so that we can include them on the site.
- To improve communication with all Fellows, we will designate Fellows from Australia, Japan, Canada, China, Taiwan, India, and Korea to act as local ambassadors who will make sure that our emails are reaching all Fellows. I am delighted that Dr. Anthony Weiss (Australia) and Dr. Kazunori Kataoka (Japan) have agreed to take on this important role. We are still looking for a Fellow from Canada, China, Taiwan, India, and Korea to take on this task. If you are interested, please email [icfbse@gmail.com](mailto:icfbse@gmail.com).
- During the meeting, the design for our lapel pins was unveiled. Please email us with any feedback you may have. We hope that Fellows will proudly wear their lapel pin so that others can recognize you as a Fellow of Biomaterials Science and Engineering.

### Actual Size



-  Polished Raised Brass
-  Pantone 186 C
-  Pantone 286 C
-  White Enamel

- Finally, our Special Fellows Debate was a huge success, with over 150 people in attendance, and plenty of attention on social media. Our panel did such a wonderful job! Stay tuned for pictures on our site.

Thank you,  
 Joachim Kohn  
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