

CAETS Executive Committee Meeting
1600 – 1700 Tuesday, March 7, 2017
c/Don Pedro, 10; Real Academia de Ingenieria; Madrid
Summary Minutes

Participation:

Members: Elias Fereres, President; Lucio Caceres, President-Elect (phone); Ruth David, Secretary/Treasurer (nominated); Ann Dowling, Past President (phone)

Guests: Shane McHugh, Samantha Front, RAEng (phone); Javier Perez de Vargas, Jaime Dominguez, Manuel Marquez, RAIng; William C. Salmon, Secretary/Treasurer (phone)

1. The president welcomed all participants. The meeting agenda was approved as presented.
2. The ExCom Summary Minutes of 12 September 2016 were approved without modification. The Board of Directors Summary Minutes of 12 September 2016 were endorsed for referral to the Board of Directors. Minor changes were recommended to the Council Summary Minutes of 15 September 2016; the edited minutes will be referred to the Council for approval.
3. Report of the Secretary/Treasurer
 - a. Dues for 2016 have been received from all but one member academy; expenses for 2016 are within budget and dues received.
 - b. Letters were distributed to solicit 2018 Board nominations: President-Elect, Sweden; Secretary/Treasurer, US NAE; Members, US NAE, AcTI.ni, IAS, HAE. US NAE has submitted nominations for Secretary/Treasurer and the CAETS Board position.
 - c. Reminder that a 2019 dues increase of 3% was approved by the Council during its 2017 Annual Meeting (\$1030, \$3090, \$6180).
4. 2017 CAETS Annual Meeting: November 14-17, 2017 in Madrid, Spain

The provisional schedule for the upcoming CAETS Annual Meeting and Convocation was discussed. The agenda includes ExCom and Board meetings on Monday; Convocation on Tuesday and Wednesday; Council meeting on Thursday; and a visit to Airbus' Advanced Composites Centre and Toledo on Friday. The President reported they are in the process of finalizing negotiations for the convocation venue and that they are well underway in identifying speakers for the convocation; it was agreed to include a presentation by the President-Elect, who will discuss the 2018 CAETS events to be held in Uruguay. A firm is being hired to establish the events website, which should be online soon. Non-member academies of engineering, particularly those from Europe and Latin America, will be invited to attend the CAETS meetings as observers.
5. 2018 CAETS Annual Meeting: September 10-14, 2018 in Montevideo, Uruguay

The President-Elect reported that his academy is well underway in developing plans for the 2018 CAETS Annual Meeting and Convocation, and that they are broadening their approach under the

“Engineering a Better World” umbrella. They have already engaged Brazil, Canada, and Norway, and intend to reach out across Latin America to expand participation.

6. 2019 CAETS Annual Meeting: IVA, Stockholm, Sweden

It was reported by the Secretary/Treasurer that IVA has requested approval to schedule two days for the convocation events. This will be an agenda item for the Council in November 2017.

7. London 2016 Statement

The RAEng reported their intent to put forward a draft statement for consideration by the CAETS Council; it will first be distributed to the ExCom for comment. The statement will focus on the broad theme of “Engineering a Better World.” They also reported that a video derived from the 2016 convocation has sparked great interest and has already been downloaded by millions.

8. CAETS/WFEO Cooperation

A draft agreement between CAETS and WFEO was discussed, with emphasis on the need to identify one or more topics of mutual interest that could provide a basis for collaboration. The WFEO President Elect, Dr. Marlene Kanga, offered several examples for CAETS consideration: formation of joint working groups on particular issues – for example, in energy; collaboration in preparation of position statements, especially those relating to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals; and capacity building in engineering education, especially in Asia and Africa. The RAEng suggested consideration of Diversity as another thematic topic in which CAETS and WFEO have mutual interests. Given that the 2017 CAETS meetings include Diversity as an agenda item, RAEng agreed to engage WFEO on this topic and invite their participation. ExCom members further agreed that the WFEO-proposed topics are also of interest to CAETS and that an agenda item for the upcoming Council meeting should be to identify one or more projects to launch a CAETS/WFEO collaboration.

9. CAETS Committee on Energy

RAE reported that a committee meeting has been scheduled in Beijing in April during which the participants will discuss potential future topics and whether to pursue additional projects.

10. RAEng identified the need for changes to the CAETS Bylaws to align them with the September 2016 Council agreement regarding CAETS membership. The Secretary/Treasurer agreed to draft the necessary changes for Council consideration and approval during its November 2017 meeting.

11. New Business

It was reported that the Inter-Academy Partnership (IAP) is approaching member science academies to query their ability to speak for engineering in their respective countries.

12. Next ExCom Meeting

Scheduled for November 13, 2017 at 10 am; Real Academia de Ingenieria; Palace of Marques de Villafranca, Madrid, Spain.

13. The ExCom meeting was adjourned.