IUPAC Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, 11 February 2019, 09:00 – 17:00 Hours
Offices of Reber Rechtsanwälte, Utoquai 43
CH-8034 Zürich, Switzerland

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Prof. John Corish (Chair), Prof. Urs T. Ruegg, Dr. Nobuyuki Kawashima, Dr. Mark Cesa, Prof. Yiqin Gao, Mr. Colin Humphris (Treasurer), Dr. Lynn M. Soby (Executive Director)

Secretary: Dr. Lynn M. Soby
IUPAC President: Prof. Qi-Feng Zhou

1. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS & FINALIZATION OF AGENDA JC

Prof. Corish welcomed the Finance Committee members as well as the President Professor Zhou and thanked them for serving on the committee. He was pleased with the full attendance at the meeting because it was taking place at a pivotal time in the finances of the Union. He thanked Reber Rechtsanwälte for the excellent arrangements and facilities. He thanked Dr. Soby, Executive Director and Mr. Humphris, Treasurer for their diligent work in preparing the Detailed Agenda and Agenda Book for the meeting. All present joined in their appreciation of this work.

Given the successful negotiation of the new National Subscription model and the stability that it would bring to that part of our income it would be essential to now review and renew our financial management to reflect the new reality and secure a future that would be sustainable.

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP JC

The terms of service of the current members are as follows:

- Prof. John Corish (Chair) 2016-2019 (End First Term, eligible for re-election)
- Dr. Mark Cesa 2018-2021 (First Term)
- Prof. Yiqin Gao 2018-2021 (First Term)
- Prof. Urs T. Ruegg 2016-2019 (First Term, eligible for re-election)
- Dr. Nobuyuki Kawashima 2016-2019 (End of Second Term)

The Treasurer and the Executive Director of IUPAC are ex officio members of the Finance Committee without voting power. The membership and terms of service were noted and discussed later at the end of the FC meeting with regard to the upcoming election timetable.

3. MINUTES OF 2018 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING JC

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 2018 FINANCE COMMITTEE

The FC formally approved the minutes of the 2018 Finance Committee as presented in the agenda book. Prof. Corish and Dr. Soby will sign the minutes for the official record.

3.2 ITEMS FROM MEETINGS OF 157TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND 101ST BUREAU CH

All 2018 financial figures reported in this Agenda and supporting documents are pre-audit and are subject to change.
Mr. Humphris discussed the items from the 157th Executive and 101st Bureau meetings that were relevant to the Finance Committee. The meetings had focused on two priorities: completion of the project to revise the formula for National Subscriptions and preparations for the UN International Year of the Periodic Table (IYPT) and the IUPAC Centenary (IUPAC100).

The EC reviewed the successful outcome of voting on Council National Subscriptions whilst noting with concern those countries that voted against the new model: China, Switzerland, Thailand, Czech Rep., Hungary and Egypt. Their future intentions are unclear although 2018 subscriptions are paid. China considers its subscription too high to be sustainable. Brazil requested the waiving of subscriptions in 2018 and 2019 and reduction to the new calculated subscription thereafter. The EC declined. Subsequently they and Mozambique have indicated that they will leave IUPAC in 2019 citing the cost of membership during difficult financial times.

EC members were also very concerned about the implications of the EU Plan S that seeks to prevent researchers funded by governments and the EU from publishing in subscription bearing journals. Results would only be published on free platforms. This is potentially game changing for science publishing and might impact IUPAC directly and indirectly; our publishing income from De Gruyter and the ability of those chemistry societies who rely on publishing income to pay their NAO subscriptions.

**[FC 3.2.1 Action] The Finance Committee supported the proposed approach to address the issues arising from PlanS implementation.**

IUPAC members of the IYPT Management Committee and arrangements for the secretariat and banking for IYPT to be managed by the Royal Netherlands Chemistry Society KNCV were approved.

Preparations for IUPAC100 activities were agreed as these have involved additional operational costs and an additional website (subsite) as well as website improvements for activities such as the Periodic Table Challenge, Periodic Table of Younger Chemists, the Global Breakfast and the IUPAC Stories. There is ~$50,000 within contracted services. These improvements will be of longer-term use for *Chemistry International* and the ongoing operation of the Periodic Table Challenge for educational purposes as well as the main iupac.org website capabilities.

A joint Sponsorship Brochure was approved for those who wish to support activities through IUPAC and principles agreed for sharing funds. IUPAC’s secretariat manages an IYPT2019 USD account for sponsorship funds.

The EC agreed with the Evaluation Committee’s recommendation to terminate CHEMRAWN at the end of the current biennium and to notify the CHEMRAWN officers of the intention to recommend this to Council in Paris.
[FC 3.2.2 Action] The Finance Committee supported the EC decision to terminate CHEMRAWN and bring this to Bureau and Council for approval. The FC articulated that the funds in the CHEMRAWN Restricted account, which are incorporated into the IUPAC Endowments funds, belong to IUPAC to manage.

The formation of an inter-divisional subcommittee on the evaluation of critical data was approved. This will only meet at General Assemblies and is therefore not an additional cost.

An IUPAC privacy policy for data on IUPAC volunteers was developed and agreed by the EC to ensure compliance with the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This was implemented on the IUPAC.org website for all members and contacts of IUPAC, not only EU residents.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee to appoint McMillan, Pate and Company, LLP was approved and will go to Council in Paris for undertaking the audit of 2019/2020.

4. Special Items and Updates Relevant to the Finance Committee

4.1 Centenary of IUPAC 2019

The Treasurer stated that a significant effort was being made to raise the main IUPAC100 projects with potential sponsors and to encourage wide engagement in the activities, the Periodic Table Challenge, the Global Women’s Breakfast, IUPAC Stories, and the Periodic Table of Younger Chemists https://iupac.org/100/. To date, IUPAC received a donation from the American Chemistry Society, Chinese Chemical Society located in Taipei and from two private donations, so the overall response of $18.3k has been disappointing. The WCLM in Paris will involve the CEO’s from major chemical companies there is hope that this might provide a platform for longer term engagements.

4.2 International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements [IYPT2019]

The year is underway managed through a secretariat in KNCV. IYPT2019 has received direct sponsorship from the co-organizing Unions and corporations. IUPAC does not control these funds and they are not included in our main accounting statements. A sub-account for IYPT2019 was established for potential sponsorship and currently has $9.7k from ACS and an unpaid invoice from EuCheMS. IUPAC funding to IYPT is $37,000 supplied through a project shared between the Divisions and Committees.
5. Audited Financial Statement for 2017

5.1 2017 Audit

The 2017 Audit report, which was included in the agenda book for reference, gave IUPAC a clean bill of health. The audit was completed in February 2018. [FC5.1] The Finance Committee endorsed the 2017 Audit.

5.2 2018 Audit Status

The Executive Director provided an update on the 2018 audit process. The 2018 audit started in December 2018 with a 3 day on-site visit to begin work and initial testing of the financial and operations processes. Given the improvement in the accounting processes a significant amount of information was provided for testing and early review (January through November 2018). The enhanced audit processes continue to enable a final audit report by end of March 2019 to be available for Bureau meeting on 6 April 2019. Auditors will be on-site for testing and finalization of accounts the week of 25 February 2018. Schedules and information required for February are being prepared by Tammy Bridges, who began working as the IUPAC financial controller in mid-October 2018.


6.1 The Profit and Loss Statement for 2018

The P&L, which was included in the Agenda book, showed a loss ($339,951) versus a projected budget surplus of $144,227 largely due to two factors; an adverse but unrealized swing in the value of the investment portfolio that occurred substantially during Q4 2018 of ($304,024) and the decision to withdraw funds ($63,677) to settle pressing volunteer expense claims in December 2018. [Total $367,701] At an operating level 2018 would have shown a small surplus, est. $120k.

Other income variations from budget of note were:

- National subscriptions down $33k due to pending payment of Puerto Rico (negotiated to the 2019 NS level of $5,015 as of 31 January 2019), non-payment of Jordan (2 years in arrears ~$2,000), Bangladesh ($1,984.50), Mozambique ($1,102.50). Jordan is currently 24 months in arrears (second time). Bangladesh and Mozambique are currently 12 months in arrears and are not subject to automatic removal.

- Company Associate subscriptions were well up versus 2017 but are below an ambitious plan.
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- Affiliate member subscriptions are slightly down from 2017 and below the ambitious budget as we transitioned USA-ACS members to IUPAC.

- No income was realized from publishing databases, otherwise publishing on plan.

Expenses:

- Secretariat costs were below plan by $94.8k predominately due to total staff costs. The full budgeted salary increase was not undertaken and Jay Lucido’s resignation meant a period with one less staff. FC members noted however that Jay continued to support IUPAC in his spare time and helped to bring our new controller, Tammy Bridges, up to speed. His commitment and contributions have been recognized.

- Total travel and meetings are on plan.

The summary of the P&L shown below was reviewed by the FC:
## IUPAC Income Statement - Summary

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<th>2017 Actual</th>
<th>2018 Actual</th>
<th>2018 Annual Budget</th>
<th>2018 Actual vs Budget Variance</th>
<th>Actual 2017 vs 2018 Variance</th>
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<td>Program Income</td>
<td>1,206,634</td>
<td>1,178,859</td>
<td>1,291,319</td>
<td>(112,460)</td>
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<td>Direct Public Support</td>
<td>15,541</td>
<td>20,000</td>
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<td>Investments</td>
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<td>(210,110)</td>
<td>141,000</td>
<td>(351,110)</td>
<td>(655,651)</td>
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<td>Sponsorship Revenue</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>27,821</td>
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<td>Merchandise Revenue - Pins</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1,210</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
<td>1,667,716</td>
<td>1,017,780</td>
<td>1,468,319</td>
<td>(450,539)</td>
<td>(649,937)</td>
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<td><strong>Gross Profit</strong></td>
<td>1,667,716</td>
<td>1,017,780</td>
<td>1,468,319</td>
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<td>Awards, Grants &amp; Contribution</td>
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<td>Fixed Costs - Salaries &amp; Benefits</td>
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<td>517,257</td>
<td>607,952</td>
<td>90,695</td>
<td>23,189</td>
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<td>Lease, Insurance &amp; Bank Fees</td>
<td>95,838</td>
<td>96,305</td>
<td>83,832</td>
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<td>(467)</td>
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<td>General &amp; Administrative Expenses</td>
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<td>71,504</td>
<td>60,795</td>
<td>(10,709)</td>
<td>18,545</td>
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<td>Contracted Services</td>
<td>83,199</td>
<td>137,607</td>
<td>63,750</td>
<td>(73,857)</td>
<td>(54,408)</td>
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<td>Depreciation Expense</td>
<td>38,684</td>
<td>41,584</td>
<td>46,104</td>
<td>4,520</td>
<td>(2,900)</td>
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<td>Other Expenses</td>
<td>27,392</td>
<td>28,496</td>
<td>28,100</td>
<td>(396)</td>
<td>(1,104)</td>
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<td>Travel &amp; Meetings</td>
<td>656,338</td>
<td>433,292</td>
<td>423,559</td>
<td>(9,733)</td>
<td>223,046</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Expense</td>
<td>(35,536)</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>(35,536)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
<td>1,525,160</td>
<td>1,366,597</td>
<td>1,314,092</td>
<td>(52,505)</td>
<td>158,563</td>
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<td><strong>Net Ordinary Income / (Loss)</strong></td>
<td>142,556</td>
<td>(348,817)</td>
<td>154,227</td>
<td>(503,044)</td>
<td>(491,373)</td>
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<td><strong>Other Income &amp; Expenses</strong></td>
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<td>Other (Income)</td>
<td>(587)</td>
<td>(355)</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>355</td>
<td>(232)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Expense</td>
<td>(9,550)</td>
<td>(8,511)</td>
<td>10,000</td>
<td>18,511</td>
<td>(1,039)</td>
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<td><strong>Net Other Income / Expense</strong></td>
<td>(10,137)</td>
<td>(8,866)</td>
<td>10,000</td>
<td>18,866</td>
<td>(1,271)</td>
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<td><strong>Nominal Income / (Loss) for the period</strong></td>
<td>152,693</td>
<td>(339,951)</td>
<td>144,227</td>
<td>(484,178)</td>
<td>(492,644)</td>
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### 6.2 Balance Sheet for 2018

The balance sheet that was included in the Agenda book showed a healthier position in comparison with December 2017. Cash available exceeded liabilities although FC members noted the line of credit (LoC) still remaining at $308k. It had been hoped to clear this ahead of the expenses that will follow during 2019.
Accounts payable are $79k, also a significant improvement on 2017.

The main infrastructure project, the new database system of $55k, is shown as Work in Progress but is complete and in operation. Upon advice from our auditors, the database will begin depreciating in January 2019. User authentication and a partial amount of the “CI Digital First” effort is currently in the depreciation schedule.

The balance sheet shown below for reference was reviewed by the FC:
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[FC6.1a, b, c; 6.2] The FC endorsed the management of the 2018 P&L and Balance Sheet, the Secretariat P&L and management and handling of 2018-2019 exceptional cases of IUPAC100 and IYPT2019.

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#### IUPAC Balance Sheet
**As of 31 December 2018**

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<th>Dec17</th>
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<th>Variance</th>
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<td><strong>ASSETS</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Current Assets</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Checking/Savings</td>
<td>179,726</td>
<td>303,987</td>
<td>384,524</td>
<td>80,537</td>
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<td>Accounts Receivable</td>
<td>91,984</td>
<td>305,638</td>
<td>48,346</td>
<td>(257,291)</td>
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<td><strong>Other Current Assets</strong></td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>606</td>
<td>606</td>
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<tr>
<td>Undeposited Funds</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>606</td>
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<td>Inventory</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<td>Sales Tax Receivable</td>
<td>1,336</td>
<td>907</td>
<td>627</td>
<td>(280)</td>
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<td>Total Prepaid Expenses</td>
<td>2,382</td>
<td>4,822</td>
<td>7,132</td>
<td>2,310</td>
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<td><strong>Total Other Current Assets</strong></td>
<td>3,718</td>
<td>5,729</td>
<td>8,365</td>
<td>2,636</td>
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<td><strong>Total Current Assets</strong></td>
<td>275,428</td>
<td>615,353</td>
<td>441,235</td>
<td>(174,118)</td>
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<td><strong>Fixed Assets</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Fixed Assets</td>
<td>187,992</td>
<td>192,078</td>
<td>179,137</td>
<td>(12,941)</td>
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<td>Security Deposits</td>
<td>3,565</td>
<td>3,565</td>
<td>3,565</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Marketable Securities</strong></td>
<td>3,889,081</td>
<td>4,097,527</td>
<td>3,729,826</td>
<td>(367,701)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Other Assets</strong></td>
<td>3,892,646</td>
<td>4,101,092</td>
<td>3,733,391</td>
<td>(367,701)</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL ASSETS</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 4,356,066</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 4,908,523</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 4,353,764</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ (554,760)</strong></td>
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#### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

|                      |       |       |       |          |
| **Liabilities**      |       |       |       |          |
| Accounts Payable     | 81,125 | 198,792 | 79,285 | (119,507) |
| Total Credit Cards   | 172 | 1,053 | 4,798 | 3,746 |
| **Other Current Liabilities** | 44,701 | 49,035 | 46,601 | (2,435) |
| Total Payroll Liabilities | 21,823 | 50,702 | 150 | (50,552) |
| Unearned Membership Income | 0 | 125 | 0 | (125) |
| Deferred Rent        | 21,506 | 19,351 | 15,640 | (3,711) |
| **Total Non-current Liabilities** | 188,030 | 469,213 | 370,166 | (99,047) |
| **Total Current Liabilities** | 269,327 | 669,058 | 454,250 | (214,808) |
| **Total Liabilities** | **$ 269,327** | **$ 669,058** | **$ 454,250** | **$ (214,808)** |

|                      |       |       |       |          |
| **Equity**           |       |       |       |          |
| Net Asset w/ Donor Restriction | 204,357 | 204,357 | 204,357 | 0 |
| Net Asset w/o Donor Restriction | 100,110 | 111,809 | 108,761 | (3,048) |
| Unrestricted Net Assets | 3,749,793 | 3,770,606 | 3,926,347 | 155,741 |
| Nominal income (loss) for the period | 32,477 | 152,693 | (339,951) | (492,644) |
| **Total Equity**     | **$ 4,086,739** | **$ 4,239,465** | **$ 3,899,514** | **$ (339,951)** |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** | **$ 4,356,066** | **$ 4,908,523** | **$ 4,353,764** | **$ (554,760)** |
6.3 **Cash Flow Report for 2018**

The 2018 cash flow summary is shown below and is a familiar picture. The pressure on cash throughout and at the end of the year is clear. The chart includes the cash realized from investments. The full Year End Cash Flow report was in the agenda book and was also reviewed by the FC.

While the overall situation is familiar, the comparison of 2017 vs. 2018 indicates that

- 2018 had 3 months of net cash positive
- Almost the full year of 2018 required close monitoring of income vs. expense and required use of cash from the LoC and two “holds” on payouts
- NS from China/Beijing for 2017 was received in January 2018 and the 2018 NS received in late December 2018.
6.4 Publications and Subscriptions

Publications and Royalties income was down $43k on plan but this was accounted for by the lack of any income from databases. The De Gruyter database was not a stand-alone success. It is now bundled with Pure and Applied Chemistry (PAC) and Chemistry International (CI) as an offer to libraries. What is shown as the Springer database relates to the Solubility Data Series. An agreement is now being finalized with the American Institute of Physics regarding ownership and rights to publish to enable some future earnings from a potential SDS database with joint ownership and royalty potential.

The FC noted that the net income for PAC & CI has plateaued at approximately $200k.

6.5 Affiliate Members Program 2018

The implementation of the revised AMP program for 2018 had been discussed at the 2018 FC meeting. The revision includes a price increase for base membership to $50
The AMP benefit of receiving a print copy of CI as a default was changed to receiving authenticated digital access at De Gruyter’s site. Those that want a print copy of CI pay an additional $25.00 to offset the costs. AMPs can join through their NAO Coordinator earning the NAO $20.00 of the $50.00. An improvement has also been implemented for receiving IUPAC “direct” payments for AMPs to provide easy application and credit card payment of the AMP fee online.

The FC noted that 2019 Affiliate Membership program historically coordinated by ACS is now managed directly by IUPAC and the full subscription amount is credited to IUPAC. This has increased workload, but the process improvements in database to website linkage, electronic access to documents, official membership card and payments via STRIPE gave us an ability to transition the ACS members.

Despite the subscription increase overall income fell from $30k in 2017 (which included a December 16 ACS payment) to $25k in 2018, corresponding to the implementation of the ACS turnover and Brazil’s and Poland’s non-participation (~$1,140 less from Brazil and loss of 38 AMs from Poland. Spain sent information on their 2018 AMP members (76) in October after closing the 2018 deadline. While the income is slightly lower, the estimated cost saving for the 2018 transition to digital access of CI of our members/volunteers and basic AMP (Sponsored and Paid) is $25.4k (elimination of Print copies). There was also an expectation that some of the IUPAC volunteers may want a print copy of CI and be willing to pay for it—however, none did so.

The budget expectations for 2020/2021 have been revised down as a result but the FC recommended that gaining AMP members should remain a major focus.

6.6 COMPANY ASSOCIATE PROGRAM 2018

The Company Associate pricing structure implemented for 2018 included an increase over time for the current heritage (2017) CAs to the target amount of $2,500 per CA. New CAs are being charged $2,500 starting in 2018.

In the development of the 2018-2019 budget for the CA program, a model of income was prepared. The Finance Committee noted that maintaining the existing CAs as well as adding new CAs would have a material effect on IUPAC’s income. This was the case in 2018 with earnings rising to $16k, although short of the ambitious budget ($30k) as the FC had feared. Budget expectations from the next biennium have been adjusted to a lower figure.

The FC noted that there were currently 25 heritage members, 2 new members and 16 members lost through the implementation of the change, non-participation and non-payment. It is clearly necessary to encourage the IUPAC leadership organizations to focus on the CA program and encourage companies to become involved in the all the work across IUPAC. The CA offer now includes more than membership of COCI.

6.7 INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO INTEREST AND DIVIDEND
Investment and dividend earnings before fees were $138.6k compared to budget plan of $141k. (3.60%). Earnings net of fees are $94.6k, which is a 2.46% return.

6.8 **Biennium Budget Projection/Forecast 2018-2019**

The biennium budget for 2018/19 showed a forecast of a loss of $155k. The actual outcome will be highly dependent on the performance of the financial portfolio as in 2018. It will also be necessary to factor in the loss of Brazil and Jordan (Mozambique at end of 2019) as NAOs and to grow CA and AMP membership. The FC noted that the EC is playing close attention to travel costs for IYPT and IUPAC100 events/activities and that cash will undoubtedly remain an issue through 2019.

6.9 **Special Items of Expenses (Investments) Incurred in 2018**

There were no new items of special expenditure during 2018 although as mentioned about some $50k was spent in support of IUPAC 100 activities.

7. **Investment Portfolio**

7.1 **Portfolio Performance 2018 and Historical Performance**

The 31 December Investment summary report is in the agenda book. In summary, the last month of 2018 was an extremely volatile time in the market. *The FC noted that the year-end investment of $3,854,222 has regained ~$211,204 (balance = $4,066,114 as of the date of its meeting).*

![Investment Portfolio Chart](chart.png)

**Historical IUPAC Investment Portfolio viewpoint**
7.2 IUPAC INVESTMENT POLICY ANNUAL REVIEW

The IUPAC investment policy was in the Agenda Book for review by the Finance Committee. This annual review is requested by BB&T/Scott & Stringfellow as a best practice to assure alignment of the portfolio management with IUPAC policy. The core issue is the fit between the approved risk profile, the current portfolio and the scope for changes.

[FC7.2] The FC reviewed the investment policy and decided to review it again prior to the first quarter Investment Portfolio review in April 2019.

7.3 IUPAC FUND POLICY STATEMENT (UPDATED)

The Finance Committee agreed to update the Fund Policy Statement at its 2018 meeting. The statement places a requirement to hold a certain amount of funds to operate for a biennium, which is estimated $2.7m [18-19]. The FC agreed the removal of the General Assembly Special Fund of $250,000, which was understood as a contingency fund over any budgeted GA amount and is no longer relevant with the current approach to organizing General Assemblies. An updated IUPAC Fund Policy Statement was reviewed by the FC.
7.4 **USE OF FUNDS FROM THE IUPAC ENDOWMENT**

IUPAC has a policy of appropriating for distribution each year the interest income allocated to each of its endowment funds, with such allocation approximating a 2.16% in 2017 and 2.50% in 2018, respectively. In establishing this policy, management of IUPAC considered the long-term expected return on its endowment. This is consistent with IUPAC's objective to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets held in perpetuity or for a specified term as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return.

The recommendation for 2019 is 2.46% to be applied to the Restricted Funds balance based upon the return of the portfolio, net of fees.

The three permanently restricted funds (CHEMRAWN, Fransozini, and Hanwha (Samsung)) comprise ~5.3% of our total portfolio (at 31Dec MV $3.85M)

*FC7.4* Use of funds from the IUPAC Endowment was approved at 2.46% for 2019, to be applied in December 2019 to funds balance.

7.5 **REPORTING AND QUARTERLY REVIEW OF PORTFOLIO**

Quarterly meetings of the Finance Committee with the investment managers were held in 2018. The FC decided to continue the regular schedule of quarterly reviews with our portfolio managers.

*FC7.5* The FC endorsed the 2019 investment portfolio reviews be held third week of the month following closing of each quarter. April, July (*Will have to be postponed due to GA and vacation scheduled. Suggest last week 29-31 July, October, January 2020)*

The FC requested changes to be implemented with the Investment Managers so that a number of choices – rather than a single recommendation - be presented for any changes proposed in the allocation of investments.

8. **NATIONAL SUBSCRIPTION TASK FORCE**

8.1 **FINAL REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE**
The recommendations of the National Subscription Task Force had been adopted by Council through a webinar process conducted in September 2018. The formal notification letter stating the results to the NAOs is in the agenda book.

Results of Council Votes-National Subscription Model, Results and Implementation

Total Votes Possible: 169   Majority: 86

1. Council is asked to approve the new National Subscription Model
   For = 102
   Against = 21
   Abstain = 0 (no vote)
   Dismissed = 1
   Total Votes Cast: 123

Motion approved

2. Council is asked to approve the implementation plan of ± 3% p.a. of the National Subscriptions from 2019 to 2023
   For = 106
   Against = 21
   Abstain = 0 (no vote)
   Dismissed = 1
   Total Votes Cast: 127

Motion approved

3. Council is asked to approve the Bureau/NSTF recommendation for treating “Minimum Paying” Countries
   For = 108
   Against = 9
   Abstain = 1 (no vote)
   Dismissed = 1
   Total Votes Cast: 117

Motion approved

4. Council is asked to approve the recommendation for Puerto Rico’s immediate reduction to the NS Target for 2019 due to unique circumstances.
   For = 115
   Against = 2
   Abstain = 1 (no vote)
   Dismissed = 1
   Total Votes Cast: 117

Motion approved

5. Council is asked to approve the National Subscriptions for 2019-2023.
   Yes= 105
   No = 18
   Abstain = 0
   Dismissed = 1
   Total Votes Cast: 123

Motion approved

Total Number of Participating NAOs: 33/55 (60%)
The model adopted was based on statistical advice from SAMSI (Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute, RTP) in what was essentially a regression analysis of data over the past four years based on three national factors: the number of chemistry publications, the relative size of the chemical industry and GDP. Internationally comparable data is available for all three factors. It will be implemented for the next two biennia to 2023 when the data will be updated. The status update letter to the NAOs is in the agenda book for reference.

[FC8.1] Final report of the National Subscription task force was reviewed as were its implications for the future finances of the Union. The FC Chair noted appreciation of the multiple years of effort to accomplish the work and obtaining the approval by Council of the new model of National Subscription.

The number of those NAOs who did not vote was requested. The number of NAOs who did vote were 33 of 55 (60%) via email or Go To Webinar. A detailed report will be shared with the FC prior to the 1st Quarter Investment review meeting in early April 2019.

8.2 Effect on Future Annual Subscription Income

The equation for calculation of national subscriptions was modelled over a number of years to ensure the subscription income remained stable at ~ $900k. Holding the total at this level for the current group of members was a commitment to Council in Sao Paulo. An adjusted Annual Subscription table was included in the agenda book, reflecting the withdrawal of Brazil, beginning in 2019.

The FC noted that, importantly, the formula gives an absolute way of calculating the subscription of new members which directly adds to the income of IUPAC.

[FC8.2] The FC noted the effect of the new NS model on the total National Subscriptions for 2019-2022 that anticipates lower National Subscription income and the importance of gaining new NAOs.


In preparing the budget for 2020/21 the Treasurer and Executive Director discussed three models for the FC review, input and consideration:

- Model 1 simply extrapolates the current operation structures of IUPAC taking account of known changes for the NAOs and including less ambitious targets for CA and AMP. This shows a biennium deficit of ($472k) in the P&L Statement.
Model 2 builds on this but allows a shift in project funding to reflect the current strategy with its focus on cross divisional/committee activities and new work on sustainable development and digital standards. ($517k)
### Model 3 might be referred to as an austerity budget in which we have eliminated the costs of many of the major administrative meetings (EC, Bureau, FC), assumed CHEMRAWN is closed and takes a more conservative view of discretionary payments where possible ($383k).
The summary of these budgets and key assumptions was included in the agenda book as “Budget Model Summary Document”. FC members reviewed these as a basis for providing a recommendation on the way forward on this spectrum of outcomes.
The FC appreciated that there was upside potential as discussions with potential new NAOs were in progress and scope still existed to market the AMP and CA programs more effectively. It is also obvious that some factors beyond the Union’s control e.g., the yield from our investments could effect changes to the estimated income. There was some discussion of the proportion of expenses made for travel with the suggestion that in relooking at the budget account be taken of the travel costs of the Divisions and Standing Committees. Clearly the position presented in the three options is not sustainable, making the work of Future Options Working Group (reported below) more relevant and emphasizing the importance of the pursuit of new endowment income.

[FC9.0] The FC recommended that a return to non-deficit balanced budgeting should be made as soon as was feasible. To this end it recommended that further reductions be made to Model 3 to indicate more severe expenditure cuts and that appropriate items proposed by the FC Working Group should be incorporated, especially with regards operating budgets. Revisions should be reviewed with the EC (March) and then Bureau (April).

10. WORKING GROUP OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (FUTURE OPTIONS) CH

The Working Group report had been circulated to FC members. It reviews the concerns raised by the FC at its 2018 meeting as they related to the sustainability of our income streams. The working group reviewed the options for responding to material shortfalls of income. The objective was to challenge current thinking and initiate discussion and action before a crisis hit. This is something to be considered in parallel with activities designed to attract new funding.

The recommendations are:

In the Short term
- Continue to work with our financial advisors to help manage our cash flow.
- Consider policy changes to encourage the reduction of the need for travel and subsistence by judicious use of virtual meetings.
- Take the opportunity to review the future skills and competence needs of the Secretariat. Plan for succession of staff and reassess the office location by the end of 2019, well ahead of the lease renegotiation.

In the Budget outlook
- Avoid major discretionary face to face governance meetings of Bureau and EC.
- Rebalance Division and Standing Committee budgets to maximize focus on projects and create the opportunity to fund the new cross organizational strategic programs.

Medium to longer term
• Rethink the way we run the Council meetings and the structure of the Bureau and EC.
• Assess the opportunities to simplify and focus the science organization (and retire less productive activities).
• Reassess the administrative task of the Secretariat in light of these two points.
• Think through new options for the structure and funding of our work involving our stakeholders in cross cutting program activities.
• Consider radically different approaches to national subscription funding designed to allow far greater national membership and engagement with IUPAC globally.

[FC10] The Report of the Working Group of the Finance Committee was discussed in detail regarding implications to governance and operating procedures. The FC recommended the working group report be discussed during the EC meeting in March.

The FC stressed that there is a real need for action to produce smaller deficits and endorsed and supported the work of the FC working group. The FC supports further work on this important effort with regards to the overall health of the Union and its future.

The FC recommended that a Council Task Force be initiated at the 2019 Meeting to carry out a thorough review of every aspect of the operations of the Union and of its finances to ensure that a sustainable future can be secured.

11. Fundraising Strategies and New Sources of Income

11.1 IUPAC “Centenary” Endowment Fund Update

The FC received an update on the legal advice for the set-up of the fund.

The recommendation is that IUPAC should have guiding documents in place which clearly set forth how the endowment will be funded and under what circumstances it may be accessed. Endowment funds are restricted funds, meaning the corpus remains intact, and a non-profit organisation can draw upon the annual investment fund specified by the endowment governing documents. In terms of documenting the creation of the endowment and its applicable investment considerations, this requires a resolution by Council on recommendation of EC/Bureau, which will set out the way in which the funds may be spent and accessed. Sample endowment fund guidance documents are being sought to help the process. There will be a cost for the legal support.
In addition to the guiding documents regarding the expenditure of endowment funds, IUPAC should consider having an investment policy to govern how the endowment funds will be invested. This may include identifying what portion of fundraising efforts will be directed towards establishing the endowment, how much money IUPAC needs to make from the endowment on an annual basis, etc.

The recommendation is that IUPAC creates a management board for the fund including external directors who could assist in fund raising. On an ongoing basis, we should look to our financial advisors to support this Board in establishing an investment policy for the fund, recommending investment vehicles on an ongoing basis, and providing administrative support for the investment funds.

North Carolina adopted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA), which modernized the then-existing standards for non-profits with regard to the management and investment of their funds. UPMIFA requires that the governing board invest and manage the fund in good faith and with the care an ordinary person in a like position would exercise under the same circumstances. The “prudence” standard under UPMIFA enables non-profit governing bodies to take actions that they regard to be prudent, including certain expenditures that would raid the corpus of an endowment fund.

More information is in hand from the lawyers and will be forwarded as soon as it is available. It maybe that some work on the policies for the operation of the Centenary Endowment will be required by email.

[FC11] The FC approved pursuing the recommendation to engage legal assistance to establish and formalize a new IUPAC Endowment fund and accepted that there may be legal costs associated.

12. MEMBERSHIP OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 2020-2021

The FC should advise the Chair on the way forward. How can a future Finance Committee add more value to IUPAC? How should we seek nominations?

The FC discussed the requirements for nominees and the process implemented for IUPAC nominations for Divisions and Committees and hosting Bureau and EC meetings through solicitation of current NAOs.

[FC12] The Treasurer, with consultation of the FC Chairman, will propose a short brief of skills and requirements for nominations to the FC. Nominations will then be sought and presented to the President. The President, in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall appoint the Chair and Titular members of the Finance Committee.

13. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

14. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING
A date and time for the 2020 Finance Committee meeting was not confirmed at this time. The FC decided that the Quarterly Investment Review virtual meetings, be restructured to include short FC meetings (4) throughout the year in 2019.

Prof. Corish also noted that Prof. Ruegg’s constant companion at the FC activities, his dog Tanok, be recognized as an *ex officio* member of the committee.