

MIPP Annual General Meeting 7th March 2017

Venue: Le Meridien Hotel, St. Julian's

Eligible voting members: 24.

The AGM was held at 19:30pm at Le Meridien Hotel St. Julian's. The meeting started at 19:45 as there was no quorum.

1st item on agenda: Approval of the minutes of AGM 2016

The first item of the agenda was the approval of last year's minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved. (George Swindells proposed and Ivan Consiglio seconded).

2nd item on agenda: Hon. Secretary General's Annual Report – Sergio Morana

The secretary general, Mr. Sergio Morana, read the secretary's general report, which outlined the Institute's accomplishments, operations during 2016, as well as the goals for the coming year. The report was approved by the members. (proposed Charles Calleja and Veronica Busuttill seconded).

3rd item on the agenda: Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Accounts – Martin Aguis

The next item on the agenda was the reading of the financial statement by Mr. Martin Aguis. The current MIPP funds amount to EUR108,752. Mr Charles Calleja asked as to how come we have less interest in the bank. Martin Aguis replied that this was due to having to soon pay the premises so the MIPP had to close some bank accounts in order to have cash in hand. This resulted in less bank interests. Another member asked what administration fee is. Martin Aguis said that this is the payment that is given to Kevin Casha to run the day-to-day matters of the MIPP. The Treasurer also pointed out that the accounts were certified by a professional accountant. (Edward Sant Fournier proposed and Tonio Polidano seconded). The accounts were unanimously approved.

4th item on the agenda: MIPP's vision for 2017 by MIPP's hon. President – Kevin Casha

Kevin Casha said that it was from day one the MIPP worked hard to have its own premises. The President said that as no help from any government came to fruition, the MIPP committee decided to go on and buy its own premises. The process to choose our own premises took over 2 years. The President also outlined the difficulties that the MIPP is facing with the Planning Authority to get the necessary

permits for our premises issued. He said that the MIPP will have to at least pay over €3,000 in 'parking tax'. He also explained his vision for the premises. The premises will be used as a generic meeting place, venue for small courses and a place where the committee meets and stores its movables.

The President then elaborated on why the November Convention will have to end. He explained that due to the fact that the Societies seem to be winding down and that, due to today's lifestyle, not many members can stay for three days at the convention, the committee has decided to convert the convention into 5 one-day themed seminars.

He also stated that as from this year the LMIPP will not be a print panel but members will be able to submit their images in digital format. With regards to the AMIPP and FMIPP Qualifications, members will still need to submit their images in printed format.

The President then discussed the NCFHE courses. He said that 3 months ago he received from the NCFHE that all courses will be audited and start with a standard fee of 2,000 Euro and the possibility of other expenses added on later by NCFHE. Unless this situation changes, the MIPP may have to halt these accredited courses.

5th item on the agenda – Amendments to the statute

Amendment 1

Clause 1i:

The Executive Committee representing all MIPP members is allowed to own immovable property, to borrow and raise money and secure or discharge any debt or obligation of or binding on the Institute in such manner as may be thought fit in particular by hypothecs, mortgages of or charges upon the assets present and future or by creation and issue of hypothecs, or other obligations or securities of any description where necessary and in relation to the aims and the official Statute of the Institute. In all such cases, a majority vote in committee is needed.

(Proposed by the lawyer committee and seconded by the committee)

This clause was unanimously agreed on.

In a comment arising from discussion, Edward Sant Fournier has suggested that the committee should look into the possibility to find an insurance to safeguard committee members from any liability regarding premises and any other equipment. Edward also suggested that the new MIPP premises could be rented out to others in order to generate more money for the organisation. The committee will look into these suggestions.

Amendment 2

Clause 3c

Three Year Membership: €100

This clause was unanimously agreed on.

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Clause 5e

The committee can also bestow an Honorary Membership to persons deemed to have assisted and helped the MIPP. Such memberships need at least 4 favourable votes out of the 5 executive committee eligible votes. Honorary Memberships are given for a limited period and can be withdrawn again through the same process.

This clause was unanimously agreed on.

Charles Calleja asked if Honorary Members will have voting powers. The President replied to the affirmative.

6th Item – Election of the new committee

No elections were carried out since only 5 members applied for the committee for the 5 available posts consequently; all candidates were appointed to the Executive Committee. The new committee is thus made up of the following members:

Mr. Kevin Casha

Mr. Martin Aguis

Mr. Tonio Polidano

Ms. Oriella Formosa Carabez

Mr. Charles Calleja

Kevin Casha also took the opportunity to thank Sergio Morana for all the work done within the committee.

7th item – Other matters

A member asked if one can use the logo of the MIPP for personal reasons. The President confirmed that one can do so and actually members are encouraged to do this . The President also opened a discussion on whether MIPP should assign mentors. From the discussion that ensued, there was a consensus that the MIPP will henceforth leave it now up to members to select their own mentors. The President finally mentioned that more workshops were being added on to the calendar due to consistent requests by members.

Signed: Sergio Morana (recording of Minutes)

Signed: Kevin Casha (President)