

MINUTES

General Assembly of the International Association of Building Physics

The General Assembly of the IABP was held in continuation of the Closing Session of the International Building Physics Conference 2021 at the physical Venue of the Technical University of Denmark's Auditorium 82, Bygningstorvet, Building 116, Kgs. Lyngby, Denmark, and on Zoom.

Participants were people in the auditorium after the last IBPC 2021 session (some estimated 30 persons) and participants on Zoom (some estimated 20 persons).

Agenda

1. IABP status (mission and scope, structure, participation, representation and current board members)
2. Proposed revision of IABP statutes
3. Nomination of new Board for Assembly Approval (voting is required)
4. Introduce next IABP Chair who can introduce future planned activities
5. Announcement of IBPC2024
6. Other announcements

The first three points of the agenda were chaired by IABP Chair 2018-21, Prof. Jianshun (Jensen) Zhang, Syracuse University.

1. IABP status (mission and scope, structure, participation, representation and current board members)

As President of the IABP 2018-21, Prof. Zhang reported on:

IABP Mission:

- To improve building physics area worldwide
- To establish communication and cooperation among those engaged in education, research, and application in various fields of building physics

IABP Scope:

- To promote, advance and disseminate the research and best practice in the field of Building Physics in order to improve the design, construction, operation, maintenance and performance of new and existing buildings and surrounding infrastructure
- To organize an international scientific conference every three years (International Building Physics Conference – IBPC)
- To sponsor an international journal (International Journal of Building Physics)
- To promote and support the teaching of Building Physics
- To periodically organize PhD summer or winter schools on Building Physics. Prof Zhang mentioned that this activity has been low in recent years due to the pandemic.

Participation in IABP:

- Membership is free. One can join by attending IBPC or register via the IABP website
- 1000+ members based on the last three IBPCs attendance

Major activities:

- IBPC 2018 Proceeding Publication: electronically available from <https://doi.org/10.14305/ibpc2018>
- Topical issues: 1) International Journal of Building Physics, 2) Science and Technology for the Built Environment
- Website update, maintenance and transfer
- Selection of host for IBPC2024
- Nomination of new BOD for 2021-2024

Governance:

- The bodies of the Association are the General Assembly of Members, the Board, and the President.
- The General Assembly of Members has the following tasks:
 - to elect the President; to approve the rules of procedure; to approve the Board members;
 - to decide on amendments to the Statute;
 - to decide the eventual dissolution of the Association.

2. Proposed revision of IABP statutes

Prof. Zhang presented two proposals for amendments to the statutes of the IABP that had been agreed by the Board at its meeting on 24 August 2021, proposals a) and b) below:

a) Increase the maximum number of Board members to 15 by amending the following underlined text to the statutes' section on composition of the board:

“The Board controls the policies and procedures of IABP. The Board is composed of ~~the President and 10 (ten)~~ up to 15 committee members including the President as the committee chair. A fair geographical distribution of the Board members is pursued.

- The Board members participated in previous activities of the IABP.
- The Board is proposed by the President.
- The Board members and the President are confirmed by the General Assembly of Members.
- The positions in the Board and the President are for a three year term, renewable for no more than two terms.
- The Board shall meet when needed and, at least, during the periodic IBPC Conference (by videoconference if necessary).
- The President (or her/his delegate, in the President's absence) chairs the Board meetings.
- The Board strives to reach decisions by consensus. Where this is not possible, decisions require a simple majority vote. In the case of a voting tie a decision is made by the President at the Board meeting.
- No quorum for voting is required.
- The President and the Board members actively participate in the meetings to realize the mandate of the organisation.”

Prof. Zhang further mentioned in his motivation on behalf of the board that in addition to the goal of having a geographical distribution of the board members, it was also a goal to have a broad representation of expertises.

b) President of IABP and Chair of the BOD will be nominated by the IABP BOD members without necessarily linking to organization of the International Building Physics Conferences.

“The President remains in office for three years and he can be renewed for no more than two terms.

- He/she is the representative of the Association in all respects.
- He/she calls and presides over the Board meetings and signs all official acts performed by the Association,
- ~~— The business as usual is to propose as President of the IABP association the Chairman of the IBPC Conference just closed,~~
- He/she can give members special functions to manage various activities, with the approval of the Board.”

Professor Zhang invited for comments and discussions. Since no discussion points were raised, he proposed the motion to approve the above two voting points. Voting could be done by raising objections to the suggestions that were for vote.

Since no objections were posted, neither spoken nor on the chat, Prof. Zhang concluded that the two proposals for amendments had been approved by the General Assembly.

3. Nomination of new Board for Assembly Approval (voting is required)

Election of IABP President

Nominated by the Board:

Prof. Carsten Rode – DTU, Denmark - as IABP President and Chair of the Board, replacing Prof. Jensen Zhang (USA).

Election of IABP Board members

From the previous Board (2018-2021):

- Birgit Rasmussen – Aalborg University Copenhagen, Denmark (Joined 2015) – renewal for 2021-2024.
- Borong Lin – China (Joined 2015) – renewal for 2021-2024.
- John Grunewald – Dresden University of Technology, Germany (Joined 2018) – renewal for 2021-2024.
- Nese Ganiç Sağlam – Ozyegin University, Turkey (Joined 2018) – renewal for 2021-2024.
- Ryozo Ooka – University of Tokyo, Japan (Joined 2015) – renewal for 2021-2024
- Staf Roels – University of Leuven, Belgium (Joined 2018) – renewal for 2021-2024

New nominations:

- Bijan Adl-Zarrabi, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden - new nomination, replacing Paula Wahlgren – Sweden (Joined 2015) who resigned and nominated Prof. Bijan Adl-Zarrabi.
- Umberto Berardi, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada - new nomination (confirmed), to represent Canada, replacing Fitsum Tariku – Canada (Joined 2012) who has served 3 terms.
- Monika Woloszyn, University Savoie Mont Blanc, France – new nomination,

- Bing Dong, Syracuse University, USA - new nomination to represent USA, replacing Jensen Zhang who has served the Board three terms since 2012.

Prof. Zhang gave a short presentation of Bijan Adl-Zarrabi, while Umberto Berardi, Monika Woloszyn, and Bing Dong, who were present online gave brief presentations of themselves.

As replacement of Sergio Vera, Department of Construction Engineering and Management, School of Engineering Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile who served 4 terms, and Marco Perino, Politecnico di Torino, Italy who served 3 terms, new candidates were nominated to represent South America, and Southern Europe. Confirmation of the nominated candidates is pending.

Prof. Zhang first asked if there were other candidates. On the chat came the proposal by Dominique Derome that it should be sought that at least two of the free positions should be filled by female fellows. Prof. Zhang asked if there were any objections to this proposal, and since that was not the case, the proposal was adopted. It was agreed that nominating one female out of the two above suggested new candidates live up to the new rule.

Professor Zhang then asked if there were objections to the proposed members of the board. Since no objection were raised, Prof. Zhang concluded that the board was elected as proposed, while Mendes and Astolfi have to confirm that they will receive their election. Since the board then consists of 13 members, including the president and the two non-confirmed members, it is possible to supplement the board with two additional members. The new elected board and president were given authority to appoint two additional board members without calling for an extraordinary General Assembly while respecting the above-mentioned principles of diversity in geography, expertises, and gender.

Prof. Zhang gave the word to Prof. Rode to convene the rest of the General Assembly.

Prof. Rode thanked for the election and immediately continued to thank Prof. Zhang for his very competent leadership of the Association during the past three years.

4. Introduce next IABP Chair who can introduce future planned activities

Prof. Rode briefly recapitulated on the four main activities of the IABP:

1. Arranging triennial IBPC Conferences
2. Maintaining a homepage
3. Academically sponsoring a scientific journal.

Since the association has no funding, budgets or fees, “sponsoring” can only be done by giving academic support and encouraging high quality contributions to the Journal of Building Physics.

4. Annual PhD Summer schools

As discussed at the board meeting on 24 August 2021 (where Carsten Rode was a visitor), the new board should be organized with sub-committees that would cater for the vibrancy of the four main areas of activity.

5. Announcement of IBPC2024

It was announced that by decision of the past Board of the IABP, at its meeting on 24 August 2021, the 9th International Building Physics Conference will be hosted by Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada, on 27-29 May, 2024. Conference chair will be Prof. Umberto Berardi.

Umberto Berardi gave a short introduction to Toronto and circumstances for the conferences, which will be held on the Ryerson campus in downtown Toronto. Other Canadian universities and NRC will join in the planning of the conference.

6. Other announcements

Prof. Rode explained that while the previous homepage of the IABP was discontinued in December 2020, a new one had been established under a new URL: <https://www.iabp.info/>. Content from the previous homepage was to a large extent reused on the new homepage and will be maintained for the continuation.

Since there was $\frac{1}{2}$ no further business to discuss or report about, The General Assembly was adjourned.

Carsten Rode

President of the International Association of Building Physics, 2021-24

Professor, Technical University of Denmark