



TIES 2014 Annual General Meeting

3:30 – 5:00 pm

The International Environmetrics Society (TIES)

December 16th, 2014

at

TIES 2014 Conference

Guangzhou, China

Agenda

Notification of Chair [Bronwyn] and Minute Taker [Rosalba]

1. Apologies & Minutes of TIES 2013 AGM [5 mins]
2. President's Report [Bronwyn] [5 mins]
3. Secretary's Report [Rosalba] [10 mins]
4. Treasurer's Report [Yulia] [10 mins]
5. Other Reports (for noting) [5 mins]
 - Regional, Standing & Other Committee Reports
6. Special Business - TIES being a Full Association with ISI [Chair: Erin; Presented: Bronwyn] [50 mins]
7. AOB [5 mins]
 - Nil from members

Minutes from the 2013 TIES AGM

Purpose:

- To consider completeness and accuracy of meeting minutes; a true and accurate record

Background:

- A record of the TIES2013 AGM in Alaska was not produced

Discussion:

- Nil

President's Report

Purpose:

- To consider activities of the Society and outline upcoming events and issues for the Society

Background:

- Whilst not a requirement of the By-Laws, it is general practice of the Society for the President to update members. Offering open and transparent communication and an opportunity for the Assembly to ask questions.

Discussion:

- Perspectives on the TIES 3-pillar strategy

President's Report

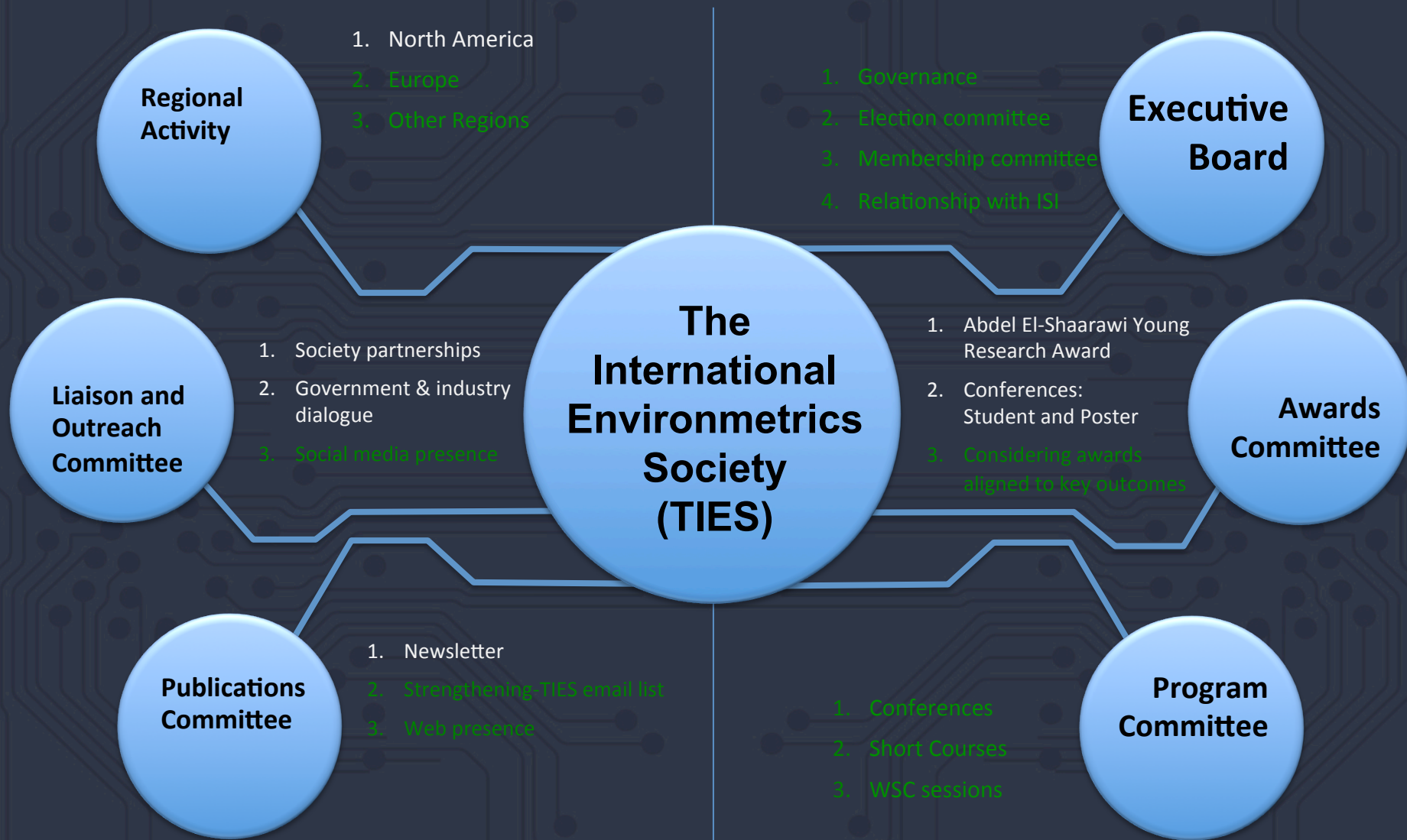
- **Activity**

- Strategy: developed
- Committees' business: revitalised and active
- ISI dialogue and TIES-ISI Taskforce
- Membership fees: increase in 2015

- **Upcoming issues/events**

- Wiley contract [subcommittee formed]
- Elections [committee formed]
- Future meetings (dependent on 'Special Business')
 - TIES 2015 Australia (Bronwyn Harch)
 - TIES 2016 Scotland (Marian Scott)

TIES Committees and Key Activities for 2014-17



TIES Mission

The International Environmetrics Society (TIES) is a non-profit organization aimed to foster the **development and use of statistical and other quantitative methods** in the environmental sciences, environmental engineering and environmental monitoring and protection

TIES Objectives

- promotes the participation of statisticians, mathematicians, scientists and engineers **in the solution of environmental problems** and emphasizes the **need for collaboration and for clear communication** between individuals from different disciplines and between researchers and practitioners
- conducting meetings and producing publications, and **by encouraging a broad membership** of statisticians, mathematicians, engineers, scientists and others interested in furthering the role of statistical and mathematical techniques in service to the environment

TIES 3-pillar strategy

- **Creating and strengthening TIES** – connections amongst environmetricians; connections to stakeholders of environmetrics capability (collaborators in environmental endeavours)
- **Developing capability** – capability for environmetricians (quantitative skill development relevant to environmental endeavours, progressing careers in environmetrics along the spectrum of application - method development)
- **Being a trusted advisor** – catalysing and engaging in critical dialogues globally – providing trusted advice to government and industry on critical and emerging issues that need critical environmetrics insights



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GRASPA 2015 is **the biennial conference** of the Italian research group for environmental statistics **GRASPA-SIS**.

GRASPA 2015 is also **the 2015 European regional conference of The International Environmetrics Society** and a connected event of the Spatial Statistics 2015 Conference.

www.graspa.org/graspa2015

Secretary's Report

- [See the complete report on the website]
- To note: in conjunction with President and Webmaster established “**strengthening_TIES**” email list. It is an email list that anyone can join (self subscribing) with the objective of the list providing an opportunity for all members or those connected to TIES to send a message to the TIES community.

Secretary's Report

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying www.environmetrics.org. The page features the TIES 2014 logo on the left and the full name 'The International ENVIRONMETRICS Society - TIES' at the top center. A sidebar on the left contains a menu with items like Home, People, History, Join TIES, TIES Awards, TIES and ISI Meetings, News and Bulletin Board, Environmetrics, ISI, Other Links, and Contact Webmaster. A 'Subscribe to TIES Updates' button is also present. The main content area, titled 'TIES updates', contains the following text:

Welcome to "strengthening_TIES"

... a mailing list for The International Environmetrics Society (TIES)

What is "strengthening_TIES"?

"strengthening_TIES" is a mailing list which reaches people globally, who have an interest in statistical and other quantitative methods in the environmental sciences, environmental engineering and environmental monitoring and protection. Membership of the list is open to any interested person who chooses to subscribe. List members include stakeholders from universities, government and private enterprise. The list has been in operation since October 2014.

How do I join "strengthening_TIES"?

Click **Subscribe to receive TIES updates**. You will receive by return email a verification message which requires you to email back a security code. To confirm your request open the email and click the link therein.

How do I leave "strengthening_TIES"?

Click **Unsubscribe from our Newsletters** link.

At the bottom of the browser window, the taskbar shows various application icons (Windows, Explorer, Chrome, R, Outlook, PowerPoint, Excel, Word, Skype) and the system clock indicates 14:25 on 15/12/2014.

Secretary's Report

- TIES currently has approx. 277 members [Dec 9]
 - 65 are students
 - 41 are Associate (conference) members - TIES2013
- 'Paying' regular members
 - approximately 76% [212] of membership
 - 38% [81] also being ISI members

Membership Numbers		2014 (Dec. 9)		2013		2012		2011	
ISI category		PAID	Not Paid	PAID	Not Paid	PAID	Not Paid	PAID	Not Paid
Developed Countries	TIES90	106	177	79	204	94	189	124	159
Developed Countries Retired	TIES901	1	3	1	3	3	1	4	
Less Developed Countries	TIES91	6	18	6	18	3	21	14	10
ISI+TIES Developed Countries	TIES92	67	21	72	16	75	13	68	20
ISI+TIES Developed Countries – Retired	TIES93	6	1	7		7		7	
ISI+TIES Less Developed Countries	TIES94	8	6	9	5	9	5	5	9
ISI+TIES Less Developed Countries – Retired	TIES95								
Students	TIES96	65	79	123	21	120	24	106	38
FREE Members (ISI Life, Exempt, Honorary)	TIES97	2		2		2		2	
Multiple: Payers - Developed	TIES98	14	3	15	2	11	6	10	7
Multiple: Payers - Less developed	TIES981								
Multiple: ISI + TIES Developed Countries	TIES982	2		2		2		2	
Multiple: ISI+TIES Less Developed Countries	TIES983								
New TIES members TIES Conference	TIES961								
Honorary Members	TIES99								
Total		277	308	316	269	326	259	342	243
Overall Total		585		585		585		585	
Overall Total minus Students		212		193		206		236	

Members by Country

2014 (9
december)

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Country	2014 PAID	2013 PAID	2012 PAID	2011 PAID	Country	2014 PAID	2013 PAID	2012 PAID	2011 PAID
Argentina				1	Malaysia	2	1	1	1
Australia	20	18	16	19	Mauritius	1	1	1	1
Austria	2	2	3	4	Mexico	3	3	3	2
Belgium	3	3	2	1	Netherlands	2	2	2	2
Benin	1	1	1	1	New Zealand	3	1	1	1
Brazil	1	1	1	3	Nigeria	3	7	5	
Canada	33	43	46	50	Norway	2	3	4	4
China		4	4	4	Palestine, State of				
Costa Rica	1	1			Peru	1	1	1	
Croatia			1	1	Poland		3	3	3
Cyprus	1	1	1		Portugal	2	2	2	3
Czech Republic	4	5	5	5	Russian Federation	1	1	1	1
Denmark	2	1	1	2	Saudi Arabia	1	1	1	1
Egypt	2	3	2	1	South Africa	1	2	2	2
Finland	1	4	4	5	Spain	4	4	4	6
France	10	14	15	15	Sri Lanka	1	1	1	
Germany	5	6	6	6	Sweden	4	7	8	7
Greece	1	1	1	1	Switzerland	3	3	3	3
India	5	7	5	7	Taiwan	1	1	1	
Iran, Islamic Republic of					Tanzania, United				
Ireland	1	5	6	7	Republic of	1	1		
Israel					Thailand	2	2	2	3
Italy	15	31	32	35	Trinidad and Tobago				1
Japan	2	2	2	3	Turkey	1	1	1	2
Kenya	1				Uganda	2	2	2	1
Kuwait	2	2	2	2	United Arab Emirates				
Luxembourg	1	1	1	1	United Kingdom	13	21	25	25
					United States	98	79	85	86
					Venezuela, Bolivarian				
					Rep. of	8	10	10	13
					Total	277	316	326	342

Treasurer's Report

Purpose:

- To **present** the financial statements and report of the Auditor for the Society

Background:

- As outlined in the By-Laws, the **financial situation** of the Society is to be presented at each annual general meeting, along with the **appointment of the Auditor** for the next year

Treasurer's Report

- The current positive balance for TIES is around USD \$52,948 (without accounting for ISI liabilities)
- The crude estimate of the TIES Budget today if TIES pays all ISI liabilities for all previous years 2010-2013 is around USD\$23,000

So, TIES is financially viable

For detailed information see Attachment 2 in the Treasurer Report

Treasurer's Report

- **TIES main annual sources of income:**
 - membership revenue (USD\$5,000)
 - occasionally conferences (USD\$5,000)
- **TIES main annual expenses:**
 - ISI liabilities (USD\$6,600)
 - accountant in Canada (USD\$3,500)*
 - guest speakers/awards (USD\$3,000-\$7,000)

Treasurer's Report

- ISI charges TIES around USD\$4,600 as **overhead** and at least USD\$2,000 for **membership administration**. In total, TIES is supposed to pay ISI at least USD\$6,600 each year under current membership numbers
- TIES pays public accountant in Canada around USD \$3,500 for **annual review engagement**. However, under the new Canadian Non-for-Profit Act, TIES does not need a public accountant anymore (for details see the Treasurer Report)*. Cost of TIES in Canada will be USD\$0

Other Reports

Purpose:

- To consider activities of the Regions, Standing Committees, and Other Committees

Background:

- Whilst not a requirement of the By-Laws, we are introducing a new practice of the Society for these updates. Offering open and transparent communication and an opportunity for the Assembly to ask questions.

For noting – not for discussion

Special Business

- **Primary issue:** TIES being a Full Association of ISI
- **Secondary issues:** consequent to considerations of primary issue

Special Business: Summary of Motions

Motion 1: That Members, acknowledge through a vote of thanks the **effort of the TIES-ISI Taskforce**

Motion 2: That Members, acknowledge the **effort undertaken by the TIES Board** to reimagine and revitalize activities of TIES for growth in membership and impact

Special Business: Summary of Motions

Vote 3: Shall TIES be a **Full Association** of ISI? And, as a consequence, **dissolve** Incorporation in Canada and **move to** incorporation in The Netherlands under the ISI?

a majority is required

Any Other Business

Purpose:

- To consider any other business brought to the AGM

Background:

- Notification of any other business from the membership was not received