

SGMDO Business Meeting
10th Symposium
Online (by Zoom)
11 April 2021 15:30 HST
Minutes

Present: Brian Diettrich (chair), Eric Chang, Barbara Smith, Adrienne Kaeppler, Richard Moyle, Gisa Jähnichen, Stephen Wild, Jane Freeman Moulin, Ric Trimillos, Don Niles, Kirk Sullivan, Michael Webb, Garrett Kam, Megan Collins, Larry Witzleben, Mayco Santaella.

The meeting was called to order at 15:36 on Sunday 11 April 2021, online by Zoom on Day 3 of the 10th Symposium of the Study Group on Music and Dance of Oceania.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Kirsty Gillespie and Raymond Ammann.

2. Previous Business Meeting Minutes (2019)

A copy of the minutes prepared by Brian from the business meeting in Bangkok (2019) was circulated and accepted without comment.

3. Introductions and Updates

Jane provided an update on an upcoming textbook for world dance.

4. Report from the Chair

Brian discussed the planning involved for the 10th Symposium online. The event was the first fully online meeting for the SGMDO, and with the number of participants, it was also the largest SGMDO meeting to date. Brian also commented on the use of the SGMDO Travel Award in future.

5. Discussion about the Online Symposium

Members discussed the possibilities and challenges of the online symposium. Gisa mentioned the importance of pre-recording presentations in future. Ric discussed the advantage of participation within the Pacific and for participants who otherwise might not be able to attend an in-person meeting. Brian commented that many organizations are starting to include some online component. Jane discussed the idea of holding both large meetings but also smaller more personal or specific meetings. Don agreed that the online format allows for wider participation from within the Pacific. Don also stated the need for ICTM Liaison Officers from Pacific nations within ICTM and where there is not currently representation. Adrienne commented on the different ways of asking questions on Zoom. Stephen agreed with Adrienne's points about Zoom. The discussion continued about ways of responding and participating through Zoom. Jane mentioned that more time for questions would have been helpful. Barbara joined the discussion and commented on an earlier SGMDO event. Ric and Brian discussed the archival importance of the video recordings of the 10th Symposium. Don and Brian thanked Eric and the team at East-West Center for the excellent organization of the symposium. Eric commented how the online format allows people to remain connected. Kirk mentioned the need for recommendations to assist those in some Pacific countries to participate online. Brian mentioned the problem of inequalities with internet access across the Pacific.

6. Election of New Study Group Chair

Brian reminded members about the upcoming election for a new SGMDO Chair by October 2021. He commented on the ICTM processes for nominations and elections.

7. Other Business

Brian asked participants to send in items and announcements for the next SGMDO newsletter. He also reminded members about Day 4 of the Symposium on 12 April.

Adjournment: The meeting was closed by the Chair at 16:18 HST.