

**International Ceramic Federation
Council Meeting, Monday, July 3, 2023
Lyon Convention Center, Lyon, France**

Minutes

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Colombo. Apologies were received from the Australian and Brazilian representatives.

The following Ceramic Societies or groups were represented: American Ceramic Society, Australian Ceramic Society (on-line), Belgian Ceramic Society, Ceramic Society of Japan, Chinese Ceramic Society, European Ceramic Society, French Group of Ceramics, Georgian Ceramists Association, German Ceramic Society, Hungarian Ceramic Society, Italian Ceramic Society, Korean Ceramic Society, Polish Ceramic Society, Serbian Chemical Society, Ceramic Division, Slovenian Ceramic Society, UK Ceramics Society, World Academy of Ceramics. President Paolo Colombo (PC), President-elect Sylvia Johnson (SJ), Immediate Past President SJ Kang (SK), and Technical Committee Chair, Raj Bordia (RB) were in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the council meeting held in Krakow, Poland on July 12, 2022 were approved.

3. Conference Endorsements: PC has been publicizing endorsement of conferences by the ICF. The purpose is to emphasize the importance of the ICF. Endorsements are discussed by the Executive Committee.

4. Nominating Committee: PC announced that the nominating committee to select the President and the Secretary Treasurer would be Past President Kang, President-elect Johnson, and UK representative Binner.

5. Technical Committee Report: The chair, RB said there was nothing to report as the committees were not really active and needed to evolve. He recommended that we should consider eliminating the TCs, and that a small TC consisting of the past and current presidents of the ICF start working with the Program Chairs of the ICCS on all aspects of the meetings to develop a clear identity for these meetings.

Further discussion was around how the ICF should be contributing to programming at the ICCs and new ideas to get the ICF more involved.

SJ suggested appointing a special TC for each ICC three years in advance of the meeting.

Motion: The Executive Committee will approve a Technical committee 3 years in advance of a specific ICC. The committee should consist of volunteers and represent a diversity of experience. The committee will advise the Program chairs of topics and special areas of interest, specifically including industry interests.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Report on ICC9. Pedzich reported on ICC9, held jointly with ECerS and an Electroceramics conference. Covid was still an issue, as well as the war in Ukraine. There were 630 attendees from 42 countries.

7. ICC10 Update: Mecklenborg from ACerS reported that meeting would be held July 14-18, in Montréal, Canada. He emphasized the importance of the ICF. They are hoping for 600-700 speakers.

Edgar Lara-Curzio, Miladin Radovic and Lisa Rueschhoff are the Technical Chairs, and the title is “Enabling a Better World Through Ceramic and Glass Materials”. There will be some emphasis on global ceramics and industry trends. ACerS has made a committee of all the ICF members to strengthen the ICF/ICC relationship. They may include some road-mapping, and a focus on the future. They need help in identifying sponsors. ACerS will provide a donation to the ICF after the meeting, as agreed at the Council Meeting in Krakow in 2022.

8. ICC11 Update: Oyane reported that ICC11 will be held September 6-11, 2026 in Sapporo , Japan. They have a tentative list of topics. Kazumi Kato is the general chair. There was discussion of the advantages of Sapporo.

9. ICC12 Update: Jon Binner reported that the meeting will be held July 23-27, 2028, in Birmingham, UK. They are talking to industry to increase participation.

10. ICC13 Planning: Preliminary discussions with Mecklenborg and Johnson indicated that ACerS was interested, and there was some discussion of holding the meeting jointly with the new PanAm meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sylvia Johnson