

Report of the ISISA Annual General Meeting

9 July 2026, South Korea (8:40 – 9:40 Korean Time)

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Item 1: Welcome The meeting was opened by President Laurie Brinklow, who had been elected President at the Zadar ISISA conference in 2022. This was the first hybrid ISISA conference, with voting and the AGM open to members not attending in person. Dr Brinklow welcomed the Executive Committee members present, including Jae-Eun Kim and Luky Adrianto, who had been coopted to represent the past and present *Islands of the World* conferences.

Item 2: Approval of the Agenda The agenda was moved by Adam Grydehøj and seconded by Jennie Teasdale. **CARRIED.**

Item 3: Approval of the 2025 Minutes The President thanked Anna Baldacchino for taking minutes at the previous AGM, held online in 2025. The minutes were moved by Sarah Nimführ and seconded by Jens Westerskov Andersen. **CARRIED.**

Item 4: President's Report As the report was available in full on the ISISA website, Dr Brinklow spoke only to its main points.

Item 5: Business Arising from the Minutes Members raised a concern regarding the new voting system, noting that some participants had been able to vote before the official window had opened; the President indicated this was not expected to pose a problem. She thanked Gerard Persoon and Genève Phillip-Durham for administering the voting process, and thanked the nominees standing for election as well as the outgoing Executive Committee for their work and support over the preceding four years. A query was also raised regarding the number of student scholarships granted this year; the President confirmed five, as noted in her report. The President's Report and the business arising from it were moved by Andrew Halliday and seconded by Sarah Nimführ. **CARRIED.**

Item 6: Treasurer's Report The Executive Committee had decided that, for security reasons, the Treasurer's report would not be uploaded to the website this year; the ISISA constitution does not require this. Over the preceding twelve months, the Association recorded 67 annual memberships, 21 life memberships, and 91 annual memberships processed via conference registration. The Treasurer's report was moved by Adam Grydehøj and seconded by Godfrey Baldacchino. **CARRIED.**

Item 7: Curaçao — Islands of the World 2027 A presentation was given on the upcoming *Islands of the World* conference in Curaçao, to be held from 6 to 10 June 2027, with an optional excursion on 11 June. The motion was moved by Renske Pin and seconded by Ilan Kelman.

Item 8: Shinan Island Declaration Adoption of the conference's Shinan Island Declaration was moved by Sun-Kee Hong and seconded by Adam Grydehøj. **CARRIED.**

Item 9: Endorsement of *Island Gardens: Isolation and Imagination* The President proposed that, following the precedent of *A Taste of Islands* (edited by Godfrey and Anna Baldacchino), ISISA endorse *Island Gardens: Isolation and Imagination*, edited by Jennie and Alice Teasdale. The motion was moved by Cheryl Wartman and seconded by Pedro Pombo. **CARRIED.**

Item 10: Election Results Gerard Persoon reported that, of 225 eligible voters, 110 votes were cast. The results were declared as follows:

- **President:** Adam Grydehøj (59 votes)
- **Vice President:** Sarah Nimführ (102 votes)
- **Secretary:** Arup K. Chatterjee (104 votes)
- **Treasurer:** Bobby Macaulay (104 votes)
- **Ordinary Members:** Ben Biedermann, Sissal Dahl, Fery Kurniawan, Ping Su, Ayano Ginoza

Congratulations were extended to the new Executive Committee, which will serve for the next four years.

Item 11: Adjournment A motion to adjourn was requested by Laurie Brinklow, moved by Ilan Kelman and seconded by Bob Teasdale. **CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

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(with inputs from Anna Baldacchino, Past Secretary, ISISA)