

ICAPS Council Meeting

August 7, 2025, 14:00-16:00 GMT, remotely via Google Meet

Attendees (council members):

- Roman Barták
- J. Benton
- Erez Karpas
- Michael Katz
- Christian Muise
- Eva Onaindia
- Shirin Sohrabi
- Mauro Vallati
- William Yeoh
- Hankz Hankui Zhuo

Absent council members:

- Sara Bernardini
- Pradeep Varakhantam

1 Next ICAPS Council Meeting

- Discussion about next council meetings before ICAPS 2025 specifically because of limited availability of council members.
- Decision to split the meeting to virtual ICAPS meeting early/mid-September and hybrid meeting the day before ICAPS.

2 New Council Member Nominations

- Default nomination from current ICAPS organizers and PC chairs:
Nir Lipovetzky, Sebastian Sardina, Daniel Harabor, Miquel Ramirez
- *Vote: all nominations approved unanimously*
- Nomination from past conference organizers to have enough nominations, if needed: Sheila McIlraith, Andrea Orlandini
- *Vote: additional nominations approved unanimously*

3 Legal Advice (presented by J.)

- Adler and Colvin hired with \$5000 retainer
- David Ferguson consulted several questions:
 - Probably no e-mail voting (not yet sure)
 - Are there constraints on investing funds? After voting, we can invest money as suggested by treasurer.
 - Can we give start-up money to ICAPS organizers and get money back? Yes, but better to have a formal agreement.
- Decision about possible review of our Code of conduct postponed after having information about cost.

4 Treasurer's report (presented by William)

- Taxes handled by Rogers and Company
- Statement of information needs to be filled every two years, we are late
- Investments

- Currently all money in cash accounts
- Suggestion based on AAAI strategy: 1/3 in cash (operational budget, about 100K), 1/3 in stocks (capitalize on growth), 1/3 in bonds (reduce risk and volatility)
- More precisely: 100K in cash accounts and 50/50 split for stocks and bonds
- 100K is OK for a single conference, but it may not be enough if two conferences ask for money (150K would be better in this case)
- Voting postponed after having a complete investment strategy

5 ICAPS 2025 and 2026 summer schools

- **ICAPS 2025 summer school** asking for 20K AUD (13K USD) to reduce registration fee (money not going back) to 500 AUD for 43 student places
- Currently, there is 27K USD support from NSF to ICAPS 2025 conference and council is providing 20K USD to ICAPS 2025 student support that can also be used to support students at summer school
- *Vote: enlarged student support to 25K USD (5K USD for the summer school) to ICAPS 2025 approved unanimously*
- **ICAPS 2026 summer school** asked for 10K USD for non-cancellable expenses from University College Dublin (this money can come back if enough attendees)
- *Vote: support 10K USD for ICAPS 2026 summer school approved unanimously*

6 General discussion

- Discussion of relevance of ICAPS to planning related to significant increase of “planning” papers outside the ICAPS community, such as NeurIPS, and possibility of redefining the field of planning.
- Ideas of having sister conference and special tracks at ICAPS and attracting broader attendance to ICAPS