



**WFUMB General Assembly Meeting**

**Friday 28 May 2021 13.00 – 14.00 CEST**

**MINUTES**

**ExB:** Seung H Kim, Jacques Abramowicz, Sudhir Vinayak, Yi-Hong Chou, George Condous, Cristina Chammas Christian Nolsoe

**Administrative Councillors:** Sue Westerway, Christoph F Dietrich, Odd Helge Gilja, Iwaki Akiyami, Fred Joshua, Yusef Sayeed, Paul Sidhu, Jorge Rabat, Hassen Gharbi and Christy Holland (ex officio)

**Incoming Administrative Councillors:** Won Jae Lee, Karen Mizia, Adrian Saftoiu, Wiem Douira, Antonio Carlos Matteoni De Athayde

**Present:** Cheng Huang Ng, Yuang Lian Wan, Klipsol, Kanu Bala, Germin Gunay, Lyndal Macpherson, Roxana Sirli

**In attendance:** Lynne Rudd

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
<p>The Minutes of the last meeting in Melbourne of 5 September 2019 were agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>The President confirmed that the General Assembly was officially convened following compliance with the constitutional requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ GA advertised as Open Meeting</li><li>▪ Quorum met</li><li>▪ Identification of those with voting rights<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Iwaki Akiyama for AFSUMB</li><li>○ Fred Joshua for ASUM</li><li>○ Adrian Saftoiu for EFSUMB</li><li>○ Antonio Matteoni for FLAUS</li><li>○ Wiem Douria for MASU</li></ul></li><li>▪ Voting equal to paid membership</li><li>▪ 60-days' notice for constitutional amendments</li><li>▪ Ballot received 30 days before GA</li><li>▪ Request receipt obtained</li></ul> <p>AIUM has not paid their membership dues for 2020 and therefore their voting rights are suspended according to Article 10.1 which states that the certified number of votes of each Affiliated Organization shall be equal to its paid-up membership. The election will proceed conditionally upon the AIUM payment within 30 days of the notice dated 21<sup>st</sup> May; but if not paid the process will be reviewed for the current AIUM nominated officer position and committee chairs.</p>	
1. <b>President's Report</b>	

<p>SHK planned activities supporting ‘US, the best’ were hampered by the pandemic. WFUMB tried to execute online activities and were successful in increasing the Centres of Education to 19, revitalizing ECHOES and the website improvement. His appreciation was expressed to all the leadership members and administrative staff.</p>	
<p><b>2. Secretary’s Report</b>  SV reported the drop in membership, the cancelled congresses but WFUMB 2022, WFUMB 2023 (November) and WFUMB 2025 are all confirmed. Information will be shared once received regarding WFUMB 2027. Meetings have been held regularly online and this practice will continue with occasional physical meetings.</p> <p>The UMB contract has been renegotiated for 7 years.</p> <p>The breast elastography guidelines under Richard Barr will see the first draft in July and a consensus meeting at RSNA in 2021.</p> <p>He reminded the GA that the bylaws had been updated at the last Administrative Council meeting with the deletion of some committees and limitation introduced Committee Chair terms.</p>	
<p><b>3. Treasurer’s Report</b>  JA reminded the GA of the duties of the Treasurer and advised the total assets of 2,792,041 USD in October 2020 which have increased to 3,235,185 USD in May 2021. The investments in Merrill Lynch and Raymond James have performed well increasing 16.99% (higher risk portfolio) and 14.74% respectively.</p> <p>The main reason for the assets increase is not travelling during the pandemic. The budget was viewed with an anticipated income of 577,033 USD with increased royalties from Elsevier. All these details are available in the papers for the Administrative Council and GA meetings and in the circulated minutes.</p>	
<p><b>4. UMB written Report</b>  The Elsevier detailed statistical report had been previously circulated and was taken as read.</p>	
<p><b>5. Election of Officers confirming the decision pursuant to written ballots returned by the Federations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President Elect Jacques Abramowicz (AIUM) Total Votes 44,674</li> <li>• Vice President 1 George Condous (ASUM) Total Votes 44,674</li> <li>• Vice President 2 Leandro Fernandez (FLAUS) Total Votes 44,674</li> <li>• Honorary Secretary Sudhir Vinayak (MASU) Total Votes 44,674</li> <li>• Honorary Treasurer Paul Sidhu (EFSUMB) Total Votes 44,674</li> </ul> <p>The voting delegates confirmed the decision pursuant to written ballots returned by the Federations.</p>	
<p><b>6. Constitutional Changes</b>  The changes approved by the ExB and the AC had been circulated in advance and were emailed for electronic voting and were approved unanimously by the voting delegates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13.1. The day-to-day affairs of WFUMB shall be administered by an Administrative Council which shall consist of:</li> </ul>	<p>Update  online  constitution</p>

<p>Voting members: Officers: President Vice-President 1 Vice-President 2 President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, <i>and Editor in Chief, WFUMB journal.</i></p> <p>This requires the deletion of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13.1 Non-voting members: <i>Editor, WFUMB journal</i></li> <li>• 13.2. Each Affiliated Organization shall be entitled to nominate a councilor to serve on the Administrative Council. <i>It is recommended that the Federation Administrative Councilor nominee should have held some administrative position within their Society. The term is a two-year term, renewable, if deemed appropriate by individual federations, for a further two terms only.</i></li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. Election of new Administrative Councilors</b> By show of hands the voting delegates all approved the following Federation nominations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Won Jae Lee, AFSUMB</li> <li>▪ Karen Mizia ASUM</li> <li>▪ Adrian Saftoiu EFSUMB</li> <li>▪ Wiem Douira MASU</li> <li>▪ Antonio Carlos Matteoni De Athayde FLAUS</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. WFUMB Ultrasound Book introduction</b> CC presented a video highlighting the ebook which is now online. Some videos still need to be added over the next few months. Suzanne Cain enormous contribution to typesetting the book was noted as well as the work of the editors, in particular Roxana Sirli. OHG proposed a vote of thanks to Dieter Nuernberg for his vision and drive in completing the project within the timeline.</p>	
<p><b>9. Installation of New President and Announcement of Committee Chairs</b> The President’s medal will be handed over to CC at WFUMB 2022 by Past President SHK.</p> <p>Announcement of Committee Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Congress Committee Ioan Sporea (EFSUMB)</li> <li>▪ Nominating Committee Jacques Abramowicz (AIUM)</li> <li>▪ Publications Committee Adrian Saftoiu (EFSUMB) Archivist Seung H Kim (AFSUMB) ECHOES Newsletter Editor Sue Westerway (ASUM)</li> <li>▪ Education Committee Christian Nolsoe (EFSUMB) eLearning Chair Caroline Ewertsen (EFSUMB) Student Education Chair Roxana Sirli (EFSUMB) COE Chair Odd Helge Gilja (EFSUMB)</li> <li>▪ Collaboration Committee Sudhir Vinayak (MASU)</li> <li>▪ Constitution Committee George Condous (ASUM)</li> <li>▪ Safety Committee Brian Fowlkes (AIUM)</li> </ul>	<p>Update website and headed paper</p>

<p>CC thanked SHK, LF and CN for their support and encouragement. Her motto will be 'Ultrasound connection' and she hoped that all committees will unite and complement each other to further the aim of connecting the world of ultrasound.</p> <p><b>Any other business</b> None</p>	
<p><b>10. Next Meeting: General Assembly WFUMB 2023 Muscat, Oman 4-7 November</b></p>	