

ASSOCIATION OF FORMER INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS

(New York)

Summary in **Bullet Points** of the 407th Meeting of the Governing Board

Landau Conference Room, Wednesday, 11 December 2019, 10:30 a.m.

- The Meeting of the Board, last for 2019, exceptionally started at 10:30, in order to accommodate other Board events and activities, that had likewise been scheduled for this same day.
- The President reported on a meeting which he had with the USG Management. He was accompanied by the AFICS/NY two Vice-Presidents. The meeting dwelt on issues of current concerns, including the decision to discontinue the customary pre-retirement seminar, because of budget strictures. Other issues raised included concerns regarding Medicare Part B and the possible donation by the UN of surplus computer equipment to AFICS/NY in order to replace the obsolete ones currently in use in the office
- Regarding the former, the AFICS/NY Bureau reiterated the view, which has been its firm position over several years that, since the UN is self-insured and has its own insurance plans, it might have to reconsider its continued participation in Medicare Part B, if this were reconfigured. AFICS/NY insisted that the present level of service should be maintained and that retirees should not be forced to absorb an increased level of costs.
- One other such concern was the need for robust benchmarking standards and oversight on the Fund's investment's side.
- On both this critical issue and other matters raised during this meeting, the USG was responsive to the expressed concerns of retirees.
- On behalf of the AFICS/NY Pension Committee, it was noted that the Pension item was still before the Fifth Committee and that a GA Resolution was likely to be approved in the following 2 to 3 weeks. It would deal with governance issues and the UNJSPF budget for the year 2020. From the Committee on Membership, news were received of a constructive meeting with the Chief of Clients' Services for the UNJSPF. The Co-Chair for IT reiterated her plea for more inputs to the Website.
- In conclusion, the Board decided to close the AFICS office for the End-of-the-year Holidays from Monday 16 December to 7 January 2020.
- There was successful *Mix and Mingle* event at the Landau Conference Room, beginning at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, 11 December. Over 70 AFICS Members attended it.