



# ASSOCIATION OF FORMER INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS NEW YORK

## Summary of the 426<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board

Friday, 30 November 2021, 11:00 a.m. – 12:59 p.m.

17<sup>th</sup> meeting held virtually

- President Dietz commenced his Report with the news that the distribution of the special bulletin to all Members in the USA and Canada has been completed, however delivery to other locations worldwide was still under discussion.
- He reported that the SG had written a letter to all staff on the new phase of reopening the United Nations as of mid-November 2021. While reopening was a positive step, the new variant of the Corona virus, Omicron was raising some cause for concern.
- With regard to FAFICS, they had created a Working Group on the review and revision of their Rules of Procedure which has just concluded its work.
- President Dietz reported that on 19 November 2021, he had been informed that there was a moving and well-deserved Memorial Service for Ms. Jane Weidlund. On the part of AFICS/NY, Andres Castellanos was one of the main organizers of the Service.
- President Dietz mentioned having a video conversation on WhatsApp with Ms. Vera Lange, a 100-year-old lifetime Member of AFICS/NY residing in California. Ms. Lange was alert and very appreciative of the call, which made him realize, going forward, other milestone celebrating Members should also be congratulated.
- President Dietz announced that going forward the AFICS/NY GB meetings would be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am, as far as possible.
- At the next meeting of the Pension Committee Suzanne Bishopric would give a presentation on Alternative Assets and how they work in our own Pension Fund.
- Jay Karia reported that the HLIC had a number of presentations from third party Providers: Aetna, Blue-Cross, Cigna Dental and were expecting one by Cigna World-wide later in the week. He said they understood from the presentations that the trend in utilization is reaching pre-pandemic levels, and the doctors' visits were increasing which was good if people were starting to go back to their doctors, to get routine checkups and exams. The Insurance programs had some wellness programs which would be highlighted through HLIS, to encourage staff and retirees to avail of them.
- Susan deSouza reported on the Book Club meeting on 9 November on Little Island, followed by lunch at Dos Caminos. Photos were posted on the AFICS Website.
- Gail Bindley-Tailor reported she had not convened a group as yet although she had ideas about it, but would like to have input from people who worked on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to weigh the interest outside that event. She hoped to have more to report by the December meeting.
- President Dietz then requested all Chairs to ensure their 2021 and 2022 WPs were submitted to Steven Avedon well before the 21 December 2021 Meeting.
- The meeting closed at 12:59 p.m.