



**Summary of the 425<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board**  
**Friday, 29 October 2021, 11:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.**  
16<sup>th</sup> meeting held virtually

1. President Dietz advised that the UN Administration had agreed to support the mailing costs of the AFICS/NY 50th Anniversary Bulletin, which reinforced the strong relationship the Administration has with AFICS/NY. In addition, there were two volunteers from among our membership who undertook the packaging of the Bulletin. Along with Mr. Velimir Kovacevic, volunteers Ms. Irma Cerne and Ms. Sidsel-Anne (Sissi) Hillesdal Marini, had labeled thousands of envelopes. President Dietz said he would like to send the volunteers a thank you letter expressing the appreciation of the Governing Board.
2. Ms. Gail Bindley-Taylor was designated as the chair of an ad-hoc group tasked with developing a comprehensive communications strategy for AFICS/NY.
3. As is customary, new Governing Board member Ms. Robin Della Rocca introduced herself to the Governing Board.
4. Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs briefed on the progress of their 2021 Work Plans and the development of their 2022 Work Plans. Most progress was made remotely due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Insurance Committee reported attending the HLIC meeting as observers, when a presentation was made by Ms. Valencia Williams-Baker, the Acting Director of the Finance Division, on the Secretary General's (SG) Report to the 76th GA on Managing ASHI. The Social and Other Events Committee reported establishing the AFICS/NY virtual book club.
5. Ms. Kathleen Doyle, Career Support, Organizational Development Section, Office of Human Resources, provided a briefing on the UN's Mentoring Programme supported by a Power Point presentation of the programme and her two colleagues that ran the programme with her. She explained that the experience of being a mentor could be personally rewarding as mentors got an opportunity to reflect on their accomplishments, it could also reduce isolation during Covid-19, and as a result generated more interest in the program than before.