



## ASSOCIATION OF FORMER INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS NEW YORK

### **Summary of the 439<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board Tuesday, 21 March 2023, 10:30 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.**

- Deborah Landey welcomed the new Co-Chair of the Pension Committee, Jay Pozenel, who briefly introduced himself mentioning his many years of work experience in the Office of Legal Affairs as well as his service as a member of the UN Pension Board for seventeen years.
- Deborah Landey then spoke about the well-organized AFICS/NY office move from DC-1 to the UNITAR building on 10 March under the responsibility of the Move Task Team she had set up under the leadership of Darshak Shah.
- She advised of the meeting that the AFICS/NY leadership had with the UNFCU on 7 March at which the key elements of the 2023 AFICS/NY work plan were discussed and ways in which the UNFCU can continue to enhance services to retirees. UNFCU conveyed its intent to increase its funding to AFICS/NY activities by over fifty percent. The next steps will include the organization of the regular Focus Group that UNFCU holds to solicit ideas from retirees and the continued organization of webinars on topics of concern to retirees such as on fraud, estate planning, digital banking, and others. She also reported that the UNFCU team was invited to attend the AFICS/NY Annual Assembly and the reception to follow.
- She then thanked Nancy Hurtz-Soyka for the organization with the UNJSPF of a “help session” for Governing Board members to assist them in registering for the Pension Fund’s Digital Certificate of Entitlement. More such sessions will now be made available to retirees virtually or in-person wanting to benefit from this support.
- She also thanked all who had contributed to the tremendous work carried out by Vera Rajic in updating the most useful End-of-Life documents which had been circulated a second time to the Governing Board members for a final review. Finally, she gave a special welcome to past President George Saddler who was attending the meeting.
- Co-Chair Sudershan Narula advised that the Nominating Committee had accomplished their work on time and had put forward eleven candidates for the 2023 AFICS/NY GB election, whose term would be for three years. There were four male and seven female candidates with two from UNDP and nine from various departments in the Secretariat. The election period would run from 12 April to 12 May 2023. The results will be announced at the Annual Assembly on 18 May 2023.