



Summary of the 421st Meeting of the Governing Board

Tuesday, 16 March 2021, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

12th meeting held virtually

- The President announced that Ms. S. Bishopric had been appointed Co-chair of the Pension Committee to replace Mr. W. Sach, who had expressed the wish to relinquish this post.
- Dr. S. Narula, Co-chair of the Nominating Committee announced that plans had been prepared to hold elections for vacancies in the Governing Board for both 2020 and 2021. The elections would be conducted in a hybrid mode – i.e. voting both on the Internet and by paper ballot, with help from an experienced vendor well-known to UNFCU. The vendor would receive all needed information and ballots in April. Voting would be in May and the results announced by mid-June at the AFICS/NY Annual Assembly. The Governing Board looks forward to a large turn out for the elections; also hoped for an increase of both male and female Board Members hailing from U.N. agencies, other than the UN Secretariat. An effort is being made to reach out to the UNDP and UNICEF former staff members.
- There was extensive discussion on the arrangements to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of AFICS/NY. It was recalled that a successful event was held on Wednesday 9 December 2020. This was conducted in the virtual mode on the firm expectation that, by May 2021, it would be possible to hold a more complete event, in the UN Secretariat premises *in-person*. Reservations were made on this basis, for Tuesday 4th May. It would appear that even a limited, partially *in-person* event at the U.N. Headquarters may not be feasible during May or the foreseeable future because of Covid-19. The Board and Planning Committee are following developments closely and will communicate with AFICS/NY Members, as soon as plans have been finalized.
- The Planning Committee for the AFICS/NY 50th Anniversary Celebration is completing the arrangements for the publication of a special celebratory Bulletin and for holding a Raffle. An email on the latter has been sent out to Members.