



ASSOCIATION OF FORMER INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS
NEW YORK

2020 marks the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of AFICS/NY

Summary of the 413th Meeting of the Governing Board
Wednesday, 7 July 2020, 11:00 a.m.
4th meeting held virtually

- The Board discussed at some length communications exchanged recently between the Presidents of AFICS/NY and FAFICS regarding the decision of the FAFICS Bureau to defer the 2020 FAFICS Council until it could be held as an in-person physical meeting. The Board took exception to the tone and tenor of the most recent email from the FAFICS President and stressed that, in his emails on the subject, the AFICS/NY President has been conveying accurately to the FAFICS President and Bureau the views and positions taken by the elected members of the AFICS/NY Governing Board.
- The Board reiterated firmly its position on the key issues:
 - the FAFICS Council should meet virtually, as soon as possible, with a full agenda that included all the important pending business items; and
 - the decision on the dates and mode of convening the 2020 FAFICS Council should be made in an open and transparent manner by the FAFICS Member Associations.
- The AFICS Board of Governors debated, at great length, the holding of events to mark the 50th anniversary of AFICS/NY. A Working Group was formed under Ms. G. Bindley-Taylor to plan a *virtual* event for this coming November or December. This could be followed by another (preferably, in-person) event for April-May next year. Planning for these events will have to include selection of honoured guests and Keynote Speaker(s), a broadly gauged competition for the design of a *logo*, commemorating this anniversary, the offer of a plaque to honoured guests, a special AFICS Bulletin dedicated to this event and, of course, the choice of the most appropriate technology to reach a *global* audience.
- The Ageing Smart Committee successfully complete a Webinar on 15 June 2020 showcasing application of *Yoga* to Wellness and good health. It was thought of repeating such webinars, perhaps on a quarterly basis.