



ASSOCIATION OF FORMER INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS NEW YORK

Summary of the 438th Meeting of the Governing Board Tuesday, 21 January 2023, 10:30 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.

- Deborah Landey informed that the AFICS/NY website calendar now reflected the planned meetings and other events of the various Committees for the first quarter of 2023 as provided by Committee Chairs. She thanked Nancy Hurtz-Soyka for organizing, in partnership with the UNJSPF, a help session for AFICS/NY Governing Board members on the use of the Digital Certificate of Entitlement (DCE). Such sessions might then be organized for AFICS/NY members at large. She also informed that she had received a response from the CEO of UNFCU Mr. Lewis who thanked her for her letter with the AFICS/NY 2023 work plan and reassured her that the UNFCU's support would continue and possibly increase.
- Regarding the Annual Assembly, the Office of the Secretary-General had responded to the invitation indicating that the Secretary-General was unable to attend but, in his stead, Catherine Pollard, USG for the Department of Management Strategy, Policy, and Compliance (DMSPC) would attend. Debra Landey also reported on the Pre-retirement Seminar organized by the Staff Union last month at which the AFICS/NY leadership, including the Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, Dr. Narula, made presentations. As a result, a total of sixteen soon-to-be retirees joined AFICS/NY. She further added that she had sent out a second information email to all AFICS/NY members which was posted on the website and provided an update on ongoing AFICS/NY activities. She indicated she had received positive feedback from members. She would continue with these information emails on a quarterly basis.
- In response to comments made, Deborah Landey summarized two points:
 - i) Nancy Hurtz-Soyka was requested to review the matter of establishing fixed events on the calendar with Gail Bindley-Taylor, as it would be helpful for members to know of fixed events.
 - ii) For the reintroduction of a newsletter/bulletin, Gail Bindley-Taylor was requested to continue the review of this matter with her team.
- The UN's Health and Life Insurance Committee would be reviewing the health insurance plans for the annual renewal starting with Cigna Worldwide and continuing every two weeks with the other providers. They hoped to have the entire review process concluded as quickly as possible so the updated information could be circulated to staff and retirees in order for them to be fully informed of changes. It was also mentioned that the End-of-Life documents would be made available to staff and retirees once they were finalized.
- Reporting on the AFICS/NY office move, Nancy Hurtz-Soyka began by saying that the FAFICS files had been received in Geneva, thanks to Lydia Ontal and Andrés Castellanos del Corral. She also thanked all the Committee Chairs that had taken the time to review their files. Thanks was offered to Velimir Kovacevic for all his work especially as regards hiring a vendor for the scanning project. She was pleased to add that the office space that AFICS/NY had requested had been approved, and that the move would take place in the afternoon on Friday, 10 March 2023. An announcement of the new premises would be posted on the AFICS/NY website shortly.