



**Summary of the 424<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board**  
**Friday, 17 September 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.**  
15<sup>th</sup> meeting held virtually

- 12 AFICS/NY GB seats were open as elections were not conducted in 2020 due to Covid19. In May 2021 the elections for both the 2020 and 2021 cycles were done by employing a contractor who utilized both electronic voting and mail-in paper ballots (to accommodate AFICS/NY members without email addresses). The 5 newly elected members of the Governing Board (GB) were presented by the President, who then invited them to introduce themselves. Accordingly, Ms. Suzanne Bishopric, Mr. Furio DeTomassi, Ms. Sandra Haji-Ahmed, Ms. Vera Rajic and Mr. Darshak Shah gave a brief account of their past experience, functions and duty stations (the 7 re-elected GB members were: Steven Avedon, Marianne Brzak-Metzler, Susan deSouza, John Dietz, Jay Karia, Deborah Landey, and Nancy Raphael).
- The GB elected for one-year terms, the following slate of AFICS/NY Officers: John Dietz, President; Deborah Landey, First VP; Darshak Shah, Second VP; Mac Chiulli, Treasurer; Susan deSouza, Secretary and Marianne Brzak-Metzler, Deputy Secretary.
- The GB selected Ms. Robin Della Rocca to fill a vacancy on the GB due to a resignation, for the remaining one-year balance of the term. This action followed the practice of selecting the unsuccessful candidate who received the most votes during the past election.
- The President expressed his thanks to Gail Bindley-Taylor as the Chair and to all members of the Planning Committee for the AFICS/NY 50th Anniversary celebrations.
- The President mentioned the passing on 6 August 2021, of the late Jane Weidlund, AFICS/NY Honorary Governing Board Member, expressing his appreciation of her generous donation to AFICS/NY in her Will, which indicated her dedication to AFICS/NY. Andres Castellanos informed of her Obituary on the Gannon Funeral Home website which mentions her service in retirement with AFICS/NY (<https://gannonfuneralhome.com/tribute/past-services/index.html> ).
- The President thanked all those responsible for organizing the virtual Annual Assembly on 21 June 2021. The Assembly heard reports from the AFICS/NY President, Co-Chairs of its Insurance, Pension and Nominating Committees, a staff member of the UN Health and Life Insurance Section, as well as the Chief of Pension Fund Administration Rosemarie McLean and RSG for Pension Fund Investments Pedro Guazo.
- AFICS/NY was represented at the virtual FAFICS Council Session from 15-20 July 2021 by AFICS/NY President John Dietz and Vice-Presidents Deborah Landey and Jay Karia. The Council heard from the Pension Fund's Rosemarie McLean and Pedro Guazo. Both reports confirmed that the Pension Fund maintained a strong position and performed well, despite Covid-19. Ms. McLean also talked about the working and features of the new digital Certificate of Entitlement introduced in 2021, available on the Pension Fund's website.
- The UN Joint Staff Pension Board Session was held 22-30 July 2021. The President said it was his understanding that the Pension Board noted that the Pension Fund was in a solid financial position and endorsed generally the recommendations made by the Governance Working Group and FAFICS, and that included the provisions for the representation of retirees at Pension Board Sessions. He added that the Report of this Session should be published in another couple of weeks.
- The GB started its work on the 2022 Work Plan for the GB and all its established Committees.
- The GB was apprised of, and showed great interest in, AFICS/NY participating in the UN's Mentoring Programme for young UN staff members.