



ASSOCIATION OF FORMER INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS NEW YORK

Summary of the 437th Meeting of the Governing Board Tuesday, 17 January 2023, 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

- Debbie Landey thanked Barbara Linardo for organizing the Governing Board holiday lunch at which John Dietz was honored for his service as President of AFICS/NY for six years. She then advised that the Bureau is writing to the Chief Executive Pension Administration, Rosemarie McClean, to set up dates for training seminars to help retirees with the registration process for the digital Certificate of Entitlement. She reported that the plans for the Office move were on track, and thanked Darshak Shah and Andrés Castellano del Corral for the hours of work they had put in to review FAFICS files and make arrangements for documents to be sent to the FAFICS office in Geneva. Velimir Kovacevic was commended for all his hard work. Finally, she advised that AFICS/NY had been invited to speak at the virtual pre-retirement seminar organized by the UN Staff Union that afternoon. She, Sudershan Narula, Darshak Shah, and Nancy Hurtz Soyka would be speaking about the mission of AFICS/NY and reasons why upcoming retirees would want to join.
- Charities Foundation President Anthony Fouracre advised that the Board of Directors had agreed to issue an email blast to all AFICS/NY members reminding them of the availability of support from the Foundation. Suzan Habachy, the Chair of the Foundation's Assistance Review Committee, and Anthony Fouracre had developed a text for the message which would also be posted on the AFICS/NY website.
- Pension Committee Chair Suzanne Bishopric advised that the Pension Committee's next meeting was scheduled for the next day (18 January) when there would be a review of the effects of inflation. She had received some questions about how investments might be affected or improved during a time of inflation. The General Assembly Resolution on the UN Pension System adopted in December 2022 would also be reviewed.
- Ad-hoc Communications Committee Chair Gail Bindley-Taylor provided feedback on the progress made by the focus groups and presented some of the suggestions that had already emanated from the groups.
- Social and Other Events Committee Co-chair Susan de Souza reported that the Virtual Book Club met on 10 January when they discussed "The Last Train to Key West" by Chanel Cleeton. The next meeting would be on 11 April, when the book "Afterlives" by Nobel laureate Abdulrazak Gurnah would be discussed.
- Deborah Landey closed the meeting at 12:15 pm.