



Summary of the 423rd Meeting of the Governing Board

Thursday, 27 May 2021, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

14th meeting held virtually

- The Meeting was convened half-way between event of 4th of May to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the creation of AFICS/NY and the Annual Assembly, scheduled for Thursday, 24 June. Regarding the former, Board Members were reminded that a virtual celebration had been successfully held on 9 December 2020. In December, it was hoped that by 4 May a twin event could be held *in-person* on UN premises. Unexpectedly, it turned out that this could not be so, due to the ongoing pandemic. Although the celebration was now in the virtual mode, it reached out to a large audience with varied participation, from a remarkable range of former UN Staff Members, current staff and young performers, who injected to the event a heartwarming special tone. Particularly memorable were words from a Mohican, messages from past presidents of AFICS/NY, a video of past events and the music, which included both old and new from many parts of world.
- A Raffle was conducted both for fund-raising purposes and to add to the excitement of the event. The festivity was marked by the issuance of the Bulletin announced in 2020. Such was the immense response that, by March 2021, the Bulletin received, that though initially designed for fifty pages, it was expanded to 130 pages. Still, not all contributed items could be fitted in. The editorial board was currently exploring alternative venues for those items, in order to make them accessible to a wider public. More importantly, this celebratory Bulletin had demonstrated its value as both a form of *outreach* and a way to mobilize support and resources. A copy of the printed Bulletin will be mailed to every AFICS/NY Member in good standing.
- On the Annual Assembly, it has been stipulated that it will be conducted in the virtual mode, in the early afternoon hours of Thursday 24 June. Invitations have been sent to the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly. Both the Chief Executive of Pension Administration and RSG of the Pension Fund are expected to attend, albeit virtually. The Assembly will furnish the occasion to announce the results of the elections for the twelve (12) posts on the Governing Board, which have become vacant and remain to be filled.
- The new Governing Board will convene for its first session in August 2021. It will elect its Bureau and will then close the office of AFICS/NY for a brief period ahead of the new General Assembly session.
- AFICS/NY will be represented at the (virtual) FAFICS Council Meeting to be held in late July, briefly ahead of the also virtual Pension Board Meeting. Ms. D. Landey, first Vice-President of the AFICS/NY Board will represent us at the former. Mr. J. Dietz, President of AFICS/NY will be a delegate at the Pension Board Meeting.