

ASSOCIATION OF FORMER INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS

(New York)

Summary of the 403rd Meeting of the Governing Board

- Following the Summer break, a Meeting of the Board took place on Wednesday, 7 August 2019. It was attended by new Members: Ms. Paulette Austin, Ms. Elaine Fultz and Ms. Nancy Hertz-Soyka. Also present and re-elected were Ms. Mary-Ann (Mac) Chiulli and Mr. Warren Sach, whose terms had been extended. Ms. Gail Bindley-Taylor was also re-elected but was unable to attend.
- The best part of the Meeting was taken up with discussion of the outcomes of the FAFICS Meeting in Vienna and of the Pension Fund Board Meeting in Nairobi, which followed. Prominent in the discussion were important governance issues:
 - The Governing Board was informed that the Working Group Report, appended to the Minutes of the 402nd Board Meeting of AFICS, had resonated well with FAFICS and beyond.
 - The Board was also informed that the Pension Board has agreed to the selection of the new Pension Benefits Administrator, who was expected to assume her duties at the beginning of January 2020. Her name is Rosemarie McClean from Canada and she was well-qualified with relevant experience at the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. In the interim, the Acting CEO would remain in charge.
 - With regard to the new post of Secretary of the Pension Board, the job description was currently under preparation. Also, some further changes in the management of the Pension Fund globally could be expected.
 - At the FAFICS Council, Mr. Sach was elected as FAFICS Vice-President and Ms. Saputelli re-appointed as Special Adviser to the FAFICS President. The current composition of the FAFICS delegation to the Pension Board was retained through 2020, thus including Mr. Sach and Ms. Saputelli but not including AFICS/NY President Mr. Dietz. Issues of *transparency*, *continuity* and *change* were the subject of extensive discussion at the FAFICS Council. A Working Group was created to review the FAFICS Rules of Procedure and report back to the FAFICS Council in 2020.
 - Related to the review, by FAFICS, of its Rules of Procedure, the AFICS/NY Governing Board established its own *ad hoc* Working Group to report to the Governing Board swiftly on proposed changes which would then be transmitted early in the review process to FAFICS.

- The Governing Board proceeded with the Election of Officers for 2019-2020. All Officers presently on board were re-elected to their posts,
President: John Dietz
Vice -President: Debbie Landey and Jay Karia
Treasurer: Angel Silva
Assistant Treasurer: Mac Chiulli
Secretary: Dimitri Argyriades
Assistant Secretary: Susan De Sousa.
- Due to the Summer lull, the Committee Reports were sketchy. It was agreed that they would be discussed in greater detail in September. An important new development, however, was applauded: a new *Membership Directory*, entirely designed in-house, and freshly printed in 3000 copies, in the United Nations, at a fraction of the cost that printing commercially would have required.