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Summary of the 435th Meeting of the Governing Board Tuesday, 15 November 2022, 10:33 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

President's Report. [3]

(i) Organizational matters.

- The date of the next Governing Board Meeting was moved forward to Tuesday, 13 December 2022 in light of the upcoming holiday period.
- Committee Chairs were requested to finalize their respective work plans by 30 November so they can be incorporated into the final 2023 work plan.

(ii) The office move.

- The issue of the office move had been discussed with representatives from the Department for Operational Support.
- A Task Force for handling the office move had been set up under the leadership of Darshak Shah, consisting of Andres Castellanos del Corral, Nancy Hurtz-Soyka, Mac Chiulli and Velimir Kovacevic

- *(iii) Meetings with Senior UN Officials for the purpose of introducing the new AFICS/NY leadership team.* Meetings took place with USG Catherine Pollard, CEPA Rosemarie McClean, RSG Pedro Guazo, and Director, Patrick Carey, DOS. A summary of the discussion in these meeting was provided .

- *(iv) The AFICS/NY Annual Assembly.* The Annual Assembly was scheduled for 18 May 2023 in the afternoon.

Office Move [5]

- To date there had been three meetings with Peter Wendeborn of the Department for Operational Support with the last meeting being held in the UNITAR building on the fourth floor with Debbie Landey and the members of the office Task Force. overseeing the office move.
- A request for a dedicated number of offices and cubicles had been made along with a request for computer equipment, a meeting room, storage space and access to a large conference room.
- The office Task Force continues to meet and deal with the many administrative and logistics issues involved with the move.

Committee Reports [6]

(i) Holiday Luncheon. A Governing Board holiday luncheon to thank former President John Dietz for his service would be held and date and venue were discussed.

(ii) Nominating Committee. Dr. Sudershan Narula stated that she had been asked by the President to be one of the Co-Chairs for the 2023 Nominating Committee and noted that the Committee would include Marianne Brzak-Metzler as Co-Chair, and Sandra Haji-Ahmed and Jay Karia as members. She spoke of the three options that the committee was considering for the upcoming election and provided a cost analysis of the different options. Actual work of the Committee would begin in February 2023.



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(iii) Health and Life Insurance Committee (HLIC). Co-Chair Jay Karia stated that a meeting of the AFICS/NY Governing Board Health Insurance Committee was held on 11 November 2022 during which a number of issues were reviewed including information on the recent meetings that took place with the UN's Health and Life Insurance Committee (HLIC). One issue discussed was the After-Service Life Insurance Programme. Information was also provided on the Cigna Dental Plan presentation. The next HLIC meeting scheduled for 16 November 2022 would review the performance of the Empire Blue Cross Plan.

(iv) End of Life Matters. Dr. Narula briefed on the collaboration undertaken by herself and Vera Rajic in updating 'The End of Life' paper prepared by Richard Nottidge many years ago. It was decided to split his document into two - one for retirees and one for beneficiaries. Both documents have been forwarded to the HLIS and the Pension Fund for comments. Once fully completed, these documents will be forwarded to the Governing Board for review and comments and once approved, these documents are to be posted on the AFICS/NY website, as well as being emailed and sent to all AFICS/NY members.

(v) Aging Smart Committee and the IT Committee.

Chair Mac Chiulli stated she was looking forward to reviving these Committees, adding participants and moving ahead with the programmes in 2023. She had some ideas for an Aging Smart seminar that could be held in the future.

(vi) Communications Committee.

Chair Gail Bindley-Taylor stated that a pilot focus group recently met with the participation of eight members. Soon, she would hold meetings with the coordinator of the focus groups to review the results of the feedback questionnaire. It was stated that the focus should be on the next steps to take after meeting with the coordinator to continue the momentum in setting up the focus groups. She mentioned that some forty people had come forward as volunteers.

(vii) Pension Committee.

John Dietz said the last meeting of the Pension Committee was held in May. He also announced that he would be stepping down as Co-Chair of the Committee as of this Governing Board meeting and that he would remain as a member of the Pension Committee.

2023 Work Plan [7]

Debbie Landey called on all the Committee Chairs to submit their inputs to the 2023 work plan by the end of November. This item would be the main discussion at the next meeting of the Governing Board scheduled as the last meeting of the year on 13 December 2022.



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FAFICS Updates [8]

- Linda Saputelli stated that she and Suzanne Bishopric had attended on behalf of FAFICS the meeting of the Fifth Committee last week during which the document A/77/7/Add.10 (United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: 11th Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the Proposed Programme Budget for 2023) which covered the performance audit reports and budget submissions from the CEPA and the RSG, as well as the relevant ACABQ report.
- Debbie Landey reported that new FAFICS President of FAFICS, Jerry Barton, had undertaken to send regular communications to Member Associations and that AFICS/NY had received his first letter which had been circulated and posted on the AFICS/NY website.
- A second letter had been received from him which was also circulated to all Board members and to be posted on the AFICS/NY website.
- In addition, the FAFICS President had made a video message about FAFICS which had been posted on the AFICS/NY website.
- FAFICS had sent out a survey to all the participants who attended the last July FAFICS Council meeting. The survey contained a set of questions regarding the conduct of the meeting and how future meetings could be improved.
- During the discussion that pursued on this item, several Governing Board members agreed that the FAFICS President's excellent communication efforts were a good way to have information disseminated to Member Associations.

Other Business [9]

- A request was made for more time to be spent on ASHI matters at the next Annual Assembly.
- A note would be prepared on options/suggestions for the format of Governing Board minutes, to be discussed at an early 2023 meeting.