



Summary of the 422nd Meeting of the Governing Board

Tuesday, 13 April 2021, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

13th meeting held virtually

- The Governing Board Meeting focused on two main items: a) Elections for 12 seats on the Governing Board; and b) Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of AFICS/NY. Regarding the former, the Board reconfirmed its decision to hold this twin election in hybrid mode, enabling all those who wished to do so to use either the Internet or the traditional ballot to register their vote. Given the complexity of the process, compounded by the fact that there are two sets of candidates: one for 2020; and another for 2021, AFICS/NY has secured the services of an experienced vendor. The vendor will take charge of the process *from start to finish*. This includes the mailing and processing of ballots. The communication of the results will be announced at the AFICS/NY Annual Assembly, in the afternoon hours of 24 June 2021.
- The President announced that, in accordance with a decision of the UN Secretariat, taken in light of the still ongoing pandemic, both the Annual Assembly and the 4th of May event to celebrate the founding of AFICS/NY, will need to be in the *virtual mode*. The Chair of the Planning Committee further explained that the stress has now been placed on the celebratory *Bulletin*, which has now been expanded from 50 to 80 pages, in order to accommodate a phenomenal, albeit belated response, from our membership.
- In principle, the Bulletin will circulate on 4 May. A Raffle has been organized. It will help to fund the Bulletin and other expenses related to this May 4th event. The UN Singers have been approached and may help our aging voices, inserting a musical interlude into this event. Raffle tickets are on sale *virtually*. It also resolved to earmark US\$ 5,000 for expenditures related to the 50th Anniversary. AFICS/NY looks forward to a very wide attendance on both the 4th of May and on the 24th of June, the date of the Annual Assembly.
- In reporting on the work of the AFICS/NY Insurance Committee, the responsible Co-Chair announced that the Health Insurance Committee had completed its report on major health insurance providers and submitted its report to the UN Comptroller.