



ASSOCIATION OF FORMER INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS NEW YORK

Summary of the 428th Meeting of the Governing Board

Tuesday, 18 January 2022, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

19th meeting held virtually

- President Dietz recalled that, following the extensive discussion at the December 2021 Governing Board meeting of the report and recommendations of the FAFICS Council Working Group tasked with reviewing the FAFICS Rules of Procedure, Board members had been given a short deadline to submit any suggested textual changes to the Rules as presented in the Working Group's report.
- President Dietz confirmed that there would be a Cost of Living (COL) adjustment effective April 2022 to UNJSPF pensions paid on the basis of the US dollar-track, due to USA inflation since the last such adjustment back in April 2020.
- President Dietz advised that the mailing of the 50th Anniversary Bulletin to AFICS/NY worldwide members by the UN Mail Service was in the process of completion.
- The Governing Board approved the 2022 AFICS/NY Work Plan, which incorporated the relevant inputs received from the AFICS/NY Bureau and the various Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs; note was also taken of the information provided on the implementation of the 2021 WPs. Mr. Steven Avedon thanked the Committees for their work on both Work Plans. He reminded that the WP was a working document that could be amended as needed and explained his contribution to editing the document on formatting.
- Mac Chiulli informed that Paula Saddler's colleague Liz Huntington is running free yoga sessions via Zoom on Thursdays from 6 January to 24 February 2022, registration required. Additional information is available on the AFICS/NY website:
<https://www.un.org/other/afics/content/homepage>.
- Gail Bindley-Taylor informed that she had submitted a report which Mr. Avedon had included in the 2021 WP as an addendum. It covered the work of the Committee in supporting the 50th Anniversary of AFICS/NY, insofar as what was done and achieved. She also thanked everyone who contributed to the success of the celebrations. President Dietz thanked Ms. Bindley-Taylor and her team for their hard work with the two events and the Special Bulletin that had surpassed expectations.
- Susan deSouza reported that the AFICS/NY Book Club's next meeting would be held on Tuesday 8 March 2022 when 'Next Year in Havana' by Chanel Cleeton will be discussed. Ms. deSouza reported that she had spoken with the AFICS/NY librarian, Ms. Dawne Gautier on Zoom in response to her email. Ms. Gautier mentioned that an AFICS/NY member had offered to give lectures on memoir writing if there was any interest amongst the membership. It was suggested that Ms. Gautier obtain more details on the matter such as duration of such lectures, cost if any, etc., which she agreed to do.

President Dietz reminded that the next GB meeting would be on Tuesday 15 February 2022 at 10:30 am. He closed the meeting at 12:00 pm.