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Meeting : WGA Foundation Board
Date : Saturday, March 30, 2019
Time : 9:00 – 10:00 AM
Location : Room 208, MCEC, Melbourne Australia

Present : Franz Grehn (chair), Ivan Goldberg, Robert Fechtner, Makoto Araie, Keith Martin
Executive Office: Shan Lin, Mariska van der Veen, Irene Koomans (minute taker and vote counter)

Minutes

1. Welcome
2. Evaluate current goals
 - a. The goal of the World Glaucoma Association (WGA) Foundation is to be a holding foundation, for tax friendly asset protection. Important financial remark: does the WGA funding remain stable with the increase of Fellowships? Something to keep an eye on.
 - b. The committee members agree that there should be regulations for this Foundation, see for instance terms of the Board members. There are currently no regulations.
3. Identify action plan for next 12 months & divide responsibilities
 - a. Rotation chair & other members?
 - i. Franz Grehn announced prior to this meeting via email that he will have to retire from the position of Foundation Chair after this meeting. His time as chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology has ended and he will now dedicate his time to other commitments. His resignation is accepted by the Board Members and a suitable successor has been presented. All agree that Robert Fechtner will be asked to become Chair of the WGA Foundation Board and that Tin Aung will be asked to join the Board as Vice-Chair. Robert Fechtner is currently Vice-Chair.



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- ii. At least all past presidents are members of this Board and other members are former Executive Committee members, but nothing is written down with regard to terms. See below a snippet from the Statutes with the current WGA Foundation Board Members.
- iii. Roger Hitchings will be asked via email by the Executive Office if he still wants to stay on as a member, as he has already retired from The Hippocrates Glaucoma Foundation (THGF) Board.
- iv. Keith Martin will stay on as Treasurer and Secretary.
- v. Jeff Liebmann will be asked to join the Board as a member.

Prof. Franz Josef GREHN, Chairman

Prof. Robert David FECHTNER, Vice-Chairman

Prof. Keith Robert Graham MARTIN, Treasurer and Secretary

Prof. Makoto ARAIE, Past Chairman

Prof. Kuldev SINGH, Past Vice-Chairman

Prof. Ivan GOLDBERG, Member

Prof. Roger Alan HITCHINGS, Member

Prof. Remo SUSANNA Jr., Member

Prof. Robert N. WEINREB, Member

b. Full audit

- i. The Executive Office is currently awaiting financial proposals from two Swiss firms. It was the recommendation of the WGA Audit Committee to execute a full audit and the budget for this has been approved by the WGA Board of Governors. The



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annual report from the administrative office (PKF) is not ready yet.

c. Liability check

- i. The WGA attorney Mr Wyer is currently checking the liability of the WGA Foundation and the Association itself, so the two Swiss legal entities of the WGA. His recommendation is expected soon.

4. Identify needed funds & time from Executive Office

- a. None

5. Any other items

- a. There is no mention in the Statutes about the frequency of the WGA Foundation Board meeting. The Executive Office will check with Mr Wyer if the meetings need to be face to face or that electronic meetings are also permitted.

6. Closure