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Executive Office Irene Koomans Marije de Graaf **Meeting**: The Hippocrates Glaucoma Foundation (THGF) Board

Date : Friday, March 29, 2019

Time : 12:45 1:45 PM

Location: Room 208, MCEC, Melbourne, Australia

Present: Jonathan Crowston, Keith Martin, Paul Healey

Executive Office: Shan Lin, Mariska van der Veen, Irene

Koomans (minute taker and vote counter)

Minutes

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Evaluate current goals
 - a. Member revision

All agree that Paul Healey should join the THGF Board as Treasurer and vote in favor of this member revision. The Executive Office will check the THGF statutes and legal requirements how to join the Board. Keith Martin mentions that there might be a potential conflict of interest and that the license agreement between the THGF and World Glaucoma Association (WGA) should also be checked. The Executive Office will ask Mr Weyer for legal advice on being a Treasurer on both legal entities.

b. Audit

New for the calendar years 2018 and 2019 is a full financial audit for THGF, which will roughly cost 60.000 USD. Previously, only a compilation audit report was done. Special attention in this audit will be given to Dutch tax law: are the benefits that were an important reason for establishing THGF still in place? The THGF-WGA license agreement will also be reviewed. It would be good to have separate letters from WGA Audit Committee to THGF and WGA Boards on the annual reports of both legal entities.

c. Liability insurance

There is a director's liability insurance in place and a separate insurance for the congress. The Executive Office will review if the



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director's liability insurance can be improved, as the costs are quite high at the moment.

- 3. Identify action plan for next 12 months & divide responsibilities The Board agrees to meet every year, either at the ARVO Annual Meeting or the World Glaucoma Congress.
- 4. Identify needed funds & time from Executive Office
 - a. Paul Healey explains that MCI makes the congress budget, while the WGA Board of Governors negotiates and makes recommendations on the MCI contract and signs off on this. No additional time from the Executive Office is needed for THGF as this moment.
- 5. Any other items
 - a. None
- 6. Closure