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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2023

Date : Saturday, November 4, 2023
Location : Adagio Hotel, San Francisco, California
Present : Neeru Gupta, Fabian Lerner, Arthur Sit, Ningli Wang
Executive Office : Shan Lin, Kaweh Mansouri, Liezl Botha, Fatima Azzahra
Apologies : Keith Martin

Report of WGC-2025

Dr. Shan Lin gave a brief update of the site visit to Hawaii. The venue for the 11th World Glaucoma Congress, Hawaii Convention Center, is an impressive venue located in the heart of Honolulu easily accessible from hotels and the Hawaii Daniel K. Inouye International Airport. It offers great meeting spaces and an exhibition hall, with extensive outdoor space for participants to network.

The two potential HQ hotels are both located within walking distance to the convention center, each with dazzling views of the Waikiki Beach. Five promising venues for the social events were considered for the Presidents Dinner and Congress Dinner.

Waialae Country Club and Royal Hotel are the two potential locations for the Presidents Dinner. Sky Waikiki, The Deck, and Hilton Hawaiian Village are the three potential locations for the Congress Dinner.

Nomination Committee

The results of the Board of Governors nomination process were shared with the Officers. All candidates were considered by the Nominating Committee during an online meeting taking place on October 30, 2023. The following nominations were recommended to be the incoming Board of Governors from January 1, 2024.

- Tanuj Dada (India)
- Miriam Kolko (Denmark)
- Marcelo Hatanaka (Brazil)
- Jesus Jimenez Roman (Mexico)

The Executive Committee was asked to vote on the recommendations of the nomination committee for presentation to the Board for approval. The Officers unanimously approved the recommendations.



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The Executive Office was asked to prepare the official invitation letters after the above recommendations were approved by the Board of Governors.

Additional Business

The Executive Committee discussed the necessity of having two Board of Governors meetings per annum as per the WGA Regulation.

“Notwithstanding extraordinary meetings, as defined above, the Board shall ordinarily meet at least twice a year”

The following amendment was proposed in order to increase efficiency and reduce costs:

*“Notwithstanding extraordinary meetings, as defined above, the Board shall ordinarily meet at least ~~twice~~ **once** a year”*

The Officers were in agreement to suggest one Board of Governors meeting per annum to the Board for consideration.

Budgetary concerns due to forecast deficits were raised by the Treasurer, EVP and Associate EVP to the President during the meeting. A dedicated meeting to review all the information was requested and all agreed this should occur in the coming weeks as a matter of priority.

Additionally, Dr. Gupta emphasized the day to day operations and financial process of the Association are managed by the EVP and Associate EVP with the support team aligned with our statutes and regulations. The President’s review is required on all matters of the Board, including budgets, for input and discussion in a timely manner as the most responsible person within the organization.