

International Association of Schools of Social Work Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 5, 2018

Time: 4.00 to 7.00 PM

Venue: Thomas Prior Hall
Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge
Merrion Road, Ballsbridge
Dublin 4, DO4 P3C3, Ireland

Chairperson: Annamaria Campanini

The President called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and welcomed all members of IASSW to the biennial meeting of the General Assembly. She announced the existence of a Quorum for conducting the business of the IASSW.

1. Approval of the agenda- Members adopted the agenda as presented voted by the Assembly.

2. Matters arising- No issues were discussed.

3. Approval of GA minutes (Seoul, 2016)

Moved, seconded, and approved.

4. President's Report

Annamaria Campanini presented the President's Report which was discussed in the IASSW board meeting and approved by the board. She updated the GA about the relationship issues between IASSW and IFSW and ICSW. In past there have been some conflicting issues between IASSW and IFSW. IASSW members were informed about these issues through a letter from the President. The relationship between IASSW and IFSW is improving day by day. IASSW is looking forward to having a good relation with IFSW in the future with the election of new President-Silvana Martinez. The President's Report will be uploaded to the website following the conference.

5. Secretary's Report

In the absence of the Secretary, Barbara Shank, the presentation prepared by Barbara Shank, was presented by Darla Spence Coffey. Her presentation highlighted the following items:

Updating Of IASSW Manual Of Policies And Procedures

The IASSW Manual of Policies and Procedures last updated in January 2017. The Secretary is aligning the IASSW Bylaws, Constitution and Manual of Policies and Procedures to ensure consistency and completeness.

Approval of policy for retaining, archiving and destruction of documents in process.

Strategic Review – Task Force on Strategic Planning

EOI (Expressions of Interest) was circulated for consultation on implementation of relocating and reincorporation, strategic planning and future development of IASSW. Proposals were reviewed. The Committee is Chaired by John Rautenbach.

GDPR Data Processing Agreement

GDPR is a regulation that requires organizations to protect the personal data and privacy of EU citizens for transactions that occur within EU member states.

Executed Data Protection Information Sheets and Data Processing Agreements with SAGE Publications and iXyr (web). Data Processing Agreement with Tate & Tryon pending signature by Tate & Tryon.

6. Treasurer's report

Mark informed that IASSW is in a strong and stable financial position:

- Total assets of \$356,721 at 31/12/17, an increase of \$45,677 over 31/12/16, largely due to investment growth
- We made a net profit of \$49,895 in 2017

Mark stated that this is his final report as Treasurer, and wish to express thanks to the Board and Membership for the opportunity to serve the Association in this capacity. It is a very time consuming role, and taking the opportunity to step back as four-year term expires. He was profoundly grateful to the members of the Budget and Finance Committee (Darla Spence Coffey, John Rautenbach, and Sheri McConnell), who have proven both outstanding in their advice and timely in their responses to often urgent requests. He hopes that established systems and structures which allow smooth continuity within the role.

He often advocated for accountability of Board members and committees to the Board. With that in mind and wish to note that when he stood for office 'platform' featured three items:

- Regular invoicing of members to ensure financial stability;
- Introducing an ethical investment strategy;
- Reviewing our corporate and financial structure to reduce compliance costs and allow greater flexibility in financial management.

Each of these items has either been completed, or is in process. Regular invoicing has provided greater member retention and a more predictable cash flow for the organization. IASSW has turned a profit each year for the last three years, which means we are a strong member-driven organisation. At the same time, Mark acknowledges the hard work of all Board members in writing, producing and selling books at conferences, which was a

significant and unexpected boost to our income. Our ethical investment strategy has been in place for nearly three years, and has proven both economically viable and a model for other social work associations around the world. Our financial restructure plan has proven extremely complex, but is in process. Mark expressed that the Board and the Association his very best in this project.

Thank you to IASSW members who renewed on time and answered their emails in a timely way!

Thank you to the President and Executive Officer Rashmi Pandey for their invaluable and timely assistance.

7. Regional reports

The Chairperson informed the Assembly that regional reports will be uploaded to the IASSW website. Members approved.

All regional Presidents introduced themselves and updated the GA about their regional conference:

1. Asia Pacific region-Zulkarnain Hatta- APSAWE conference to be held in Bangalore, India in 2019.
2. African region-Gidraph Wairire
3. European region-Nino Zagnec
4. North American and Caribbean region-Karene Nathaniel-DeCaires
5. Latin American region-Nilsa Bugos

8. Committee reports

The Chairperson informed the Assembly that committee reports will be uploaded to the IASSW website. Members approved. The following reports were presented by the Chair of the Committee:

- a. Capacity Building-Darla Spence Coffey
 - b. Publication & Communication-Linda Kreitzer
 - c. International Project-David McNabb
 - d. IASSW Team in UN-Lynne Healy
- **Global Social Work Statement of Ethical Principles (IASSW)- Vishanthie Sewpaul**
Vishanthie Sewpaul presented the report and conveyed an expression of thanks to each one on the task force, translators and colleagues who have done proof reading. IFSW general assembly had adopted the shorter version of the IASSW ethic document. The IASSW Board accepted the comprehensive version of the ethic document. All

documents will be uploaded on the IASSW website in all official languages. Everyone can send their feedback to Vishanthie Sewpaul.

Motion: Motion was moved for the adoption of Global Social Work Statement of Ethical Principles (IASSW). Adrian Van Breda moved, seconded by Mark Henrickson. Motion carried.

- **Report by Antoinette Lombard on “Interim Education Commission”**

Antoinette Lombard reported about the process to date. The Board adopted the position that IASSW collaborate with IFSW on integrating social work education and practice, on an equal basis. An Education Committee should be co-chaired by IASSW and IFSW and membership should reflect equal representation. President will get more updates from IFSW and the way forward.

Motion 1: Motion move to equal partnership and support the process. Theresa Bertotti moved, David McNabb second. Abstentions 2. Motion carried.

Motion 2: Motion was moved as equal member in the committee appointed by President. Lynne Heally moved, Vishanthie Sewpaul second. Motion carried.

9. Announcement of election results

In the absence of Tetyana Semigina, Chair of Nominating Committee, Helle Strauss announced the election results. Tellers for the vote counting were Helle Strauss, Nilsa Burgos and David McNabb.

IASSW- 2018 election results

The IASSW election results were announced in the GA on July 5, 2018. Following are the election results:

Treasurer: Tan Ngho Tiong, Singapore

Member-at-large:

Augusta Yetunde Olaore, Nigeria

Shajahan P. K., India

Candidates were elected as Members-at-Large, to serve a 4-year term (July 2018-2022).

The Assembly expressed its congratulations.

Annamaria Campanini expressed appreciation for the work of the outgoing officers on behalf of the IASSW Board of Directors and welcomed the new officers to the Board.

- New Treasurer: Tan Ngho Tiong expressed his thanks to President and General Assembly for welcome. He stated that he is looking forward to work with the IASSW board.
- Augusta Yetunde Olaore, new Member-at-Large expressed thanks and is looking forward to work with the IASSW board.

Formation of the next Nominating Committee

Helle Strauss, Chair of Nominating Committee, presented the names of the new Nominating Committee as follows:

Appointment of a new Nominating Committee (2018-2020)

Chair: Janestic Mwendu Twikirize, Uganda

Africa Region: J Augusta Yetunde Olaore, Nigeria

Asia Region: Mie Ohwa, Japan

North America region: Shirley Gatenio Gabel, USA; Karene-Anne Nathaniel-DeCaires, West Indies

South America: Nilsa Burgos, Puerto Rico

Europe: Janet Williams, United Kingdom

There were no objections or comments regarding the composition of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee was accepted as presented.

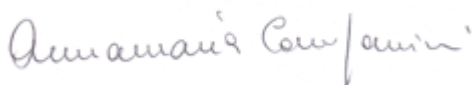
10. Appreciation

Board members, who have completed their terms, were felicitated with a plaque of appreciation as follows:

1. Angie Yuen-Past President
2. Mark Henrickson-Treasurer
3. Linda Kreitzer-Member At Large
4. Hernando Muñoz Sánchez-Member At Large
5. Fentiny Nugroho-APASWE President
6. Dixon Sookraj-National Representative from Canada

As there was no further business, the meeting of the IASSW General Assembly was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Minutes approved by IASSW President



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