Minutes of IFEA Annual General Assembly Meeting

13.00h September 16th (Friday), 2011
room Leonardo, Rome Cavaliere Hotel, Rome Italy

Meeting was called to order by President Joseph Maggio at 1:10 pm with 35 people in attendance, representing 18 countries present.

The delegates were recognized followed by guests from Kosova, Jordan, Finland and Sweden. Regrets received from Barry Chapnick (N. America Regent), Markus Haapasalo (Research Committee Chairman), Roeland De Moor (Belgium).

Minutes of the AGM held on October 9th, 2010 in Athens, Greece were approved as circulated through the web site 90 days prior to the current meeting (Spain; Australia).

The report of President Joseph Maggio reflecting the activities of his office during the past year was read (Appendix 1) and accepted (Korea; Australia). The report highlighted the completion of the very successful 8th World Congress in Athens Greece 2010, encouragement of Athens Congress attendees whose country was not currently a member of IFEA to contact their executives and consider joining the International Endodontic community through IFEA, invitation of each member country of the ESE who are not presently members of IFEA to attend the General Assembly meeting to encourage the growth of IFEA, a comfortable financial position of the organization, new membership application from Finland, Kosova, and Jordan.

The report of President Elect Patrick Bogaerts reflecting on the activities of his office during the past year was described (Appendix 2) and accepted. (Japan; USA) He highlighted the President Elect’s main function or purpose according to the Bylaws that was to stay prepared to perform the duties of the President. He has agreed to investigate continuing education credit for our world congress meetings as required by our country members.

The report of Secretary Luke Sung Kyo Kim reflecting on the activities of his office during the past year was read (Appendix 3) and accepted (Australia; Belgium). The report highlighted works during his term as the secretary: the Minutes of the AGM held on October 9th, 2010 in Athens, Greece were prepared and circulated. The Secretary contacted any attendee at the world congress whose country endodontic association is not currently a member of IFEA to invite them to IFEA. Some countries showed their interest to join IFEA. With the guidance of the guideline...
of the President, the Secretary invited ESE member countries of non-IFEA member to this AGM. Also interacted with the Country Contacts and IFEA Regents and the Secretary continued to update the contact information. The Secretary contacted Local Organizing Committee of European Society of Endodontology and their Convention Services to confirm the time and venues for this AGM and announced AGM to the member societies three times. Several requests were sent by Country Members to the Secretary regarding regional events were forwarded to the President for posting on the IFEA website. Finally he stated that the Secretary has happily enjoyed this executive position with other Officers.

Report of the Treasurer Mark Wotzke reflected on the financial status of IFEA (Appendix 4, 4–1) and was accepted (Greece; France). The report highlighted that IFEA had 4 accounts, the income for this year to the end of July had been significantly bolstered by the marvellous profit from the 8th World Endodontic Congress in Athens in September last year, that the number of paid member societies was 25 out of 28, that IFEA has $167,945.52 on deposit as of July 30, 2011, that the income of 2010 was $7,995.61 and income of 2011 until July 30 was $39,926.13 including 8th World Congress profit of $33,029.36, that expenses were $5,351.73 in 2010 and $2,414.82 in 2011, that profits were $2,643.88 in 2010 and $37,511.31 in 2011, that bank charge from the originating bank was approximately 7% for the convenience of electronic transfer, and approval of the US$20,000 Education Grant. He finally thanked other Officers for their guidance.

Report of the Asian Regent (Hideaki Suda) reflecting on the activities of his office during the past year was read (Appendix 5) and accepted (Korea; Australia). Activities of the member countries in the region were reported highlighting the 13th Biennial General Meeting and the 16th Scientific Meeting of the Asian Pacific Endodontic Confederation (APEC) held in conjunction with the 14th Annual Meeting of the Iranian Association of Endodontists (IAE) on 20-22 April, 2011 in Shiraz, Iran, the 9th KAE – JEA Joint Meeting in conjunction with the 32nd Annual Meeting of JEA on 30–31 July, 2011 in Nagasaki, Japan and the hosting the 9th World Endodontic Congress in Tokyo on 23rd – 26th May, 2013 which will be the first WEC held in the Asian region.

Report of the Europe Regent (Miguel Minana) was read (Appendix 6) and accepted (USA; UK). The report highlighted the next meeting of the European Society of Endodontology (ESE) which will take place in Lisbon on 12-14 of September 2013, decision of ESE to organize the following meeting in Barcelona (Spain) on September 2015, and plan to collect all the reports, news, or future meetings of their societies from all the country representatives of Europe.

Oceania Regent Alan Nerwich reported on the activities of the ASE and the NZSE in particular the Trans – Tasman Endodontic Conference held in Christchurch NZ November 4 – 6, 2010. The report was accepted (Japan; Australia).

Report of Education Committee (Chairman: Sam Dorn) reflecting on the activities of his office during the past year was read (Appendix 7) and accepted (USA; Korea). The report highlighted the endodontic education situation in Mid-Africa, a proposal for an Education grant to support the education of a general dentist from a needy country who would attend a University based endodontic program for 1 year and then return to teach endodontics to undergraduates in their home country, and budget of the Educational Grant to support an endodontic educator of needy country. The Chairman encouraged needy countries to apply for that purpose, and asked current members to give this information to any dental school in the world to apply for the grant.
Research Committee Chair (Markus Haapasalo) was not present but Prof. Paul Abbott reported the Research Awards guidelines (Appendix 8, 8–1) which were re-written by him and were submitted and circulated electronically before the meeting. The guidelines were accepted (Australia; USA).

The Chair of the 8th World Congress held in Athens October 6–9, 2010, Panopoulos reported the final one highlighting that the number of participants were 916 that is composed of 805 delegates from 61 countries, 37 accompanying persons and 74 exhibitors. He expressed his thanks. The report (Appendix 9) was accepted (USA; Belgium).

The Chair of the 9th World Congress (Suda) to be held in Tokyo reported that all is progressing well for 9th congress to be hosted by the Japanese Endodontic Society in Tokyo, May 23–26, 2013 (Appendix 10). He stated the budget plan for the Congress (Appendix 11), that registration fee for IFEA member will be less than that for non–IFEA member, and reported that Memorandum of Understanding on Service Entrustment was made between the Congress President and Japan Convention Service (Appendix 12). Brochures for promotion (Appendix 13, 13–1) were distributed at the 2011 ESE Congress in Rome for the Congress participants. The report was accepted (Korea, Greece).

OLD BUSINESS
Web Site: Web site is currently undergoing modifications and improvements with the sponsorship by Sybron Endo and splash photographs are seen at the home page.

Dues Payment: With persistent reminders there are now only 3 societies out of 28 member societies that have not paid their dues to this time, being the associations from Guatemala, Israel and Venezuela.

IFEA/AAE interaction: Because AAE is one of the member societies of IFEA, the President suggested AAE to attend the AGM of IFEA and express what AAE wants to discuss with IFEA.

NEW BUSINESS
New Members: The credentials for membership of the Kosova, Jordan and Finland Endodontic Associations were presented to the Assembly (Australia: France) and unanimously accepted and approved for provisional membership until submittal of all the requirements.

Membership: A suggestion was that IFEA provisionally accept new members with less than 100 dues paying members at the moment and the by–laws can be amended at the next AGM to decrease the number of endodontists required for a society to join IFEA.

Membership payment option: Electronic transfer charges more fee than credit card. Announcement to the member societies is necessary that the cost of electronic transaction must be paid by the member not by IFEA. It was advised that the Dues for 2012 will have only a minimal increase of US$10 to US$360.

The date of the next AGM of IFEA was scheduled in conjunction with Annual Congress of the American Association of Endodontists (AAE) for April 18–21, 2012 in Boston, USA.

The Meeting was adjourned at 14:15h.
Respectfully submitted by

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