Minutes of the IFEA Annual General Assembly Meeting
Friday, May 2nd, 2014, 12.00h
National Harbor 7, Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, Washington DC, USA

The meeting was called to order by President Patrick Bogaerts at 12:15 pm with 38 people in attendance, representing 16 member associations.

The delegates were recognized. Regrets received from Hideaki Suda (Asia Regent), Miguel Miñana Gómez (Europe Regent), Alan Nerwich (Oceania Regent).

Minutes of the AGM held on May 26th, 2013 in Tokyo, Japan were approved as circulated through the web site 90 days prior to the current meeting (Canada, USA).

The report of President Patrick Bogaerts reflecting the activities of his office during the past year was read (Appendix 1) and accepted unanimously. The report highlighted his delight on seeing the Immediate Past President Joe Maggio in good shape, and the very successful Congress in Tokyo in 2013 chaired by Prof. Hideaki Suda. The President advised of the growth of IFEA with an increased number of member societies from 35 to 36 with incoming Egypt this year, and acknowledged Immediate Past President Joe Maggio for his work for the web site and Sybron Endo for its fiscal support. He also acknowledged fellow Officers, Regent Directors, Country Representatives, and Research Committee members for their cooperation.

The report of President–Elect Sam Dorn reflecting on the activities of his office during the past year was read (Appendix 2) and accepted unanimously. The report highlighted the President–Elect’s offering suggestions to email discussions, offering and successfully providing CERP credit for the Tokyo WECs, and monitoring the Officers’ operations.

The report of the Secretary Luke Sung Kyo Kim reflecting on the activities of his office during the past year was read (Appendix 3) and it was accepted unanimously. The report highlighted works during his term as the Secretary: the Minutes of the AGM held on May 26th, 2013 in Tokyo, Japan were prepared and circulated, he contacted non-member country endodontic association representatives from Egypt, Indonesia and Hong Kong who showed interest in the membership of IFEA, and invited them to our organization. The Egyptian Association of Endodontists has already submitted their application. The Secretary also interacted with the Country Contacts and IFEA Regents and continued to update the contact information, receiving requests from and providing to the 10th WEC Organizing Committee the updated country contacts, contacted the Organizing Committee of the American Association of Endodontists and the Gaylord International Resort and Convention
Center for this AGM, and announced the AGM to the member societies three times. Finally the Secretary acknowledged fellow Officers, President Patrick Bogaerts, President–Elect Sam Dorn, Treasurer Mark Wotzke, and Immediate Past President Joe Maggio.

The report of the Treasurer Mark Wotzke reflecting on the financial status of IFEA (Appendix 4, 4−1) was read and was accepted unanimously. The report showed Statement of Accounts of the past 2 calendar Years, highlighted that IFEA had 4 bank accounts, that total accounts balance to 30th April 2014 is US$ 198,681.65, and that 75% of the profit from the 9th World Endodontic Congress in Tokyo in 2013, being US$42,963.63 has significantly boosted the YTD income for 2014 and the bank account balance. There were 6 societies out of 35 member societies that had not paid their Dues, being the associations from Guatemala, India, Iran, Israel, Kosovo and the Philippines.

2013 expenses were the IFEA Education Grant US$4000 to Prof Paul Abbott for endodontic educational purposes in Cambodia and the Laurichesse Research Award to the recipient, Dr Xenos Petridis from Greece. 75% of the $4000 Award was presented to him this year. The Treasurer thanked other Officers, Drs Patrick Bogaerts, Luke Sung Kyo Kim and Joe Maggio for their continued support.

The report of Asia Regent (Regent: Hideaki Suda) was presented (Appendix 5) by Dr. Nobuyuki Kawashima and accepted unanimously. Activities of the member countries in the region were reported, highlighting the 9th World Endodontic Congress being held in Tokyo on 23rd–26th May 2013. As of April 2014, there are four IFEA member societies/associations in the Asian Regency, those are Indian Endodontic Society, Japan Endodontic Association, Korean Academy of Endodontics, and Endodontic Society of Thailand.

The report of Oceania Regent (Regent: Alan Nerwich) described activities of the member countries in his Region and was read (Appendix 6) by the IFEA Secretary and accepted unanimously. Activities of the member countries in the region, the Australian Society of Endodontology and the New Zealand Society of Endodontics were reported highlighting the upcoming 4th Trans–Tasman Endodontic Conference in Melbourne, Australia in June 2014.

The report of North America Regent (Regent: Barry Chapnick) was presented by Dr. Joseph Schwann (Canada) and accepted unanimously. The report highlighted the Canadian Academy of Endodontics held its 49th Annual General Meeting in Ottawa, Ontario on September, 2013. A new slate of line officers was elected and Dr. Joseph Schwann was installed as President. Report of AAE (Appendix 7) highlighted AAE 2014 Annual Session in Washington DC, AAE 2013 Fall Conference on Endodontic Surgery, and newly installed Officers.

The report of South America Regent (Regent: Manoel Eduardo de Lima Machado) described activities of the member countries in his Region and was accepted unanimously.

The report of the Education Committee (Chairman: Sam Dorn) was reported by the Chairman and accepted (Korea; Australia) (Appendix 9). The report highlighted the progress of the Endodontic Department of University of Benin, Nigeria which was initiated by Dr. Collins Okwen who was supported with IFEA Education Grant in 2012. A new dental school was opened in Cameroon and the Chairman has been in touch with the organizers of the school. The IFEA funds of $US 4,000.00 were presented for the purchase of some Endodontic equipment and materials for the new Masters program in Endodontics at the International University in Phnom Penh, Cambodia with the help of volunteers including Dr.
Paul Abbott. A report was submitted in Oct 2013 by Paul Abbott.

**The report of the Research Committee** (Chairman: Markus Haapasalo) was read by the IFEA Secretary (Appendix 10) and **accepted** (Australia; Japan). The report highlighted the recommendation of Dr. Jason Gagliardi as the recipient for the 2013/2014 award of US$ 4,000.00.

**The report of the 9th World Congress Committee** Chairman: (Hideaki Suda) reflected on the activities during the past year, and was reported (Appendix 11) by Dr. Nobuyuki Kawashima, a committee member and **accepted** unanimously. The report highlighted the result of the 9th WEC. The number of attendance was 1,560 from 42 countries, 315 abstracts were presented and the financial surplus was JPY 5,903,202, 75% of which, JPY 4,427,402 was given to IFEA.

**The report of the 10th World Congress Committee** Chairman (Dr. Peet van der Vyver) was read by the IFEA Secretary and **accepted** unanimously. The report highlighted the progress of the 10th WEC in Cape Town, South Africa.

**Web Site**: The Immediate Past President Joe Maggio reported that $US 70.00 is spent per month for maintenance of the web site and the current sponsoring corporate, Sybron Endo is not interested in contributing anymore, and suggested that we seek a new sponsor. A suggestion was proposed by the IFEA Treasurer Mark Wotzke that the President-Elect work as a web master (collect information, digest and post) during his/her position and this was accepted unanimously. The current web designer in Chicago is to keep the IFEA web site. The new contact person of the IFEA web site was encouraged to keep informed about the member societies. Linking the member web sites to the IFEA web site was recommended in order to look at them for contacts and new officers of the member societies.

**Membership Dues** for 2015 is $360, the same as for 2014. Banking account at Harris Bank in the State of Illinois is to be continued because it can be used at no charge.

The **credentials for membership** of the Egyptian Association of Endodontists (EAE) was presented to the Assembly and unanimously **accepted** and **approved** for provisional membership until payment of the membership dues.

**World Endodontic Congress**: President-Elect Samuel Dorn suggested changing the Congress Guidelines on the reimbursement of airfare for Invited Speakers and this suggestion was discussed. It was decided that one return economy class airfare for less than six hours' flight and business class airfare for more than six hours' flight would be appropriate. Also, qualification for the bid and that of professional congress organizing agent were discussed. With the increasing competency of the bidding, it was suggested that the World Congress would take place every two years in even-numbered years. If India accepts to move the 11th WEC to 2018, this suggestion can be brought to AGM with the amendment of the By-Laws. Peter Duckmanton (Australia) stated that Trans–Tasman Endodontic Conference is held in June in even-numbered years and suggested to have six month difference between world big endodontic conferences. Jorge Forero (Colombia) showed their enthusiasm to host a future WEC in Cartagena.

**Slate of Nominee**: A nomination slate for Officers and Regents was presented and **accepted** unanimously. The names and positions of those approved are: Past President
Patrick Bogaerts, President Samuel O Dorn, President–Elect Mark Wotzke, Secretary Luke Sung Kyo Kim, Treasurer Catherine Ricci, Regents Peet van der Vyver (Africa), Hideaki Suda (Asia), Miguel Minana (Europe), Barry Chapnick (N. America), Alan Nerwich (Oceania), Manoel Eduardo de Lima Machado (S. America), Committee Chairs Samuel O Dorn (Education), and Markus Haapasalo (Research).

The date and place of the next Annual General Assembly Meeting of IFEA is scheduled to be held in conjunction with the 17th ESE Biennial Congress, Sept 16~19, 2015, Barcelona, Spain.

The Meeting was adjourned by the new President, Samuel Dorn at 13:18h.

Respectfully submitted by

Luke Sung Kyo Kim, Secretary