Minutes of the IFEA Annual General Assembly Meeting
Friday, Sept 18th, 2015, 12.00h
Room 123, International Conference Center in Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain

The meeting was called to order by President Samuel Dorn at 12:10 pm with 37 people in attendance, representing 18 member associations.

The delegates were recognized. Regrets received from Hideaki Suda (Asia Regent), Barry Chapnick (N. America Regent), Markus Haapasalo (Research Committee), and Isabel Bustos (Philippines Representative).

Minutes of the AGM held on May 2nd, 2014 in Washington DC, USA were approved as circulated through the web site 90 days prior to the current meeting (Australia, Canada).

The report of President Samuel Dorn reflecting the activities of his office during the past year was read (Appendix 1) and accepted unanimously. The report highlighted his visit SELA (Endodontic Society of Latin America), APEC (Asian Pacific Endodontic Confederation) and ESE (European Society of Endodontontology) this time to stimulate many countries to inquire about becoming members of IFEA. The President stated the By–Laws Amendment to be voted on at this meeting concerning the change from a three year interval between World Endodontic Congresses to a two year interval and its resultant bid for 2018 WEC (World Endodontic Congress). He also encouraged the Amazon Project from Brazil to be extended, and explained international banking situation related with due payment. He also acknowledged fellow Officers for their cooperation.

The report of President–Elect Mark Wotzke reflecting on the activities of his office during the past year was read (Appendix 2) and accepted unanimously. The report highlighted conveying the accounts and paper works to new Treasurer and new job with the web site including encouragement of member societies to provide their logos and web addresses. He also acknowledged web support by B&L Biotech and hardworking fellow Officers.

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 2nd, 2014 in Washington DC, USA were prepared and circulated, he 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, announced the proposed amendment of the By–Laws and the application for the bid of World Endodontic Congress of 2018, and contacted the Organizing Committee of the European Society of Endodontology and ‘Jaume Pros Viaplana International
Meetings Production’ for this AGM, and announced the AGM to the member societies three times. Finally the Secretary acknowledged fellow Officers, President Sam Dorn, President-Elect Mark Wotzke, Treasurer Catherine Ricci, and Immediate Past President Patrick Bogaerts.

The report of the Treasurer Catherine Ricci 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 3 bank accounts, that total accounts balance to 31st December 2014 is US$186,299.05, incomes were from dues payment and 75% of the profit from the 9th WEC in Tokyo, and expenses were meeting expenses and Laurichesse Research Award. Total accounts balance to 15th September 2015 is US$181,278.14, incomes were from dues payment and expenses were Laurichesse Research Award and cash advance for the 10th WEC in Cape Town. There were 1 society that had not paid their Dues for 2014, being the associations from the Philippines, and 3 member societies out of 36 had not paid their dues for 2015, being the associations from Kosova, Iran, and the Philippines. (Iran paid late)

The report of Africa Regent (Regent: Peet van der Vyver) described activities of the member countries in his Region and was read (Appendix 5) and accepted unanimously.

The report of Asia Regent (Regent: Hideaki Suda) was presented (Appendix 6) by the Secretary and accepted unanimously. Activities of the member countries in the region were reported, highlighting the 18th Scientific Meeting and the 15th Biennial General Meeting of APEC (Asian Pacific Endodontic Confederation) being held in Amman, Jordan on 8th –10th April 2015.

The report of Europe Regent (Regent: Miguel Minana) described activities of the member countries in his Region (Appendix 7) and was accepted unanimously.

The report of Oceania Regent (Regent: Alan Nerwich) described activities of the member countries in his Region and was read (Appendix 8) and accepted unanimously. Activities of the member countries in the region were reported highlighting the 4th Trans–Tasman Endodontic Conference in Melbourne, Australia in June 2014.

The report of North America Regent (Regent: Barry Chapnick) was presented by the Secretary (Appendix 9) and accepted unanimously. The report highlighted the last Annual General Meeting of Canadian Academy of Endodontics being held in Banff, Alberta in August 2015.

The report of South America Regent (Regent: Manoel Eduardo de Lima Machado) described activities of the member countries in his Region (Appendix 10) and was accepted unanimously. The report highlighted the Amazon Project of SELA (Sociedad de Endodoncia de Latino Americana) which supports needy people with dental care.

The report of the Research Committee (Chairman: Markus Haapasalo) was read by the IFEA Secretary (Appendix 11) and accepted unanimously. The report highlighted the recommendation of Dr. Jeeraphat Jantarat, Thailand out of four good applications as the recipient for the 2015 award.

The report of the 10th World Congress Committee Chairman (Dr. Peet van der Vyver)
was read (Appendix 12) and accepted unanimously. The report highlighted the progress of the 10th WEC in Cape Town, South Africa including venue, speakers, sponsors, delegates and budget.

The report of the 11th World Congress Committee Chairman (Dr Anil Kohli) was read by Dr. Gopi Krishna (Appendix 13) and accepted unanimously. The report highlighted the progress of the 11th WEC in Chennai, India and their preference of holding WEC in 2020 if the amendment of the By-Laws is passed.

Web Site: The President–Elect Mark Wotzke reported the maintenance of the web site and the current sponsoring corporate, B&L Biotech. 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 payment and banking: Dues for 2016 is $360, the same as for 2015. Banking account at Harris Bank in the State of Illinois is to be continued and the Treasurer is looking for an easy way to pay.

Research Grant: Application for the grant was encouraged, that is US$6,000 for single applicant or for division into several ones.

Education Grant: The grant was given to support Cambodia and Fiji in the recent years.

Amendment of By–Laws: The Secretary explained the background and the objectives of amendment of the By–laws (Appendix 14). IFEA currently are holding the World Congress every three years. It has been proposed to have the Congress every two years (in the even years) and the By–Laws can be amended to remove the specific interval of the Congress of IFEA. This may allow some flexibility on the intervals of the Congress as the situation may be changed. This amendment was accepted unanimously.

World Endodontic Congress / Bids to host the 11th WEC for 2018: According to the above result of the amendment of the By–Laws and Indian Society of Endodontics’ preference to hold WEC in 2020, bid for WEC of 2018 was performed. After presentation by Turkey, Republic of Korea and Mexico to host WEC followed by Mexico’s resignation, Turkey won the bid by a secret ballot among the representatives of the member societies.

Place of interim Meetings in the odd number years: Regional Endodonic Meetings may be considered including AAE, ESE, APEC and SELA.

The date and place of the next Annual General Assembly Meeting of IFEA is scheduled to be held in conjunction with the 10th World Endodontic Congress of IFEA, June 3–6, 2016, Cape Town, South Africa.

The Meeting was adjourned by the President, Samuel Dorn at 14:55h.

Respectfully submitted by

Luke Sung Kyo Kim, Secretary