IFEA Annual General Assembly Meeting
Friday, April 28th, 2017, 1:00-3.30pm
Royal Room, Hilton Riverside New Orleans Hotel, U.S.A.

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Wotzke at 1:15 pm with 25 people in attendance, representing 13 member associations.

The delegates were recognized. Regrets from Gopi Krishna (Education Committee Chairperson, 12 WEC Organising Secretary) and Anil Kohli (Asia Regent).

Absent; Peet van der Vyver - former Regent of Africa

Minutes of the GAM, held on June 5th, 2016 in Cape Town, South Africa were approved as circulated through the web site 90 days prior the current meeting.

The report of President, Mark Wotzke reflecting the activities of his office during the past year was read (Appendix 1) and accepted unanimously. In his report, he thanks past officers and welcome the new officers and the new Chairpersons and Regent Directors. The report highlighted the reasons of the decision to withdraw the invitation of the Turkish Endodontic Society (TES) to host the 11th WEC in 2018 and how we decided to appoint Korea (KES) as the host for 2018 and to bid later for the 2022 WEC. The 10th WEC report and the decision of SASEAD Committee to resign from IFEA were explained to the GAM. The resignation also meant that IFEA currently did not have a Regent for Africa. Mark Wotzke also acknowledged Patrick Bogaerts and Alan Nerwich for the major changes of the WEC Guidelines.

The report of President-Elect, Luke Sung Kyo Kim reflecting the activities of his office during the past year was read (Appendix 2) and accepted unanimously. The President Elect worked with the Secretary in preparing and emailing Minutes of the meeting to the Officers, Board of Directors and Country representatives for comments, additions and corrections.

As the formal liaison person with the organizers of the 12th WEC in India, the President Elect sent email to the organizers for the WEC progress report and met them during the APEC Congress in New Delhi. He contacted Bangladesh who showed interest in the membership of IFEA.

The report of the Secretary, Catherine Ricci reflecting the activities of her office

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during the past year was read (Appendix 3) and accepted unanimously. The report highlighted works during her term as the secretary: The Secretary continued to update the contact information of the 37 component associations/societies. Each individual society had to provide the list of its new Officers and contact information, and current process of proposed amendment of Congress Guidelines

The report of the Treasurer, Terry Farmakis reflecting on the financial status of IFEA was read and was accepted unanimously.

The report of Africa Regent, (Regent: Peet van der Vyver), described the financial results of the 10th Congress and the participation rate of sponsors and delegates and was read by M. Wotzke and was accepted unanimously. The decision of the South African to resign their position in IFEA was discussed.

The report of Asia, (Regent: Anil Kohli) was read by C. Ricci and accepted unanimously.

The report of Europe was presented by the Regent, Elisabetta Cotti and accepted unanimously. She explained all the difficulties she had to collect all the reports and she is expecting to have those reports in the next future.

The report of North America was read by the Regent (Patrick Taylor) and accepted unanimously. He presented the reports of Canada, U.S.A and Guatemala. Dr Ennio Stuardo Marsicovetere Reyes from Guatemala requested information to create a new region called Central America Region, that could potentially included Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama.

The report of South America – Manoel Eduardo de Lima Machado, described activities of the member countries in his region and was accepted unanimously. The report explained the evolution of the Amazon Project of SELA.

The report of Oceania (Regent: Alan Nerwich) described activities of the member countries in his region and was read and accepted unanimously. The report highlighted the biggest conference with the combined 19th World Congress of Dental Traumatology and 5th Trans-Tasman Endodontic Conference. This year marks the golden anniversary, the 50th year of the Australian Society of Endodontology (ASE) and the ASE’s 50th meeting will be held on 17th May in Melbourne. The 6th Trans-Tasman Endodontic Conference is to be held in Perth 2018 and planning is already underway.

The report of the Research committee (Chairman: Christine Berthold) was read and accepted unanimously. Only two applications were sent before the dead line and the decision will be taken at May 31st 2017.

The report of the 11th World Congress, Korea, 2018 (Drs. Euiseong Kim (Andy) and Henry Hyeon Cheol Kim) was read and accepted unanimously. The report highlighted the progress of the 11th WEC and the date will be from 4th to 7th, October 2018. The report contained the progress of the 11th WEC including the
venue, speakers, sponsors and prices (Post graduate student same price as students). The next booth will be during the ESE meeting in Brussels, next September

The report of the 12th World Congress, India, 2020 (Gopi Krishna) was read and accepted unanimously. The dates were confirmed, the congress will be held from 07th to 10th October 2020

Dues Payment and banking; Sam Dorn
Sam Dorn contacted another bank, the BB&T. They don’t want to have a check coming from countries like Iran but the dues payment could be by cash or perhaps by credit card.
Money transfer will be possible and the cost for each country will be the same : $18 per transfer.
A square on the phone could be another possibility of payment. The signature of all the Executive will be necessary.

Two resolutions were voted at the BOD meeting the day before:
1- to accept a Credit Card
2- IFEA is planning to use the Square

Sam will look for IFEA having is one Credit Card.

Amendment of “Guidelines for the IFEA Congresses”; Alan Nerwich, Mark Wotzke
Alan Nerwich explained the main changes in the New Guidelines and that the next two WEC Organizing Committees (11th,Korea and 12th India) will be invited to choose if they want to organise their respective Congresses using the new or the old Guidelines.

Other Business
Discussion regarding the Regions of IFEA. IFEA may need to review the current six Regions, whether another Region be added, and what defines the allocation of a Society to a specific Region (e.g geography or cultural).

Date and report of next meeting :
At the 11th IFEA WEC, October 4-6th, 2018, Seoul, Korea

The Meeting was adjourned by the President, Mark Wotzke at 15:40 h.

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Ricci, Secretary