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The meeting was called to order by President Dr Mark Wotzke at 1:10 pm with 50 people in attendance, representing 30 members associations.

Before starting the General Assembly Meeting, in memoriam for the late Dr. W.C. (Fred) Weinstein, (1939-2017), a minute of silence was held.

Minutes of the GAM, held on April 28th, 2017 in New Orleans, USA were approved as circulated through the website 90 days prior the current meeting.

The report of President, Dr Mark Wotzke reflecting on the activities of his Office during the past year was read (Appendix 1) and accepted unanimously. In his report, he thanked past Officers, in particular retiring Immediate Past President Prof. Sam Dorn, and welcomed the new Officers and the new Chairpersons and Regent Directors. He praised the late Dr Fred Weinstein and reminded us of the investment he had made in IFEA.

The report highlighted the changes made to the IFEA Research Award Committee which was rejuvenated by Dr Christine Berthold and the in-progress revision of Research Grant Committee Guidelines Document, and she was thanked for her insightfulness and willingness. The co-winners for each of the 2016 and 2017 Jean Marie Laurischesse Research Awards were also announced.

The President congratulated Dr Gopi Krishna (Chairman of the Education Committee) for his contribution in formulating the inaugural IFEA Education Committee & Education Grant Award Document. The need for Committee members to assist him was raised.

The President thanked Dr Joe Maggio, assisted by his wife Karen, for all his involvement as the IFEA Registered Agent.

The President reaffirmed IFEA's bond with APEC via a Memorandum of Understanding.
The President welcomed the 5 new endodontic Associations, from Bangladesh, Chile, Hong Kong, Indonesia and United Arab Emirates which were approved as members of IFEA at the BOD meeting the previous day.

The revision of the World Endodontic Congress Guidelines was completed in his term of Office by the BOD. Notable changes included the host Society to receive 40% of the profit instead of 25% and the Congresses are now to be held biennially in the even years. The Board of Directors now choose the Regions for the World Endodontic Congress to ensure a more universal distribution and the bidding process requires the bidders to present a much more detailed bid.

The President congratulated all the people who organized the very successful 11th World Endodontic Congress in Seoul and announced the dates for the 12th World Endodontic Congress in Chennai, India, as being 23 to 26 September 2020.

The President also thanked B&L Biotech for the continuing generous sponsorship of the IFEA website.

The report of President-Elect, Prof. Luke Sung Kyo Kim reflecting on the activities of his Office during the past year was read (Appendix 2) and accepted unanimously. The President-Elect interacted in general with the organizers of the 11th WEC in Seoul Korea for the Congress and worked together in making IFEA flag and plaques.

As the formal liaison person with the organizers of the 12th WEC in India, the President-Elect carefully followed the 12th WEC progress with the Local Organising Committee in relation to the opening of the web site.

The report of the Secretary, Dr Catherine Ricci, reflecting on the activities of her office during the past year was read (Appendix 3) and accepted unanimously. Following the 2017 Annual General Assembly Meeting (GAM) held on April 28th, in New Orleans, the secretary prepared and emailed Minutes of the meeting to the Officers, Board of Directors and Country representatives for comments, additions and corrections. It was sent by the President-Elect Luke Sung Kyo Kim to the President to be put on the IFEA website.

The Secretary sent all the information to the countries of South America for the application for next WEC meeting in 2022 and to European countries for the meeting in 2024.

Due to many business items to discuss, the Executive Officers decided to meet during the AAE meeting in April 2018 in Denver. We had an unofficial meeting with the Board of directors, President Mark Wotzke, President Elect Luke Sung Kyo Kim, Treasurer Terry Farmakis, Past president Sam Dorn, Secretary Catherine Ricci, Research Grant Chairperson Christine Berthold.

The Secretary wrote the minutes of this meeting where different proposals were adopted:
- Dr. Joe Maggio will continue as Registered Agent, assisted by Karen Maggio, continuing at the current registered address unless circumstances change.
- For the Research Grant, all future research applications should be sent to the IFEA Secretary and the email address should be posted on the website as well as in the guidelines. The Research Grant Committee needed to be extended to more reviewers from the 6 regions.
- The Board of Directors decided to propose generic email addresses for the
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As many countries wanted to join IFEA, the Secretary sent the application Forms and ascertained that the applications were correct.

**The report of the Treasurer**, Terry Farmakis reflecting on the financial status of IFEA was read (Appendix 4) and was **accepted** unanimously. Since June 2016, the Treasurer was attempting to establish Dues payment from the website or at least enable credit card settlement to be easier and thus eliminate the problem of direct debit transfer fees to facilitate the Dues payment, but it was not proving so easy. So, for the interim, payment will still be either by wire transfer or cash. Nevertheless the Treasurer advised it would be much easier to trace which Association paid, if the Treasurer was immediately advised of impending payment and was also provided with the name and contact details of the paying Associations latest responsible contact person.

**The report of Asia**, (Regent: Dr Anil Kohli) was read and **accepted** unanimously.

**The report of Europe** was presented by the Regent, Prof. Elisabetta Cotti and **accepted** unanimously.

**The report of North America** was read by the Regent (Dr Patrick Taylor) and **accepted** unanimously.

**The report of Oceania** (Regent: Dr Alan Nerwich) described activities of the member countries in his region and was read and **accepted** unanimously.

**The report of the 11th World Congress**, Korea, 2018 (Drs. Euisong Kim (Andy) and Henry Hyeon Cheol Kim) was read and **accepted** unanimously. The report highlighted the registration is near to 2000 participants and the profit may be near US$100,000.

**The report of the 12th World Congress**, India, 2020 (Dr Gopi Krishna) was read and **accepted** unanimously. He explained the problem they had with the dates previously chosen and they confirmed, the congress will be held from 23rd to 26th September 2020.

**Future WEC Congress Region location**: 2026 Oceania (either Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Philippines) and 2028 North America (either USA, Mexico, Canada). Proposal Approved

**New members**: 5 endodontic Association representing Bangladesh, Chile, Hong Kong, Indonesia, United Arab Emirates were accepted into IFEA membership.

**World Congress Bids 13th WEC for 2022**: Bid to host the 2022, 13th WEC was performed by SAE-Argentina, and was awarded the Congress.

**World Congress Bids 14th WEC for 2024**: Bid to host the 2024, 14th WEC was performed. After presentation by United Kingdom and Spain to host the WEC, United Kingdom won the bid by a secret ballot among the representatives of the member societies.

Election of Officers:
A nomination slate of Officers was presented and accepted unanimously: Imm Past President Dr Mark Wotzke, President Prof Luke Sung Kyo Kim, President-elect Dr Catherine Ricci and Treasurer Dr Terry Farmakis.

There were two candidates for the Secretary position, Dr Alan Nerwich and Prof Mehmet Barbora Khayahan. Dr Alan Nerwich, via a secret ballot among the representatives of the member societies, was elected.

**Election of Regents.**

A nomination slate of Regents was presented and accepted unanimously. The names and positions of those approved are: Africa: Prof Ahmed Abdel Rahman Has hem, Asia :Dr Anil Kohil, Europe : Prof Elisabetta Cotti, North America: Dr Patrick Taylor, Oceania: Dr Ennio Rebellato, South America :Prof Liliana Artaza

**Date and place of next Annual General Assembly meeting of IFEA** was scheduled to be held in conjunction with the 2019 ESE meeting, in Vienna, Austria Sept 12-14, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned by the President, Dr Mark Wotzke at 4:30pm

Respectfully submitted by

Dr Catherine Ricci,
Secretary (2016-2018)