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IFEA 13th Endodontic World Congress 2022, Buenos Aires, Argentina
IFEA 14th Endodontic World Congress 2024, Glasgow, Scotland

IFEA Annual Annual General Meeting
Sunday September 13th, 2020, 12.00 Midday GMT
ZOOM

Minutes

1. Call to order - 12.00 Midday GMT

2. Roll call

Officers

President – Luke Sung Kyo Kim
Past President – Mark Wotzke
President Elect – Catherine Ricci
Secretary – Alan Nerwich

Regent directors

Africa – Ahmed Hashem
Asia – Anil Kohli
Europe – Elisabetta Cotti
North America – Patrick Taylor
South America – Liliana Artaza
Oceania – Ennio Rebellato

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Education Committee – Gopi Krishna

Research Committee – David E Jaramillo

Country member representatives, WEC representatives and bidding country representatives.

Mike Jameson

Shamsul Alam

Alan Gluskin

Andreas Braun

Anil Kohli

Antonio Ginjeira

Bijan Vahedi

Bill Kahler

Carla Zogheib

Klaus Neuhaus

Darwin Ow

Diana Alzate

Brian Jafine

Handan Ersev

Hasari Abu Maizar

Hossam Tawfik

Hugo Trujillo

Hussain Al-Huwaizi

Jorge Basilaki

K.S. Banga

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Kimura Yaichi

Marc Habib

Margaret Tiu

Marie Antoniette Veluz

Mark Wotzke

Mehmet Baybora Kayahan

Mereille Buma

Miguel Minana

Nicolas Gardon

Oliver Pope

Pairoj Linsuwanont

Rashid El Abed

Roberto Fornara

Rodrigo Vivan

Samuel Dorn

Sanjay Miglani

Saulius Drukteinis

Soekwoo Chang

Tal Koren

Verito Vinuela

William McLean

List of Countries represented:

Egypt
United Arab Emirates
India
Iraq
Japan
Jordan
South Korea
Thailand
Belgium
France
Germany
Israel
Italy
Lebanon
Lithuania
Portugal
Spain
Switzerland
Turkey
Ukraine
United Kingdom
Canada
Mexico
United States of America
Australia
Indonesia
New Zealand
Philippines
Argentina
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Netherlands

Mark Wotzke – Countries with 2 representatives can only have one vote and Regents cannot vote.

Question on eligibility to vote as several countries have not paid their Dues and are not currently financial – Philippines, Belgium, Israel, Mexico, Portugal and possibly Switzerland.

A discussion was held and replies from these members described difficulties in sending in their Dues. Switzerland has actually paid its 2021 Dues so they can use these funds to pay their outstanding amount. Mark Wotzke advised that they should check their records as there are some IFEA payments that cannot be attributed to anyone Some Dues were supposed to have paid but not received as yet (Portugal). Belgium was supposed to have paid but no proof of payment.

Alan Nerwich – Due to the unprecedented times and problems with our treasurer over the last term, perhaps we should be lenient today and not be strict on voting.

Patrick Taylor – Agrees and feels that just for this meeting we move a motion to allow all those countries present to vote.

Mark Wotzke – Make an amendment that countries that have paid their 2018 or 2019 Dues are eligible to vote because there are others that have not even paid prior to that.

Patrick Taylor agrees, Alan Nerwich– seconds that.

Samuel Dorn – No one can pay by cash to be up to date now because usually at meeting this is possible.

Further discussion on this topic continued, Luke Kim, Cathy Ricci and others.

Mark Wotzke - According to the records 3 societies not paid 2017 Dues - Israel, Kosova and Finland.

Tal Koren – advised Israel has paid. Mark Wotzke – Israel has not replied to any emails.

Requested that members please reply to emails as it would make everyone’s job much easier if people reply to emails.

Further discussion and attempted motions were put forward and votes by hand were attempted. During this process, the motions were clarified and a decision was made to ask each country individually for their vote.

Motion:

Three options for members to be able to vote today:

1. All members present are able to vote at this meeting today.
2. Only members that have paid 2018 or 2019 Dues are eligible to vote.
3. Only those members currently financial can vote.

Vote taken and Motion 2 won. The votes were 16 for motion 2 and 12 for motion 1 and 0 for motion 3. Therefore, only members who have paid their 2018 or 2019 Dues are able to vote today.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** AGM Seoul, South Korea, October 6, 2018

David Jaramillo requested information about the Research grant that was not in the minutes. This was explained by the fact that Christine Berthold, Chair of the Research Committee was not present at the meeting and there was no Research committee reports.

Motion for approval of the minutes moved by Luke Kim

Seconded by Antonio Ginjeira

Approved by show of hands.

4. **Officers Reports**

a. **President** – Dr Luke Sung Kyo Kim;

Described his efforts over the last 2 years and thanked all those that have been involved.

Special highlights included the efforts of IFEA, together with many other organizations, in fighting the misinformation documentary placed on the Netflix site that eventually resulted in this documentary being removed.

The affects of COVID-19 on IFEA and the WEC in Chennai and the efforts to disseminate information to the membership with our position statement.

The problems with the Treasurer position after Terry Fermakis was unable to fulfill his role and thanking Mark Wotzke and Catherine Ricci for stepping into the treasurer role to restore order. The problems with the research committee and the appointment of a new interim chair of the committee, Dr David Jaramillo.

Dr Kim thanked all those involved with IFEA for their efforts

Report accepted and approved by a show of hands.

b. President-Elect – Dr Catherine Ricci;

Described her efforts over the last 2 years especially with her involvement helping the organizing committee of the WEC in Buenos Aires.

Difficulty this year with COVID-19 and treasurer issues. This last year, together with Mark Wotzke has been working hard to solve the problems as a result of Terry Fermakis's departure. Cathy has been involved with IFEA since 1987 and there has never been such a crisis to IFEA as this past year. Big thanks to Mark Wotzke for all his help. This should hopefully never happen again – plea to all the members to please reply to their emails. Cathy thanked all the officers and regent directors.

Report accepted and approved by a show of hands.

c. Immed. Past President- Dr Mark Wotzke

Described the challenges of IFEA over the last year, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the inability of the treasurer, Terry Fermakis to fulfill his duties for a considerable period of 2019 and all of 2020, which resulted in the need for him and Cathy Ricci to spend an enormous amount of time to try and sort out all the outstanding treasurer issues.

He has also been managing the IFEA website and helping the Research committee and Education committee. Mark was happy to report on the cheque for the profit from the 11th WEC in Seoul, South Korea on US\$57,951.84. He congratulated Gopi Krishna for his efforts with the COVID affected WEC in Chennai.

Thanked all members of the Executive and Board of directors for their efforts.

Report accepted and approved by a show of hands.

d. Secretary – Dr Alan Nerwich;

Thanked the Executive committee for their efforts.

Described the problems as a result of Terry Fermakis's departure from the Executive and thanked Mark Wotzke and Catherine Ricci for their hard work and effort to restore order. A special thank you to Mark Wotzke, who will be stepping down from the Executive Committee, for his efforts over the last 18 years.

Alan thanked Gopi Krishna and David Jaramillo for their effort as the Chairs of the Education and Research committees respectively and described the work carried out. Alan thanked the members of the Board of Directors, and Karen and Joe Maggio for the ongoing support and advice.

Alan described the problems with the last AGM in Vienna where a quorum was not reached and the need for additional By-Laws changes to be voted on today.

COVID-19 and the impact of the pandemic was mentioned.

Ongoing issues included the By-Laws review, Contracts and insurances, Research and Education grant guidelines, Australian bid for the 15th WEC and new membership application from the Netherlands.

Report accepted and approved by a show of hands.

e. Treasurer (Interim) – Drs Catherine Ricci and Mark Wotzke

Report read by Mark Wotzke on behalf of himself and Catherine Ricci.

Described the problems with the former treasurer, Terry Fermakis and the fact that they were unable to retrieve any current paperwork, account records, and cheque books in his position. It has been difficult getting access to the accounts and to change signatories which was also hindered by COVID-19. He thanked Sam Dorn and Karen Maggio for their assistance in this regard. Payments into the accounts were not itemized and there were some cash payments of uncertain source. Emails were sent to the membership to confirm payments of Dues and a new statement of accounts was prepared for 2018. Further investigation of 2018/2019 revealed a sum of \$2860 cash that didn't seem to have been banked. Mark clarified further expenses and income for 2019. The 2020 Dues have been waived as a gesture of goodwill from IFEA because of the Treasurer situation. \$57,951.84 from the WEC in South Korea was banked.

Mark recommended an overseer be present when cash payments are made (Not from the Executive). Important that both the Treasurer and President have signatory authorization to the accounts and that electronic transfer of funds should be investigated.

The overall bank balance is \$259,335.52 which is sound, however, funds need to be reserved for grants and possible losses at future WEC's.

Report accepted and approved by a show of hands.

5. Regents Reports

a. Africa – Dr Ahmed Hashem

Egypt is the only member of the Africa region. Libya and Morocco have showed some interest. Other countries have been approached but not responded. The PanEndo conference was held successfully in Egypt in December 2019.

Report accepted and approved by a show of hands.

b. Asia – Dr Anil Kohli;

Reports received late from the member countries. Described fellowships that are given by the Indian Board of endodontics. He recommends that IFEA consider organizing a Fellowship. Commended and thanked Gopi Krishna on his efforts with COVID-19 and the issues with the WEC.

Report accepted and approved by a show of hands.

c. Europe – Dr Elisabetta Cotti;

Difficulties with COVID-19 and associated lockdowns regarding communication. Stressed to the members to attend the AGM and thinks it is a good idea to have a dedicated contact person with all the members. One person should be in charge of communicating with IFEA. Thanked the executive committee.

Report accepted and approved by a show of hands.

d. **North America** – Dr Patrick Taylor;

Received reports from AAE and Canada. Thanked the collaboration of IFEA and all members.

Report accepted and approved by a show of hands.

e. **South America** – Dr Liliana Artaza

Described the online activities of the country members due do COVID-19 and the affect of the pandemic on the South American local conferences.

Report accepted and approved by a show of hands.

f. **Oceania** – Dr Ennio Rebellato;

Welcomed Indonesia as a new member to Oceania.

Described the affect of COVID-19 on Australian activities. Described the Australian Endodontic Journal. New Zealand, the Philippines and Indonesia have their own publications. Oceania (Australia) will be bidding for the 15th WEC today.

Report accepted and approved by a show of hands.

6. Committee Reports

a. **Research** – Dr David Jaramillo

Interim chair of the committee. 6 applications were reviewed and 3 were recommended for awards to be announced later.

Mark Wotzke – thanked David – explained that this included 2018 and 2019 awards.

Elisabetta Cotti – One of the research awards have not been paid but probably due to the problems with the Treasurer.

Alan Nerwich – there are several outstanding amounts yet to be paid to award recipients, however this has not happened due to the problems with the treasurer situation. The new treasurer will be responsible for finalizing the payments.

Elisabetta Cotti – Are we making sure that the IFEA is acknowledged in the research paper?

Alan Nerwich – For the final payment, the recipients need to provide a final report to the satisfaction of the Executive.

Mark Wotzke – some of the final reports have been somewhat inconsistent and inadequate. Recipients have been asked to resubmit reports in the past.

Report accepted and approved by a show of hands.

b. **Education** – Dr Gopi Krishna

Brought out an official position statement regarding endodontic practice guidelines during COVID-19. The authors included 2 members of the Enducation Committee – Gopi Krishna and William McLean.

There have been no applications for an Education grant in 2019. Recommended that the availability of this grant be advertised by the membership.

Report accepted and approved by a show of hands

c. **12th World Congress, India, 2020/1-** Dr Gopi Krishna

Details of the WEC to be held online and onsite described together with a video presentation.
25 free registrations to the online congress to each member society.

Report accepted and approved by a show of hands.

d. **13th World Congress, Argentina 2022 – Dr Liliana Artaza**

Details and progress of the WEC to be held in Buenos Aires 9-12 November described together with a video presentation.

Report accepted and approved by a show of hands

e. **14th World Congress Glasgow 2024 – Dr William Mclean**

Details of the WEC and progress described. Dates confirmed as 11-14 September 2024. Described details of the “Hands on” masterclasses, the scientific and exciting social programme. Hoping that COVID-19 will be over by 2024, however, he is in constant communication with the PCO regarding planning for all possible scenarios.

Report accepted and approved by a show of hands

7. Business

a. **Membership status/New members.**

The Netherlands has now fulfilled all requirements for membership.

Motion to accept Netherlands as a new member of IFEA – Luke Sung Kyo Kim

Seconded by Catherine Ricci

Voted by membership in favour by a show of hands.

Andreas Braun – active endodontic society and looking forward to being a member of IFEA.

b. **By-Laws Review.**

The proposed changes to the By-Laws read and explained by Alan Nerwich.

Handan Ersev raised the question of Regions and the disproportionate number of countries per region. She proposed a discussion of changes to regions including additional regions or to allow regions with more country members to be allowed to bid more often for WEC's.

Alan Nerwich advised that this is a separate discussion to the By-Laws review, however, the Board of Directors has been discussing this issue. The incoming BOD will be looking at setting up a committee to look at possible solutions to this problem, which has been recognized by the BOD.

Luke Sung Kyo Kim – Requested that we go one by one through each proposed change.

Veronica Vinuela (Chile)- Clarification sought on the requirement of a constitution for member societies/associations - clarified by Luke Sung Kyo Kim.

Veronica Vinuela - Changes to By-Laws 2/3 majority vote “by members attending the meeting” clarified as this is already stated in the current By-Laws.

Ahmed Hashem – raised a concern that if we change the quorum to 1/3 of the membership, and the amount of votes needed to dissolve the Federation is 2/3, then there may be a

situation where the Federation could be dissolved by only a small number of members.

Veronica Vinuela – may be no need to change the number for a quorum especially if we have the option of members attending a meeting online.

Gopi Krishna – Will dilute the whole purpose of the By-Laws. Agrees with Ahmed Hashem. The By-Laws should not be able to be changed by only a small amount of members.

Alan Gluskin – Agrees with Veronica Vinuela and Gopi Krishna that we really need majority vote for By-Laws changes.

Alan Nerwich – to summarize the idea is perhaps to leave the quorum to half the membership as per the current By-Laws especially if we can improve participation by allowing attendance online but then the amendments to the By-Laws should be in line with the amount of votes required to dissolve the whole Federation.

Alan Gluskin – happy with that.

Alan Nerwich – in that case we can vote to not pass Article IX, Clause 3(ii) change but pass the other clauses.

Anil Kohli proposes a proxy situation to be considered.

Catherine Ricci asked for clarification and explained by Alan Nerwich.

Mark Wotzke proposes Vote on Clause 3(ii) first before anything.

Alan Nerwich proposed a motion to accept Clause 3(ii) (seconded by Mark Wotzke) and the vote was negative by a show of hands so the change to Clause 3(ii) was not passed.

Luke Sung Kyo Kim proposed a motion to accept Article XVI – amendment to these By-Laws proposed change from three-fourths majority vote to two-thirds majority vote.

The Vote was positive to accept this change.

Alan Gluskin voted no and Luke enquired as to his position. Alan Gluskin explained that the percentage vote should include the members attending the meeting on site as well as the members attending online (virtually). Clarification given that this is indeed the situation with this clause (Alan Nerwich and Luke Sung Kyo Kim).

Luke Sung Kyo Kim proposed to vote on all the other changes in total as there were no other questions or concerns with the other changes. Mark Wotzke moved a motion to accept all the other changes and seconded by Alan Nerwich.

Voted and accepted/passed by a show of hands.

c. Bid to host the 15th World Endodontic Congress 2026- ASE, Australia

Bid for the 15th WEC to be held in Sydney. Australia 2-6 September 2026 by Bill Kahler.

Motion for Approval of this bid by Luke Sung Kyo Kim

Voted in favour and accepted by a show of hands.

d. Award recipients

The research committee assessed 6 applications and recommended awards for 3 applicants. The first award was actually for the 2018 applicant :

Dr. Ozge Erdogan. “Efficacy Of Bupivacaine On The Oral Health-Related Quality Of Life After Endodontic Treatment In Symptomatic Mandibular Molars: A Double Blind Randomized Controlled”

The other 2 awards were for 2019 applicants :

Dr. Muna Marashdeh.

“Antimicrobial efficacy and physical properties of root canal sealers loaded with drug-silica Co-assembled particles”

Dr. Gillian Landzberg

“A novel Antibacterial repair (SMART) Varnish to condition root-end dentin in endodontic microsurgery”

The Executive committee’s recommendation is to award Dr Ergogan US\$4000.00 and Drs Marashdeh and Landzberg US\$3000.00 each.

The President will write to the winners and losers regarding the above recommendations.

Motion to accept the awards approved by a show of hands

e. **Election of Officers.** President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer

Nominations for the new officers were as follows;

Past President – Luke Sung Kyo Kim

President – Catherine Ricci

President Elect – Alan Nerwich

Secretary – Gopi Krishna

Treasurer – Elisabetta Cotti

Motion to accept the nominations as elected.

Passed by a show of hands.

Gopi Krishna, Elisabetta Cotti, and Catherine Ricci all said a few words of encouragement and all were congratulated especially Catherine, who is also the first female President of IFEA.

f. **Election of Regents:** Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, Oceania, South America

All the current Regents are still within their tenure as Regents, however, with Elisabetta moving to the Executive, there was a vacancy for the European Regent position. One nomination was received – Roeland de Moor from Belgium.

There was a question whether Belgium is financial and, if not, whether Roeland De Moor is eligible to be nominated. Catherine Ricci advised that Belgium apparently paid in cash but never received a receipt and there is no record. Belgium, however, definitely paid the 2018

Dues so, according to the earlier motion, they are considered as financial for this meeting.

The Swiss Society of endodontolgy also sought clarification on the Scientific credibility of Roeland's university as there have been some concerns. Roeland confirmed that this has been dealt with and the person responsible is leaving the university in 2 months.

Voting was open to the European members only.

Motion to accept the nomination as elected.

Passed by a show of hands.

g. Election of Education committee chairperson

The Chair of the Education Committee has now been vacated by Gopi Krishna, who has been elected to the Secretary position. Mehmet Baybora Kayahan, currently a committee member, has been nominated for this position.

Motion to accept the nomination as elected.

Passed by a show of hands.

h. Election of Research committee chairperson

David Jaramillo has been the temporary chair of the Research committee having taken over from Christine Berthold and has been nominated to be the elected Chair of the Research Committee.

Motion to accept the nomination as elected.

Passed by a show of hands.

8. Date and place of next meeting.

Next meeting WEC Chennai August 2021

9. Other business

Catherine Ricci passed on her best wishes to the Lebanese friends who are having a very difficult time due to COVID-19, The devastating explosion in Beirut and an economic crisis, fires.

If we can help in any way, please contact us.

Carla Zogheib thanked Catherine for the offer and thanked Gopi for the complimentary registrations to the WEC online in Chennai.

Alan Nerwich advised that Gopi Krishna will also be looking after the Website once Mark Wotzke has completed his tasks at hand.

Samuel Dorn thanked the members of the Executive Committee for their efforts during this past year and difficult situation.

10.Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4.30 GMT