

## **IFEA Annual General Meeting**

**10am, April 30, 2009**

### **Gaylord Palms Resort, Orlando FL**

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Hoskinson at 10:10am with 23 people in attendance, representing 13 countries.

Minutes of the AGM held in Aug. 2008 in Vancouver Canada were approved as circulated 90 days prior to the current meeting. (Canada; Australia)

The report of President Hoskinson reflecting the activities of his office during the past year was read (Appendix 1) and accepted. (France; Mexico). The report highlighted the changes made in the IFEA By-Laws to make the Association more efficient, more responsive, and more inclusive.

The report of President-Elect Maggio reflecting on the activities of his office during the past year was read (Appendix 2) and accepted. (Greece; Spain) The report highlighted the difficulties encountered with the web site during the past year and the restructuring that followed to make it more user-friendly and independent of the web site sponsor, Sybron Dental.

The report of Secretary Torneck reflecting on the activities of his office during the past year was read (Appendix 3) and accepted (Greece; Australia). The report highlighted the difficulties encountered by the office of the Secretary in keeping the member contact information current and correspondence with Guatemala, Ukraine, Brazil, and Russia regarding membership in IFEA. As a result of that correspondence, documents necessary for membership were received from Guatemala and Ukraine. Discussions with Brazil and Russia continue and just 3 days prior to this meeting, the Secretary was informed that the newly constituted SBE of Brazil will be holding an inaugural meeting on October 29 at which time it will present to IFEA the documents required for IFEA membership. Motions included in the report of the Secretary were the acquisition of a corporate credit card to be held by the Treasurer to cover expenses incurred by IFEA during non-Congress years, the creation of hyperlinks to member country web sites that could be updated by the member country when changes of Executive occur, and the extension of the role of the Regent to assure that contact information and activities of the member countries reach the office of the Secretary in a timely manner. The Secretary was also informed of the intention of the Philippines to withdraw from membership due to economic difficulties. The Executive decided to withhold acceptance of the resignation until the Executive has had further dialogue with the Executive of the EAP.

The report of Treasurer Bogaerts reflecting on the financial status of IFEA at the end of the current year was read (Appendix 4) and accepted (France; Canada). The report highlighted the difficulties and costs encountered by the office of Treasurer in processing dues payments during the past year and the favourable balance that his due diligence has produced. Motions included in his report concerned the availability of funds to sponsor additional educational support for 1 or more acceptable candidates and a modest increase in dues for 2010 to \$350US.

Regrets and no reports were submitted by Regents from Africa (Sidley) and Asia (Vizcarra).

N. American Regent (Dorn) reported on the activities of the member countries in his region highlighting the future AGM's of Mexico in May 2009, Canada August 27, 2009, and the USA on April 14, 2010. The fall meeting of the AAE has been scheduled on October 29, 2009 in Cancun MX.

European Regent (Ricci) reported on activities in Europe - in particular the events associated with the Directors attempt to gain support for the establishment of the IAE. Due to lack of ground roots support however, moves in that direction have been curtailed and at least for the short term no further attempts seem likely. The next meeting of the ESE has been scheduled for Sept. 24-26, 2009 in Edinburgh UK.

Oceania Regent (Wotzke) reported on the activities of the ASE and the NZSE - in particular their inaugural Trans-Tasman Endodontic Conference held in Tasmania on November 22, 2008. The conference drew 400 delegates and was considered a scientific and organizational success. The second conference is scheduled for Christchurch NZ November 4-6, 2010. In March 2008 the ASE hosted a pre Conference course in Perth Australia.

Committee member of the Education Committee (Abbott) reported that the candidate supported by funds from our Educational Grant has now returned to Fiji and is teaching Endodontics in the Undergraduate Program in Suva, Fiji.

Research Chair (Rotstein) was not present but the Assembly was informed that funds had been sent to the last recipient of the IFEA Research Award, Dr. Amir Azarpazhooh.

The Chair of the 8<sup>th</sup> World Congress (Panopoulos) to be held in Athens October 6-9, 2010 reported that the venue will be the Hilton Hotel in downtown Athens. Progress was being made to finalize the list of Plenary Speakers and e-mails to the member countries will be sent shortly to request details of their Country Representative Speakers. The Congress will be promoted at the current AAE Meeting and at the next AAE meeting to be held in San Diego. The Congress is partnered with the Hellenic Society of Endodontics.

The Chair of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Congress (Suda) to be held in Tokyo submitted a report announcing the date of the Congress as May 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in partnership with the Japan Endodontic Association. The venue will be Tokyo International Forum. Information re this Congress will appear shortly on the JEA web site.

The amended By-Laws which had been sent in a timely manner to all member countries were presented for acceptance by the Assembly (Canada: France) and as there had been no submitted objections or suggestions for change, they were unanimously passed. Changes introduced into the By-Laws will take effect immediately.

The Web Site Report was included in the Report of the President-Elect and suggestions made from the floor to improve its appearance, its link-up with member web sites, and the posting of a calendar of the meetings of all member countries will be introduced at the earliest possible time.

Due to lack of interest by member countries the Bureau of Speakers list currently appearing on the web site will be removed and not re-introduced unless requested so by a majority of members at a future meeting.

The credentials for membership of the Asociacion Guatemalteca de Endodoncia were presented to the Assembly (Australia: France) and unanimously accepted.

The credentials for membership of the Ukrainian Endodontic Association were presented to the Assembly (Mexico: Spain) and unanimously accepted.

The date of the next AGM of IFEA was scheduled for October 7, 2010 in Athens, Greece.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22am.