



WORLD PATHOLOGY FOUNDATION

Minutes
of the
TRUSTEES MEETING OF THE WORLD PATHOLOGY FOUNDATION
August 24, 2021 at 0800 (US Central Time)
Via ZOOM
Meeting ID: 822 1244 3690
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ROBERTO VERNA, ITALY

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Trustees

WALTER ALALLON, URUGUAY

CATHERINE HAYWARD, CANADA

MARIANO BIZZARRI, ITALY

1. Call to Order (Dr. Verna)

The meeting was called to order by Lai Meng Looi at 0810 US Central Time.

2. Confirmation of Notice

The secretary-treasurer certified the meeting was properly noticed.

3. Determination of a Quorum

Initially present were Lai-Meng Looi, Roberto Ruiz-Arenas, Pete Travers, Walter Alallon and Catherine Hayward. Roberto Verna joined later in the meeting. A quorum was declared.

4. Old Business

Motion: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Trustees meeting of January 14, 2021 were approved.

5. New Business

a. Selection of Gordon Signy Fellows

Applicants for the 2022 Gordon Signy Fellowship were systematically reviewed and each was discussed. After discussion, a consensus was reached to select **Dr. Kaplana Singh** (India; fellowship in pediatric pathology at Sheffield Children's) and **Dr. Kiruthiga Kala Gnanasekeran** (India; fellowship in hematopathology at Stanford University) as 2021 Gordon Signy Fellows.

b. Selected Fellows who have not completed their Fellowships

Four Fellows, one from 2018, have not completed their Fellowships as required. All were asked via email for an update with a deadline of August 31, 2021 and 3 of the 4 responded. The Trustees discussed how to proceed. By consensus, it was decided that (1) Fellows not responding by the August 31, 2021 deadline would have their Fellowships cancelled for non-response;

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(2) responding Fellows would be asked for an updated training plan by December 31, 2021, the plan to include any complications due to the COVID pandemic *and* a letter (or email) of acceptance from their training institution; (3) an extension of the training to December 31, 2022 would be offered; and (4) if training plans received in 2021 were not acceptable to the Trustees, Fellowships were subject to cancellation.

The secretary-treasurer will draft an email to these four Fellows and will circulate it to the Trustees for comment prior to sending on August 24, 2021.

- c. Planning for the Retirement of the secretary-treasurer, including allowance for local secretarial support

The secretary-treasurer requested \$1,500 for secretarial support to digitalize remaining paper records of the WPF and prepare a digital archive of WPF records as of December 31, 2021. By consensus, that request was *granted*.

At the recommendation of Dr. Hayward, Dr. Travers recommended the consideration of Dr. John Frater, an associate professor of pathology at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri for secretary-treasurer. There was support for having that office remain in the United States. Dr. Hayward forwarded Dr. Frater's curriculum vitae to the Trustees and Dr. Travers will have a phone discussion with Dr. Frater about the position later in the morning on August 24, 2021.

- d. WPF Symposia at the World Congress: Financial Planning

Dr. Alallon confirmed that two WPF-related symposia had been scheduled at the World Congress in Uruguay, one on the Lancet Commission Report and one Gordon Signy Symposium. Dr. Looi will be the speaker to introduce the findings of the Lancet Commission report followed by a panel discussion moderated by Catherine Hayward and including Drs. Verna, Travers (remote connection) and a Lancet Commission commissioner.

Dr. Travers indicated that his attempts to contact the responsible Organizing Committee person, Dr. Seija, regarding the Gordon Signy symposium had been unsuccessful. Dr. Alallon confirmed that Dr. Seija is the correct contact person and he would help facilitate the contact.

The Foundation is setting aside a contingency budget of \$10,000 for both symposia.

- e. Trustee elections 2021

Three Trustee's terms expire at the end of 2021: Drs. Verna, Hayward and Travers. Drs. Verna and Hayward indicated their willingness to be re-elected. If Dr. Frater is willing to serve as secretary-treasurer and if he is acceptable to the Trustees, then all positions on the Board of Trustees will be filled as the 2022 calendar year begins.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Roberto Verna, president, at 9:42 AM, US Central Daylight Time.