



World Pathology Foundation

Minutes
of a Meeting of the
TRUSTEES OF THE WORLD PATHOLOGY FOUNDATION
October 1, 2022
at WASPaLM 2022 in Punta del Este, Uruguay

1. Call to Order (Dr. Verna)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Verna on October 1, 2022 at 1740 AST.

2. Confirmation of Notice

The secretary-treasurer certified the meeting was properly noticed.

3. Determination of a Quorum

Present were Lai-Meng Looi, John Frater, Catherine Hayward, Roberto Verna, Roberto Ruiz, and Walter Alallon. A quorum was declared.

4. Old Business

a) Discussion of finances and impact on Gordon Signy Fellowship

Dr. Frater read the Treasurer Report (detailed report appended to these minutes). He noted the opinion of the Schwab wealth manager that, due to the current state of the stock market, it is recommended that only one Gordon Signy fellow should be accepted for the 2022-2023 cycle. Attendees discussed that it would be important not to compromise the invested fund revenue that the fellowships are dependent on. There was unanimous support to offer only one Gordon Signy fellowship for the 2022-2023 cycle given the wealth manager investment guidance.

b) Gordon Signy Fellowship

The attendees reviewed a table summarizing the scores of the applicants for the Gordon Signy Fellowship for 2022-2023. After a discussion about the

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current applicants, all present unanimously concluded that **Dr. Choden** should be offered the Gordon Signy Fellowship for 2022-2023. It was also unanimously concluded that **Dr. Beyera** should be encouraged to apply for the next (2023-2024) Gordon Signy Fellowship cycle.

c) Gordon Signy Symposium

Dr Hayward also suggested that current and future Gordon Signy fellows record their Gordon Signy Symposium presentations for the WPF website. This motion passed unanimously.

5. New Business

a) Trustee and officer work assignments

This item was discussed in follow up of discussions at the last meeting of trustees. There was an extended discussion of the need for terms of reference for positions, and the following course of action was decided. A bylaws committee was proposed to review the WPF bylaws: this motion passed with a majority approval. There was agreement that the purpose of the bylaws committee is to 1) review the nature of the relationship of the WPF to WASPaLM through a review of Dr. Travers' document (and consultation with Dr. Travers, if needed) regarding the history of the WPF and the Gordon Signy Fellowship; 2) if necessary, requesting the input of WASPaLM, and 3) make recommendations to the Trustees regarding proposed changes to the bylaws. The committee is composed of Dr. Hayward (chair), Dr. Looi, and Dr. Frater. Dr. Travers will be contacted by the committee to determine whether he would like to participate as a member of the committee.

Dr. Frater informed the trustees that in early September, it was announced that he will become the President of the International Society of Laboratory Hematology (ISLH) in May 2023; this was not known at the time of the last trustee meeting. Dr Frater indicated that the position of ISLH President is a heavy commitment and that he had concerns about balancing his commitments to multiple organizations. Dr. Frater is evaluating how he could balance his time commitments to ISLH and WPF after May 2023. Dr. Hayward mentioned that the WPF bylaws permit appointing a trustee to the role of assistant secretary-treasurer (an option which requires a majority vote). Dr. Frater stated his commitment to the mission of WPF and stated that if an assistant secretary treasurer were appointed, he was confident he could continue in the secretary treasurer role, and suggested that he would lead the treasurer activities, as this is



facilitated by his residence in the United States. Dr. Hayward indicated that when Dr. Frater becomes President of ISLH, she will have additional time (her term ends as the ISLH Immediate Past President) and that she would be comfortable being considered as a candidate for the WPF assistant secretary treasurer, should none of the other trustees wish to be considered, and should the trustees vote to approve the position. A motion to defer deciding on filling this position until the Q4 meeting passed by a majority vote.

b) Discussion of time/ date of next meeting (Q4) via Zoom

After discussion, it was agreed that the next (Q4) meeting would be held on November 14, 2022 at 12:30PM CET (6:30 EST/ 5:30 CST).

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Verna at approximately 1845 Atlantic Time.