



World Pathology Foundation

Minutes
of a Meeting of the
TRUSTEES OF THE WORLD PATHOLOGY FOUNDATION
15 December, 2022 at 0900 CST
Via ZOOM Meeting ID: 918 8333 3804

1. Call to Order (Dr. Verna)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Verna on December 15, 2022 at 0903 CST.

2. Confirmation of Notice

The secretary-treasurer certified the meeting was properly noticed.

3. Determination of a Quorum

Present were Mariano Bizzarri, Lai-Meng Looi, John Frater, Catherine Hayward, Peng-Si Highnam, 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 emphasized that the current financial condition of the market has had a continued effect on the WPF portfolio. Compared to October, the financial performance of the portfolio has improved, but that the current challenging financial climate will likely continue into 2023. Dr. Hayward noted that follow-up discussions should include financial planning for a WPF session at the 2023 WASPaLM Congress in Sao Paolo. Dr. Looi noted that the auction, although successful, showed decreased performance compared to previous years, possibly due to decreased advance advertising.

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b) Discussion of roles of board members/ trustees –

- i. update by bylaws committee**
- ii. discussion of assistant secretary treasurer**

The role of the secretary-treasurer and Dr. Frater's continued role with the WPF was discussed at length: Dr. Frater recused himself from this part of the meeting. The decision of the group was that Dr. Frater would continue in the role of secretary-treasurer. Dr. Frater emphasized that he has implemented the following changes to his duties in order to continue to perform this office: a) he has created a template for Mrs. Highnam to facilitate the writing of the secretary reports and b) Jill Guess, his administrative assistant at Washington University, has volunteered to assist in scheduling the quarterly calls. For these reasons, the position of assistant secretary treasurer does not need to be filled.

There was a discussion, continued from the last meeting, of the need for terms of reference for positions, and the following course of action was decided. Dr. Hayward proposed that the entire group review the current (2018) WPF bylaws, and the group unanimously agreed. Dr. Frater circulated the current WPF bylaws in a follow-up email.

After the review, which will continue over the course of the next several calls, a bylaws committee will 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 (formed at the last meeting) 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.

c) Gordon Signy Fellowship –

Dr. Frater included details of the Gordon Signy fellowship in the treasurer report.

5. New Business:

a) WPF website:

Dr. Verna raised the concern of possible decreased traffic between the WASPaLM website and the WPF website and its potential implications for fellow recruitment. Mrs. Highnam informed the group that she was able to make modifications to the WPF



website, and that any concerns about the contents of the website, or its links to other sites, including the WASPaLM website, could be discussed with her.

b) Discussion of time/ date of next meeting (Q1) via Zoom:

Jill Guess will send a doodle poll to canvas for a date for the next (Q1 2023) meeting.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Verna at approximately 1006 CST.