



International Association of Schools of Social Work Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 30, 2020 (CEST)
Time: 12:00 PM of CEST (Rome time, Italy).

Chairperson: *Annamaria Campanini*

The President called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm and welcomed all members of IASSW to the biennial meeting of the General Assembly. She announced the existence of a Quorum for conducting the business of the IASSW. She further stated that all the reports are available on the IASSW website so you can refer for detail reports: <https://www.iassw-aiets.org/conferences-events/iassw-general-assembly/> We will present some highlights of each reports and later open the floor for your comments, question, feedback. Also, comments box is open for all to write. IASSW Board Members will try best to respond for your query in your language, wherever it is possible.

Approval of the agenda- Members adopted the agenda as presented voted by the Assembly.

- 1. Matters arising-** No issues were discussed.
- 2. Approval of GA minutes (Dublin, 2018)**

Moved, seconded, and approved.

President's Report

Annamaria Campanini presented the President's Report which was discussed in the IASSW board meeting and approved by the board. She updated the GA about the relationship of IASSW with sister organizations ICSW and IFSW has been improved, specially with IFSW during the presidency of Silvana Martinez. IASSW website is having a dedicated page on Covid-19 and we are receiving write ups, articles, country reports across the world, which is reviewed by Lena Dominelli and later Rashmi Pandey updates it on IASSW website various social media platforms of IASSW. New website is activated since January 2020. IASSW financial management company has been changed last year and IASSW can save lot of money in that. She mentioned that Global Standard document has been reviewed by IASSW and IFSW. It was approved in IFSW GA and today Dixon Sookraj will be presenting. Annamaria added that she has continued good work done during Vimla Nadkarni term as a President such as Capacity building, International Projects, and various other committees. She is communication with Past Presidents: for their support and guidance. She travelled a lot during her 4 years of term with the help of IASSW, her University fund or other



University who Invites her.

Annamaria is thankful to Secretary- Barbara Shank and Treasurer- Tiong Ngha Tong for their support in running IASSW business. Also thankful to past Treasurer- Mark Henrickson for his incredible contributions. She further added that no words to say thanks to Rashmi Pandey for her dedication and hard work towards IASSW. Also thankful to all past presidents- Vimla Nadkarni, Abye Tasse, Angie Yuen and Lena Dominelli, as they were very helpful during difficult periods.
previous and current board members for their help and support in achieving IASSW mission.

Secretary's Report

Barbara Shank stated that currently IASSW is having **305 institutional** members, **183 individual & life** members and **4 affiliate** members (**492 in total**). As compare to December 2019, IASSW has a decrease in membership by 108 total: 67 schools, 35 individual and 6 Affiliate Members. Each of the five regions (Africa, Asia and Pacific, Europe and Middle East, Latin America, and North America and Caribbean) are experiencing a decline in institutional and individual membership due to financial challenges and impact of COVID-19. The biggest challenge for IASSW is sustaining and attracting new members. She requested members to renew membership and continue their support for Social Work Education and IASSW.

Treasurer's report

Tan Ngho Tiong stated that transition to IASSW accountant with Chapel and York consolidated. IASSW new website has capacity of online invoicing and renewal of membership made easier for members, also Website development project with new features such as downloadable files for members and minimal purchase per download for non-members. He informed that Financial statement as of 30 June, 2020, total revenue was \$146540 (\$132333 for membership fees) and Total expense of \$54,131, was incurred as at June 30, 2020. Investment portfolio with RBS has a balance as of June 30th was \$315,001.26 and despite the impact of Covid19 on the market, is positive with a +2.63% return YTD. Tiong informed that the New position of Communications Manager must bring in her own salary and more, otherwise this position will not be sustainable

Regional reports

The Chairperson informed the Assembly that regional reports will be uploaded to the IASSW website. Members approved.

All regional Presidents introduced themselves and updated the GA about their regional



conference:

1. Asia Pacific region-Zulkarnain Hatta- APSAWE conference to be held in Bangalore, India in 2019.
2. African region-Gidraph Wairire
3. European region-Nino Zagnec
4. North American and Caribbean region-Karene Nathaniel-DeCaires
5. Latin American region-Nilsa Bugos

Motion: Regional Association reports received and accepted by the General Assembly. David McNabb. Second: Kathy Hogarth. Unanimous. Motion carries.

Committee reports

The Chairperson informed the Assembly that committee reports will be uploaded to the IASSW website. Members approved. The following reports were presented by the Chair of the Committee:

- a. Capacity Building-Darla Spence Coffey
- b. Publication & Communication- P K Shajahan
- c. International Project-David McNabb
- d. IASSW Team in UN-Lynne Healy
- e. Language Committee- Junko Wake

Global Agenda 2020-2030 – Consultation

Antoinette Lombard related that The Global Task Force has worked on several drafts of a proposal for the Global Agenda 2020-2030. A final draft was submitted to the Tripartite Group's Presidents on 28 April 2020. They approved a revised draft on 12th June 2020. The approval includes a decision to identify the first theme in September 2020 and the remaining themes in 2022. This includes a two-stage consultation based around 'solidarity' for the first two years and further consultation on what themes should follow. The consultation on the proposed pillar for 2020-2022 ends on 30 August 2020. A unique Global Agenda email address has been created for feedback to the Global Task Force, namely: globalagendaswd@gmail.com The Global Task Force will analyse and evaluate the feedback from the consultation and make a proposal to the Tripartite Group in September 2020.

The Updated Global Standards For Social Work Education And Training: The New Chapter In Social Work Profession

Dixon Sookraj presented The updated Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training is a product of the extensive global consultation that lasted for more than 18



months and included a wide range of social work academics, practitioners and experts by experience across 125 countries, represented by 5 Regional Associations and approximately 400 Universities and Further Education Organisations. In addition, members of the joint task force facilitated two international seminars involving service user representatives.

Motion on approval of The updated Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training : All in favor, no oppose, abstention 2

Motion: Reports presented by Committee Chairs received and accepted by the General Assembly. Teresa Francesca Bertotti. Second: Gidraph Wairire. Unanimous. Motion carries.

Announcement of election results

As Secretary Barbara Shank was standing in the election for second term, Chair of Nominating Committee, Janestic Twikirize announced the election results. Tellers for the vote counting were Kathy Hogarth, Marcus Knutagård, and Augusta Olaore

IASSW- 2020 election results

The IASSW election results were announced by Augusta Olaore as follows:

President

Annamaria Campanini (re-elected) from Italy

Secretary

Barbara Shank (re-elected) from USA

Member at- Large-: Jessica Hanna JÖNSSON from Sweden

Maria Alexandra Da Silva Monteiro Mustafa from Brazil

Candidates were elected to serve a 4-year term (July 2020-2024).

The Assembly expressed its congratulations.

Annamaria Campanini expressed appreciation for the work of the outgoing officers on behalf of the IASSW Board of Directors and welcomed the new officers to the Board.

Formation of the next Nominating Committee

Janestic Twikirize, Chair of Nominating Committee, presented the names of the new Nominating Committee as follows:

Appointment of a new Nominating Committee (2020-2022)

Chair: Janet Walker United Kingdom

Africa Region: Augusta Yetunde Olaore, Nigeria

Asia Region: Tulshi Kumar Das, Bangladesh

North America region: Karene-Anne Nathaniel-DeCaires, West Indies

South America: Nilsa Burgos, Puerto Rico



Europe: Janet Williams, United Kingdom

There were no objections or comments regarding the composition of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee was accepted as presented.

3. Appreciation

Board members, who have completed their terms, were felicitated with virtual appreciation as follows:

1. Vimla Nadkarni-Past President (will continue)
2. Ute Straub-Member At Large
3. Faizal Aziaza-Member At Large

As there was no further business, the meeting of the IASSW General Assembly was adjourned

Minutes approved by IASSW President

Prof. Annamaria Campanini

President, International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW)