The Advisory Board of the WFPHA met on March 19th by conference call. It was established that there was no old business from the previous committee & chair. This first call served as an organizing call for the committee with Dr. Georges Benjamin as the new chair. Dr. Benjamin & the committee thanked Dr. Ulrich for his previous leadership of the board. This was followed with a discussion on recommendations for additional members of the board to ensure diversity as two of the previous female members of the board have stated their intentions to retire from active participation. At this time, three names are being submitted for consideration of the Governing Council for approval through this report. All three candidates have agreed to serve if approved. These candidates were acknowledged for their leadership and past contributions to the WFPHA (as Past-President and the previous World Congresses in Addis Ababa and Kolkata). Their participation enhances both the gender and geographic diversity on the board. Other individuals have been identified and may be pursued for participation in the future, if needed.

1) Dr. Tewabech Bishaw (Ethiopian Public Health Association)
2) Dr. Madhumita Dobe (Indian Public Health Association)
3) Dr. Mengistu Asnake (Ethiopian Public Health Association)

The Advisory Board also discussed the idea of a governance review but felt such a review was not something that the Board should directly conduct. However, the Board stands ready to assist the Federation as an advisor to the process.

This report is being submitted to the Governing Council for information and with a recommendation to approve Drs. Bishaw, Dobe and Asnake for their membership on the Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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