Minutes of the Governing Council Meeting  
TeleCon, November 2014

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Decisions/Actions

DECISIONS

Adoption of Agenda – approved
Minutes of previous GC – approved (duplication corrected)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Opening Remarks
   Travel for JC and MA to Kolkata waiting for confirmation from the IPHA and conference organisers

2. Approval of agenda
   a. Duplication of Laetitia Rispel’s name removed.

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes
## 4. Items for information

### 14th WCPH

**a. Update from ICOC (JC)**

i. Planning progress going well
ii. 750 abstracts accepted from 54 countries received
iii. Fundraising is going well and it is expected that we will break even.
   1. WHO south east region have donated 100k
   2. Bill and Melinda Gates have donated 250k
   3. Unilever and other corporations have also donated.
iv. All GC members and chairs will receive complimentary registration
v. Issue with online payments needs to be resolved.

**b. Update from SC (MA)**

i. Most plenary speakers have been confirmed.
ii. 7 pre-congress workshops, 7 plenary sessions (including opening and closing), 26 sponsored sessions, 8 non-sponsored, 8 WFPHA organised sessions and 26 free sessions with 5-6 presenters.
iii. Hasn’t been easy to get sponsorship for participants in Africa, could considerations be made to support those coming from Africa. JC will look into this, if names of those recommended to be provided.

### Geneva HQ update (BB)

i. Complicated UBS account issues have been resolved short term. Need to add a byelaw to document the inclusion of a Geneva staff member to be included as a signatory on the account. Lots of work done by LB to resolve this.
ii. CM leaves November 24th and Chris Jenkins will assume the work.
iii. Accounting role is now unresolved and a possible solution would be to outsource this.
iv. The current state of the HQ forecasts approximately 6 months of funding before the office would need to close down
v. EMRO regional office from WHO have offered to help with the WFPHA development within this region.

### WFPHA projects and activities

i. **Defining the role of Public Health** have done a literature review, this could be useful in fundraising with foundations in PH
ii. **Fellowship program** had a great first program. Up next is Brazil. There has been a call for Fellows and selections: 1 x AFPHA and 1 x Afghan PHA have been notified but there are some potential visa concerns.
iii. It was noted at this point in the call that the WFPHA should be considering all potential fundraising opportunities in all facets of work.
iv. **WFPHA members survey**: ML to potentially present OHWG findings from the survey. The results will be presented at the APHA conference

It is important to make a link between all these projects to get one message out and use it as resource mobilisation document!
### e. WFPHA Representation
1. APHA Conference – 11 countries are represented.
2. A MoU between APHA and Cuba is currently being negotiated. The Geneva HQ has asked to be kept in the loop regarding this.

### f. Finance Committee (MM)
1. All fundraising efforts are being channelled to Kolkata
2. There was a fruitful meeting held with Colgate
3. Discussions with Rockefeller have commenced
4. Although the main focus is Kolkata it is noted that the federation HQ will be in a serious situation if funding is not found
5. A suggestion was made to perhaps expand the relationship with Colgate in terms of resources

### g. Policy Committee
1. eCigarettes statement will be revised and discussed within the PC
2. Gabriel can no longer chair the Kolkata Call to Action due to work commitments. Need to consult with IPHA on this item.
3. Peter Orris would like to be included on discussions regarding this item

### h. Nominations Committee
1. It is noted in the byelaws that the AB needs to meet face to face but there are no funds to support this. What is the advice regarding this issue? Make use of people already in Kolkata and use skype for others.
2. Not sure if Debbie is able to sit on the AB if she is also a member of the GC too. This discussion and decision about Chairs is postponed to Kolkata, will come into effect in February.
3. Theo’s paper proposed needs more background and discussion in February in Kolkata.

### Any Other Business
- None noted
- Next GC meeting in Kolkata on February 9th.