Minutes of the Governing Council Meeting  
February 19th, 2013

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(10 – Quorum)

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**One Pager for Your Information - Questions**

**Call for PH Education Taskforce members**
- Taskforce (Harmonization of essential PH functions into one framework)
- Deliverable by the end of 2013.
- Several nominations received.
- Lack of members in PAHO, WPRO and South America Region
- **Call to GC members for nominations**

Comments:
- **JC has people from Ottawa University interested and will communicate details**
- **LR proposes to send the call out to Schools of PH**

**Report on Fundraising activities with Pfizer and J&J (b2/b3)**
In general there is some apprehension by some members of the GC to have Pfizer as Sponsor. JC will use the Sponsorship Template for Pfizer and come back to the GC with his conclusions. Following the feedback of the GC he will get back to Pfizer.

Comments:
- **BB**: To take care about the difference between counterfeit and generic medicines.
- **MA**: To integrate in the proposals with Pfizer and J&J: “Strengthen capacity of PHAs”

**14th WCPH ICOC first meeting in Kolkata**
Some new input has been received by M. Dobe and will be integrated in the actual Report. The comments below will also be discussed with M. Dobe.

Comments:
- **PO**: As the main theme of the Congress is linked to Environmental Issues, PO would like to be involved in the program development.
- GS: To him the capacity of the center seems limited

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<td>2020 End of Mercury thermometers (has to be ratified)</td>
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<td>Dental Amalgam – APHA Policy will be fwd to WFPHA</td>
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### Decisions/Actions/Information’s

#### Decisions

**Adoption of Agenda**

Adopted unanimously

**Previous Meeting’s Minutes (November 19, 2012)**

Approved unanimously

**WFPHA/EUPHA MoU**

Approved (8 yes, 1 no, 1 abstension)

The MoU will now be forwarded to EUPHA for its review. It will be presented to WFPHA GA in May and to EUPHA Board in November for approval. If approved, it will be signed by WFPHA and EUPHA Presidents during EUPHA Conference in November.

**Financial Report 2012 and budget 2013**

Approved unanimously (1 abstention)

One comment by LB: 5 WG should be budgeted for @ $5,000/working group.

**Invitation to join Safeguarding Health Workers coalition**

*It is decided not to become a member of the coalition, but to start with some information sharing.*

BB emphasizes that the WFPHA should focus on one topic and thinks it is very timely to do the new Strategic Plan.

### Information/Discussions

**Strategic plan**

The actual Strategic plan will be updated and a new one proposed at the GA in May. The actual Strategic plan will be circulated to the GC for comments and suggestions for change. A two day meeting is scheduled to take place on May 15 and 16 in Geneva. Call to GC members if they know key people who could be nominated.

**Proposed Changes to the By-laws**

A discussion arises about nominating people who have passed away.

- GS proposes a role of honor instead
- LR proposed a post-humous award and will send her exact wording to LB.
- MA suggests limiting the number of people accepted as honourary members.

A revised version will be circulated to the GC before it is tabled at the GA.

**AFPHA**

Meeting in South Africa, 24-27th of September, Cape Town. “Africa’s PH legacy” beyond the MDG’s (Post 2015 debate)

*Comments:*

- **MA:** Link with African Union (meeting in March)
- **PO:** WFPHA/PHAS/EPHA/AFPHA – interesting to have international funding
- **JC:** Meeting with IDRC scheduled to discuss possible funding for African delegates to attend.
Policy Committee
WFPHA criteria for joining partnerships should be revised.

Finance Committee
- Call for supporting members – two answers received:
  1. CPHA provides in-kind contribution by supporting Jim’s time as President
  2. Australian PHA to provide US$2,000 which could be used for the meeting on the Strategic plan in May.
- MA has audited the accounts of the Federation in Kolkata (provided by LB) and is satisfied. It is proposed to have a simplified sheet for financial reimbursements and a reimbursement policy will be drafted by the FC.
- Development WG: This group has never been active and the FC will draft a letter to be sent to the PHA members to see if there is still an interest. A decision about this WG will be taken at the GA in May.

Chairs for Committees and WG’s
A chart produced by Geneva secretariat showing which GC members sit on various WFPHA committees and working groups was circulated. A suggestion was made by JC that GC members review their membership, and consider limiting their participation to a maximum of 3 committees/WG. GC members are asked to notify the Geneva secretariat about changes in their committee/WG membership.

WHA statement
A discussion arises on what topic the statement should be.
GS: What would be the aim to have a WHA statement?
PO: Important topics to be chosen from the Agenda
MA: Have a statement on our data on MDG’s
BB: To have a statement on our work on MDG’s and link it to NCD’s and the WHO reform.
BB, MA and GS will follow up on this discussion by e-mail.

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<td>LB/MK</td>
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<td>Let the secretariat know if you are not interested any more in chairing a WG or Committee</td>
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