GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC) MEETING MINUTES
25 May 2020, 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. (CET) via WebEx

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DRAFT MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT GC MEETING (10th JULY). PLEASE LET THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE KNOW IF YOU WANT ANY ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS.

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1. Session Opening & Declaration of Conflict of Interest (L. Rispel)
   - L. Rispel welcomed everyone and no conflict of interest declared.

2. Adoption of the Agenda (L. Rispel)
   - The Agenda was approved with no additions.

3. Approval Minutes April special GC meeting * (L. Rispel)
   - Minutes were approved.

4. COVID-19 pandemic updates and reflections (L. Rispel)
   - L.E. de Souza mentioned that Brazil is one of the countries with higher number of COVID cases reported. Public hospitals are reaching their maximum of patient’s capacity and the country is in complete lockdown. He reported absence of leadership from the Government.
   - G. Sverre Braut stated that in Norway, the measures that the government is imposing to fight against COVID are being followed with no opposition. There is a general loyalty from local authorities to national authorities. COVID cases reported are under control for the moment.
   - M. Lombera confirmed that in Mexico, COVID cases are increasing and reported high mortality rate. Hospitals are reaching their maximum capacity. Government and different states are taking different decisions to fight against the pandemic.
   - A. Te Patu reported that in NZ there is a fantastic Government leadership to fight COVID, so the country is managing to contain the pandemic.
5. **Membership fees**

5.1. Report on membership fees.
- M. Lomazzi confirmed that 17k CHF is being collected so far for 2020 as of membership fees

5.2. Committee on membership/dues.
- D. Walker confirmed that the Due Committee has assessed the different countries and identified some issues. An analysis about the special structure of membership fees there is currently with EUPHA has been made and considered to terminate this regional structure at the end of the agreement with EUPHA. In addition, the Dues Committee recommended to have a fair regional dues system for all the regions.

**Decision:**

GC members agreed and approved to terminate the current EUPHA membership fee structure. A more equitable membership fee structure will be elaborated, proposed and then implemented. M. Lomazzi will check when the current MoU with EUPHA ends (end of the year). L. Rispel suggested to consider also to approve exceptions and agree on waving or reducing fees exceptionally.

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6. **Finance committee feedbacks** (D. Walker, M. Moore & H. Nieto)

6.1. **Closing 2019** *

6.2. **Budget 2020** *

- M. Lomazzi presented 2019 closing and 2020 budget and pointed out the improvement on the finances for 2020 compared to 2019, due, mainly, to the increase of grants and decrease of costs as salaries, travel and operating expenses compared to last year. The funds regarding workshops will decrease in 2020 due to cancelation of onsite workshops. Also, confirmed an increase of revenue linked to the WCPH. Regarding expenses, there is an increase on website costs due to the rebranding and launching of the new website. And an expected benefit of 80k USD for 2020. Both 2019 closing and 2020 budget were supported.

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7.0 **Applications to sit on the GC** (M. Moore)

7.1. **APR.**
- M. Moore confirmed that CPMA was the only candidacy received. CPMA nomination was approved.

7.2. **EMR.**
- The only application received was from Dubai Health Authority, but it is a sustaining member, so it is not entitled to sit in the GC.
- Prof. N. Al-Bastaki from Dubai Health Authority is setting up a new Public Health association and M. Moore suggested to invite her to any GC meeting as an observer with the purpose of encouraging her to finalize setting up the new PH association. And then, as full member, can be elected as GC member.

**Decision:**
L. Rispel suggested to invite her to join of the WG so she will get exposure to the Federation and once her PH association is established, she could join as GC member. This decision was approved by GC members.

8. **Environmental Health WG Policy** *(M. Lomazzi).*
- This policy was approved by the GC members and will be presented at the GA.

9. **WCPH updates** *(W. Ricciardi)*
- W. Ricciardi confirmed that it is the first time WFPHA co-organizes the WCPH with EUPHA and SITI. Due to COVID pandemic, a decision to move to a digital congress was taken after considering other options. This one was considered the best as it will be moved internationally facilitating participation of many people worldwide that otherwise couldn’t travel to the Congress specially from low-middle income countries. WFPHA will get a guaranteed revenue of 70K EUR. The call for abstracts submission was a success, as more than 4 thousand have been submitted and 300 workshops are planned. The fees have been lowered for students and low-income countries. There will be dedicated sessions on COVID.

10. **Immunization taskforce & webinars overview** *(M. Moore)*
- There have been several webinars on Immunization run by the Immunization Taskforce and chaired by M. Moore. 2 webinars on Immunization run in May and 2 in June (Key speakers are representing different regions: Uganda, Asia Pacific, Brazil and Europe).

11. **Global Movement for Sustainable Health** *(B. Borisch)*
- B. Borisch mentioned the Sustainable Health Equity movement that started mainly in Latin American countries. The founding members sent an Open Letter to H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations. The letter called for a comprehensive, global ethical response to the pandemic, based on the ethical principle of equity to support for the most vulnerable populations worldwide, in addition to voicing strong support for the actions of the UN and WHO’s leadership in combating the COVID-19 pandemic. The main view of this movement is to point out that COVID pandemic has accentuated health inequities, with a disproportionate impact on already vulnerable populations. The launching event will be on July 2nd. Keynote speakers representing different regions will be present at this event.
### 12. Matters arising from 2020 minutes and progress (B. Borisch)

12.1. Proposal and quotes on review of bylaws

- B. Borisch confirmed that a lawyer firm in Geneva in preparing a quote to review our bylaws and will be shared with GC members soon.

### 13. GA organisation overview (M. Lomazzi)

- M. Lomazzi confirmed that the GA this year will be digital on Zoom, on 9th June. Agenda and all related documents are published on our website. WG and members reports will be pre-recorded videos and will be posted in advance on our website. The voting process will be done electronically.

### 14. Update about AFPHA & EPHA and Concept note submitted by Nigerian PHA

14.1. Update about AFPHA and EPHA and Advisory Board.

- L Rispel mentioned that one the problem of the AFPHA is its weak capacity as Mr. Dereje the Program Officer left because the EPHA was financially constrained and unable to continue to pay his salary so Tewabech manages the office alone. So, they are exploring the possibility of supporting a part time (50%) salary of a PO to keep the AFPHA running effectively. He used to pay $1500.00 for his full-time work and 50% will be $750.00 a month.

- The Advisory Board is preparing a report about an initiative on supporting governance with the response to the COVID pandemic. Both documents, best practices and challenges, will be presented soon to the GC.

14.1. Nigerian PHA proposal

- Dr Asuzu from Nigerian PHA submitted a concept note for the WFPHA to establish an observatory around universal health coverage and proposed that WFPHA raise money for this project. They have requested to present this proposal during our GC and GA meetings. L. Rispel suggested that the WFPHA doesn’t have the capacity to take on this kind of initiative during COVID pandemic.

- M. Moore mentioned that raising funds for an important project like the one proposed is going to be challenging specifically during COVID pandemic. M. Lomazzi suggested to prepare an application to get funds from locals’ foundations that could support this project. WFPHA doesn’t have resources to support it for the moment.

**Decision:**

L. Rispel will reply to Dr. Asuzu from Nigerian PHA and mention that the proposal has been discussed at the GC meeting, but due to the current context, foundations have redirected their funding towards COVID. Geneva headquarters is willing to discuss on doing a joint proposal to be submitted to get funds from local’s foundations.