Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting  
Geneva, May 2014  

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**Decisions/Actions**

**DECISIONS**

- Adoption of Agenda – approved
- Minutes of previous GC – approved
- Treasurers Report - approved
- New treasurer - approved
- New AP and president elect - approved
- Melbourne as 15th WCoPH host - approved
- Byelaw changes - approved
- Terms of acceptance of PHA Nepal - approved
- New membership applications (Yemen, SPHPN Nigeria and Council of Academic Institutions Australia) - approved
- OHWG proposal for dementia resolution - approved
- **Policy Committee**
  - Mercury policy - approved
  - Trade agreements in Health - approved
  - Inclusion of Health in post 2015 agenda - approved
  - Sustainable energy and health - approved
ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

General Information
More needs to be done in terms of advocacy for fundraising with governments, WHO and institutions to promote and protect public health.

During this GA official handover of the old president (James Chauvin) to the new president (Mengistu Asnake).

Dr SH Lee passed away and condolences were sent on behalf of the WFPHA and a small OBIT will be placed in the next newsletter.

Annual Report
- Available from the 19th May on the WFPHA website
- Other PHAs are encouraged to send in news, photos and updates to be included.

President’s report
Achievements for the year
- Improve organisational possibility
- Put together a 2015/17 strategic plan
- A thorough fundraising and donation policy is required
- A test case was put together for Pfizer, this was approved and board passed
- EUPHA members are now automatically members of the WFPHA
- MoU with AFPHA is moving forward
- Implemented new guidelines for working groups and committees
- Planning for the 14th WCoPH in India is moving forward
- Oral Health proposal was submitted to Colgate
- The tobacco control proposal submitted was not selected, but great feedback was provided and a new donor will be found.

Strengthening Community
- Fellowship program
- Working groups are moving forward and doing great work
- Conferences in Australia, South Africa, the 4th and 5th conferences in Asia attended as well as Global Health conference in Taiwan and EUPHA conference in Brussels
- Journal of Public Health policy article published

New Partnerships
- Looking into a relationship with International Epidemiological Association (IEA)

Action and Public Health Priorities
- WHO executive board meeting signed off on the three year collaboration plan
- Working on placing Public Health in the Post 2015 agenda

Election of new VP and President Elect
- Michael Moore accepted unanimously
Treasurers Report and Annual Financial Report

- Markus Kaufmann resigned as the WFPHA treasurer

Election of new Treasurer

- Awel Mezgebe Setargew accepted unanimously
- 2013 summary is in the annual report
- The Federation needs to work on generating revenues for the coming year
- DWG has been set up to identify goals for the coming years
- Membership Flat Rates have been approved. There will be no significant change in fees for the PHAs
- Remember all member PH Associations to pay their fees
- A review by an independent auditor was positive, no audit findings.
- Request has been made to make WFPHA finances a priority and WGs to propose what budgets they need and to be accountable for managing their own budget

Flat Rates

There is a general belief that Europeans and richer PHAs should pay more via EUPHA and that in general all developed countries should pay more. This needs to be readdressed in two years when the MoU with EUPHA is updated and signed. At this point the flat rates can be revisited to increase these too in line with the updated rates to be agreed with EUPHA and their members. An amendment can be added into the MoU.

- Recommendation to accept the Flat Rates but to review in a year
- Propose a fund to support directives for those wealthier associations as opposed to just increasing fees,

Byelaws Committee

All accepted at the March teleconference

- Major issue regarding the different membership categories specifically the sub categories of individual members. New category proposed to include a Lifetime Membership including all outgoing presidents and those with considerable merits within the governance of Federation
- GC will have more freedom to appoint to the advisory board
- Awards: a new provision will be put in place for a Post Humours Award
- Reviews of fees in byelaws, it’s possible to reduce the amount of information regarding fees in byelaws
- Call out for new members to Byelaw Committee.

Nominations and Awards Committee

- Chair of Awards Committee will remain as UL up until the Congress and then it will be handed over to JC with Nominations Committee
- Call for Organisational Awards is June 30th
- Nomination of president elect, MM voted during the GA
### Policy Committee
- Going to review the way the committee works. Will run midterm telecom meetings as the email communication is proving insufficient
- Mercury policy has been submitted – further work to be completed
- Resolution on Sustainable Energy is of high importance and a very broad topic, more input is required
- Trade Agreement Resolutions has worldwide importance so the wording needs to be updated to reflect this
- Letter from the President/President elect on the Industry of Health in Post 2015 agenda, need a midterm discussion to update the letter
- Send out information to everyone regarding the policy template and ask members to look at the WFPHA website to search for any topics they are researching.
- Fluoridation requires further work
- DDT policy to be removed from Website
- It was discussed that the best way to solicit policies to the WFPHA is to check the website and for members to highlight those policies which they deem important
- It was noted that policy writing is complicated and that the PC is able to help with existing policies
- It was requested to have some clarification regarding roles between the policy strategy and policy advisory groups as their seems to be some overlap

### Membership Committee
- Two full member applications were made for Yemen and Nigeria and a Regional Membership for Australian Council of Academic Institutions. It was proposed that these are accepted.
- Four further applications were made by CEISEA, National Voluntary Blood Donors Group, Local Association for Pregnant Women and Orphans, and the India Brotherhood. It was proposed that these are rejected.
- Important to note that the selection process is complicated and there aren’t sufficient resources to audit applicants to see if they meet the criteria.
- Proposition to introduce a Schools Membership in the future.
- Nominations voted at the GA

### Pilot Fellowship Program
- No longer use the term Job Share
- Acknowledgment of the success of the program and of PHAA
- Brazil to host next round
- A request has been made for other well established PHAs to consider becoming a fellowship recipient
### Working Groups

**Environmental Health**
- Trouble mobilising members

**Tobacco control group**
- Jan31st submitted application for status of Observer. Hope to attend COP6 in Moscow
- Project to IDRC to be submitted
- Submitted a proposal for smoking cessation

**Global Health Equity**
- Recommending a new framework e.g women and child health
- APHA has been working on policies

**Oral Health**
- Mapping oral health capacity
- Oral health for children as a next option
- ‘People with dementia’ to be presented at the GA
- Data collection is still ongoing
- Results should be ready to present in Feb 2015
- The WG plan is to present a resolution annually

**Ad-Hoc WG on Post 2015 Sustainable Development**
- Health is well incorportated into the 2015 agenda
- Need to add Peter Orris’ proposal on Plastic Bags and Air Pollution – noted

**Public Health in today’s global setting**
- A Delphi study in progress
- Need to make decisions regarding the second round Deadline is February 2015

### World Congress
- Lots of discussions regarding take home tasks and deadlines
- Need to book slots in advance and confirm good speakers
- Those confirmed need to provide bios and photos
- June 15th is the deadline for abstract submissions
- 26th May was the last date to submit proposals
- Workshops are free to delegates
- It has been confirmed that there will be a tourism taken care of for the WC
- Young voices should be given adequate opportunity to present during the WC

### Selection Bid Committee
- The next location will be Melbourne
- Thank you to SESPAS and Faculty of Public Health UK for their excellent bids
- This event will also coincide with the 50th WFPHA anniversary

### Journal of Public Health Policy
- Encouraging submissions and peer reviewers for articles
- Receive aprox one submission per day

### Handover of Presidency, Mengistu Asnake’s Report
- Need to implement aggressive fundraising activities
- Strengthen existing WG and identify new ones
- Need unconditional support from all members
### Geneva Headquarters
A reminder that activities are supported by the HQ and this needs to be taken into account by means of an 'overhead' line in project budgets

### AFPHA
- Taking steps to become regionally visible
- Challenges are all related to finance
- Going forward need to establish links with donors and supporting programs
- Mobilise funds to support AFPHA
- Organise General Assembly of AFPHA
- Elect a new elect committee

### APRLO
- Very successful conference in Korea
- Important outputs – Seoul health declaration
- 6th conference to be held in Thailand

### Any Other Business
- A request has been made that reports are made multi lingual and those associations available to come forward to help with translations
- Compliments made to the Geneva HQ for the successful running of the General Assembly
- Jim wanted to extend his thanks to everyone during his presidency