

International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness

## IAPB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

September 14, 2011 (Wednesday)

Intercontinental Dubai Festival City, Dubai

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# **MINUTES**

Date -	September 14, 2011 (Wednesday)	
Time -	Dubai	1400 – 1430
Venue -	Intercontinental Dubai Festival City, Dubai, UAE	

## **Members Present**

Mr. Christian Garms, President and Chairman of the Board of IAPB declared the Annual General Meeting to commence at 1400. As twenty-eight members of the Council were present and voting and fourteen proxies were held by members and representatives present at the meeting, he declared that a quorum had been formed.

### Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on Oct. 11, 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland, were approved and there were no matters arising that were not covered in the agenda.

## Agenda

The agenda as proposed was adopted.

1. To receive the Annual Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2010 with the trustees' and auditors' reports

A. Poffley, Treasurer of IAPB, tabled the Annual Trustees Report and Accounts of the Charity for 2010. He noted that these had been approved by the Board of Trustees in the March Board meeting and drew the meeting's attention to the following:

- The narrative section signed by IAPB Treasurer, A. Poffley, in particular the reserves and investment policies and the trustees' statement on risk;
- The independent auditors' report to the members, signed by Catherine L. Sayer of Sayer Vincent, noting the auditors' opinion that the financial statements gave a true and fair view of the state of IABP's affairs as at the end of 2010;
- The statement of financial activities for the year 2010 comprising of the income and expenditure statement for 2010, balance sheet and cash flow statement for 2010.

He highlighted the following key points:

- Importance of members' financial contributions (both in fees and voluntary contributions);
- Diversification of income sources;
- The reserves requirements (calculated by considering the contractual obligations and the risks associated with future income generation) and the current perilous state of reserves;
- The financial plan in place to replenish the level of reserves within a two-year timeframe (by 2013).

As there were no questions from the floor, A. Poffley tabled the following resolution, seconded by H. Taylor:

**RESOLUTION:** To receive and adopt the Annual Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2010 with the trustees' and auditors' reports.

In Favour all, Against 0, Abstentions 0.

2. To appoint auditors of the Charity and authorise the board of directors to agree their remuneration



R. Chappell, Chair of the IAPB Audit Committee, noted that, following good practice, the Charity had this year decided to undertake an audit tender to review its current audit arrangements. The Audit Committee had led the process and four firms, including the current one, had been approached and interviewed by two members of the Committee, R. Chappell and C. Harper, together with B. Labry, Senior Accountant of IAPB.

He noted that the criteria used in the assessment were: experience with clients of similar nature to IAPB; IAPB's future needs; capacity to establish good working relationship with IAPB staff; value for money.

Following the process, the Audit Committee had put forward a recommendation to the Board of Trustees, which had been endorsed and was now tabled to the Council of Members.

The resolution, proposed by R. Chappell and seconded by A. Poffley, was as follows:

**RESOLUTION:** To appoint Crowe Clark Whitehill (CCW) as auditors of the Charity for 2011 and authorise the Board of Directors to agree their remuneration

In Favour all, Against 0, Abstentions 0.

R. Chappell thanked Sayer Vincent for the work done for IAPB over the years and welcomed CCW as IAPB's new auditors for 2011.

#### 3. To appoint new directors/trustees and note the resignations of directors/trustees

## **APPOINTED TRUSTEES**

- Dr. Barbara DeBuono ORBIS International
- Dr. Adrian Hopkins Mectizan Donation Programme
- Dr. Serge Resnikoff Vision CRC
- Mr. Sid L. Scruggs III Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)
- Mr. Johannes Trimmel Light for the World<sup>1</sup>

#### <sup>1</sup>Re-appointed.

It was unanimously agreed to endorse the appointment of the above mentioned trustees.

## **RESIGNED TRUSTEES**

- Ms. Vanessa Green Standard Chartered Bank "Seeing is Believing"
- Dr. Robert Walters ORBIS International
- Mr. Eberhard J. Wirfs Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

It was noted that the above mentioned trustees resigned.

#### 4. To transact any other business that may lawfully be transacted.

There being no other business, the annual general meeting was adjourned at 1430, Dubai time.

Christian Garms President and Chairman of the Board IAPB

Dubai, UAE September 14, 2011

List of Participants, see next page



## Members Present at the Annual General Meeting, September 14, 2011 at Dubai, UAE

- I. Dr. Abdulaziz AlRajhi, IMPACT-EMR and EMR-IAPB
- 2. Dr. Robert Chappell, World Council of Optometry (WCO)
- 3. Dr. Paul Courtright, Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology (KCCO)
- 4. Mr. Brian Doolan, The Fred Hollows Foundation (FHF)
- 5. Dr. Rainald Duerksen, Regional Chair for Latin America; Fundacion Vision
- 6. Ms. Patricia Ferguson, Regional Chair for North America; Operation Eyesight Universal (OEU)
- 7. Mr. Christian G. Garms, President & Chairman of the Board of IAPB
- 8. Ms. Jennifer Gersbeck, Vision 2020 Australia
- 9. Dr. Suzanne Gilbert, Seva Foundation
- 10. Dr. Danny Haddad, International Trachoma Initiative
- 11. Dr. Adekunle Olubola Hassan, Eye Foundation Hospital & Lambo Eye Institute
- 12. Prof. Brien A. Holden, International Centre for Eyecare (ICEE) & Brien Holden Vision Institute
- 13. Dr. Adrian Hopkins, Mectizan Donation Program
- 14. Mr. Terje B. Iversen, Norwegian Association of the Blind and Partially Sighted (NABP)
- 15. Mr. Jeremy Jalie, Vision Aid Overseas
- 16. Prof. Jill Keeffe, Centre for Eye Research Australia
- 17. Prof. Dr. Volker Klauss, Regional Chair of Europe
- 18. Prof. Richard Le Mesurier, Regional Chair of Western Pacific
- 19. Mr. Adrian Poffley, Treasurer of IAPB
- 20. Dr. Mohammed Babar Qureshi, Comprehensive Health and Education Forum (CHEF) International
- 21. Dr. Serge Resnikoff, Vision CRC
- 22. Mr. Jaf Shah, The Fred Hollows Foundation (UK)
- 23. Ms. Victoria M. Sheffield, International Eye Foundation (IEF)
- 24. Dr. Sudeep Singh Gadok, Tulsi Chanrai Foundation
- 25. Mrs. Kathy Spahn, Helen Keller International (HKI)
- 26. Prof. Hugh R. Taylor, Vice President of IAPB
- 27. Dr. Ahmed Trabelsi, Nadi Al Bassar
- 28. Mr. Johannes Trimmel, Light for the World

## **Proxies assigned to Members:**

- I. Mr. Arnt Holte, World Blind Union (WBU)
- 2. Dr. Michael Kaschke, Carl Zeiss AG
- 3. Dr. Klaus Kraemer, Sight and Life
- 4. Mr. Colin Low, ICEVI
- 5. Prof. Kovin Naidoo, Regional Chair for Africa
- 6. Dr. André-Dominique Negrel, L'Organisation pour la Prevention de la Cecite
- 7. Dr. Jerry Vincent, International Rescue Committee

#### **Proxies assigned to Representatives/Observers:**

- I. Dr. Kate Coleman, Right to Sight
- 2. Prof. Dr. Wei He, He Eye Hospital
- 3. Dr. R.D. Ravindran, Aravind Eye Hospital
- 4. Dr. G. Chandra Sekhar, L.V. Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI)
- 5. Prof. Bruce E. Spivey, International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO)
- 6. Dr. Geoffrey C. Tabin, Himalayan Cataract Project / Tilganga Eye Centre
- 7. Mr. Eberhard J. Wirfs, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

- [Proxy: Mr. Terje B. Iversen] [Proxy: Mr. Christian Garms] [Proxy: Mr. Christian Garms] [Proxy: Prof. Jill Keeffe] [Proxy: Prof. Brien Holden] [Proxy: Dr. Serge Resnikoff] [Proxy: Mrs. Kathy Spahn]
- [Proxy: Dr. Abdirisak Dalmar] [Proxy: Dr. Qing Lu] [Proxy: Mr. Ravilla Thulasiraj] [Proxy: Dr. Rohit Khanna] [Proxy: Mr. William Felch] [Proxy: Mr. Job C. Heintz] [Proxy: Mr. Phillip Albano]