



## **IAPB Executive Committee**

### **6<sup>th</sup> February 2014 – Teleconference**

**Time -** 15:00-16:00 London time

**Venue -** Tele-Conference

**Attending -** Chair: Bob McMullan

Member(s): Johannes Trimmel; Adrian Poffley; Kathy Spahn; Serge Resnikoff

In attendance: Peter Ackland; Blandine Labry; Joanna Conlon; Alessandro Di Capua;  
Richard Bennett

## **Minutes**

### **1. Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters arising:

- None of the tentative dates for meetings with Helen Clark at UNDP and Oleg Chestnov at WHO had been confirmed yet;
- PA reported that initial positive conversations had been had with Lions and Bayer to contribute to the Country Action on Blindness Fund supporting country implementation of the Global Action Plan, and more were scheduled with Essilor in Singapore.

### **2. Singapore BOT schedule and agenda**

All agreed with the attached schedule and agenda for the board meeting in Singapore, with the only additions of an Executive Committee dinner to be scheduled for the evening of the 27<sup>th</sup> March, following the welcome reception, and of a closed session at the end of the Board meeting.

### **3. New members**

The membership application of AVRI was approved; it was noted that regional endorsement for Charity Vision International had not been received yet, therefore the latter application would be submitted at the board meeting in Singapore instead.

#### **4. Membership and governance review**

RB referred to the options paper he produced following one-to-one interviews with key stakeholders from the IAPB board and wider membership.

It was agreed that the main purpose of this meeting was to lay out a clear process forward in terms both of how to consult members on the issues, and how to run the related discussion at the board meeting in Singapore.

Discussion ensued, including the following points:

- All agreed about the complexity of any changes given the overlapping nature of many of the governance and membership issues at stake, but all thanked RB for the clarity of the options laid out;
- The difficulty of addressing the issue of links between the regional structure and the centre was noted, given the diversity of needs and expectations of each region;
- It was suggested that the order in which the issues were reported in the paper could follow a more hierarchical structure, i.e. governance role/purpose, governance structure, regions, membership categories, fees;
- It was felt that one important aspect not included in the report was the issue about the trustees' terms of office;
- It was noted that perhaps part of the review could be discussed in Singapore in a closed session to address any issues sensible to staff that may come up;
- It was also noted that the provision of examples of other organisations' governance structures as exemplifications of some of the options could aid the consideration of the various options;
- It was also asked whether the make-up of interviewees (i.e. number of A, B, C and individual members) could be provided to frame more clearly where the various issues raised in the paper were coming from.

All agreed that it was important for members to be consulted as soon as possible on the various options laid out in the paper before the board meeting in Singapore, so that discussions at board level could be informed with input from the wider membership.

It was decided therefore that RB should send out the options formatted in a more easy to read and digestible way, accompanied by the paper introduction containing the interviews' perspectives from which the key issues framing the options arose (slightly edited for wider circulation).

It was decided that the questions should simply focus on choosing a preferred option and suggesting any possible change for improving it.



## 5. AOB

ADC confirmed that the following resolution circulated online prior to the meeting had been approved unanimously by the members of the Executive Committee:

To authorise IAPB's CEO, Peter Ackland, as IAPB representative to OGS, to undertake the necessary steps on behalf of IAPB for the establishment of OGS national entities as agreed by the OGS Global Board.

Next meeting: it was decided the Executive Committee should meet again one week or so prior to the Board meeting to discuss the results of the membership and governance review consultations and the process for the related discussion at the board.

As there was no other business, the meeting was declared closed.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bob McMullan'.

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**Bob McMullan, President of IAPB, Chair of the Board of Trustees and Chair of the Executive Committee**

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