

Minutes - Council Meeting
International Federation of Foot & Ankle Societies
September 19, 2008
Sauípe, Bahia, Brazil

Present:

Asian Federation

Mitsuo Kinoshita, MD (Japan), IFFAS Secretary
Satoru Ozeki, MD (Japan)

European Federation

Sandro Giannini, MD (Italy), IFFAS President
Hakon Kofoed, MD (Denmark)
Ian Winson, MD (UK)

North American Federation

Robert B. Anderson, MD (USA), proxy for Judith Baumhauer, MD, IFFAS Treasurer
Michael Coughlin, MD, (USA) proxy for Mark Myerson, MD
Keith Wapner, MD, (USA) proxy for Steven D.K. Ross, MD

South American Federation

João De Carvalho Neto, MD (Brazil)
Osny Salomão, MD (Brazil), IFFAS Vice President
Nuri Schinco, MD (Uruguay)

Others Present - Angela Meardi, MD; Caio Nery, MD; Paul Benamou, MD

Staff Present - Lousanne Lofgren, CAE, Secretariat

Absent without a designated proxy: Inderjeet Singh Rikhraj, MD (Singapore)

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 3:45 pm by Dr. Giannini.

Representation – Dr. Giannini read a letter from Dr. Kinoshita resigning his position as Council Secretary and representative of the Asian Federation as of September 18, 2008. He also read the following proxy letters: from Judith Baumhauer, MD giving her proxy to Robert Anderson, MD; from Mark Myerson, MD giving his proxy to Michael Coughlin, MD; and from Steven Ross, MD giving his proxy to Keith Wapner, MD.

The chart of terms of council members and their terms was reviewed.

Mr. Winson indicated that European Foot and Ankle Society (EFAS) representatives to the IFFAS Council would be Dr. Hakon Kofoed (incoming EFAS president), Mr. Winson (current EFAS president) and the EFAS president-elect, who would be elected at the EFAS meeting in October 2008. He noted that EFAS terms are two years, which does not coincide well with the three year terms specified in the IFFAS Constitution and Bylaws.

Dr. Salomão indicated that joining him as IFFAS representatives from the South American Federation would be Dr. Caio Nery (Brazil) and Dr. João De Carvalho Neto, MD (Brazil). A concern was expressed about having the three federation representatives to IFFAS from the same country.

Dr. Anderson reported that he and Dr. Steven Ross will represent the AOFAS, along with Dr. Mark Glazebrook of the Canadian Society of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. By decision of the AOFAS Board, this seat will rotate in three years to a representative of the Mexican Society of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

Dr. Kinoshita reported that as he had been elected chair of the IFFAS 2011 meeting. He will rejoin the Council as of this meeting and represent the Asian Federation along with Dr. Inderjeet Singh Rikhraj, MD (Singapore), and Dr. Yasuhito Tanaka (Japan).

The length of officers' terms of officers within the various federations was discussed and the following action was taken:

Motion: That a work group comprised of one representative from each federation review the IFFAS Constitution and Bylaws regarding length of terms and develop a proposal on term length that favors continuity. (Motion approved)

Motion: That the work group on term length be comprised of Ian Winson, MD, Caio Nery, MD, Robert Anderson, MD, and Yasuhito Tanaka, MD. (Motion approved)

Minutes – The minutes of the March 6, 2008 meeting were presented.

Motion: That the minutes of the IFFAS Council meeting held March 6, 2008 in San Francisco, CA, USA be approved. (Motion approved)

Report of the President – Dr. Giannini discussed his proposal made at the last Council meeting that each federation hold an international symposium at their respective meetings and then send a representative to participate in an international symposium at the next IFFAS meeting. Responses included concern about how travel expenses would be paid, the need for discussion within each federation, and that the AOFAS meeting already includes approximately 30% international papers.

Report of the Treasurer – In the absence of the treasurer, Ms. Lofgren presented the treasurer's report.

Report on IFFAS 2008 Meeting – Dr. Salomão reported that an excellent meeting was planned and that registration totaled more than 600 attendees. Dr. Salomão, his organizing committee and staff were congratulated.

Report on IFFAS 2011 Meeting – Dr. Kinoshita reported that the 4th IFFAS meeting will be held September 21-23, 2011 in Nara, Japan at the Nara Prefectural New Public Hall. He indicated that the Korean Society is interested in holding a half-day or full-day program in Seoul following the IFFAS 2011 meeting. Feedback from Council members was that a post-congress meeting in another city would mean additional time away, additional expense, and may not have general appeal. The policy that all aspects of planning and finances for the 2011 meeting are the responsibility of the host federation was reiterated.

Awards – Dr. Salomão reported that the awards for the best papers at the meeting would be presented during the closing ceremony on Saturday, September 20, 2009.

Election of Officers – The following Council officers were elected for three year terms (Oct. 2008 – Sept. 2011):

Osny Salomão, MD – President (automatic)
Mitsuo Kinoshita, MD – Vice President
Robert Anderson, MD, Treasurer
Ian Winson, MD, Secretary

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the IFFAS Council will be held in Las Vegas in February 2009 during the meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Ms. Lofgren will schedule a meeting time and location and inform the council.

Appreciation – Drs. Giannini and Salomão expressed appreciation to Ms. Lofgren for her services as IFFAS Secretariat.

Respectfully submitted,

Louanne Lofgren, CAE, IFFAS Secretariat