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**IASAS General Assembly**

**Meeting Minutes**

**21st May 2024**

**Daegu, South Korea**

Voting Members: Achim Meyer Auf der Heyde, IASAS (Online), Lisa Bardill Moscaritolo, IASAS, Birgit Schreiber, Gian Luca Giovannucci, EucA/IASAS, IASAS, David Newman, IASA /University of Toronto, Ben Lewis, IASAS / Open University UK, Andrea Strachan, IASAS/University of Queensland, Abigail Smith, IASAS, Matome Jack Mashiapata, IASAS/, Ghada Al Sakaf, IASAS, Marlon D Maglipas, IASAS / FEU Institute of Technology, Miriam Khalil, Qatar University, Christine Joy Ballada, De La Salle University, Gloria Elena Pava Diaz, Areandina University, Lanché van Tonder, ACUHO-I/University of Pretoria, Han Kiat Ho, APSSA/National University of Singapore, Brett Perozzi, Salt Lake Community College, Dominic Lee, Tung Wah College, Hong Kong, Jeanne Fu, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, Hua Wu, Sias University, China, Rodolfo Virtus Jr, Ateneo de Manila University, Liu Wan Wan, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Fernando Montejo, Catholic University of Colombia/IASAS, Damian Medina, IASAS (Online), Mary Ann Bodine Al-Sharif, University of Alabama Birmingham (Online), Amber Webb, Eastern Illinois University (Online), IASAS (Online), Melissa Manuel, NEOM University (Online), Wadad Youssef, Qatar University (Online), IASAS (Online), Gay Perez, University of Virginia,and Saloschini Pillay, SAACDHE.

Nonvoting Attendees: Giacamo Baccarelli, EucA/IASAS, James Laxa, De La Salle University, Angaita Rantor, Northwestern University in Qatar, Shilohna Phillanders, Beijing Normal University; Wil Fujarczuk, McMaster University (non-member), Michael Millanes, De La Salle University.

Proxies: Lisa Bardill Moscaritolo voting for Ben Cecil, ACE, and David Newman voting for Jennifer Hamilton, CACUSS, Fernando Montejo voting for Red Bienestar, ASCUN

1. **Meeting called to order.** Secretary-General, Lisa Bardill Moscaritolo, in place of the President, Achim Meyer auf der Heyde, who could not be in person but was online because of travel difficulties.Ben Lewis, Regional Director for Europe, agreed to take meeting minutes since the Secretary-General was Chair for the meeting. All documents for the meeting are in the Google Folder shared before the meeting.
2. **Quorum determined.** The Secretary-General confirmed that the quorum was met according to the constitution.
3. **Welcome to South Korea.** The Chairman of KOSAF Mr. Byugil Bae welcomed the IASAS General Assembly to Daegu and South Korea.
4. **Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly which took place on 13th July 2023 in Rome, Italy.** The minutes were confirmed as a true record with no amendments.
5. **Review the activity report for the last year and approval.** Birgit Schrieber, Vice President, presented the IASAS Board’s activity report for 2022-24. She confirmed the report would be distributed to the membership. The support and engagement of KOSAF in the management of the 2024 Global Summit. The personal contributions of Won were also recognized.
6. **Report on membership numbers and approval.** The Secretary-General in replace of the Membership Director reported on membership numbers and engagement during 2023-24. It was noted that IASAS now has representation from 98 countries. Membership numbers have remained stable, and growth will be a focus going forward. The Chair confirmed it remains the case that voting members must pay a membership fee. The membership report was approved with no comments.
7. **2023 Balance Sheet Report and approval.** Gian Luca Giovannucci, the Treasurer, presented IASAS accounts to the General Assembly. The detailed accounts are in the Google Folder. The General Assembly approved the accounts unanimously.
8. **Modification of Constitution/Bylaws.** Gian Luca Giovannucci, Treasurer, presented the statutes for IASAS’ corporate registration under Belgian law. **Gian Luca** confirmed there had been an issue with the submission of the statutes approved at the 2022 General Assembly due to a technical issue. It was proposed that Article 11 be adjusted to remove the Executive Director position from the statutes and along with filing these changes the new board will be posted accordingly following Belgium law. Gian Luca proposed the amendment and Wadad seconded the proposal. The statutes were approved unanimously.
9. **Discharge of the Board.** Achim Meyer auf der Heyde asked the board to confirm it had discharged its duties. This was confirmed.
10. **Elections for 2024-26 officers.** The Chair asked the General Assembly to approve a process to block votes for uncontested candidates for elections and only vote privately for the contested position which was the Research Director. It was clarified that abstentions were permitted. Damian Medina proposed the plan and the General Assembly unanimously agreed.

The block votes for uncontested candidates elected are:

* Birgit Schreiber (President)
* David Newman (Vice President)
* Lisa Bardill Moscaritolo (Secretary General)
* Gian Luca Giovannucci (Treasurer)
* Achim Meyer auf der Heyde (Immediate Past President)
* Matome Jack Mashiapata (Regional director of Africa)
* Yiwon Won Yoo (Regional director of Asia)
* Ben Lewis (Regional director of Europe)
* Jacqueline Huggins (Regional director of North America, Central America, and the Caribbean)
* Kyle Farley (Regional director of Oceania)
* Miriam Youssef Khalil (Regional director of Middle East)
* Fernando A. Montejo A. (Regional Director of South America)
* Andrea Strachan (Membership Director)
* Freda Kpodo (Website & Technology Manager)

The next vote by the General Assembly was for the uncontested candidates for elections. The General Assembly unanimously agreed to the candidates. The last vote was for the two candidates for Research Director, and votes took place privately (Online and In-person). The Chair and two effective members in attendance, Gay Perez and Lanche’ von Tonder managed and verified the votes. Mary Ann Bodine Al-Sharif received the most votes and was therefore elected as the Research Director.

1. **Meeting adjourned.** David Newman proposed adjournment and Abigail Smith seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 14:50.

Respectfully submitted

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Ben Lewis

IASAS Regional Director for Europe