



Minutes of WFNMB Intermediate Assembly

October 11, 2004 12:00 pm – 14:00 pm

17C, Beijing International Convention Center (BICC), Beijing, China

Countries attending :

Australia, Bangladesh, China, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Serbia & Montenegro, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, USA, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam

Countries represented by proxies :

Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, Egypt, Hungary, Luxemburg, Namibia, Switzerland, Turkey

Before starting the meeting, attendance of the countries was registered.

1) Approval of the Agenda

The provisional agenda was approved.

2) Approval of the Santiago Minutes in 2002

The Santiago Minutes were approved. The document had been received by the Prof. Patricio Gonzalez (Past Secretary General) 2 months before the assembly.

3) Report of the President, Dr. Myung-Chul Lee

- The president informed the audience of the activities of the World Federation for the last 2 years.
- Successful World Congress is one of the most important duties for the president of the World Federation, and efforts have been made to promote Nuclear

Medicine in Developing Countries.

- It is very necessary to restructure the Federation body so that the World Federation can function practically for the development and promotion of Nuclear Medicine, and to develop this issue the questionnaire was distributed to the member states and there have been discussion with the Advisory Council and the International Coordinating Committee, and Task Force Group
- He emphasized the collaboration with related organization such as IAEA and WHO.

The report of the President was approved

4) Report of the Secretary General, Dr. June-Key Chung

- The WFNMB Congress Organizing Committee includes Executive Members and Coordinating Members, and they are performing their specific activities: Executive members give a guide for the future activities to the Organizing Committee members, and Coordinating members do ongoing activities and prepare all the details for the World Congress.
- Publicity Committee has been publishing articles on the main journals of nuclear medicine and doing PR activities at the sizable meetings such as SNM, EANM, JSNM, RSNA, IAEA, IAEA, WHO, etc.
- Publication Committee has printed brochures and posters. The 1st announcement has been sent to the members by e-mail and can be found on the WFNMB website. The 2nd announcement will be provided to all member states soon as well as uploaded on the website.
- Exhibition Committee has printed the "Exhibitions' Information" and distributed to the industrial companies. Also, on-line exhibition will be opened at the end of this year.
- The official logo was created and the official website has been launched. The WFNMB website includes information on the Congress and Korea, and abstract submission, registration and hotel booking will be performed on this website.
- We still do not have contact information of all the members of each society or association in the WFNMB Member States. The each president of the member states is very required to inform the WFNMB secretariat of the contact information of their members.
- The cooperation with the Korean Governmental Office, large Society and Association of nuclear medicine and other related international organization such as IAEA and WHO is vitally significant.

The report of the Secretary General was approved

5) Report of the Chairman of the Scientific Committee, Dr. Byung-Tae Kim

- The program will include : Continuing Medical Education, Plenary Sessions, Categorical Seminar and Presentation (Oral & Poster).
- The deadline for submission of abstracts is April 30, 2006.
- Abstracts will be accepted either by regular mail or on the WFNMB website from January 1, 2006.

The report of the Chairman of the Scientific Committee was approved

6) Report of the Treasurer, Dr. Jong Doo Lee

- The total amount of US\$ 8,498 from 29 member states in 2003 and the total amount of US\$ 10,581 from 38 member states in 2004 have been paid for the WFNMB annual dues
- On the revenue side of the WFNMB 2006 budget, we expect US\$ 3,100,000 income from registration fee, exhibition, sponsorship and governmental fund. The majority of the income is sponsorship, and we are making an effort to collect the sponsorship and the governmental fund.
- Expenditure would consist of Congress Program & Banquet , Congress promotion, Publications & Postage, Venue Rental and etc.
- We are planning to allocate more expense for the developing and less developed countries so that we could accomplish the main theme of this world congress "Global Harmonization and New Horizon of Nuclear Medicine".

The report of the Treasurer was approved

7) Charter Amendment

- Dr. June-Key Chung, the Secretary General, gave a presentation explaining the background of the Charter Amendment for the restructuring of the WFNMB organization.
- The main items of the charter amendment are:
 - A. Establishment of the World Federation Office which has the Executive Director
 - B. Establishment of the Governing Council
- Governing Council shall be comprised of:
 - A. Office Bearers
(President, President-Elect, Secretary General, Treasurer, Executive Director)
 - B. Immediate Past President

- C. The representative leaders of each affiliated regional organization (SNM, EANM, AOFNMB, ALASBIMN, AANM)
- D. The representatives of international organizations (IAEA, WHO)
- E. The Chairman of any committees established by the Governing Council

- As proposed, the Charter Amendment regarding the items above was unanimously approved.
- The main part of the revised Charter is attached at the end of the minutes. The full pages of the revised Charter can be found at the WFNMB website (www.wfnmb.org).
- According to the revised Charter, the Governing Council will be organized and start to work for the establishment of the Federation Office and election of the Executive Director.

8) Organization of the Task Force Group

- Dr. Myung-Chul Lee, the President, commented that this revised charter has some remaining minor issues to be discussed.
- The Task Force Group, comprised of the representatives from each regional organization (SNM, EANM, AOFNMB, ALASBIMN, AANM), will be organized to discuss on the remaining minor issues regarding the charter amendment including role & scope of the World Federation, financial issues, and so on.
- The Charter Amendment will be finally accomplished by the recommendation of the Task Force Group and decision of the Governing Council.
- The finally revised Charter will be approved at the Delegate Assembly in Seoul during the World Congress in 2006.

- He asked audience to endorse the right to the task force group to do evaluate the details for the charter amendment, and obtained the audience's agreement.

9) Approval of the Bylaws

- At the previous delegate assembly, the World Radiopharmaceutical Therapy Council(WRTC) and the World Journal of Nuclear Medicine(WJNM) were approved as subsidiary bodies functioning under the World Federation, therefore their bylaws which specifying roles and administration of these bodies need to be approved officially at this Intermediate Assembly in 2004.

- Dr. Keith Britton, the editor in chief of the WJNM, gave a brief information about the WJNM Bylaws.

The WJNM Bylaws was approved.

- Dr. Harvey Turner, the Chairman of the WRTC, gave a short introduction about the WRTC Bylaws.
- Some audience commented that the Bylaws should describe how to elect the Chairman and its term.

The WRTC Bylaws was conditionally approved. The details regarding the election and term of the Chairman will be decided and included in the WRTC Bylaws, which will be finally approved at the Delegate Assembly in Seoul in 2006.

10) Presentation of the proposals from Italy and South Africa

11) Election of the site for the WFNMB Congress in 2010

The election results were as follows:

Italy	= 18 votes	(45.0%)
South Africa	= 21 votes	(52.5%)
Invalid	= 1 vote	(2.5%)
Total	= 40 votes	(100.0%)

As a result, South Africa is the next host country for the WFNMB World Congress in 2010, and consequently the President-Elect is Dr. Annare Ellmann (South Africa).

The nominations of the Secretary General-Elect (Prof. Mike M. Sathekge) and the Treasurer-Elect (Dr. Gerdus Kemp) were approved.

12) Adjournment at 14:00 p.m.

Dr June-Key Chung, M.D.
Secretary General, WFNMB

**ARTICLE V - A
(OFFICE BEARERS)**

Section 14

- d) The President can establish the Federation Office and nominate the Executive Director by the recommendation of the Governing Council and the designation will be subject to approval by the Assembly.

Section 17

The Executive Director:

- a) The Executive Director shall be responsible for any daily activities including cooperative activity, appointment of commission on special problems, awarding of prizes, and establishment of professional standards or in any other activities which are in the opinion of the General Assembly or the Governing Council
- b) The Executive Director shall coordinate regional bodies and promote nuclear medicine at global level through education and training as well as cooperate with international organizations such as IAEA and WHO.
- c) The Executive Director shall do executive activity including publishing World Journal of Nuclear Medicine and related materials, membership maintenance and operation global network and homepage, etc.
- d) In the case of incapacity, a successor shall be appointed by the President, subject to approval by the Governing Council.

**ARTICLE V - B
(GOVERNING COUNCIL)**

Section 19

The day to day all activities of the Federation shall be administered by the Governing Council.

- a) The Governing Council shall be comprised of:
- i) the Office Bearers (President, President-Elect, Secretary General, Treasurer, Executive Director)
 - ii) the immediate past-President
 - iii) the representative leaders of each Affiliated Organization (SNM, EANM, AOFNMB, ALASBIMN, AANM)
 - iv) the representatives of international organizations (IAEA, WHO)
 - v) the chairman of any committees or subsidiary bodies established by the Council

- b) The President may augment the Governing Council by invitation.
- c) Meeting of the Council should be held at least twice per year; during a major international nuclear medicine meeting and at the time of each Assembly, of at such times as the President requests.

Section 20

The principal functions of the Council shall be to:

- a) Have the responsibility of acting on behalf of the Federation and shall take action in all matters of administration, policy, and long-term planning.
- b) Receive and review the Report of the President, Secretary General and Treasurer.
- c) Review for the approval process of national societies and groups for membership.
- d) Grant exemption from the obligation of any society or group to pay dues, only if suitable cause has been presented as to why such an exemption should be granted.
- e) Discuss the general policy put forth by the Executive Committee.
- f) Bring forward the views of the national societies and groups to the Executive Committee.
- g) Establish subsidiary bodies to facilitate the function of the Federation, as deemed necessary, including committees on by-laws and regulations, on membership and credentials, on promotion of Nuclear Medicine and Biology, on finance and budget, on education and training, and on publications such as the World Journal of Nuclear Medicine,
- h) Nominate members for the committees.
- i) Appoint Council members to represent the Council in its relationship with other organizations.
- j) Modify the Statutes, provided the required notice has been given to all members.
- k) Consider and discuss any matters relating to the objectives of the Federation.
- l) Make recommendations to national societies or groups in member states related to the objectives of the Federation.