

Minutes of the 11th APEC Biennial General Meeting

Friday 27th April, 2007

Nuri Room I, II, Jakarta Convention Center
Jakarta, Indonesia

1. Call to order

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by the President, Dr. Gerald Kian Chong LIM, who presided in the Chair.

2. Roll call

An attendance form was signed by 9 members and representatives of national endodontic societies (see list attached to these Minutes). Participants were from Australia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan..

3. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Dr. Suresh Chandra (India), and Dr. Robert Love (New Zealand), Dr. Akbar Khayat (secretary, Iran), Dr. Seung Tae KIM (treasurer, Australia), Prof. Seung-Jong LEE (Korea, I-Past President), Dr. Marcus YAN (Australia, Councilor), Dr. Fred WEINSTEIN (Canada, Councilor), Prof. Hiroshi NAKAMURA (Japan, Councilor), Dr. Jack Meng LAM (Malaysia, Councilor), Dr. Samuel DORN (USA, Councilor)

4. **Confirmation of the minutes of the 10th Biennial General Meeting held on Wednesday 26th May, 2005 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** – The President reported that the Minutes had been circulated to all members by post and hence the Meeting accepted that the Minutes be considered as having been read.

A motion was moved to accept these Minutes as a true and accurate record of that Meeting – proposed by Prof. Hideaki Suda, seconded by Prof. Sung-Kyo Kim. Accepted unanimously.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

5.1 Relation with APDF

This time, initially LOC of APDF (The Asia Pacific Dental Federation) asked the APEC councillors to register to APDC meeting to get permission to enter the venue. However, fortunately, the requirement was solved after negotiation between LOC of APEC and LOC of APDF. It is in accordance with the former agreement between APEC and APDF.

All the participants agreed to try to have stand-alone meetings of APEC in the future if possible.

Some countries are not the member of APDF. Therefore we need to be independent of APDF.

5.2 Official journal for APEC

The president explained that the editor of AEJ proposed an official mark on the outer cover of Australian Endodontic Journal (AEJ) in each issue such as “This is an official journal of APEC and ...”. However the editor did not agree to change the title of the journal from AEJ to Asia Pacific Endodontic Journal or some other name that reflect the regional nature of the journal of APEC at present time.

Also it was told that AEJ can publish special issues for the publication of the abstracts of presentation which was presented at the each scientific meeting of APEC.

This proposal was agreed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the subscription rate of AEJ by APEC members. It needs to be negotiated continuously. and there was a suggestion that there may be a possibility of

It was also noted that for the journal or any newsletter to be successful input from members in the form of articles is necessary. Dr. Gerald Kian-Chong LIM proposed the following resolution;

<p>The new President contact the Editor of the AEJ with a view to enhance discussions on utilizing the AEJ as the official Journal of APEC, and contact the Munksgaard to discuss on the subscription rate of AEJ by APEC members</p>

It was unanimously agreed that The President should contact the Editor of AEJ to continue the negotiations.

(Immediately after the BGM, Prof. Hideaki Suda, the new President, Prof. Sung Kyo Kim, the new secretary, and Dr. Phillippe O Zimet, the former president of APEC met the person of AEJ (Munksgaard) at the exhibition desk of APDC to talk about the subscription rate. The Munksgaard person simply explained the relation between the subscription rate and the number of subscriber. It needs to be negotiated more in detail.)

5.3 Membership

The Present-elect had provided a list of current members of the Confederation. This list showed that there were 16 individual members and 17 endodontic society/ association members. He reported that two non-member countries (Bahrain, Pakistan) replied their interest in joining APEC. The President commented that there were still a number of countries within the Asian Pacific region yet to join the Confederation. He encouraged the APEC members to bring these countries into the fold of the Confederation.

5.4 Membership dues

President reported that thirteen members paid the due on time. However one member, Israel, did not pay its due so far. Therefore, APEC needs to notice this fact to Israel so as not to be discontinued her membership. All agreed on it.

5.5 Membership rate

The President and commented that there is some need to raise the subscription levels at present, and there was discussion on it. All agreed that the membership rate of 2007/2009 to be considered by the new officers of APEC.

5.6 Re-registration of APEC constitution to Hong Kong

President reported that the effective date of registration to Hong Kong Registrar of Societies was over and that APEC constitution was re-registered to Hong Kong afterward.

5.7 Website

The president reported that APEC website of Hong Kong is going to be removed and that of Australia Dental Association is going to work continuously.

5.8 Registration fee of APEC members to AAE Annual Session

The president reported that there was some negotiation between APEC and AAE on the registration fee of APEC members to AAE Annual Session. The result was that the registration fee of APEC members is same as that of AAE members in participating AAE Annual Session.

5.9 Constitution

Amendments to the Constitution had been circulated to all members by post and Email, and hence the Meeting accepted that the Minutes be considered as having been read.

A motion was moved by Dr. Sum Chee Peng to accept the amendments and seconded by Prof. Seung-Kyo Kim. Accepted unanimously.

The amended Constitution will take effect after the approval by the Hong Kong Registrar of Societies.

6. President's report

The President reported the re-registration of APEC in Hong Kong, regional endodontic journal, formation of International Association of Endodontology (IAE), and financial situation of APEC. The President expressed his gratitude to the Australian Dental Association Inc. for sponsoring the APEC web site and providing the APEC with a home. Finally, The President thanked all those with whom he worked over the last few years during his presidency, and also thanked the Local organizing Committee for organizing our 14th Scientific Meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia.

A motion was moved by Dr. Robert Ng to accept the President's Report and seconded by Prof. Sung Kyo Kim. Accepted unanimously.

7. Constitution Committee Report

Dr. Phillippe O Zimet proposed some changes in the Constitution.

In summary, some of the changes proposed are:

1. The membership category of "National endodontic Society/Association" be renamed "Full Member".

2. Individual membership be restricted to those countries within the Asian-Pacific region who do not have a national endodontic organization or whose national endodontic organization is not a member of APEC.
3. Deletion of retired member category of membership.

A motion was moved by Dr. Sum Chee Peng to accept the amendments and seconded by Prof. Seung-Kyo Kim. Accepted unanimously.

8. Member Service Report

Prof. Hideaki Suda, the committee chairman, reported that the committee has been established: 1) To find out what services our member societies/associations want APEC to provide. 2) To respond to requests from APEC members. 3) To recruit APEC members. To investigate 1) and 2) above, a questionnaires have been sent to all APEC members, and to recruit APEC members, APEC Subscription Forms were sent to non-member countries in the Asian Pacific region. He reported that Bahrain and Pakistan are interested in joining APEC.

9. Treasurer's report and Financial Statement

The Treasurer's report had been circulated to all members by post and Email, hence the Meeting accepted that the report be considered as having been read. Because the Treasurer, Dr. Seung Tae Kim, was absent, it was decided as follows:

Discussion is necessary for things including expenditure on behalf of APEC, the subscription structure of IAE, monitoring the cash flow et al. More discussion must be carried out through Email afterward. A motion was moved by Dr. Gerald Kian Chong Lim to accept this decision and seconded by Prof. Hideaki Suda. Accepted unanimously.

10. Secretary's report

The Secretary, Dr. Akbar Khayat, was absent, and the Secretary's report had been circulated to all members by post and Email, hence the Meeting accepted that the report be considered as having been read.

A motion was moved by Dr. Dewi A. MARGONO to accept this decision and seconded by Prof. Hideaki Suda. Accepted unanimously.

11. Election of office bearers and Councilors

The following had been duly proposed for the listed positions. All nominations were unopposed and hence the President declared the nominees as being elected:

President	Prof. Hideaki Suda	Japan
Vice-president	Dr. Akbar Khayat	Iran
Secretary	Prof. Sung Kyo Kim	Korea
Treasurer	(Dr. Phillippe O Zimet will recommend a person)	Australia
Immediate Past President	Dr. Gerald Kian Chong Lim	Singapore

12. Any other business

a. Date of APEC

Discussion was made to avoid crushing of other international meeting, such as AAE, ESE et al.

b. Supporting other countries

The President stated one of ideas suggested by Prof. SJ Lee of the possibility of giving lectures or hands-on workshops to the countries in need. Some contact to endodontic companies may be needed to support this kind of volunteership.

c. International Association of Endodontology

The President reported on the IAE. There was some discussion of the significance and impact of IAE on Endodontic in the world and APEC. Issues for organizational collaboration were discussed.

d. Thank sponsors

The President thanked APEC sponsors for their continuous support.

13. Next meeting – Tokyo 2009

Prof. Hideaki Suda declared the intention of Japanese Endodontic Association (JEA) to host the next APEC Meeting in Tokyo.

It was decided that the 2009 APEC Meeting would be held in Tokyo, Japan. Accepted unanimously.

14. Closure of meeting

The President-elect, Prof. Hideaki Suda, expressed deepest thanks to the President, Dr. Gerald Kian Chong Lim, for the great accomplishments during his presidency. Also, Prof. Hideaki Suda stated that the 2009 APEC Meeting in Tokyo would be a stand-alone meeting. Finally, Dr. Gerald Kian Chong Lim thanked all those in attendance for their time and interest in attending. The Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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