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Minutes of the 13th Biennial General Meeting of APEC

Wednesday 20th April, 2011
Jahad University Exhibition Center
Shiraz, Iran

1. Call to order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by the President, Prof Akbar Khayat (Iran), who presided in the chair.

2. Roll call

An attendance form was signed by 12 organisation members and representatives of national endodontic societies (see list attached to these Minutes). Participants were from Iran, Japan, Korea, Australia, USA and Jordan.

3. Apologies

Apologies have been received from: Dr. Seung-Tae KIM (Secretary & Treasurer of APEC, Australia).

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 12th Biennial General Meeting, which was held on Friday 25th April 2009 at 12:30pm in Cosmos Hall, Toshi Center Hotel, Tokyo, Japan.

The president stated that the minutes had been circulated to all members and hence the Meeting accepted that the Minutes be considered as having been read. There were no comments or suggestions. He also reported that the Councilor Meeting for this BGM had accepted the Minutes.

A motion was moved to accept these Minutes as a true and accurate record of that Meeting – proposed by Prof. Hideaki SUDA (Japan), seconded by Prof. Mahmoud TORABINEJAD (USA).

5. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no comments/suggestions or matters that needed discussion from the minutes.

6. Membership

The president reported that APEC has two honorary life members, ten organizational members, and five individual members. The following new additions to the membership status are as follows and will be discussed in further detail throughout the report.

- a. Addition of Prof. Mahmoud TORABINEJAD (USA) as an honorary life member, bringing the total to three. This was accepted by Prof. Mahmoud TORABINEJAD.
- b. Check that the five individual members do not belong to a country, which is already a member.
- c. Addition of Jordanian Endodontic Society as a new member of APEC, with the

councillor from Jordan being Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun. An application form was submitted by Dr Ibrahim Abu Tahun. A motion was moved by Prof. Hideaki SUDA (Japan) to accept and seconded by Dr. Mehdi Rahimi (Australia) provided that we receive letter and fee.

- d. Countries who have not yet paid their membership – New Zealand.

7. Constitution

The President reported that there were no proposals for amendment.

8. President's report

The President, Prof. Akbar Khayat, reported on the matters of:

- a. The 12th Biennial General Meeting and the 15th Scientific Meeting of APEC in 2009, which were also held in conjunction with the 30th Annual Meeting of the Japan Endodontic Association (JEA) and the 7th joint Scientific Meeting between the Korean Academy of endodontics (KAE) on April 24-26 in Tokyo. The meeting was well attended and he expressed his deepest thanks to the Local Organising Committee members chaired by Prof. Nobuyuki TANI-ISHII; Prof. Hiroshi NAKAMURA, President of the JEA; Prof. Chan Ui HONG, President of KAE, and all the members of JEA and KAE for their elaborate preparation and cooperation.
- b. The 13th Biennial General Meeting and the 16th Scientific Meeting of APEC in 2011, which were held in conjunction with the 14th Annual Meeting of the Iranian Association of Endodontics (IAE) on April 20-22 in Shiraz, Iran. He expressed his deepest thanks to the Local Organising Committee, especially the executive committee members chaired by Dr. Faribourz Moazami, Scientific committee members chaired by Dr. Alireza Adl, the International communication committee chaired by Dr. Babak Karami, and the Iranian Association of Endodontists chaired by Dr. Hassan Razmi.
- c. APEC web site – the president expressed his gratitude to the Australian Endodontic Association for sponsoring the APEC web site and providing APEC with a home.
- d. Australian Endodontic Journal – the president also thanked Dr Ralph Reid, Editor-in-Chief of AEJ for his support in publishing APEC activities in the journal
- e. Finally, the president thanked all those who he had worked with over the last two years during his presidency.

A motion was moved by Prof. Akbar KHAYAT (Iran) to accept the President's reports and all members present at meeting were all in favour to accept the president's reports with no opposition.

9. Secretary's report

Because the Secretary, Dr. Seung-Tae KIM (AUSTRALIA) was absent, the president reported on his behalf. The secretary's report has been circulated to all members, hence the Meeting accepted that the report be considered as having been read. It was reported that between the 11th BGM in Tokyo in 2009 and the upcoming 12th BGM in Shiraz in 2011, there have been no significant activities undertaken by the APEC to report. Sincere thanks were expressed to Prof. Akbar KHAYAT, Prof. Hideaki SUDA, and Prof. Sung Kyo KIM

A motion was moved by Prof. Akbar KHAYAT (Iran) to accept the Secretary's reports and all members present at meeting were all in favour to accept the secretary's reports with no opposition.

10. Treasurer's report and Financial statement

Because the Treasurer, Dr. Seung-Tae KIM (AUSTRALIA) was absent, the president reported on his behalf. The treasurer's report has been circulated to all members, hence the Meeting

accepted that the report be considered as having been read.

- a. **Membership rates** – it was reported that the number of member countries have declined from 12 countries in 2009 to 10 in 2011. Countries such as New Zealand and Canada have expressed their intentions not to renew their memberships with APEC any longer. Others such as USA, Israel and India have not replied to the request for renewal. The amounts of membership dues received have declined as well in comparison to previous financial year.
- b. **Others** – none.

A motion was moved by Prof. Akbar KHAYAT (Iran) to accept the Treasurer's reports and the financial statements and all members present at meeting were all in favour to accept the treasurer's reports with no opposition.

11. Election of Office bearers and Councillors

- a. One matter of importance was that of the **Secretary/Treasurer position – Dr. Sueng-Tae KIM** – is no longer able to continue his position of Secretary/ Treasurer of APEC due to family commitments. He has fulfilled his term. It was discussed that all current APEC accounts are in Australia and as such would be best to have an Australian member be the new treasurer. Based on the constitution it was also decided that the new secretary position needs to be filled by a previous councillor. A motion was moved by Prof Hideaki SUDA (Japan) to accept and seconded by Dr. Masoud PARIROKH (Iran). Accepted unanimously.

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

President	Prof. Sung Kyo KIM	Korea	Automatically proceeded
President-elect	To be announced.		
Secretary	To be announced.		
Treasurer	Dr. Sara FIROUZABADI	Australia	New election
Immediate Past President	Prof. Akbar KHAYAT	Iran	Automatically proceeded
Hon. Auditor	Prof. Seung Jong LEE	Korea	Same as before
Hon. Auditor	Dr. Gary CHEUNG	Hong Kong	Same as before

A motion was moved by Prof Hideaki SUDA (Japan) to accept and seconded by Dr Masoud PARIROKH (Iran). Accepted unanimously.

12. Honorary Life Members

The president declared the nomination of Prof. Mahmoud TORABINEJAD as an Honorary Life Member of APEC.

A motion was moved by Prof Hideaki SUDA (Japan) to accept and seconded by Dr Mehdi

Rahimi (Australia). Accepted unanimously.

13. Any other business

a. Other countries to join APEC

Addition of Jordanian Endodontic Society as a new member of APEC, with the councillor from Jordan being Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun. Dr. Ibrahim Abu Tahun submitted an application form.

b. Maintaining the web site and links

The president thanks ADA Inc. for sponsoring the APEC web site. One main point from the meeting was in relation to the development of APEC's own web site, which might allow members easier access to information from the organisation and help with encouraging new membership. Councillors from Korea and Iran are to further investigate the possibility of this and costs involved.

c. Registration of APEC constitution

The president reported that APEC has lost its registration in Hong Kong and stated that we should know whether APEC needs to be registered. IT was decided to contact Dr. Gary CHEUNG (Honk Kong) in relation to this matter.

d. Australian Endodontic Journal submissions (four submissions per year)

Prof. Sung Kyo KIM suggested that submission to the AEJ in regards to APEC activity be done in a rotation manner. He will be in charge of the next submission, followed by Dr. Sara FIROUZABADI,

e. Others

A final and very important point of discussion was in relation to the PROMOTION of new members, due to the recent decline in membership rates. It was unanimously decided that the strength of an organisation is directly linked to the number of members and their commitment. Suggestions in relation to this matter included:

- Looking at the members who have left and reasons for this.
- Introduction of promotion grants, whether it is for study/research grants or grants to assist with attendance of meetings or whether a special 'promotion/grant' committee should be organized.
- Introduction of a smaller meeting in between the larger biennial APEC Scientific meetings, which may give members an opportunity to meet at least once a year. Suggestions what were made were to possibly meet at AAE meetings or Australian Society of Endodontology, Trans-Tasman meetings.

14. Next Meeting (in 2013)

The next biennial congress has been decided to be held in Korea in 2013. The exact venue is yet to be announced.

A motion was moved by Prof Hideaki SUDA (Japan) to accept this decision and seconded by Prof Sung Kyo KIM (Korea). Accepted unanimously.

15. Closure of meeting

The president expressed his deepest thanks to Prof. Hideaki SUDA (Japan); Prof. Sung Kyo

KIM (Korea) and Dr. Seung- Tae KIM (Australia) for their great accomplishments during his presidency. He declared that the president-elect and secretary positions will be announced in the next few months and finally thanked all those in attendance for their time and interest in the meeting. Prof. Hideaki SUDA (Japan), thanked Prof. Akbar KHAYAT (Iran) for all of his efforts and support. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm

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