

Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the International Association of Specialized Kinesiologists - IASK Amsterdam, Netherlands - January 16th, 2016

1 - Welcome by the President

Nicolette Peyre opens the meeting and welcomes everybody.

2 - Proclamation of Chairperson

Annemarie Goldschmidt was proclaimed Chairperson of the meeting.

3 - Proclamation of Recording Secretary

Sabine Rosén was proclaimed Recording Secretary.

4 - Acceptance of the minutes from the 2015 AGM in Lisbon, Portugal

The minutes are approved.

5 – Report from the President

Nicolette Peyre presented her report. She is happy because the work of the IASK board has become meaningful now that national associations have started stepping in with new energy. Between 2002 and 2014, all board meetings were devoted to organizing the next conference or analyzing the last one. Since 2014, new people representing national associations have been elected to the Board. The work is much smoother thanks to everyone pitching in and Nicolette enjoys the board personally and also the way they perform their tasks. All board members are present and she asks them to get up so that everyone sees who is who. All the members present at the AGM were also at the Associations' meeting and heard about the progress made by the Research network and the headway made on the other networks, now set up as committees.

6 – Financial report:

Inge Harris, the new treasurer, presented the financial report very clearly. She said she is very happy to be in touch with all the members. She handed down the different tables to all the participants. They have been reviewed by Christina Nielsen, Danish accountant as well as by Ursula Mildenberger, member of IASK. The paper documents are here for anyone who wishes to have a look at them.

Financial Statement:

Total Income (9.202,14 € in Savings Account, 5.320,89 in Bank Account and 1.278,56 in Pay Pal Account) amount to 18.044,59 € Total Expenses (1.202.00 cash and 1.292,69 bank account) amount to 2494,69 €

The balance to 2016 was: 16.751,90

The financial report is approved unanimously.

7 – Discharge of the Board

Lee Lawrence asks whether the Board has taken a liability insurance. He says it is not that expensive and a good thing to have. Nicolette answers that the Board will investigate what exists in France.

The membership voted unanimously to discharge the Board.

8 - Proposed change in the Bylaws: 10- Terms of Office

The members of the Board shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. Elections will be held at any AGM, according to the needs of the Board.

Nicolette Peyre explains that the board members are elected for 4 years, but that the elections of 4 new board members in 2014 would mean that more than half the board would have to stand for election next year. For the board to work smoothly, we feel it would be easier to be allowed to hold elections 2 years in a row if needed. The change is voted unanimously.

9 - Website and Newsletter:

Greta tells that we are planning to change the main website, probably start from scratch and set up a totally new one. Greta and Alexis will cooperate with this task. Right now IASK blog is the most updated since it is much easier to update, due to technical details. Some technical issues exist between different systems. For example some pages on our website do not open with some browsers or look very strange indeed. Greta asks everyone to check their profile on the website, and if updates are needed, to please use the directory form from the website and send it as a Word document (do not scan it). Then she can cut and paste and there is less risk of mistakes in the names and addresses etc. We also have a Facebook page. Some people can open it easily just by searching for IASK on FB, others do not find it this way – they need to search for iask.org.

Alexis asks for newsletters or other news from your national associations, so we can publish the links to the national websites on the IASK website. Greta tells that right now in the period of changes, photographs and text sent from Irina/Russia from Kinesiology Day, is published on the blogspot. We are planning to set a budget for someone professional to set up an appropriate template, that we can update most easily. Marcia will recommend a person to contact, who also knows about the world of kinesiology.

About the newsletters, we are trying to keep them short at IASK, so that all of us, busy people, read at least part of them. Juan-Carlos suggests that IASK and the national associations share information both ways. Lydia adds that her association uses IASK's newsletter both on their website, and also as a short summary of the contents in their own newsletters to members.

10 - Membership

Few regular members have renewed this year. Inge will write to colleagues who were members in the last years and have not renewed for some time and offer a renewal of membership.

11 - Date and place of 2017 Associations' meeting, AGM and International Conference:

Discussion about schedule details: Sabine suggests that IASK in the future have the AGM through the webinar; Lee (good in legal texts) says we must check our bylaws to see if it is ok. Nicolette confirms that IASK already held an electronic AGM. An AGM through the Internet would make it much easier to attend, especially for persons who are far from the Conference venue and can't be there in person. It will also save time to be used on the conference instead. The board will discuss whether to hold the AGM in Bergamo or to have it electronically and come back to the membership with the final decision.

12 - Date and place of 2018 AGM

Again the suggestion of holding it via webinar is an alternative, if there is no conference to which we could attach the AGM somewhere. The board will come back with information.

13 - Miscellaneous

Irina Chobanu invites the members of IASK to a Conference in Russia, 8-9 October 2016. There will be interpretation into English.

Lee Lawrence invites us to the next TFHKA Conference in Salt Lake City - USA, June 15th-19th 2016.

Nicolette Peyre thanks all the members present at the AGM and asks Lilian Beeks-Vergroesen from SNK to convey her heartfelt gratitude to the Board of Beroepsvereniging for Kinesiologie (BvK), who has been our very generous host for the Meeting of Associations, the AGM and the IASK Board meeting. She also asks her to convey our grateful thanks to Jeannette Wensink, who organized all the events so professionally.

Lilian presents each of us with a beautiful semiprecious stone, another wonderful gift from the BvK, national professional association in Netherlands (BvK). They are meant as a reminder of our wonderful days together and as a token of our connection with each other.

The meeting is adjourned by the Chairperson, Annemarie Goldschmidt.

Report by Sabine Rosén