



Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting of the
International Association of Specialized Kinesiologists – IASK
Copenhagen (Denmark) – May, 27th 2010

Present: Board members: Mia Dalle Näf, Annemarie Goldschmidt, Nicolette Peyre, Denyse Saint-Arroman;
Excused : Board members : Verónica Affonso, Sylviane Benacher-Vrillonneau, Ann Mc Ferron, Diego Vellam.

1 - Welcome by the President

Annemarie Goldschmidt opened the meeting and welcomed everybody. The attendees introduced themselves. She asked if anyone wanted to add something to the Agenda.

Jean-Pierre Norguet added an item under Miscellaneous: Research and decision-making process

2 - Proclamation of Chairperson

Annemarie was proclaimed Chairperson of the AGM.

3 - Proclamation of Recording Secretary

Nicolette Peyre was proclaimed Recording Secretary for the AGM.

4 - Acceptance of the minutes from the AGM in Washington, DC - USA

The minutes from the AGM held in Washington in 2009 were unanimously approved.

5 – Report from the President

We have continued to have almost monthly Skype meetings. It works perfectly. We speak in alphabetical order. We also have two face to face meetings each year. The last face to face meeting was held in Paris in January. We have tied up all loose ends and we have everything also on a USB key outside the Home Office. We have a new webmaster and since he is attending this meeting I shall let him talk about the website.

The 2009 AGM was held in July in Washington, DC. The members had shown an interest in Research. I wrote and asked for feedback from people about research they were doing. We have not received any answer yet but we decided to organize an IASK workshop on How to do Research and are getting a start tomorrow with a presentation on Research and methodology. It will lead to a full-fledged workshop on Research at the 2011 IASK Conference in Sweden.

We have a Board of Advisors which comprises now 5 persons (I was a member of that Board when it was set up in 2002 but was asked –and agreed- to come back on the Board of Administrators). The current members are Richard and Shanti Duree, Coby Schaasfoort, Andrew Verity and Adam Lehman, President of the Awareness Council. Both Adam and Andrew are very interested in Research and Richard was willing to help with the website. Unfortunately they are all very busy and we are waiting for their suggestions.

We have set up Pay Pal on our website (www.iask.org) so that people who live outside the Euro zone can pay their dues more easily. They have not reacted yet to this improvement. However it is difficult to keep in touch with members via Emails only. This is the reason why we decided to send at least one Newsletter per year by ordinary post and use Emails in a better way. People are overwhelmed by the number of emails they receive and do not react to them anymore.

Annemarie invited comments and Mia Dalle Näf mentioned the fact that Touch for Health does a really nice Newsletter, with tips about their CD. We also need a box to unsubscribe in case people do not want to receive the Newsletter. Some people would rather just go to the website to get the information.

6 – Financial report:

Sylviane Vrillonneau, treasurer, prepared the financial papers. They were checked by Jean-Pierre Norguet and Josie Scholman who reported that they were clear. Annemarie presented the report and invited members who wished for more details to have a look at the financial documents.

On December 31, 2009, there was 1151.46 euros in cash and 14989.76 euros in the bank for a total of 16141.22 euros.

Income is all from membership fees. Expenses include copies, website and postage. Board members pay for all their own expenses.

The Chairperson asked the members to approve the accounts. The General Assembly approved the accounts unanimously.

7- Website:

Jean-Pierre Norguet, IASK new webmaster, presents his work. He prefaced his presentation by explaining he was very happy to do the work because he is now a kinesiologist but could use his previous profession skills and also because he loves the spirit of IASK. He changed the design, using a new programme that makes changes much easier to make. He tried to understand the decision process within the Board, to know who was to decide for the new lay-out etc... since it is important that everyone feels happy with the result.

Annemarie thanked Jean-Pierre and explained that we work in the following way. Somebody makes a proposal, everybody answers with cc to everybody else in the Board and then the person who made the first proposal corrects according to the comments received, and that process continues until everybody is satisfied.

8 - Membership and dues

Currently we have 51 members total –including 7 associate/organization. The Board suggested that the dues be raised to 45€ for regular members, 25€ for supporting members, 110€ for Associate members. The membership voiced considerations that the Boardmembers themselves had had about the bad time, the current recession making life quite hard for everyone. The President concluded that the Board would reconsider that proposal.

9 –Date and Place of 2011 AGM and International Conference

13-15 May, 2011 in Djurönäset, SWEDEN. Birgitta Birath, a former member of the Board accepted to be in charge of the organization of the Conference. She has to give a final answer to the hotel by June, 1st 2010 and she is supposed to get the help from the Body Therapists' organization. We will discuss the details at the next Board Meeting. IASK uses the open forum format. It is an important tool for sharing ideas and must not disappear because of the participation of the Body Therapists' organization. Maria Löfgren, a member of that organization, acknowledged that there was a lack of awareness about the 2011 Conference and that she would check. There was some discussion about the arrangements to be made and it was decided that the matter would be further discussed within the Board and with Maria during the next 2 days.

10 –**Date and Place of 2012 AGM:** Yet to be decided by the Board.

11 – **Miscellaneous:**

Decision-making process: This question was answered by Annemarie earlier.

Research : Jean-Pierre would really like to do research. He has some experience in his previous field of experience and would love to develop projects to prove the efficacy of Kinesiology. Universities are not very open to that kind of subjects but a Professor in a university (in the totally French-speaking part of Belgium - a previous project was turned out by the Flemish board members of another university) was enthusiastic and sent 2 people to his consultation to check the subjective efficiency. Jean-Pierre thinks this Professor will want to go on with more objective studies.

Followed a good discussion about research. IASK could fund IASK multi-national pilot projects which could then turn to the European Union for funding. There is a special meeting about research tomorrow and the Board will further develop its ideas also on the basis of what will come out of that meeting.

Presidency: Annemarie Goldschmidt told the members that the next Boardmeeting will also elect a new President because she was stepping down as she had announced last year.

Report drafted by Nicolette Peyre