

Minutes MCFD Annual General Meeting held on 18th November 2021 at the Professional Centre, Sliema Road, Gzira at 20:00hrs.

Full Members present: Dr Simone Deguara, Dr Ian Baldacchino.

Associate Members present: Dr Maria Grazia Grech

Board Members present: Dr Edward Zammit, Dr Dorothy Zammit, Dr Jason Bonnici, Dr Natalie Psaila, Dr Jean Karl Soler, Dr Anne Marie Scerri.

Total number of attendees in plenary: 9

Members eligible to vote present: 2

1. Reading of minutes of previous AGM

The minutes of AGM 2019, including amendments/corrections received by members, were forwarded to MCFD members in the call for this AGM covering the year 2020 and 2021. Dr Jason Bonnici read the minutes of AGM 2019.

2. Amendments and approval of minutes

Dr Simone Deguara and Dr Maria Grazia Grech proposed and seconded respectively the motion for approval.

A vote for the approval of the AGM 2019 minutes was taken as follows:

In favour: 2

The minutes were thus approved.

3. Matters Arising

Nil

4. Secretary's Report

Dr Jason Bonnici read the Secretary's reports for 2020 and 2021.

Comments:

Dr Jean Karl Soler showed appreciation for the work done, including drafting such reports. He pointed out that in the list of members the Honorary Secretary is listed at the tail end when by role it should be among the 3 higher positions of MCFD.

Dr Simone Deguara and Dr Ian Baldacchino proposed and seconded respectively the motion for approval.

A vote for the approval of the Secretary's report was taken as follows:

In favour: 2

As such the Secretary's report was approved.

5. President's Report

Dr Edward Zammit read the President's report.

Comments:

Dr Ian Baldacchino suggested that the public relations role can be taken up by a non-medical person.

Dr Simone Deguara and Dr Ian Baldacchino proposed and seconded respectively the motion for approval of the President's Report.

A vote for the approval of the President's report was taken as follows:

In favour: 2

As such the President's report was approved.

6. Treasurer's Report/Accounts

Dr Dorothy Zammit read the Treasurer's report and presented the Accounts of MCFD.

Comments:

Dr Jean Karl Soler pointed out that the deficit of the last year was due to one-off expenses – the update of the Curriculum for the Specialist Training Programme in Family Medicine and the new website. Both of these were needed.

Dr Ian Baldacchino and Dr Simone Deguara proposed and seconded respectively the motion for approval.

A vote for the approval of the Treasurer's report was taken as follows:

In favour: 2

As such the Treasurer's report was approved.

7. Approval of Accounts.

Accounts approved unanimously.

8. Appointment of Accountant/Auditor

Mr Rolan Micallef reappointed as auditor.

9. Appointment of Electoral Commissioners as per statute

Dr Mario Rizzo Naudi, Dr Jurgen Abela and Dr Rudolph Busuttill re-appointed as Electoral Commission.

10. Appointment of Subcommittee on Revision of statutes

Dr Jean Pierre Cauchi, Dr John Peter Gauci and Dr Jason Bonnici re-appointed on Subcommittee on Revision of Statutes.

11. Proposals for amendment of statute

No proposals reached the Honorary Secretary.

12. Appointment of Board of Fellows

No suggestions for members of the Board of Fellows were provided as the criteria have not been worked upon. It was aired that council should take forward the Board of Fellows as mentioned in the statutes by setting up the necessary criteria.

Other matters:

Dr Jean Karl Soler encouraged the Board of Fellows to meet to serve as a consultative forum for the MCFD when there is a need. The MCFD can suggest a list of things it wishes to consult about with the Fellows for the first meeting

Dr Ian Baldacchino updated on the framework of the host exchanges, including host practices, accommodation of the visiting doctor, and study leave.

Dr Anne Marie Scerri updated on the online meetings related to WONCA Europe and WONCA World, and on the upcoming nominations for elections for President-Elect Wonca World.

The AGM was concluded at 22.40 hours.