

WORLD SOCIETY OF INTRAVENOUS ANAESTHESIA

First call: 19th April, 2009 at 6.00 am – nobody present

Minutes of the Meeting of the General Assembly held on 24th April 2009 at Hotel Maritim, Stauffenbergstrasse 26, Berlin Germany, at 6.30 p.m.

The President, Q. Piacevoli, opens the General Assembly meeting and declares the meeting valid.

Agenda: Welcome message from the President

Next venue for the third World Congress :Santiago del Chile

Open T.C.I Project

New by law

Standing committees and special committees

Paediatric TCI representative

Evaluation memberships and new proposal for the constitution of the Board of Directors

President's Report to the General Assembly

Treasurer's Report to the General Assembly

- Financial report for the year 2008 (as at 31-12-2008)
- Budget 2009

Present: Q. Piacevoli, S. Schafer, P. Gambus, A. Del Gaudio, M. Struys, H. Seuk Yang, F. Guarracino, P. Roncucci, D. Ionescu, F. Auricchio, P. Amorim, F. Servin, V. Billard, K. Mason, V. Contrero Dominguez, P. Sepulveda, A. Absalom, T. Schnider, C. Gregoretti, F. Azzeri, W. Heinrichs, J. Primitivo Rendon, M. Sammartino

1. 2011 Meeting

SS reports the pros and cons of the meeting in Chile. Pros: Outstanding proposal from Pablo Sepulveda. Consistent with international agenda of World SIVA. Cons: currently projected deficit \$ 180,000.

Proposal: Dr. Sepulveda will work with Kenes to refine proposal to reduce budget deficit. Will evaluate at end of August, 2009. If deficit is not eliminated, will consider alternative venues - **APPROVED**

The General Assembly approved granting authority on finding an alternative site to the Board of Directors.

2. OPEN TCI PROJECTS

Multiple data sets have been posted for propofol and remifentanyl.

Over 100 registered members

Poll of membership overwhelming supported affiliation with World SIVA

Proposal: Incorporate the OPEN TCI Initiative into World SIVA, accepting the “ground rules” of the OPEN TCI Initiative - **APPROVED**

3. NEW BY LAW

Illustrated the main change (already approved by General Assembly in Venice): Article 3 declares that WS main purpose is to improve the safety and quality of intravenous anesthesia, with particular focus on developing countries and unmet medical needs.

This permits WS to qualify as an “association of public utility.”

4. OUTSTANDING COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES INTRAVENOUS ANESTHESIA PATIENT SAFETY COMMITTEE

World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesia has an initiative to focus on patient safety. Consistent with new bylaws

Paul Barach has expressed an interest in this, and is willing to be the chair.

Proposal: Form a standing committee on intravenous anesthesia patient safety, with Paul Barach as initial chair - **APPROVED**

5. PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE

Proposal: Further develop the safety and practice of intravenous anesthesia and sedation in pediatric patients - **APPROVED**

6. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET

Quick Summary of financial report made by PG

- a. 97 Euros
- b. 1597 Euros - Assets
- c. 1550 Euros - Revenues
- d. 753 Euros - Expenses
- e. Auditor’s statement read aloud.

Auditors noted that the organization is not allowed to maintain a negative net financial balance.

Proposals:

- QP proposes to increase the membership fee to € 100,00 - Not approved because members from third world countries could not afford such an amount
- The General Assembly agrees to find a mechanism to increase revenue to maintain the organization with a net positive balance.
- The General Assembly agrees that the organization recommend that membership be accompanied by a 40 Euro donation when possible-

- The General Assembly delegates to the Executive Committee the authority to determine and execute a plan to increase revenues over the next 2 years.

7. WORLDSIVA WEBSITE

Proposal:

- a.** General Assembly approves the World SIVA Web Site
- b.** Executive Committee is authorized to reimburse out-of-pocket expenses for site development and maintenance - **APPROVED**

8. WFSA ENDORSEMENT

Proposal: General Assembly to recognize WFSA endorsement - **RECOGNIZED**

9. MATTERS ARISING

Proposal: Appoint Philippe Mavoungou Board of Directors Representative for Africa - **APPROVED**

BOARD LIABILITY

Board Members are personally liable for liabilities of World SIVA

Proposal: The Executive Committee will explore alternative incorporation strategies to limit potential liability - **APPROVED**

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Proposal: Chairs of standing committees shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors- **APPROVED**

Meeting closes at 7.30 p.m.