



WORLD ASSOCIATION OF SOCIETIES OF PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE

MINUTES OF The Bureau of the World Association of Societies of Pathology And Laboratory Medicine

Miami Hall in Paradise Hotel
Busan, Korea
29 August 2003 – 3 September 2003

Mikio Mori, President
Presiding

August 29, 2003 (Friday) 09:00 – 17:00

Attending: Members of the Bureau

President	Dr. Mikio Mori	Japan
Secretary- Treasurer	Dr. Henry Travers	U.S.A.
Immediate Past President	Dr. Utz P. Merten	Germany
Executive Director	Dr. I. Sakurabayashi	Japan
Director-at- Large	Dr. Marilene Melo	Brazil
	Dr. Barrie Murphy	U. K.
	Dr. O.H. Kwon	Korea
	Dr. David Davies	Australia
	Dr. Michael Oellerich	Germany
	Dr. Marc-Andre Viollier	Switzerland

Guests

Mario Flavio Alcantara, M.D.	Brazil
Dr. Paul Raslavicus	U.S.A.
Dr. Gamze Mocan Kuzey	Turkey

Administrators of Secretariats

Dr. Robby Bacchus	U. K.
Dr. Alfred Hartmann	U.S.A.

Staff

Mr. Susumu Kanda	Japan
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Apologies for Absence

President Elect

Dr. Kenneth D. McClatchey

U.S.A.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Bureau was called to order at 0915 on 29 August 2003 by President Mikio Mori.

2. Review of Kyoto Bureau Minutes and Review of Status of Assigned Tasks

There were no corrections to the minutes. The status of tasks assigned in Kyoto is listed below:

TASK	ASSIGNED TO	STATUS
1. Obtain the complete list of society representatives	Travers	Complete
2. Convene the nominating committee; seek nominations	Merten	Complete
3. Develop a license/contract for use of the web site	Dash/Travers	Incomplete ¹
4. Engage a professional ISP to host the web site in the US	Dash	Complete
5. Establish and manage a COWSA forum on the web site	Hartmann	Incomplete ²
6. Write to WHO to obtain copyright permission to publish the WHO/WASPaLM ethics book on the web site	Mori	Complete
7. Obtain copies of the current book for Bureau members	Davies	Complete
8. Restructure the writing committee to revise the volume	Davies	Incomplete ³
9. Communicate with the Los Angeles Society of Pathologists regarding the Bhutan project to further determine what help WASPaLM can provide	Travers	Complete
10. Convey to Dr. Laurinavivius the action of the Bureau	Travers	Complete
11. With an attorney, develop the World Congress Contract	Travers	Incomplete
12. Develop a mechanism of publishing papers from the Busan World Congress	McClat/Kwon	Cancelled
13. Develop a budget and program proposal for the Secretariat for Countries in Need	Bacchus	Complete
14. Engage an attorney to complete incorporation of WASPaLM in the United States of America	Travers	Incomplete ⁴
15. Contact Dr. Murphy and Dr. Vollier to clarify the funding and control of the WPF	Merten/Mori	Complete

3. Review of Electronic Bureau Actions

a. Travel Policy

¹ In process. Will be completed before the end of 2003.

² In process. Will be completed before the end of 2003.

³ Under investigation regarding whether the book should be republished or whether a simplified "code of ethics" for WASPaLM should be developed.

⁴ In process. Articles of Incorporation being reviewed by attorney.

Action Item #1

The Bureau modified the travel policy to include the WPF President and Treasurer in addition to members of the Bureau.

Comment: Dr. Murphy discussed the reasons for modifying the policy. There was considerable discussion of his motion for the change, but it was passed unanimously. The budget implication of this decision is to add approximately US\$7,000 to the 2003 and 2004 travel budget.

b. Membership of National Pathology Group, South Africa

4. Report of the WASPaLM Officers

a. President (Dr. Mori)

Dr. Mori told the Bureau of his conversation with Dr. McClatchey regarding his illness and recovery and indicated that Dr. McClatchey would be able to assume his duties as President of WASPaLM shortly.

Dr. Mori reviewed the status of World Congress contracts, indicating that those for the World Congresses in Istanbul and Malaysia were being completed.

Discussion of the ALAPAC request for a joint statement regarding the common cold was deferred to later in the agenda.

b. President-Elect (Dr. McClatchey)

No report due to Dr. McClatchey's illness-related absence.

c. Secretary-Treasurer (Dr. Travers)

Dr. Travers presented four documents: income/expense, assets/liabilities, the latest general account statement and the Japanese account statement. These were reviewed by the Bureau (Appendix 1).

Action Item #2:

The Bureau requested the Secretary-Treasurer to maximize, as soon as possible, the income derived from depository funds of WASPaLM.

Comment. Bureau members noted that the interest derived from deposits in the Japanese account was only 0.2%. It was the desire of the Bureau to achieve at least an interest



rate of 3%. Dr. Travers indicated that the general account was not interest-producing.

5. Reports of the Directors-at-Large

South America (Dr. Melo)

Appendix 2.

Asia (Dr. Kwon)

Dr. Kwon briefly reported on activities regarding the 22nd World Congress.

Europe (Dr. Oellerich)

Dr. Oellerich reported on the formation of the German United Society and its goal to strengthen pathology and improve ties between laboratory medicine and pathology. He pointed out the opportunities to recruit additional societies to WASPaLM and asked for some help in providing materials to present to leaders of other European societies.

This request led to a discussion regarding the benefits that WASPaLM provides to its members (the web site, COWSA input to international standard setting, and educational meetings developed by Dr. Bacchus). Bureau members suggested additional items regarding benefits including the publication of a journal (Dr. Kwon), the formation of a commission dealing with the provision of services (Dr. Melo) and internet publication (Drs. Bacchus and Murphy). Dr. Merten emphasized WASPaLM's involvement in COWSA, particularly in regard to the WHO.

Australia (Dr. Davies)

Dr. Davies discussed trends in pathology in Australasia: adequacy of funding for nuclei acid testing methods; payment of royalties for patented tests; the danger of bureaucracies intruding in laboratory practice without sufficient understanding of the implications of their influence; the deficit of 1000 pathologists in Australasia; extension of accreditation of medical schools to training programs by the same organization; and decreased visibility of pathology as a discipline with the rise of "problem-based" undergraduate curricula.

Dr. Davies also discussed sponsorship for WASPaLM: the Royal College has been successful in attracting industry support for its Update format Annual scientific meeting. He suggests that integration of WASPaLM as a beneficiary into that process could be successful especially in relation to the proposed international congress for Sydney in 2009.



The Royal College journal "Pathology" would be happy to receive contributions from WASPaLM.

Drs, Mocan-Kuzey and Hartmann echoed the issues of regulation and payments in their respective countries. Dr. Bacchus spoke about the importance of relationships between WASPaLM and governments.

6. Review of WASPaLM Membership

Action Item #3.

The Bureau accepted the following societies into constituent membership:

- The German United Society of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine
- Foederatio Analyticorum Medicinalium Helveticorum (FAMH)
- Sociedad Uruguaya de Patologia Clinica
- Federacion Mexicana de Pathologia Clinica

Action Item #4.

The Bureau accepted the following society into associate society membership:

- Sociedad Boliviana de Patologia

The secretary-treasurer reported that all societies had paid their dues or had indicated a due date and all were members in good standing for 2003 (Appendix 3).

7. Review of the Election Ballot

Action Item #5.

The Bureau accepted the ballot as proposed with the following additions:

- Dr. Paul Raslavicus Director-at-Large for North America
- Dr. Tjaart Erasmus Director-at-Large for Africa

These nominees will be presented along with the remainder of the ballot to the House of Representatives on 1 September 2003.

8. On-going Current Projects

- a. Global Workshops (Dr. Bacchus). "Training the Trainers in Blood Transfusion" was presented in Sri Lanka. The course was successful and



well-received. The next session is scheduled for Vellore, India in association with the Christian Medical School. There is a request from West Africa. Dr. Bacchus requested permission to try to meet the needs of one country or region before moving on to other nations. Dr. Bacchus asked for suggestions for workshops in other nations. India and central Africa were suggested.

- b. Global Forensic Pathology Quality Assurance Program. This was reported upon at the House of Representatives meeting (1 September 2003). The program is no longer being pursued actively due to the lack of support from another society that had initially agreed to cooperate.

9. Review of Future World Congresses

- a. 2005: Istanbul, Turkey
Dr. Kuzey presented the materials regarding the World Congress in 2005.
- b. 2007: Malaysia
- c. 2009: Australasia.
Dr. Davies briefly reviewed the application for the World Congress.

Action Item #6.

The Bureau accepted the application of Australasia to host the 2009 World Congress

10. CIOMS Report

Dr. Travers reviewed in information received from CIOMS.

Action Item #7.

The Bureau appointed Dr. Utz Merten as the official representative from WASPaLM to CIOMS. This appointment carries with it *ex officio* membership in the Bureau.

Dr. Travers will notify the Secretary-General of CIOMS regarding this appointment.

11. WHO Report

Dr. Travers reviewed the documents regarding WHO's Revision of Non-Governmental Organizations Policies.

Action Item #8.

The Bureau endorsed and supported the policy proposed for WHO relationships with NGOs (56th World Health Assembly A56/46, provisional agenda item 21).

Action Item #9.

The Bureau appointed Dr. Utz Merten to receive and respond to items sent to WASPaLM by the WHO.

Action Item #10.

The Bureau set the following strategic initiative with respect to the relationship between WASPaLM and WHO:
WASPaLM will position itself to be the central organization to which WHO turns for information and direction in all matters related to pathology and laboratory medicine.

Dr. Merten will begin this process by representing WASPaLM at the 2004 General Assembly and inquiring of Dr. Heuck's successor. A Progress report is due from Dr. Merten at the next Bureau meeting with a full report due in two years.

Action Item #11.

The Bureau assigned the additional duty of representing WASPaLM at international meetings to Directors-at-Large.

The Bureau will require the secretary-treasurer to notify Directors at Large of opportunities to represent WASPaLM at international meetings with funding provided according to our travel policy. The Bureau encourages members to become more active in representing WASPaLM.

Action Item #12.

The Bureau declined the request from the Asociacion Latinoamericana de Patologia Clinica Medicina de Laboratorio (ALAPAC/ML) to support a resolution regarding "Worlds Day of Fight Against the Cold".

The Bureau discussed the resolution proposed by ALAPAC/ML to promote the use of masks to diminish the viral load causing the common cold. The Bureau noted an absence of persuasive scientific evidence that the use masks can achieve the effect proposed.

12. Reports of Categorical Secretariats and Discussion

SEQUA (Dr. Merten for Dr. Reinhauer)

Training courses in quality management for countries in need were presented in 2002 and 2003 in Dusseldorf. SEQUA contributed to EQA schemes in infectious disease immunology and the WHO brochure on laboratory screening and monitoring of diabetes.

Informatics (Dr. Travers for Dr. Dash)

Action Item #13.

The Bureau directly engaged Dr. Raj Dash as secretariat for informatics with the financial support necessary to complete and maintain the web site. The Bureau appointed Drs. Travers and Davies to assist Dr. Dash.

The CAP has withdrawn its support of the secretariat. Dr. Raslavicus described the reasons behind this action. Dr. Travers reported for Dr. Dash indicating that (a) the web site, hosted in the US, was technically complete; (b) logistically there are four areas of decision requiring Bureau input. Dr. Davis suggested the most urgent items for the web site include secure access to user modifiable data and making hyperlinks to all associated societies and to the publications of those societies. Dr. Travers will arrange for transfer of funds from CAP back to WASPaLM. The Bureau discussed using the WASPaLM web site for countries to “post” their needs on the web site and a resource list of individuals or organizations who can help.

COWSA (Dr. Hartmann)

There was no COWSA activity regarding clinical laboratory standards. Dr. Merten will discuss the WHO Working Group on Anemia with Dr. Reinhauer to see if there are opportunities for COWSA. Dr. Hartmann had no additional information to report.

Pathology for Countries in Need (Dr. Bacchus)

The report of this secretariat is largely contained in information presented earlier (see item 8a).

Action Item #14.

The Bureau modified the name of the Secretariat for Pathology for Countries in Need to the Secretariat for Pathology Education for Countries in Need.



Education

Action Item #15.

The Bureau abolished the Secretariat for Education.

Ethics (Dr. Mori)

WHO will not provide an answer of copyright permission to publish the pathology ethics manual on the web. There was discussion regarding adopting some general ethical statements. Statements of the Australian Medical Association and the American Medical Association will be distributed to the Bureau.

13. Proposed Constitutional/Bylaws Changes

Action Item #16.

The Bureau modified the proposal for modifying Bylaws chapter 6 section 6 (Appendix 4).

14. World Pathology Foundation

Dr. Murphy discussed the transfer of funds from Switzerland to another country. For a variety of reasons, the funds remain in Switzerland. The Swiss charities have tightened regulations regarding charitable funds on deposit in Swiss banks. The WFP has responded to these regulations by updating information on fill with Swiss Charities regarding WASPaLM. The investment return of funds has improved over the last few months and Gordon Signey fellowships continue at the rate of 1 to 2 per year. The purpose of the latter is not to provide further academic degrees to awardees, but rather to expose awardees to techniques that will enhance their practices locally. Dr. Murphy described the relationship between WASPaLM and WPF.

15. House of Representatives Meeting Agenda and Reports

The Bureau reviewed the agenda and the election ballot. A report from the WPF was added to the agenda.

16. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Bureau is undecided pending consultation with Dr. McClatchey. The meeting will be held in the United States. The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Mori at 5 PM.

29 August 2003

Henry Travers, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer



ASSIGNMENT OF TASKS FROM THE MEETING OF THE BUREAU

INCOMPLETE TASKS FROM 2002

1. Develop a license/contract for use of the web site
2. Establish and manage a COWSA forum on the web site
3. Restructure the writing committee to revise the volume
4. Complete incorporation of WASPaLM in the United States

ASSIGNED TO

Dash/Travers
Hartmann
Davies
Travers

NEW TASKS

1. Revise and distribute the new travel policy
2. Revise and distribute the new 2004 budget
3. Take steps necessary to maximize return on depository funds
4. Notify the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia of the Bureau's decision regarding the 2009 World Congress
5. Notify CIOMS of Dr. Merten's appointment
6. Make additional changes to the web site
7. Distribute ethics codes from the American Medical Association and the Australian Medical Association to the Bureau
8. Letter to WHO regarding Dr. Heuck's prior position

ASSIGNED TO

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Dash/Travers/Davies

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Travers/McClatchey

Appendix 1: TREASURER'S REPORT

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Appendix 1: TREASURER'S REPORT

Assets and Liabilities

Item	Category	Amount	Comments
	Assets		
	Cash on Hand	\$856,686.07	General + Cash Account
	Computer equipment	\$3,000.00	
	Accounts Receivable	\$800.00	
	TOTAL	\$860,486.07	
	Liabilities		
	Accounts Payable	\$0.00	
	Countries in Need	\$15,000.00	
	2003 Busan Meeting	\$3,500.00	Estimated
	TOTAL	\$18,500.00	
	Net Worth	\$841,986.07	

		Income and Expense		
Item	Category	Amount	Comments	2004 Budget
	Income			
	Dues	\$9,074.50		\$9,500.00
	Corporate Sponsorships	\$52,000.00		\$52,000.00
	Interest	\$1,149.43		\$1,000.00
	Other	\$700.00	Cufflink/Tie Sale	
	TOTAL	\$62,923.93		\$62,500.00
	Expenses			
	Travel	\$5,246.00		\$36,000.00
	Bureau: Room Charges	\$0.00		\$3,500.00
	Bureau: Food	\$0.00		\$1,500.00
	Bureau: Miscellaneous	\$0.00		\$500.00
	Legal/Accounting	\$5,415.71		\$5,000.00
	Bank Fees	\$2,197.01		\$2,200.00
	Dues/Memberships	\$750.00		\$375.00
	Secretariats			
	Informatics	**	Approx. \$10,000 remains in budget	\$0.00
	Countries in Need	\$24,000.00		\$15,000.00
	Administrative Office	\$2,000.00		\$2,500.00
	Treasurer's Office	\$50.00		\$150.00
	World Pathology Found	\$1,500.00		\$0.00
	TOTAL	\$41,158.72		\$66,725.00
	EXCESS INCOME	\$21,765.21		(\$4,225.00)



July 2003 Income-Expense Statement

Category/Date	Type	Source/Payee	Description	Amount
Cash Account				
7/17/2003		Opening Balance		\$181,924.64
Expenses				
6/27/2003		Wire Transfer Charge		\$11.00
7/7/2003		Wire Transfer Charge		\$11.00
7/12/2003		Sidley Austin Brown & Wood		\$292.50
6/3/2003		COIMS		\$375.00
Total Expenses				\$689.50
Income				
3/27/2003		Korean Society	2003 Dues	\$400.00
5/19/2003		Uruguan Society	2003 Dues	\$395.00
Total Income				\$795.00
Current Balance			7/17/2003	\$182,030.14
Cash Flows				
		TOTAL INFLOWS		\$795.00
		TOTAL OUTFLOWS		\$689.50
Net Cash Flow		TOTAL		\$105.50
General Acct (Japan)				
		Opening Balance		\$674,686.93
		Deposits		\$0.00
		Expenditures		\$0.00
		Closing Balance	Jul-03	\$674,686.93
Total (All Accounts)				
		NET BALANCE ON HAND***	Jul-03	\$856,717.07

***The General Account is totaled at the end of each month; the closing date of the cash account is mid-month. Thus the Total of all accounts is not exactly accurate as of the last day of the month.



Appendix 2

REPORT OF DIRECTOR AT LARGE FROM SOUTH AMÉRICA

Dra. Marilene Melo

a) Communication - There were intense communication with the Clinical Pathology Societies of Latin American countries by e-mail and phone.

b) Representing Dr. Mikio Mori

At XVI Latin American and XXXII Mexican Congress of Clinical Pathology on November 2002. Latin American Clinical Pathologists became grateful and honored with this representative and wishing to be Constituent Society of WASPaLM.

I had several opportunities to speak about the work of WASPaLM and to explain its international affairs.

In the meeting of Latin American Bureau was elected for President of ALAPACaLM: Dr. José Carreón Moldíz from Bolivia. The present permanent Secretary of ALAPACaLM is Dr. Ricardo H. Pacheco Román from Mexico.

In this meeting it was approved an important document: Letter of Acapulco - Mexico. The Societies of Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico, Rep. Dominican, Uruguay and Peru made an important document and agreed on: LETTER OF ACAPULCO MÉXICO.

- 1- It is important to provide technical upbringing to Clinical Pathologists
- 2- Clinical Pathology is a Medical Speciality which contributes to physical, psychological and social well being of the population on what concerns diagnosis, treatment and prevention.
- 3- The Government shall respect the International rules of this practice.
- 4- It is necessary for the doctors to have a Specialist Title of Clinical Pathology in order to practise it.
- 5- The Clinical Laboratories shall be run by Doctors who have a degree on Clinical Pathology.
- 6- The name of the speciality shall be kept like the one of WASPaLM adding Laboratory Medicine (WASPaLM).
- 7- To incentivate and to protect National Industry of laboratories reagents and materials.

c) Accreditation

In the next Brazilian congress that will be held on September 24-27 - Rio de Janeiro it will happen II Latin American Forum of Accreditation with the participation of Clinical Pathologists invited by SBPC (Brazilian Society) from Brazil, Bolovia, Peru, Colombia, Argentina, Mexico and Uruguay.

In Brasil there are more than 200 accredited laboratories, some of them by 2 or 3 different organisms PALC (SBPC), CAP (College of American Pathology) ISO 9000 and DICQ (S. Anal. Clin. Pharm.). We intend to stimulate the Accreditation among all the Latin American Societies.



d) Participation of WASPaLM in Latin American Congresses

Dr. Kenneth McClatchey - President Elect of WASPaLM. will be present and will give a Lecture at Brazilian Congress - Rio de Janeiro - on September 24 to 27 2003 and at Mexican Congress of Clinical Pathology - Vera Cruz - Mexico on October 29 to November 02/2003.

e) Director at Large from South America 2003 - 2005

As Dr. Ramón Suarez (Uruguay) cannot go to Korea we proposed Dr. Mário Flávio Leme Paes e Alcantara to be the new Director at Large from South America. Dr. Mario was President of Brazilian Society and was President of ALAPACaLM too. He was very pleased and honored with this invitation and comes to Korea with great enthusiasm.



Appendix 3

WASPaLM Societies: August 2003

Society	Country	Category	Dues Current	Contact
The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia	AUSTRALIA	Constituent Society	Paid	Responded
Osterreichische Gesellschaft für Laboratoriumsmedizin	AUSTRIA	Constituent Society	Paid	Responded
Sociedad Boliviana de Patología	BOLIVIA	Associate Society	Not Applicable	No Response
Sociedade Brasileira de Patologia Clínica/Medicina Laboratorial	BRAZIL	Constituent Society	Paid	Responded
Institut für Standardisierung und Dokumentation im Medizinischen Laboratorium e.V.	GERMANY	Constituent Society	Paid	No Response
Berufsverband Deutscher Laborärzte e.V.	GERMANY	Constituent Society	Paid	No Response
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Laboratoriumsmedizin e.V.	GERMANY	Constituent Society	Merged	Responded
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Qualitätssicherung im Medizinischen Laboratorium e.V.	GERMANY	Constituent Society	Paid	No Response
Deutsche Vereinigte Gesellschaft für Klinische Chemie und Laboratoriumsmedizin e.V.	GERMANY	Constituent Society	Pending	Responded
Indonesian Association of Clinical Pathology	INDONESIA	Associate Society	Not Applicable	No Response
Associazione Italiana Patologi Clinici	ITALY	Constituent Society	Paid	Responded
Società Italiana de Medicina di Laboratorio	ITALY	Constituent Society	Paid	Responded
Japanese Association of Clinical Laboratory Physicians	JAPAN	Constituent Society	Paid	Responded
Japanese Society of Laboratory Medicine	JAPAN	Constituent Society	Paid	Responded
The Korean Society for Laboratory Medicine	KOREA	Constituent Society	Paid	No Response
College of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine Malaysia	MALAYSIA	Constituent Society	Paid	No Response
Mongolian Association of Laboratory Medicine	MONGOLIA	Corresponding Society	Not Applicable	Responded
National Pathology Group of South Africa	SOUTH AFRICA	Constituent Society	Pending	Responded
Foederatio Analyticorum Medicinalium Helveticorum (FAMH)	SWITZERLAND	Constituent Society	Pending	Responded
Taiwan Society of Clinical Pathologists	TAIWAN, R.O.C.	Constituent Society	Paid	No Response
The Royal College of Pathologists of Thailand	THAILAND	Associate Society	Not Applicable	No Response
Ankara Society of Pathologists	TURKEY	Constituent Society	Paid	Responded
Turkish Society of Clinical Biochemistry	TURKEY	Constituent Society	Paid	Responded
Turkish Microbiological Society	TURKEY	Constituent Society	Pending-Sept 03	No Response
The Royal College of Pathologists	UNITED KINGDOM	Constituent Society	Paid	Responded
College of American Pathologists	UNITED STATES of AMERICA	Constituent Society	Paid	Responded
American Society of Clinical Pathology	UNITED STATES of AMERICA	Corresponding Society	Not Applicable	Responded
Sociedad Uruguaya de Patología Clínica	URUGUAY	Constituent Society	Paid	Responded



Appendix 4

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BUSAN, KOREA 1 SEPTEMBER 2003

The following changes to the Bylaws are proposed to either correct or clarify sections in the current Bylaws. Below the original wording is listed in **Times New Roman type** followed by the proposed change in **Arial type**.

1. Chapter 2 Section 4:

Current Wording

Corporate Sponsorship in the World Association may be terminated by two-thirds vote of the Bureau for failure to pay contributions within a period of 365 days after contributions are due or for actions contrary to the purposes of the World.

Proposed Change

The word "Association" is missing at the end of the section. The proposed change simply adds the word at the end of the section.

2. Chapter 6, Section 6:

Current Wording

In cases of tie votes or contested elections, nominees are elected by the House by secret ballot. If a World Congress is being held at the time of the elections, the names of those elected will be certified to the House by the President of the World Association at the opening session of the House held at a World Congress.

Proposed Changes

In cases of tied votes, nominees are elected by the House by secret ballot.

Explanation

The meaning of "contested elections" was not clear in the original and the phrase "nominees are elected by the House" did not specify where those "nominees" came from.

3. Chapter 10, Section 2:

Current Wording

No later than the first day in March of each year, the Secretary-Treasurer will send to each Corporate Sponsor a statement for its contribution. Contributions are due to the Secretary-Treasurer on or before the thirty-first day of May in each year.

Proposed Change

Contributions from Corporate Sponsors are solicited annually by the Administrative Office and are due before the thirty-first day of May in each year.



Explanation

The Secretary-Treasurer is not currently performing this function. Since all corporate sponsors are currently in Japan, it makes some sense to keep the solicitations as part of the Administrative Office.

The procedure for amending the bylaws, specified in the current bylaws, is quoted below. In order to amend the bylaws at Busan, we must vote, as a house of representatives, to suspend the normal procedure and vote on the amendments in Busan. If that is not satisfactory to the Representatives, we will then follow the procedure below.

CHAPTER 15: AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. These Bylaws may be amended by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the Constituent Societies voting through the House of Representatives as described in Section 2 of this Chapter.

SECTION 2. Amendments may be proposed in writing either by the Bureau or by Constituent Societies. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Bureau through the Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer will distribute in writing or by electronic means, to the Constituent Societies, through the House of Representatives, the proposed amendment(s) with any commentary that might be added by the Bureau. Constituent Societies will have ninety days from the date of distribution to vote through their representatives in the House on the amendment(s). Ballots, signed by the President of each voting Constituent Society, are sent to the Secretary-Treasurer who will tabulate them and publish the results.

SECTION 3. Approved amendments shall take effect immediately upon publication of voting results. The revised Bylaws will be published immediately on the World Association Web Site.