

**PACIFIC RIM COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, 3 November 2016

13:00 – 17:30

Kaohsiung Exhibition Center (VIP Room)

**Present:** Prof Tsuyoshi Akiyama, Dr Isao Asai, Prof Mian Yoon Chong, Dr Julian Freidin, Prof Soma Ganesan, Prof Helen Herrman, Prof Hai-Gwo Hwu, Prof Ee Heok Kua, Prof Min Soo Lee, Prof Hiram Mok, Prof Philip Morris, Prof Chee Ng, Prof Yong Chon Park, Prof Edmond Pi, Dr Alan Teo, Prof Pichet Udomratn, Prof Helen Fung Kum Chiu, Prof Paul Leung

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**Absent:** Dr Susanna Every-Palmer, Prof Tao Li, Prof Ma Hong, Prof Shinji Shimodera, Dr Graham Mellsop, Prof Hussain Habil, Prof Ling-Jiang Li, Prof Michelle Riba, Prof Allan Tasman (9)

1. Welcome and Quorum

Prof Helen Herrman called the meeting to order at 13:00, welcomed members of the Board, asked the members to introduce themselves briefly and declared a quorum.

2. Apology

Prof Akiyama reported that Prof Tao Li, Prof Allan Tasman and Prof Ma Hong had sent apology and that Dr Graham Mellsop had withdrawn from membership. Dr Susanna Every-Palmer, Prof Hussain Habil, Prof Ling-Jiang Li, Prof Michelle Riba and Prof Shinji Shimodera were absent from the meeting.

3. Approval of 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes of 2014 Board meeting was submitted and approved with an addition of Prof Ee Heok Kua's family name.

4. 17<sup>th</sup> PRCP meeting in Kaohsiung

Prof Mian Yoon Chong reported on the 17<sup>th</sup> PRCP meeting. Registration is over 340 already and around 600 participants from 24 countries is expected. Pharmaceutical company's support is less. Prof Chong secured supports from various network, including city government and monastery. Scientific program is very full. 600 participants from 24 countries are expected and the

oral and poster presentations will be around 400. Some financial surplus is expected. Prof Chong was asked to prepare some memorandum for future reference.

#### 5. President's Report

Prof Herrman reported on the success of Kaohsiung meeting and the PRCP activities during the two years, including workshop by Prof Tao Li and development of collaboration with AFPA. There was some discussion on the future development of the PRCP.

#### 6. Withdrawal of Board Members

Prof Akiyama reported on the withdrawal of Dr Graham Mellso, Prof Helen Fung Kum Chiu, Prof Paul Leung, Prof Ling Jiang Li, Prof Michelle Riba and Prof Allan Tasman from the board. Prof Herrman expressed thanks to withdrawing board members on behalf of the board.

#### 7. Membership Dues and Update

Prof Akiyama reported on the summary of membership between 2014 and 2016. Prof Jun Nakamura (Japan) was approved as new emeritus member. Prof Helen Chiu will confirm Prof Tao Li's intention to continue membership. The secretariat will send email to notify the termination of membership within 3 month, while copying to the board members in the region.

#### 8. Financial Report

Dr Freidin reported on financial summary between 2012 and 2016. While the PRCP expects deficit biennial budget, for 2017 budget secretariat (salary and transportation) expense should be decreased to USD 8,000 and website, credit card and other office related expenses to USD 1,500.

#### 9. Election of Board Members

Prof Akiyama submitted a slate of the current board members who would agree to continue serving on the board. The nominees were all unanimously approved. The continuing board members are Prof Tsuyoshi Akiyama, Prof Itsuo Asai, Prof Mian Yoon Chong, Dr Susanna Every-Palmer, Dr Julian Freidin, Prof Soma Ganesan, Prof Ma Hong, Prof Hai Gwo Hwu, Prof Ee Heok Kua, Prof Min Soo Lee, Prof Tao Li, Prof Hiram Mok, Prof Philip Morris, Prof Chee Ng, Prof Yong Chon Park, Prof Edmond Pi, Prof Shinji Shimodera, Prof Alan Teo and Prof Pichet Udomratn. Prof Helen Herrman serves as

Immediate Past President.

The board elected Prof Nor Zuraida Binti Zainal, Prof Narei Hong, Prof Susan Shur-Fen Gau, Dr Shaohua Lu as new board members. The board may take an exceptional procedure to elect additional board members after the general assembly.

10. Election of Secretary General

Prof Tsuyoshi Akiyama was elected as Secretary General.

11. Election of Treasurer

Dr Julian Freidin was elected as Treasurer

12. Election of Vice Presidents

Prof Tao Li, Prof Yong Chon Park, and Prof Edmond Pi were elected as Vice President.

13. Election of President-Elect

Prof Mian Yoon Chong was elected as President-Elect.

14. Newsletter Planning

Prof Philip Morris agreed to take charge of newsletter.

15. Asia –Pacific Psychiatry Journal

Prof Chee Ng and Prof Helen Chiu reported on the development of the journal, including recent impact factor. There was some discussion about the future planning as well.

16. PRCP Future Plans

At the biennial meeting we may plan on workshop with a separate fee and how we can increase the income by encouraging people to become PRCP members. The implication of the collaboration between PRCP and AFPA was also discussed. Increase of membership, hopefully also from South America,. strategic partnership with organizations, strategic planning of conference and reflection of scope to engage early career generation were discussed.

17. 18<sup>th</sup> PRCP Meeting in 2018

Myanmar and China were discussed as venue for 18<sup>th</sup> PRCP meeting in 2018.

Prof Chiu, Prof Udomratn, Dr Freidin and Prof Akiyama agreed to create a meeting proposal template by the end of November. Board members will pay for the registration fee and the accommodation.

18. 19<sup>th</sup> PRCP Meeting in 2020

We thanked Prof. Morris for his kind offer but advise him to consider hosting in 2020 which he finally agrees.

19. Other business

There was no other business.

20. Next meeting

In September 2017 there will be PRCP symposium at 5<sup>th</sup> Asian conference of schizophrenia research.