

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

Thursday, 28 October 2010  
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (Room M9)

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Prof Fumitaka Noda (President), Prof Ee Heok Kua (President-elect), Prof Chee Ng (Treasurer), Prof Tsuyoshi Akiyama (Secretary General), Prof Phillip Morris (Vice President), Prof Min Soo Lee (Vice President), Prof Helen Fung Kum Chiu, Prof Francis Lu, Prof Xiao Zeping, Dr Graham Mellsop, Prof Soma Ganesan, Prof Helen Herrman (12)

**Absent:** Shimpei Inoue, Michelle Riba, Allan Tasman, Min-Been Lee, Pichet Udomratn, Mohamad Habil, Paul Leung, Ling-Jiang Li (8)

**Others present:** Mr. Anthony Fowke, President of the World Federation of Mental Health

1. Welcome and Quorum (Prof Fumitaka Noda, President)  
Prof Fumitaka Noda called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m., welcomed members of the Board and declared a quorum.
2. Confirmation of Minutes of PRCP Board Meeting held October 2008  
The Board approved the minutes without correction.
3. 14<sup>th</sup> PRCP Scientific Meeting, Brisbane, Australia  
Prof Phillip Morris presented a short report on the Brisbane meeting. The Board expressed its appreciation to Prof Morris for the fact that the meeting was successfully organized in a limited time. It was decided to distribute membership application forms at the meeting registration desk. The possibility of lowering registration fees for PRCP members and non-psychiatrist participants in the future was discussed.
4. Asia-Pacific Psychiatry Journal  
Prof Kua reported on progress with the Asia-Pacific Psychiatry Journal. Prof Kua noted the need for a hyperlink to the journal from the PRCP Web site. The PRCP should advertise more explicitly that it accepts submissions from non-members. Plenary speeches will appear in the journal. More reviewers are needed to facilitate the review process. The Board thanked Prof Ee Heok Kua, Prof Edmond Chiu and Prof Allan Tasman for their excellent work editing the journal.
5. President's Report (Prof Fumitaka Noda)  
Prof Noda reported on the PRCP Cambodia seminar, which was held in November 2009. This was the first attempt by the PRCP to provide assistance in a developing country. The project experienced some logistics difficulties. Board members discussed whether this kind of project is sustainable for the PRCP in conjunction with the PRCP mid-term planning perspectives. The need for partnership with motivated psychiatrists in Cambodia

and WHO was discussed. The Board approved creation of an international contribution committee, chaired by Prof Ee Heok Kua, in order to follow up on this issue. Prof Min Soo Lee, Prof Soma Ganesan, Prof Francis Lu, Prof Fumitaka Noda and Prof Phillip Morris agreed to be committee members.

6. Presentation by Anthony Fowke

Mr. Anthony Fowke, President of the World Federation of Mental Health, described the organization and its activities, and spoke with board members.

7. Retirement of Board Members (Prof Tsuyoshi Akiyama)

Two members are retiring from the board: Prof Mohamad Habil and Prof Ming Bee Lee. The retirement of Prof Kyu Hang Lee was also confirmed. The Board thanked these members for their many years of distinguished services to the PRCP, and decided to send certificates of appreciation to each of them.

8. President-elect's Report (Prof Ee Heok Kua)

Prof Kua suggested that the PRCP hold small meetings in between its biennial meetings; these meetings would focus on Key Performance Indicators. Prof Kua also expressed his hope of attracting more participants, both academic and non-academic, to meetings. The Board hopes to organize seminars for early-career psychiatrists, as well as "train the trainer" seminars.

9. Membership Report (Prof Tsuyoshi Akiyama)

Prof Akiyama reported on the current state of membership. The Board agreed to remove from the PRCP membership list those members with dues outstanding from 2006 or earlier. Several of these members were recognized as candidates for Fellow Emeriti/ae. The secretariat will send a letter to these members. The secretariat was asked to contact 18 Chinese members, who are on the list based on a donation made in 2005, to pay membership dues from now.

10. Financial Report (Prof Chee Hong Lee)

Prof Chee Hong Ng submitted a financial report for 2009 and January – September 2010. There was active discussion on how to improve the collection of membership dues and on the general health of PRCP finances.

11. Web Site Planning

Prof Akiyama will act as contact person for suggestions related to the PRCP Web site, such as updates, a hyperlink to the journal, conference and activity reports, use of video, and a password-protected page for members. Prof Zeping Xiao, Prof Francis Lu and Prof Helen Chiu agreed to act as advisors for the Web site. The Board also approved asking a number of early-career psychiatrists to make suggestions for the Web site.

12. Election of Board Members

Prof Ee Heok Kua moved to reelect the following 18 members to the Board: Helen Herrman (Australia), Phillip Morris (Australia), Ling Jiang Li (China), Helen Chiu (Hong Kong), Shimpei Inoue (Japan), Fumitaka Noda (Japan), Graham Mellsop (New Zealand),

Pichet Udomratn (Thailand), Michelle Riba (USA), Allan Tasman (USA), Paul Leung (USA), Francis Lu (USA), Min Soo Lee (Korea), Chee Hong Ng (Australia), Tsuyoshi Akiyama (Japan), Zeping Xiao (China), Soma Ganesan (Canada), and Ee Heok Kua (Singapore). The motion was seconded by Helen Herrman, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Prof Ee Heok Kua moved to newly elect the following five persons to the Board: Tao Li (China), Yong Chon Park (Korea), Julian Freiden (Australia), Hai Gwo Hwa (Taiwan), and Mian Yoon Chong (Taiwan). The motion was seconded by Helen Herrman, and unanimously approved by the Board.

#### 13. Election of President for 2012

Prof Ee Heok Kua moved to elect Prof Min Soo Lee as President for the 2012 – 2014 term. The motion was seconded by Helen Herrman, and unanimously approved by the Board.

#### 14. Election of Treasurer

Prof Ee Heok Kua moved to reelect Prof Chee Hong Ng as Treasurer for the 2010 – 2012 Board term. The motion was seconded by Helen Herrman, and unanimously approved by the Board.

#### 15. Election of Secretary General

Prof Ee Heok Kua moved to reelect Prof Tsuyoshi Akiyama as Secretary General for the 2010 – 2012 Board term. The motion was seconded by Helen Herrman, and unanimously approved by the Board.

#### 16. Election of Vice Presidents

Prof Ee Heok Kua moved to elect Prof Zeping Xiao and Prof Soma Ganesan as Vice Presidents for the 2010 – 2012 Board term. The motion was seconded by Helen Herrman, and unanimously approved by the Board.

#### 17. Revision of By-laws

##### 17.1 Location of office

Prof Akiyama moved to amend Article I, Section 2 of the By-laws, to read Tokyo, Japan, from the previous Melbourne, Austria. The motion was seconded by Prof Phillip Morris, and approved unanimously.

##### 17.2 Dues

Prof Akiyama moved to amend Article III, Section 3 of the By-laws, to read 24 months, from the previous 36 months. The motion was seconded by Prof Phillip Morris, and approved unanimously.

##### 17.3 Board of Directors

Prof Akiyama moved to amend Article V, Section 2 of the By-laws by inserting “between” after “The number of Directors shall be.” The motion was seconded by Prof Phillip Morris, and approved unanimously.

#### 17.4 Board of Directors

Prof Akiyama moved to amend Article V, Section 2 of the By-laws by adding the sentence, “The years served as officer shall not be counted as the tenure of Director.” The motion was seconded by Prof Phillip Morris, and approved unanimously.

These proposals will be presented for approval at the next General Meeting.

#### 18. 15<sup>th</sup> PRCP Scientific Meeting (2012)

Prof Min Soo Lee confirmed the dates of the 15<sup>th</sup> PRCP Scientific Meeting as October 25 (Thursday) to 27 (Saturday), 2012, in Seoul, Korea. There was a request to consider establishing a different registration fee for non-psychiatrist participants.

#### 19. 16<sup>th</sup> PRCP Scientific Meeting (2013)

Prof Kua moved that the scientific meeting be held annually, rather than biennially. The motion was seconded by Prof Akiyama, and approved unanimously. Prof Zeping Xiao agreed to host the 16<sup>th</sup> PRCP Scientific Meeting in 2013 in Shanghai, China.

#### 20. 17<sup>th</sup> PRCP Scientific Meeting (2014)

Prof Soma Ganesan agreed to host the 17<sup>th</sup> PRCP Scientific Meeting in 2014 in Vancouver, Canada.

#### 21. Other Business

There was no other business.

#### 22. Next Meeting

There was no discussion of the next meeting.

#### 23. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. on October 28, 2010.