

**PACIFIC RIM COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS
GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday 27 October 2012
Sheraton Grande Walkerhill, Seoul (Great Room)

MINUTES

Present: Prof Ee Heok Kua (President), Prof Min Soo Lee (President Elect), Prof Tsuyoshi Akiyama (Secretary General), Prof Fumitaka Noda (Past President), Prof Philip Morris, Prof Helen Fung Kum Chiu, Prof Francis Lu, Prof Helen Herrman, Prof Yong Chon Park, Prof Yu Xin, Dr Julian Freiden, Prof Mian Yoon Chong, Prof Paul Leung, Dr Robin Parker, Prof Shimepi Inoue, Prof Shimpei Inoue, Dr Yael Sne

1. Welcome and Quorum

At 12:10 Prof Kua called the meeting to order, welcomed members and declared a quorum.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for 2010 Brisbane general meeting was submitted and approved.

3. President's Report

Prof Kua reported on the meetings held in Shanghai and Kuala Lumpur and emphasized the significance of collaboration through PRCP.

4. Membership dues and updates

Prof Akiyama reported on the summary of membership between 2010 and 2012. Reduced membership fee for junior psychiatrists was discussed.

5. Financial Report

On behalf of Prof Ng, Prof Kua reported on financial reports between 2010 and 2012. There was discussion how the PRCP could use the increased asset / income and there was a general agreement that support to journal and creation of award would be considered as possibilities. During discussion a request was made for the secretariat to send an email to every member to remind the recent news of the PRCP.

6. Asia-Pacific Psychiatry Journal

Prof Helen Chiu reported on the recent impact factor of the journal and financial difficulty as reported by the publisher.

7. Bylaw amendments

Prof Akiyama moved eight bylaw amendments. The motions were all approved with one change to replace "mental health professionals" with "mental health experts" for the amendment of Articles II "Member" Section 1 (e).

A proposal on distinguished fellow status with revision of status description for fellow and member by Prof Allan Tasman was discussed. The Executive Committee will

prepare a proposal on this issue.

8. Retirement of Board Members

Prof Akiyama reported on the retirement of Prof Xiao Zeping and Prof Shimpei Inoue from the board.

9. Election of Board Members

Prof Kua submitted a slate of the 18 board member nominees. The nominees were all unanimously approved. The newly elected board members are Prof Ma Hong, Dr Hiram Mok and Prof Shinji Shimodera. The continuing board members are Prof Helen Chiu, Prof Mian Yoon Chong, Prof Hussain Habil, Prof Hai Gwo Hwu, Prof Paul Leung, Prof Ling Jiang Li, Prof Francis Lu, Dr Graham Mellsop, Prof Philip Morris, Prof Chee Ng, Prof Fumitaka Noda, Prof Yong Chon Park, Prof Michelle Riba, Prof Allan Tasman and Prof Pichet Udomratn. Prof Ee Heok Kua serves as Immediate Past President.

10. Election of New Officers

Prof Kua submitted a slate of the 7 new officer nominees. The nominees were all unanimously approved. The new officers are Prof Min Soo Lee as President, Prof Helen Herrman as President Elect, Prof Soma Ganesan and Prof Tao Li as Vice President, Dr Julian Freidin as Treasurer and Prof Tsuyoshi Akiyama as Secretary General.

11. 16th PRCP Meeting

On behalf of Prof Ganesan, Prof Kua reported on the preparation for the 16th PRCP meeting in Vancouver.

12. 17th PRCP Meeting

Prof Herrman commented on the 17th PRCP Meeting. There was discussion the merit and demerit of organizing PRCP meeting in conjunction with a national psychiatric meeting.

13. New Business

Prof Kua expressed appreciation to all that have been actively engaged in the PRCP activities and Prof Helen Chiu thanked to Prof Kua and the outgoing officers on behalf of the general meeting.