

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

Wednesday, 24 October 2012

Sheraton Grande Walkerhill, Seoul, (Room Presidio)

**Present:** Prof Ee Heok Kua (President), Prof Min Soo Lee (President-elect), Prof Soma Ganesan (Vice President), Prof Fumitaka Noda (Past President), Prof Tsuyoshi Akiyama (Secretary General), Prof Shimpei Inoue, Prof Philip Morris, Prof Helen Fung Kum Chiu, Prof Francis Lu, Dr Graham Mellsoy, Prof Helen Herrman, Prof Pichet Udomratn, Prof Haigo Hwu, Prof Yong Chon Park, Dr Julian Freidin, Prof Tao Li (16)

**Absent:** Prof Mian Yoon Chong, Prof Hussain Habil, Prof Paul Leung, Prof Ling-Jiang Li, Prof Chee Ng, Prof Michelle Riba, Prof Allan Tasman (7)

1. Welcome and Quorum

Prof Kua called the meeting to order at 16:30, welcomed members of the Board and declared a quorum.

2. Apology

Prof Kua reported that Prof Chong, Prof Habil, Prof Leung, Prof Li, Prof Ng, Prof Riba and Prof Tasman had sent apology.

3. Approval of 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes of 2010 Board meeting was submitted and approved.

4. 15<sup>th</sup> PRCP Scientific Meeting, Seoul, Korea

Prof Lee and Prof Park reported on the Seoul meeting. The Board expressed its deep appreciation to Prof Lee and Prof Park for the most successful meeting in the PRCP history.

5. President's Report

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

6. Retirement of Board Members

Prof Akiyama reported that Prof Xiao Zeping and Prof Shimpei Inoue would retire from the board. Prof Inoue expressed appreciation for all of his PRCP related activities and the board expressed its appreciation for Prof Inoue's contribution.

7. Membership dues and updated

Prof Akiyama reported on membership between 2010 and 2012 with the lists of members according to the payment status. There took place discussion on the feasibility for some members to be recommended as Emeritus and a need for the secretariat to send reminders to the members with outstanding dues.

The secretariat would send such reminders soon.

8. Financial Report

On behalf of Prof Ng, Prof Kua reported on the financial reports between 2010 and 2012. There was discussion on the office expenses, a need to reduce or make free fee to invite young psychiatrists, to have a member in training category more explicitly and practice of these policies in other organizations such as APA.

9. Web

Prof Akiyama presented a web design revision proposal by a Japanese agency and reported that the estimate cost is around 3,000 USD. There was discussion on the outdated information on web. It was suggested that Executive committee should take charge of the contents. Prof Akiyama proposed that the secretariat will send an email bimonthly or quarterly to the Executive Committee members to confirm the necessary update of the web.

10. Newsletter

Prof Morris confirmed his offer to continue serving as Newsletter editor.

11. Asia –Pacific Psychiatry Journal

Prof Helen Chiu reported on the recent impact factor of the journal and financial difficulty as reported by the publisher. There was active discussion on financial situation of pharmaceutical companies, fee for young psychiatrists, need to receive a financial report or proposal from the publisher, current financial situation of the PRCP and expected decrease of the journal finance deficit with a support from Seoul meeting for this year.

12. Revision of By-laws

Prof Akiyama moved eight bylaw amendments. The motions were approved. Confusion about membership categories was pointed out and discussed.

13. Recruit of new members

Prof Akiyama reported that a recruit pamphlet is included in Seoul meeting bags.

14. Nomination of Board Members

Prof Kua submitted a slate of the 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.

15. Nomination of Secretary General  
Prof Akiyama was elected as Secretary General.
16. Nomination of Treasurer  
Dr Freidin was elected as Treasurer
17. Nomination of Vice President  
Prof Ganesan and Prof Li were elected as Vice President.
18. Nomination of President-Elect  
Prof Herrman was elected as President-Elect.
19. 16<sup>th</sup> PRCP Meeting in 2014  
Prof Ganesan reported on the preparation for the 16<sup>th</sup> PRCP Meeting in 2014 in Vancouver. Promotion material would be presented at the PRCP booth in Seoul.
20. 17<sup>th</sup> PRCP Meeting in 2016  
Prof Herrman commented on the 17<sup>th</sup> PRCP Meeting in 2016 in Melbourne.
21. Other Business  
Prof Lee reported that 40,000 USD surplus would be expected from Seoul Meeting.
22. Next Meeting  
Prof Lu proposed a board meeting in May 2013 in San Francisco.