

1. Call to order

Having established that the WES General Assembly was called in accordance with the WES bylaws, WES President, Linda Giudice, called to order on 17 May 2017 at 18.30 PDST in Ballroom B at the Vancouver Convention Centre West, Vancouver, Canada.

2. Approval of the 2014 general assembly minutes

Linda Giudice requested the membership to approve the minutes from the 2014 general assembly.

Upon motion made by WES member, Daniel Martin, seconded by WES member, Luk Rombauts, it was unanimously resolved that the minutes of the General Assembly held on 30 April 2014 be approved as presented.

3. Report of the president

Linda Giudice thanked members for the privilege of serving as president of WES for the past three years and provided a summary of the society's achievements in this time, including:

- The 2014 World Congress on Endometriosis (WCE2014) in Sao Paolo, which attracted 1238 attendees from 68 countries around the world.
- At WCE2014 the society awarded its third Rodolph Maheaux Award, first David Healey Award, and the SBE award for the best video presentation.
- WCE2017 will be recognising the best poster presentation for the first time in addition to the aforementioned awards.
- The society has sponsored a research priorities meeting during each congress since 2008. The result of the 2014 meeting was a list of recommendations from the Global Consortium on Endometriosis Research Priorities, published in 2016. The next research priorities meeting will occur this Sunday, 21 May 2017, with the same goals.
- WES has sponsored several consensus meetings on endometriosis including the meeting held in Montpellier on current management of endometriosis, in Sao Paolo on diagnosis and classification, and just yesterday on patient centred outcomes.
- A strategic planning meeting was held in connection with the SRI meeting in San Francisco in March 2015 attended by Linda Giudice, Ludwig Kiesel, Robert Taylor, Sun-Wei Guo, Hilary Critchley, and Lone Hummelshoj and from which the following priorities were outlined for the next few years:
 - Improve communication and information dissemination
 - Establish authority and leadership
 - Increase stakeholder participation
 - Increase partnerships with stakeholders and funders
 - Add value to and expand membership
- The society initiated a search for a secretariat as part of freeing up Lone to concentrate on projects, rather than the day-to-day running of WES. International Conference Services (ICS) were appointed in 2015 to support with administration, membership management, and financial management. ICS was instrumental in revising the society's bylaws.
- Volunteer participation has increased through the appointment of 40 WES ambassadors, who have been serving on committees and were instrumental in furthering our interests and goals.

- WES formerly had an e-Journal which has now been replaced by conference reports, reviewed by Luk Rombauts, by young investigators. To date reports have been completed from SRI, ESHRE, SSR, 16th World Congress on Pain, ASRM, and the 3rd European Congress on Endometriosis – all published on the society’s website.
- WES has been building alliances through collaborations with FIGO who is now able to represent WES and endometriosis at WHO and UN levels.

4. Approval of the 2016 year-end financials

WES Treasurer, Ludwig Kiesel, presented the financial report with special thanks to Lone Hummelshoj and ICS staff for their assistance with preparing the numbers.

An overview of the society’s revenue and expenditures from 2014-2016 was presented including:

Income	C\$417,515.03
Expenditure	C\$351,521.23
Result at 31 December 2016	C\$65,993.80

Ludwig Kiesel requested the membership to approve the 2014 – 2016 financial report.

Upon motion made by WES member, David Adamson, seconded by WES member, Stacey Missmer, it was unanimously resolved that the 2014 – 2016 financial report was approved as presented.

5. Presentation of directors

Linda Giudice presented the list of directors, who have served for the past three years on the WES board. The directors, who are rotating off the board and have agreed to serve as ambassadors for the next term, include:

- Mauricio Abrao (Brazil)
- Vibeke Amelung (Denmark)
- Hilary Critchley (UK)
- Ludwig Kiesel (Germany)
- Alan Lam (Australia)
- Rishma Pai (India)
- Kathy Sharpe-Timms (USA)
- Robert Taylor (USA)
- Paolo Vercellini (Italy)

Returning to the board for 2017-2020 are the following directors:

- Neil Johnson (New Zealand) President
- Luk Rombauts (Australia) President elect
- Linda Giudice (USA) Past president
- Catherine Allaire (Canada) WCE2017 representative
- Sun-Wei Guo (China) WCE2020 representative

Newly appointed board members for the term of 2017-2020 were welcomed as follows:

- Moamar Al-Jefout (UAE)
- Deborah Bush (New Zealand)
- Rui Ferriani (Brazil)
- Tasuku Harada (Japan)
- Stacey Missmer (USA)
- Annemiek Nap (Netherlands)
- Chii-Ruey Tzeng (Taiwan)
- Paola Viganó (Italy)
- Krina Zondervan (UK)

6. Presentation of president elect

Luk Rombauts (Australia) has agreed to serve as president-elect for 2017-2020 following which he will become president for the 2020-2023 term.

7. Other business: remarks from the incoming president

Incoming president, Neil Johnson, paid tribute to Linda Giudice for her leadership of WES for the past three years. Neil Johnson is pleased to be taking on the role of WES president for 2017-2020 and advancing its role in progressing clinical research and patient advocacy.

The society held a wonderful meeting on patient centred outcomes yesterday, which will be the theme and focus of the board for the next three years. Moving forward the board will be more active in engaging its ambassadors and wish to focus on developing the following initiatives:

- Introduce a webinar programme
- Establish a task force on initiating awareness programmes
- Development of junior board members to safeguard the society in future years
- Increasing visibility in non-congress years through WES endorsed meetings and collaborations with other societies.

A special note of thanks was extended to Vibeke Amelung, who has contributed a great deal to the society over the past three years as its first allied health board member.

8. Announcement of host city for the 15th World Congress on Endometriosis

The WES Board received competitive bids from a number of great destinations from which it was determined that WCE2023 will be held in Edinburgh, United Kingdom, presided over by professor Andrew Horne and his team.

In conclusion a special note of thanks was extended to the WCE2017 local organisers, Catherine Allaire and Mohamed Bedaiwy, with the aid of Linda Giudice and Lone Hummelshoj,

9. Termination of meeting

There being no further business, the general assembly was terminated at 18.55 PDST.

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