



**IAC GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY 23rd. SEPTEMBER
2018 at SHG HOTEL ANTONELLA, Pomezia, ROME at
17:30.**

PRESENT: 27 members were present.

- 1. WELCOME:** President Dione Mifsud gave a brief overview of process and Agenda.
- 2. APOLOGIES:** Esnaty Obetile, Umut Arslan, Amalia Madhie.
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Proposed: Bill Borgen. Seconded: Ruth Falzon. Agreed unanimously.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** of 9th. July 2016, Qawra, Malta: Proposed: Ryan Portelli. Seconded: Jessica Bertolani. Agreed unanimously.
- 5. IAC ACTIVITIES REPORT:** CEO Naoise Kelly highlighted the following areas- the world mapping of counselling provision project; increase in IAC engagement with NGOs; membership support; IJAC journal now available on-line; the promotion of IAC; intention for translation and interpretation of IAC work into Spanish, Turkish and Italian. In discussion it was asked if there could be a budget for translation for the Peace and Social justice Round Table. Report received: Proposed: Sue Webb. Seconded: Nathan Perron. Unanimously approved.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT: Blythe Shepard, treasurer used a PowerPoint presentation and made the following points – A financial report goes to the Officer Group every six weeks; accounts are audited by Alex Mamo in Malta, assisted by Ruth Falzon; a financial protocol has been developed; a 'rainy day' fund is added to as funds allow; membership is increasing and provided main source of income; UNESCO funding assists with conferences; bank charges have been reduced; our accountant gives us a reduced fee; travel costs for Officers are kept low; our reserves are low as at 31st. December ,2017.

Report be received: Proposed: Vivian Lee.

Seconded: Ruth Falzon. Unanimously agreed.

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT: John Pryor-Jones reported the Executive Council has met on 16 occasions since being elected in July 2016 on-line and for an Induction session and once in person at the 2017 Buenos Aires Conference. The Officer Group has met on-line 22 times. During the period there were three resignations, Dr. D Paterson resigned as President Elect and Prof. Bill Borgen was appointed to fill the post until the next election. Dr. Audrey Pottinger resigned as Caribbean Regional Member, Anna Maria Mora was appointed to this post until the next election. Prof. Tim Bond resigned as a General Member and Dr. Nathan Perron was appointed in his place until the next election; all in 2019.

Report be received: Proposed: Sue Webb.

Seconded: Vivian Lee. Unanimously agreed.

8. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Ruth Falzon reported that membership although growing was still low and an automatic system on the website was being investigated. Christopher Erikson asked if it was

possible to access Foreign aid budgets of western countries and offered to help with this.

Report be received: Proposed: Gabrielle Doublesin.

Seconded: Ryan Portelli. Unanimously agreed.

- 9. NEW BYE-LAWS:** President Dione Mifsud set out the background to a new set of Bye-Laws and the major changes. In discussion points made included clarification that the Membership Secretary is appointed and is a member of the Executive Council; a question was asked about proxy voting which is not included in this revision; Art Therapists are eligible to join IAC.

Proposed that the Bye-Laws as presented be approved. Proposed: Sue Webb. Seconded: Bill Borgen. Twenty (20) in favour with one abstention Sharon Robertson. As some members had left the meeting it was now inquorate therefore the old Bye-Laws will remain operative.

- 10. AOB:** A vote of thanks to the Officers for their hard work Proposed: Sue Webb. Seconded: Courtland Lee. Unanimously agreed.
Closure of meeting: Proposed: Sue Webb. Seconded: Courtland Lee. Unanimously agreed.