



THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ULTRASOUND IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Sunday, 6 October 2013
Bayside Auditorium B, SCEC, Sydney, Australia

1. President's opening address

Yves Ville welcomed the members to the 2013 AGM and thanked them for attending. He reminded the members that the agenda and accompanying material was available online and hard copies of the agenda were distributed onsite.

The meeting was quorate with 190 members present.

2. Report of the Board and sub committees

Yves Ville reported on the main achievements of the Society in the last year. The Society was founded in 1991 and has had a steady growth in membership since then and currently has over 7600 members from 126 countries. ISUOG's membership goal is to have 10,000 members by 2015. Yves Ville outlined the Society's objectives and mission to improve women's healthcare services through the provision and broadest dissemination of the highest quality education and research information around ultrasound in obstetrics and gynecology.

Yves Ville informed the membership that ISUOG has moved its headquarters to a larger premise as staff numbers have grown. The larger area has allowed for the holding of smaller educational courses on site, and will continue to be used for this purpose in the new year.

Yves Ville reminded all delegates that their registration fee included 2014 membership to ISUOG and highlighted some of the Society's key member benefits which include access to the Journal, 10-20% discount to all events including the World Congress, International Symposium and Courses, and access to a range of online educational materials. He highlighted the publication of 3 new guidelines in 2013 on first trimester scan (published in the January issue of UOG), practical use of Doppler ultrasonography in obstetrics (February issue of UOG) and sonographic examination of the fetal heart (March issue of UOG). All guidelines and recommendations are also available online.

Yves Ville reported on other ISUOG educational activities noting that five educational courses took place in 2013 in London, Berlin and Sydney. ISUOG has now also confirmed its educational course program from January to June 2014 which will include 5 courses to be run in London, Sydney and Amsterdam. Further details and registration information can be found on the ISUOG website.

Thirty approved courses have taken place in the previous year in 16 countries with over 4,000 delegates attending resulting in 750 new ISUOG members. ISUOG will continue to target more courses in China and South America for this upcoming year. All members are invited to submit their courses to ISUOG for approval.

Yves Ville spoke briefly about ISUOG's Outreach program and invited all delegates and volunteers to attend the Outreach Workshop scheduled to take place during the Congress on Tuesday afternoon.

Yves Ville also spoke about the International Symposium which in 2014 will be held at the end of April in Beijing, China. Registration for this event would be open shortly.

The next Congress will be held in Barcelona from 14 September 2014. Yves Ville welcomed all delegates to attend and submit abstracts, the deadline date being 14 April 2013.

Yves Ville spoke about some of ISUOG's new features, and drew the members' attention to the launch of VISUOG which is a brand new easy access visual encyclopedia on ultrasound in obstetrics and gynecology. He invited all members to attend the launch of the product right after the meeting or to visit the ISUOG lounge and speak to an ISUOG staff member to get further information and test the resource.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Copenhagen, 2012

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting in Copenhagen were unanimously accepted without change.

4. Appointments and retirements

Alain Gagnon, ISUOG Secretary reported all the following retirements from the Board:

- Caterina Bilardo
- Rabih Chaoui
- Joshua Copel
- Alain Gagnon
- Ann Tabor

He also requested the member's approval of the following re-appointments and new appointments to the Board:

- Caterina Bilardo
- Alain Gagnon
- Daniela Prayer
- Laurent Salomon
- Ann Tabor
- George Yeo

A motion was made to accept the new appointments which were unanimously approved by the members.

5. Report and accounts for year end 2012

A summary of ISUOG's annual accounts was published online ahead of the meeting.

Alfred Abuhamad, ISUOG's treasurer, reported that the financial situation for ISUOG remains stable with the main sources of income including membership, the journal and the annual World Congress. As a result of the new low cost member tiers, income from members and the Journal has flattened out. Due to the large delegate attendance in Copenhagen, congress income has increased from LA in 2011. ISUOG has invested in a new

headquarter in London, and additional funds have been allocated for key ISUOG activities which includes an endowment to fund education projects in the long term. ISUOG continues to hold sufficient reserves to continue its work and protect against an uncertain financial environment. A motion was made to approve the accounts.

The accounts were approved by the membership without further comment.

6. Appointment of the auditors

Alfred Abuhamad reported that all of ISUOG's financial information had been officially audited by MHA MacIntyre Hudson, ISUOG's auditors for previous years. He asked for a motion to approve the reappointment of MHA MacIntyre Hudson for the forthcoming year. ***The motion was approved unanimously.***

7. Awards and acknowledgements

Joshua Copel and Rabih Chaoui were presented with acknowledgments for their work on the ISUOG Board and Rabih Chaoui was also acknowledged for his time as Chair of the Education Committee. Yves Ville thanked them for their contributions, dedication and expertise over the past years.

Yves Ville thanked the Congress co-chairs, organizing committee and faculty for their work in putting together an excellent Congress program.

Yves Ville thanked the members for attending after which the AGM was declared closed.