Minutes IFAO Board Meeting 2013

Location: Conference Center 201, Pacifico Yokohama, Japan at the 5th Joint IFAO-JASAO Congress

Date & Time: September 27 (Friday), 2013, am 9:30 – 10:45

Participants: Ryuji Tominaga, President, Takeshi Nakatani, Secretary-Treasurer

JSAO: Shunei Kyo, Motoki Yonekawa

ESAO: Bernd Stegmary, Rui L. Reis

ASAIO: Stephen R. Ash

Agenda:

I. Welcome

The IFAO president, Ryuji Tominaga highly acknowledged the efforts and achievements of this year's joint IFAO-JSAO Congress and specifically thanks the congress president Prof. Shunei Kyo. The IFAO president also stressed that the mutual understanding and collaboration between the continental societies is continuously improving which the establishment of IFAO Session at the JSAO, ESAO and ASAIO congresses apart from the joint meetings proves. Efforts of IFAO should be targeted to stimulate further joint educational programs as well as exchange programs for younger scientists.

II. Report of the 5th IFAO- JSAO Congress 2013

The Congress Chairperson for the 5th IFAO- JSAO Congress (September, 27. -29. 2013), Shunei Kyo reported the program. Thema was "Innovation, Progress and Reliability". And this Congress is held in conjunction with the 21st Congress of the International Society for Rotary Blood Pumps.

III. Report of the IFAO Secretary Treasurer and Election/Nomination for new IFAO Board

The proposal of ASAIO for the positions of upcoming IFAO president (2014-2015) and Representative from ASAIO is Kurt Dasse, PhD, President & CEO, GeNO LLC, 45 First Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451, USA. The Board approved him. JSAO will define a new Representative for six year period beginning in 2014. Election/Nomination for Vice-President and Congress Chairperson for 2015 IFAO-ASAIO will conduct at next board meeting.

New Board Members 2014-2015

President: Kurt Dasse, PhD (2014-2015)

Vice President: (open)

Congress Chairperson for 2015 IFAO-ASAIO: (open)

Secretary Treasurer: Takeshi Nakatani, MD, PhD (2012 - )

JSAO: Shunei Kyo, MD, PhD (2012 - )

Motoki Yonekawa, MD, PhD (2012 - )

Open (2014- ) (proposed from JSAO within the year)

ESAO: Birgit Glasmacher, Ph D (2010 - )
IV. IFAO Support: Secretary Treasurer

IFAO will offer $25,000 as support to the 5th IFAO- JSAO Congress 2013.

V. IFAO Members from other continents

The task force formed by T. Masuzawa (JSAO), S. Ash (ASAIO) and J. Vienken (ESAO) is under working.

VI. Promotion of IFAO activity

President reported that startup meeting for the Asia-Pacific Society for Artificial Organs would be held during this congress. The progress will be reported at next board meeting. At coming ESAO congress, IFAO session is planned. IFAO continue to promote IFAO session in Congress of three member Societies.

VII. Next IFAO Board Meeting

It was agreed to have the next informal Board Meeting during the ASAIO 2014 Congress to be held in Washington, DC, USA on June 18-21, 2014.

VIII. General

Two board members are retiring at the end of 2013, assuming the assigned or usual terms of 2 years for officers and a usual 6 years for representatives:

   Ryuji Tominaga MD,PhD from President and JSAO Representative

   Wayne E Richenbacher, MD from ASAIO Representative

The Board thanked him for his selfless dedication to artificial organ science and to IFAO.

There was no further business, the meeting was closed at am 10:45

Takeshi Nakatani, MD,PhD, Secretary Treasurer