

WFPI Executive Committee Meeting, 12th January 2017 (online)

Present: Gloria Soto/GS, (President), Wendy Lam/WL (Vice President), Dorothy Bulas/DB, (Secretary), Jaishree Naidoo/JN, (Vice Secretary), Kimberly Applegate /KA (IG Representative), Ines Boechat/IB (Founding President and Co-opted Director), Cicero Silva/CS (Outreach lead), Kim Pede /KP (Admin)

Absent: Rutger-Jan Nievelstein /RN (Treasurer), Richard Barth/RB (Vice Treasurer), Brian Coley/BC (Digital education lead), Jennifer Boylan/JB (Executive Director, SPR), Amanda Dehaye (Past Executive Director, Co-opted Representative)

Blue comments = action

1/ Amanda's incorporation to Board

GS: Wanted to be sure that everyone was aware of the unanimous acceptance of Amanda as Co-opted Director to the Board. Gloria spoke to Amanda and she was very happy to re-join and participate in the next EXCOM meeting.

2/ Report to the ESPR

GS/IB: As requested by ESPR's board, GS prepared a report that was shared with the ESPR's Board during their meeting held on the first week of January. The report contained references to the accomplishments made over the past year and future plans of the organization. GS shared the response received by ESPR in which they indicated their willingness to keep involved with the WFPI. However, they stated that due to funding demands of a new outreach program which they have undertaken, initially centered in Central and Eastern Europe, the ESPR Board agreed they should have funding parity with AOSPR, SLARP, and AfSPI, and trust that we will agree. (Meaning they will not support with the \$25,000 that was committed to for three years). This issue was open to discussion. IB expressed she was happy to hear that they will remain a part of the WFPI and that WFPI can offer to cooperate with them on their new outreach initiatives. She expressed regret the ESPR would no longer offer a significant financial support, but that the WF is currently in stable position. GS added that according to the bylaws there is no special financial commitment for the ESPR to support more money than the other regional member societies and that this situation

strengthens the importance of working to get funding from other venues.

JN mentioned that the AfSPI has no funds and that until now SASPI has paid the WFPI fees, however at the moment SASPI has no funding to continue do this payment. IB said that the presence and participation of AfSPI in the WFPI is pivotal and that it is understandable that being a very new organization they can't come up with the funds to support the WFPI and that the intent of the WFPI is having everyone helping each other.

Action:

GS to write a response to the ESPR's letter.

3/ Update on mapping project

GS/IB: GS indicated that we are waiting on the last surveys, which have a deadline for submission (1/17/17). After that, available data will be processed and the poster for the SPR meeting prepared with Kara-Lee Pool and IB collaboration (Abstract submission is due 2/18/17).

GS said an abstract for a poster was also sent to the ESPR meeting.

CS asked to see the abstracts that have been submitted submitted for the SPR and ESPR meeting. GS said that she would circulate them to the ExCom.

Action:

GS to circulate the abstract submitted to SPR / ESPR

4/ Update on Digital Education Program and Future Steps

BC: GS indicated that BC was not able to attend the meeting today. There hasn't been a lot of progress recently since BC is working alone on compiling the results of the survey. The ExCom members suggested (asked) if BC would be able to get support from people within his own facility for this or if other people should be recruited. Once the results have been tabulated, BC's has to define his team to support the updated architecting of the web site. Several names have been suggested among them Sanjay, George Taylor, Lillian Lam and somebody from the French Society of Pediatric Imaging.

Action:

GS to follow up with BC

5/Outreach Update

CS: Reported that Savvas will be leading an outreach group to South Africa. They will be in different locations doing ultrasound training; they already have everything planned for March. Savvas has asked for the possibility of WFPI funding and GS suggested that the group apply for the outreach grant.

CS indicated that there were only 3 cases of telereading in December and they all came from Maputo.

DB reported that there is a big concern about equipment maintenance in countries where equipment has been donated. DB has met with RSNA and ACR to see if there is anything that can be done to help. KA offered to help support this effort. She mentioned that there documents available on the AAPM and IAEA sites regarding. Perhaps we can provide links on the WFPI site to these documents.

Discussion ensued regarding the amount of time that can be consumed in trying to help support equipment acquisition if we made this a supported area on our web site. It was determined that we don't have the resources or expertise to provide this information. We can enter the links suggested by KA on the website. We may continue to refer enquires to knowledgeable people do it today, (eg. John Vanderbrink (Rotary) or Jarred (MSF) for their input, but risk being a burden to them.

GS asked CS if there was any follow up with Sonoworld. CS indicated that he put Ricardo in touch with them. CS said that the follow up with Ricardo should be a digital education task instead of Outreach.

Action:

KA to provides the links, KP can add them to the website (under Outreach?)

BC to check-in with Ricardo regarding Sonoworld.

Progress in the digital education project has stalled. We need to discuss possible solutions with Brian.

6/ Ethiopia Ped Imaging Residence Program Status

GS: The first pediatric fellows of the Program will graduate in March of 2017 and Kassa Darge has asked for an IB or GS to attend the graduation and participate in the examination committee, however neither one is able to attend. GS asked JN if she could attend on behalf of WFPI, however she has just started her new position and is unable to do so. A congratulatory letter will be sent to Kassa Darge to be read on behalf of WFPI during the graduation ceremony.

Action:

GS and IB: To write and send a letter to be read during the Graduation ceremony on behalf of WFPI.

7/ Training Grant Status

JN presented the criteria document that has been drafted. At this time, the training will take place in South Africa. Next steps would be to determine which hospitals would be participating. GS asked when JN's new facility could host and JN indicated January of 2018. GS stated that it would be good to offer this grant for the second semester of 2017.

Action:

JN and Omolola to finish the eligibility criteria and define the training center to call for applications.

8/ Donation via SPR Status

IB: Provided an update on the status of the donation money that has been received as part of the SPR campaign for children. There have been four donations made for a total of \$6,250 US dollars. IB was honored to have been recognized by two of the donors. We will make an announcement on the website and newsletter. We will have "thank you" letters go out to the donors. It was requested to have the link for the opportunity to donate placed on the WFPI home page. KA mentioned that she believes that people are more willing to donate if they feel that they are giving to a specific cause.

Action:

KP: To place donation information on the home page of the website.

GS/IB: To draft the thank you letter that is sent to the donors.

9/ AOB (Any other business)

Nothing noted.

Next EXCOM meeting: Thursday, 2nd February

[EXCOM meetings will take place on the first Thursday of every month]