



PENSIONS, BENEFITS AND SOCIAL SECURITY SECTION (PBSS)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the PBSS Section held on Tuesday 25 June 2013 from 08:00 to 8:30 hrs at the Espace Tête d'Or, Lyon

1. Introductions and Apologies

The Chairman (Marius du Toit) welcomed everybody to the meeting. 17 members of PBSS attended the meeting. MdT noted the apology of several committee members (Florian Leger, Geoff Rashbrooke, Doug Carey and Klaus Haubeck) for not attending the meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MdT briefly discussed the agenda and it was adopted without change.

3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 8 May 2012 from 08:00 to 08:45 hrs at the Sheraton Hotel, Hong Kong

MdT asked the attendees of the AGM whether there are any questions or comments on the minutes of the last AGM, taking note that the draft has been posted on the website and copies were also handed out at the door of the room. There were no questions and comments and thus the minutes were approved without change.

4. Chairman's report

1) Lyon Colloquium: First of all, MdT expressed his appreciation to the organisers of the Lyon Colloquium and noted that over 400 delegates attended the Colloquium. He added that 18 papers were presented in the PBSS sessions in the Lyon Colloquium.

2) Reading/reference list: MdT expressed his thanks to Mr Abraham Hernández for maintaining the reference lists. The reference lists are regularly put on the website and they are very useful to read.

3) ASTIN Bulletin: MdT mentioned that the ASTIN Bulletin has been rebranded recently and became the journal of the IAA, although it is still called ASTIN Bulletin. Thus, it has a much wider scope including pension topics. MdT mentioned the concerns that were raised at the PBSS Committee meeting. That is, the scope of the ASTIN Bulletin is sometimes too technical and not always appropriate to most practitioners in the pensions field. MdT reported that in the Committee meeting there were discussions about the issue, from widening the scope further to having a separate journal for papers with more practical nature. MdT also reported that the Committee opted for electronic version. The current cost is five Canadian dollars per issue.

4) Secretariat support, especially with website: MdT extended his thanks to Mr Christian Levac who has given lot of support and mentioned that the PBSS section pays, by agreement, 21 Canadian dollars per person for the secretariat support this year.

5) Supranational – IPEBLA, ISSA: As for the IPEBLA (International Pensions & Employee Benefits Lawyers Association), MdT reported that recently there was a IPEBRA conference in Rome and it was kindly agreed to invite some people other than its members, including pension actuaries. MdT envisaged that there would be plenty of opportunities of having joint events with IPEBLA in the future, including a joint planned colloquium in 2016. As for the ISSA (International Social Security Association),

MdT mentioned that Mr Chris Daykin and Mr Junichi Sakamoto are contributing a lot to the PBSS by participating proactively in the ISSA activities as delegates of the IAA.

6) Prizes for papers: MdT reported that the Committee decided in the previous meeting to offer prizes for the best papers both for the ASTIN Bulletin and for the PBSS Colloquium, which will be decided independently. The prize money is 1,000 Canadian dollars respectively.

7) Bursaries: MdT reported that the PBSS started to offer bursaries for members to attend the Colloquium. Candidates of the bursaries should submit a paper for the Colloquium, which should be accepted by the Colloquium organiser, and in addition, the candidates from less developed countries will be given preferential status. The amount of bursaries is up to 1,000 Canadian dollars each, which will not cover the full costs, but at least the fee of the Colloquium.

8) Decision about the 'corporate membership': MdT skipped the issue of future activities for the time being (see 8. Future activities) and reported on the corporate membership of the PBSS. The Japanese Society of Certified Pension Actuaries (JSCPA) approached the Committee about a possible 'corporate membership' and the Committee decided to grant JSCPA a 'corporate membership'. MdT explained that in the 'corporate membership', the JSCPA pays full due for a certain number of its members (probably 50 persons) and smaller nominal fee per additional member after that. The 'corporate membership' is beneficial for the PBSS since it will increase the membership considerably and the income from the membership dues. It is also beneficial to the JSCPA since all of its members can access the papers and the documents of the PBSS. MdT also explained that the PBSS will have a central point of entry into Japan and the JSCPA will distribute the documents entered into the central point, such as the monthly newsletters, to its members. MdT stated that in future the concept of corporate membership could be extended to other countries as well.

5. Secretary's report

The Secretary (Nobuhiro Shimizu) reported that the membership of the PBSS shows steady increases and is now 486 in 2012. NS also reported the number of the membership by country as follows. The United States: 77, the United Kingdom: 62, Japan 62, the Netherlands: 47, France: 38, Germany: 32, Norway: 29, Finland: 20, South Africa: 14, Italy: 13, Sweden: 12, Ireland: 11, Mexico: 9, Australia: 8, Denmark: 3, Israel: 3, Switzerland: 2, Austria: 1, Canada: 1, Lebanon: 1, Poland: 1, Puerto Rico: 1, Spain: 1, Turkey: 1, and 38 individual memberships. Here, the country means the nationality of the actuarial association through which the member paid his/her PBSS due. Then, NS reported that since the last Annual General Meeting that took place in Hong Kong, the Committee held two meetings: the 17th meeting taking place on November 14, 2012 in the Bahamas, attended by seven committee members (including two members via telephone) and the 18th meeting taking place on June 23 2013 in Lyon, attended by 8 committee members. NS omitted reporting the contents of the meetings since they are all included in the Chairman's report. MdT supplemented the report and drew attention to the fact that these numbers do not necessarily mean the nationality of the members, taking the instance that some Canadian members might have paid their dues through the actuarial associations of the United States. An attendee remarked that there might be similar cases, for example in Mexico.

6. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer (Doug Andrews) firstly said that the PBSS is the best organisation to be the Treasurer of because we have more money to report each time. Then, DA explained the income statement. Because of the increase in the membership as explained previously, the membership dues have increased to CA\$ 24,500 and we have some additional money (CA\$ 8423) from the successful Hong Kong Colloquium. Together with interest income, the total revenue grew to CA\$33,061. On the other hand, the principal items of expenses are ASTIN Bulletin (CA\$3,913) and Administrative expenses (CA\$9,720), which are allocated on a per member basis and increased due to the increase in members. He added that the cost formula is being adjusted upwards very gradually although there is nothing of significance to worry about. As a result, the total expenses is CA\$16,284 and the balance of the year 2012 is a surplus of CA\$16,777. Then, DA explained the balance sheet. There was a surplus (retained earnings) of CA\$16 777 and an unrestricted surplus from prior years of CA\$24,809 and we now have net assets of CA\$41,587. We have very little liabilities to be recognised. DA drew attention that, as reported, we have granted some bursaries in 2013 and we have agreed to grant some additional

bursaries in respect of the International Congress of Actuaries held in Washington, 2014, but they are not shown as liabilities in the balance sheet of 2012. Then, DA summarised that we are certainly in a much healthier financial position than we were after the Boston Colloquium. Finally, DA suggested that since we have built a backup of revenue we should consider ways to spend some of our money with respect to assisting the members to participate in the meetings. DA noted that the Washington Conference might be a good opportunity to support some of our members to participate and at the same time to spend some of our money, although this is not a formal proposal. MdT supplemented the report and referred to the revenue item of Colloquium in the income statement of 2012. He noted that generally the host organisation that underwrites the Colloquium takes all of the profits and accepts all of the losses. However, in the case of the Hong Kong Colloquium IACA carried the risk since the Hong Kong Society was not in a position to do so. It was a very successful colloquium and IACA generously decided to share the surplus among all stakeholders. Thus, half of the surplus was retained by IACA and the other half was split between the PBSS section, the Life section and the Hong Kong Society of Actuaries. Thus, the amount of the item 'Colloquium' in the revenue of the 2012 income statement is equal to a third of a half (namely, one sixth) of the surplus of the Hong Kong Colloquium.

7. Election of Committee members

MdT explained that there are 14 PBSS Committee members, two of which are delegates from the IAA:

- Chris Daykin (UK, 2014) – Immediate Past Chairman
- Marius du Toit (ZA, 2016) – Chairman
- Nobuhiro Shimizu (JPN, 2015) – Secretary
- Doug Andrews (CAN, 2015) - Treasurer
- Doug Carey (USA, 2016)
- Abraham Hernández (MEX, 2015)
- Klaus Haubeck (DE, 2016)
- Rodrigo Ibarra-Jarrin (ECU, 2016)
- Florian Leger (FR, 2015)
- Geoff Rashbrooke (NZ, 2016)
- Wang Wenliang (CHN, 2017)
- Carl Hansen (USA, 2013)

The current IAA delegates are:

- Gary Hibbard
- Junichi Sakamoto

MdT noted that there is only one member who is now retiring, that is Mr Carl Hansen. Thus, there is one position to be filled. MdT noted that the notice of nominations was issued two months ago and there has been only one nomination until now, that is Mr Carl Hansen. MdT asked if there are anybody else to be nominated at the meeting. However, nobody was nominated and MdT declared that Mr Carl Hansen was duly elected as the Committee member for a term of four years. MdT expressed his thanks to the IAA delegates for their role played in the election procedure.

8. Future activities

MdT explained future activities of the PBSS section. Next year the International Congress of Actuaries is held in Washington DC, USA from March 30 to April 4. MdT noted that as in the previous congress there will be separate sessions corresponding to each section and our representative to the technical committee is Mr Robert Brown. As for 2015, it was confirmed to hold the Colloquium in Oslo. In 2016, we will have a joint Colloquium with IPEBLA and the Health section. MdT noted that the initial plan was to have a Colloquium in Canada, but it might be in Mexico. The site of the Colloquium is thus still open. If Mexico is not the venue for the 2016 colloquium, then Mexico will hold a Colloquium in 2017 and Mr Abraham Hernández would kindly invite all delegates to Mexico. In 2018, the next ICA will be held in Berlin, Germany.

9. Other business

None

10. Next meeting

MdT noted that the next AGM will take place next year in Washington DC at the occasion of the next ICA.

11. Close

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting, and thanked all for their attendance.

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Marius du Toit
Chairman, PBSS

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