



PENSIONS, BENEFITS AND SOCIAL SECURITY SECTION (PBSS)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the PBSS Section held on Monday 31 March 2014 from 17:45 to 18:45 hrs at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington DC

1. Introductions and Apologies

The Chairman (Marius du Toit) welcomed everybody to the meeting. 15 members of PBSS attended the meeting. There was nobody whose apology was noted by MdT, the Secretary (Nobuhiro Shimizu), or the Treasurer (Carl Hansen) 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 25 June 2013 from 08:00 to 8:30 hrs at the Espace Tête d'Or, Lyon

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

4. Chairman's report

1) Lyon Colloquium: Firstly, MdT briefly reported on the Lyon Colloquium held from Sunday 23 to Wednesday 26 of June 2012, which was a joint event of three sections (AFIR/ERM, PBSS and LIFE), a summer school of the Groupe Consultative Actuariel Européen (currently the Actuarial Association of Europe) and a French summer school.

2) Corporate membership: MdT said that the Committee has considered for several years on the possibility of having what is called a 'corporate membership' arrangement. MdT reported that a member society of IAA, specifically the Japanese Society of Certified Pension Actuaries in this case, would be treated as a 'corporate member' of PBSS, where the JSCPA will pay full membership dues for certain number, say 50, of its fellow members and much less membership dues for its remaining fellow members. The PBSS would communicate only with the JSCPA, who would translate and communicate with its members. MdT explained that the arrangement would be beneficial for both the PBSS and the JSCPA, since not only the income of the PBSS would increase but the exposure of the JSCPA to the activities of the PBSS would also be enhanced. MdT added that this treatment could always be extended to other member associations where it made sense and this arrangement would be win-win for everybody.

3) ASTIN Bulletin: MdT said that currently PBSS members receive two to three ASTIN Bulletins a year and reported that last year the Committee decided that the PBSS would go for the electronic version

only, so the cost of the ASTIN Bulletin for PBSS is much less than other sections going for both the paper version and the electronic version.

4) Webinar: MdT reported that PBSS held a first Webinar last year, which was a presentation on the proposal of the 'defined ambition' pension plans in the UK by Mr Andrew Vaughan, who was the chair of the Defined Ambition Working Group set up by the UK Government. MdT noted that the Webinar was very successful and explained that the PBSS bought a package of up to 100 participants from the WebEX to hold webinars with the PEBC as many times as we want for a fixed fee per month. The webinars are accessible by all PBSS members.

5) Prizes for papers: MdT reported that last year the Committee considered various possibilities of spending funds for the benefit of members, as the PBSS has built up sufficient reserves. One of the things we did was to award prizes for the best papers. MdT said that last year the first prize was awarded to Hardy, Saunders and Zhu, for their paper "Market Consistent Valuation of Cash Balance Liabilities". Ms Hardy presented the paper at the Lyon Colloquium and will also present at a webinar to be held on 6th of May. MdT also reported that at this Congress there would be three best paper prizes, two of which were sponsored by the ICA and one by PBSS. MdT said that prizes would be announced at the plenary session on Friday and added that in this case the prize money would be US\$1,000 respectively, at the request of the Congress organizers, although normally the prize money is CA\$1,000. MdT expressed his gratitude to the Committee members for their hard work of selecting the best papers among more than 40 papers submitted to the Congress.

6) Reading/reference list/Virtual library: MdT expressed his gratitude to Mr Abraham Hernández Pacheco for his hard work of preparing the reading/reference lists, which is a very useful survey on a bimonthly basis. In addition, MdT confirmed that the reading/reference lists would be continued and asked all of the attendees of the AGM to submit any inputs or papers to Abraham.

7) Bursaries: MdT reported that the Committee decided to use the funds for the benefits of PBSS members and this year we made a contribution of CA\$10,000 to the ICA bursary fund.

5. Secretary's report

The Secretary (Nobuhiro Shimizu) reported on PBSS membership that the number of PBSS membership has shown a steady growth and is approximately 500 in 2013. Nobu added that there would be a possibility that the number grows considerably in the near future, if the corporate membership arrangement is actually implemented, as MdT explained in his Chairman's report.

On the meetings held, Nobu reported that two Committee meetings were held since the Lyon General Annual Meeting on June 2013. First is the meeting held in Singapore on October 9 in 2013 and second is the meeting held on March 30 (the day before the AGM), at this Hotel. Nobu explained that the main issues to which the Committee gave consideration during the two meetings were included in the Chairman's report. In addition, Nobu took note that at the Singapore meeting, Mr Régis de Laroulière, from France, kindly explained the results of the Lyon Colloquium and Mr Robert Brown explained the gist of preparation of the Washington Congress. Nobu said that both reports were recorded in the minutes of the Committee meeting and would provide valuable suggestions when we have to prepare a Colloquium in the future.

Nobu also explained that at the last Committee meeting held on March 30, 2014, Ms Gunn Albertsen, from Norway, kindly reported on the next PBSS Colloquium to be held in Oslo from 7th of June 2015.

6. Treasurer's report

Firstly, the Treasurer (Carl Hansen) reported that PBSS is currently in surplus situation of about CA\$41,000 at the end of fiscal 2013. As for the income, Carl explained that the basic source of income is annual membership dues of CA\$50 per person and added that in fiscal 2012 there was an extraordinary income of about CA\$8,400 from the Hong Kong Colloquium. As for the expenses, Carl explained that one big item is the payment of the PBSS share to IAA, which is around CA\$21 or CA\$22 per person, and another big item is bursaries. As for the balance sheet, Carl explained that we

spent roughly the same amount as the income in fiscal 2013 and we have net asset of about CA\$41,000 at the end of fiscal 2013. Carl noted that both the income and the expenses were fairly stable.

Carl reported that an increase in the amount of money that we pay to IAA was discussed at the treasures' meeting held a few days ago, because the current level is not quite adequate to cover the IAA activities to be shared by the sections. Carl expected that IAA would propose an increase of 4% per person, which is just a little bit less than the level of covering the common expenses. Carl added that the expected increase would not really affect the situation that a significant portion of the PBSS membership dues is allocated to the section activities. Carl noted that for 2013 the Committee allocated a certain amount to bursaries and prizes for best papers, etc. He stated that we do not want to let the surplus go down too much because we need to keep certain level of surplus in case of unforeseen expenses such as possible losses incurred by future colloquiums that we would be co-sponsoring.

Finally, Carl reported that for 2014 the membership dues stay at CA\$50 and for 2015 he does not see any reason to increase the membership dues, although the Committee have not discussed anything about it.

7. Election of Committee members

MdT said that Mr Christopher Daykin completed his term and cannot be re-elected and Mr Douglas Andrews was also retiring this year. MdT said that there were two vacancies in the Committee membership and asked whether anybody in the room would like to make themselves available for the election. There were no nominations from the floor. Then MdT reported that there were two nominations, namely Mr Jack Mack from Hong Kong and Mr Brij Bushan from India. As for Mr Jack Mack, MdT explained that he was very keen to be on the Committee and already did some work for the Committee since last year. As for Mr Brij Bushan, MdT explained that from the CV he also seemed very keen to work for PBSS. Both of these members were declared duly elected and welcomed to the Committee.

8. Future activities

MdT said that next colloquium was scheduled in Oslo, Norway, from 7th to 10th of June 2015. Ms Kari Mørk, the president of the Norwegian Society of Actuaries, briefly explained the Oslo Colloquium. As for the 2016 Colloquium, MdT explained that the PBSS intends to have a joint colloquium with the Health section, the IACA section and the International Pension & Employee Benefits Lawyers Association (IPEBLA). MdT added that It was likely to be held in Canada at the end of June 2016, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries (CIA). Finally, MdT noted that 2017 Colloquium was scheduled for Mexico and 2018 was the year of the 31st ICA to be held in Berlin, Germany.

9. Other business

MdT reported that the Committee elected Mr Christopher Daykin as an Honorary Chair of PBSS based on the Article 10 (b) of the Rules of the PBSS Section, in recognition of Chris's great service to PBSS. Chris served as the Chair of PBSS for 14 years including the five years prior to the formal inauguration of the PBSS Section in 2004.

10. Next meeting

MdT noted that the next AGM will take place next year in Oslo at the occasion of the next PBSS (Joint) Colloquium.

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