



Report to Council
from the Executive Committee Meeting
May 26, 2012

1. Supranational Relations Subcommittee (SRS)

The SRS has drafted a Policy on Institutional and Observer Membership and use of Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) that will be considered by the EC at its next meeting.

The MoU between the IAA and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) was signed in Paris, on June 8, and the MoU with the International Association of Insurance Supervisors will be signed in the Caymans on June 21.

The SRS is planning a discussion forum to take place towards the end of 2012, in Geneva. Invited guests will include representatives from the International Labour Organization, International Social Security Association, OECD and the World Health Organization.

2. Items from the Council Meeting

The outcome of the Council discussions on the following agenda items was reviewed and discussed by the EC, as appropriate.

a. Revised role for the Secretary General

At the request of certain member associations (*IAA Secretariat email to Council of May 2 refers*), the discussion at Council revolved around whether or not to retain the function of Secretary General as opposed to revising the role as had been suggested. A conclusion was not reached at Council, but it was agreed that a transcript of the comments made at the Council meeting, along with details of how the various Secretary General functions and governance issues were being handled during the vacancy, be circulated to Council Delegates with a request for additional comments on whether or not the role should be retained. All comments will be considered by the Officers in view of preparing a recommendation to Council in Nassau.

The EC confirmed that, in accordance with article 6.4 of the Statutes, the Officers were empowered “to make decisions in response to immediate needs”. In this respect, the business of the IAA could continue in the absence of a Secretary General.

b. Strategic Planning issues

i. Branding

A straw poll of Council indicated support for a strategic objective on branding; approval will be sought through an electronic ballot of Council.

ii. ISAPs

It was agreed that Fred Rowley revise the paper on a strategic plan for ISAPs for discussion at a future meeting of the EC.

c. IASSC and Permanent Structure

A show of hands at the Council meeting indicated support to convert the Interim Actuarial Standards Subcommittee (IASSC) into the Actuarial Standards Committee (ASC) reporting to the EC, but with the membership being approved by Council on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee. There

was insufficient support to proceed with an oversight board at this time. Given the Council discussion, the EC agreed to disband the Task Force on a Permanent Structure (TFPS) and to seek Council approval by electronic ballot for the conversion of the interim subcommittee into a standing committee.

It was further agreed that another task force would be created at such time as standards have been promulgated and Council is ready to consider the introduction of an oversight board.

d. Subsidiarity

The paper was well-received by Council and will be included in the next electronic ballot of Council for approval.

3. Strategy for meeting venue proposal for 2015 and beyond and Policy for the Selection of meeting venues

It was noted that IAA biannual meetings were confirmed until the end of 2014 and that we need to identify venues beyond that year. A letter will be sent to member associations advising them of the openings and inviting bids to host future IAA meetings.

4. Finances

a. Report on not-for-profit status

The EC received a written report from the Director of Finance outlining the rules for not-for-profit status in Canada and the IAA's current financial situation in relation to these rules. The conclusion is that the IAA is not at risk at this time, but care needs to be taken to ensure surpluses are not accumulated consistently. To ensure the retention of tax exempt status for the IAA, going forward emphasis will be placed on ensuring proper and complete annual budgets are prepared for each section in addition to the IAA, and on adopting appropriate financial policies.

b. Outreach by region

A pie chart depicting the cost allocation of committee and representation expenses by region and by strategic objective was considered. The EC was pleased to see that the balance was a good one.

c. 1Q statements

The 1Q statements were received and no issues were raised.

Desmond Smith, Chairperson