



INTERNATIONAL ACTUARIAL ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee (EC) Conference Call
July 10, 2019 – 7 a.m.
Minutes

Present

Gábor Hanák, Chairperson
Tonya Manning, President-elect
Masaaki Yoshimura, Past President
Jerry Brown
Charles Cowling
Régis de Larouillère
Alf Gohdes
Roseanne Harris
Ken Hohman
Cathy Lyn

Regrets

Tomio Murata

Secretariat

Mathieu Langelier, Executive Director
Carol Ann Banks, Director, Operations and Finance
Christian Levac, Director, Communications & Membership
Amali Seneviratne, Director, Technical Activities
Karla Zuniga, Administrator, Membership

Chairperson Gabor Hanák called the meeting to a start at 7:03 a.m. EDT. The EC approved the agenda as presented.

1. IAA Renewal Task Force (RTF)

Chair of the RTF, Charles, reported that the meetings in Toronto on July 4 & 5 were productive. A large majority of the TF was present showing the support from various Full Members Associations (FMAs) on the work of the RTF. The diligence of the TF members sacrificing time and financial costs to travel to the 2-day meetings is notable. The RTF has a conference call tomorrow.

The update on the IAA renewal/RTF meetings in Toronto will be communicated to Council. Any concrete proposals from the RTF need to be sent to EC for their review before it is issued to Council.

It was asked if the Sections having observers on the SPC was decided on. The RTF has not yet decided whether Sections would have one observer on the SPC to represent all or if each Section would have its own representative. This will be decided at the call tomorrow.

The top-down governance will have 2 aspects, the first will be implementing the high-level principal changes that are considered to be less prone to change into Statutes and the second being implementing changes of details that may change more often into the Internal Regulations. This will take some time for the RTF to complete.

It was asked how the bottom-up governance proposal of the RTF be presented to Council in Tokyo. The RTF will issue its proposal of how it envisions the changes to the bottom-up governance in 2 or 3 aspects. It is unclear at this time whether this will be voted on at the Council meeting or after the meeting electronically.

The timeline leading up to Tokyo is listed below.

- RTF will meet next in-person in Prague on September 19 & 20
- RTF will submit its final recommendation to EC by end of September
- On October 1, the EC will have a call solely to discuss the RTF recommendation allowing a few days for EC review and then will have its normally scheduled EC call on October 15.

- RTF's recommendation will be issued to Council on October 21 on the 30-day Tokyo agenda. In Tokyo, the RTF's recommendation to Council is to approve the principles not detail.

2. IAA Sections Issues: Discussion Paper

The role of Sections paper that EC approved has been distributed to the RTF and Section leaders. The Officers had a good discussion with Section leader Michiel van der Wardt who was at the RTF meetings in Toronto. Below is what was agreed.

- There will be a call at an appropriate time with Section leaders and Officers to discuss the Section paper. Any EC members who can make themselves available are encouraged to join the call. The call details will be sent to EC when the date and time is selected.
- Section leaders and Officers will meet in-person in Vienna in October at the Actuarial Association of Europe's annual meeting. Any EC members attending Vienna are encouraged to join.
- It was agreed that AWB leaders will meet separately with Officers/EC as AWB matters are treated separately.

Overall, the work with the Sections is progressing well. Sections see value of remaining in the IAA are willing to collaborate.

3. Proposal from Professionalism Committee Regarding Review Period of ISAPs

The EC was presented with a memo from David Martin, Chair, Professionalism Committee, which proposed that longer periods are observed for ISAP review (from 3 years to 5 years). The EC approved.

4. International Social Security Association (ISSA) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

The EC approved the revised MoU with ISSA as presented.

5. Update from Supranational Organisations Task Force (TF)

The EC received recommendations from the TF. The EC reviewed, discussed and revised. The TF will take the EC revisions discussed and circulate the clean document to EC and request more EC feedback and finalize this by July 15.

It was commented that how each of these supranational organisations are managed requires more structure. In line with the IAA renewal, it is important that the appropriate relationships with these organisations are maintained. The TF agrees and feels the EC should be aware of these relationships and there should be more structure around these relationships and more EC involvement. This is what the TF is proposing.

The task force was thanked for producing this good piece of work.

6. Approve EC June 18 Minutes

The EC approved the minutes from its June 18 meeting as presented.

7. Climate Change/Risk TF

A number of external and internal IAA stakeholders feel that climate change/risk is an important topic not only for the actuarial profession or insurance businesses, but overall for societies globally. Gábor has heard many messages placing a high importance on contributing to this topic. President Gábor outlined examples listed below.

- At the UNEP conference this past February Simon Brimblecombe, IAA Resource and Environment Working Group (REWG) and ISSA member, presented on mortality and climate changes. This was very well received.
- The Chair of EIOPA has also spoken on the climate issue saying that it is the most important issue for mankind.

- IAIS has this issue on their future agenda.
- This topic was amongst many discussions at the IAA meetings in Washington D.C. this past May, including RMs who are active with IAIS.
- The French Insutit des Actuaire's devoted its annual congress to climate change/risk.

There was a call a week ago amongst the IAIS relationship management and it was agreed that this initiative should be a strategic initiative for IAA. It needs to be communicated with FMAs that this is very important for the global actuarial profession and the IAA needs to be contributing to these discussions and deliberations. This is a high level strategic topic falling under the strategic objective 1: Impact. The EC was asked if they would support a creation of a TF to produce a document similar to a "statement of intent for ISAPs". Stuart Wason, Chair of Insurance Regulation Committee and RM to the IAIS, is unable to lead this TF due to time constraints. Micheline Dionne, who has taken on the Chair position on REWG, was asked if she could Chair this TF, she indicated she would be happy to take the lead on this.

The EC comments on this topic are listed below.

- This is a difficult area to get in from the actuarial side. The IAA needs to be careful and ensure the document produced is actuarial in nature and needs to add what FMAs have already contributed on this topic on a different level.
- This is a case of promoting need for awareness and engagement.
- The purpose of the IAA renewal is to empower on what FMAs have done on the international level. Once the TF has produced the "statement of intent" document, perhaps FMAs can be asked if they have something to capitalize internationally.

With the above comments considered, the EC supported to create a TF on this topic and produce a document that clearly articulates the background of the topic, the role of IAA and the scope of this initiative. Micheline will lead the TF and draft a Terms of Reference working closely with the Officers. This topic will come back to the next EC call. The EC will receive an email on any updates on this topic between now and the next EC call.

8. EC Task Forces (TF) Contingency Plan TF

The TF consisting of Alf Gohdes, Ken Hohman, Tonya Manning and Mathieu Langelier presented to EC a draft contingency plan if one of the big FMAs of the IAA decides to leave the IAA. The plan addressed mitigating the risks on the following categories: delegates in IAA leadership roles, Tokyo meetings, financial risk, bi-annual meetings, reputational risk, IAA work, messaging, systemic risk, and staffing needs. The EC felt this was a good start and provided their feedback. More work will be done on this important plan and will come back to the next EC call. (Update: The EC learned that the American Academy of Actuaries sent their official withdrawal from the IAA on July 16, 2019. This will underline the importance of and concretize the work of this TF.)

Framework for Evaluating Associations in the Education Cttee TF

This will be discussed at the next EC meeting due to time constraints.

9. Updates on Supranational Relations Activities

This was presented to EC for information.

10. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next EC meeting will be a conference call on Tuesday, August 13, at 7 a.m. EDT. Gabor adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m. EDT.