



INTERNATIONAL ACTUARIAL ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee (EC) Zoom Meeting
August 18, 2020 – 8:04 a.m. – 10:04 a.m. EDT
Minutes

Present

Tonya Manning, Chairperson
Gábor Hanák, Past President
Jan Kars, President-elect
Alf Gohdes
Roseanne Harris
Jacques Tremblay
Estella Chiu
Charles Cowling
Catherine Denise Lyn

Regrets

Régis de Larouillère
Jerry Brown

Secretariat

Mathieu Langelier, Executive Director
Christian Levac, Director, Membership
Amali Seneviratne, Director, Technical
Activities
Karla Zuniga, Administrator, Membership
Norah Neill, Executive Assistant

1. IFRS CTF Quality Assurance Paper

Gábor reported that this paper had received comments from Full Member Associations (FMAs) and committees. The task force (TF) contacted respondents to confirm whether their comments had been addressed. Many comments were supportive, and the TF was able to resolve concerns. This paper was also sent to the Communications Subcommittee for their review. Their comments were mainly for readability and style but some for content as well. Alf had sent his own comments prior to today's EC meeting which were taken into consideration. Gábor explained that if the EC approves, this paper will be sent to the IAA's various internal audiences and international stakeholders, such as the IASB, for information only but no action. It will also be shared with the IAASB, the OECD and others to consider the content of the paper and the aim is to initiate some discussion with them through our Relationship Managers and experts when needed. Cover notes will need to be developed with the help of the Secretariat. There will need to be a difference in between cover notes to FMAs, committees, Sections and the external audiences. Also with the assistance of the Secretariat, the plan is to liaise with actuary magazines all around the world to publish the paper. FMAs will be encouraged to start discussion with their local regulator. The European Actuarial Association published a similar paper but with regulatory action expected from the European regulators. Gábor extended a special thanks to Amali for her relentless support to this TF.

The EC was supportive of this paper and was happy to approve as presented with the amendment according to the third comment from Alf.

2. IAA Papers Transition TF Update

President Tonya reported to EC that there are 8 papers under development from some of the Working Groups where the Scientific Committee has approved their development. The TF is assessing the path forward for each of these papers individually during this transition time while the Scientific Committee is still active and the new Advance Committee (AC) has now started to work. The AC will then assess the paper's alignment with the IAA strategic objectives and FMA support. The authors will be offered to record a brief presentation of the paper to inform the FMAs of what it entails. All papers will also have an executive summary to facilitate FMA assessment. If there is no strong objection to the paper, then it will continue to move along and continue the publication process with the Communication Subcommittee review and EC approval.

Some papers are going to go through the process quickly, but some will likely see longer process due to varying level of completion. Tonya explained that the new process of papers after this transition time will filter papers at its origin based on FMAs' support, instead of at the end based on FMAs' objections. The EC will be kept informed of the work of this TF.

3. Committee Terms of Reference (TORs)

The committees ToRs were sent to EC for approval. Gábor had added his edits, mainly editorial, and sent to EC a day prior to this meeting today. The EC echoed their support for these condensed and simplified ToRs but had some suggestions as outlined in the bullets below.

- Actuarial Standards: There is a proposal to change the term ISAPs to International Model Standards of Actuarial Practice IMSAP to highlight the important note that these are model standards. Some international bodies have seen the ISAPs as standards regardless of the clear wording explaining that they are only model standards. EC members discussed the importance of having the term model in the title or not as it would require extensive rebranding of the ISAPs and this needs to be assessed. The term ISAP could remain if it is well explained at its initial use in papers as models. Some EC members had concerns renaming ISAPs going forward. A suggestion was to perhaps keep ISAP as an acronym and at its first appearance in a document the full name (such as International Model Standards of Actuarial Practice) would be used and the acronym ISAP in parenthesis to clarify that these are not actuarial standards but model standards. This issue needs follow-up considerations.
- Education: There was concern regarding the use of the word "modern".
- Professionalism: It was suggested to use "guidance and support" rather than "advice".
- Insurance Regulation: Too many bullets, condense them for simplification/easy reading.
- Advice & Assistance (A&A): One of the accomplishments of A&A in the past is supporting associations to become a full member of the IAA. It is not clear where this is covered. Gábor suggested this could be covered under the role of the A&A under a new bullet. It was pointed out that it is important the A&A's working relationship with the AWB be modified depending on the outcome of the EC's AWB TF.

Tonya asked the EC members who suggested the above edits to forward them to the Secretariat. EC members must review the committee ToRs to which they are the assigned EC liaison and send any edits to Secretariat. Once all edits are consolidated, these ToRs will come back to EC for approval.

4. Diversity, Inclusion, and Inequity

President Tonya expressed the importance to keep the awareness of this topic and integrate some of these key terms in the work that the IAA is doing. For example, adding the terms inclusion and diversity in the ToR of the A&A and also look at adding the terms as part of the values of the IAA. These terms might also become part of the mission of the transformed AWB, depending on how this develops. Revival of the IAA fund offering entities and individuals to donate for the purpose of helping developing actuarial associations would also be an idea to enhance diversity and inclusion. The IAA should not be reactive but strive to integrate this in its renewal work and make it more integral to what it does. How does the IAA leverage its own diversity? How does the IAA support inclusion and address inequality with respect to the global profession? These are questions that the IAA needs to answer as an organization. A broad declaration that would be strategically placed would be supported by EC. Tonya thanked EC for their feedback and the Officers will discuss this feedback and come back to EC with a recommendation.

5. COVID-19

Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC), Gábor, reported to the EC that the work on COVID-19 pandemic has been deferred until November as SPC is focussed on other demanding projects. In the meantime, the IAIS has requested feedback on this topic and the Insurance Regulation Committee is working on a response. The IAA will continue to support FMAs' work on this topic and encourage sharing of information and best practice in various practice areas. It is

not deemed best use of the IAA's limited resources for the IAA to be building a series of papers and communications on this topic at this time.

The EC was informed that the AFIR-ERM Section has held 2 webinars so far and the IAHS Section hosted a COVID-19 roundtable during the virtual colloquium. The IAHS Section is also planning additional sessions later this year on COVID-19 related topics.

6. SPC Review of the Role of ISAPs/Specimen Actuarial Standards (SASs)

Gábor explained that he developed this paper after the SPC deemed this as a in-demand topic for the IAA at its first and only in-person meeting this past February. Before Gábor shared this paper with SPC, he received comments from Chairs of the current A&A and Professionalism Committees, and the current and past chairs of the ASC. This paper was then shared with the SPC and they discussed this at two meetings, in May and June. The SPC approved the paper on July 24 by electronic vote. The SPC is now requesting the EC to help answer the questions in the document. The EC was supportive for Jacques to coordinate the next steps and action items going across the various entities that need to do work at this point, notably the ASC, Professionalism and A&A Committees. A survey will need to be issued, likely by the Professionalism Committee, to FMAs that would asking for their opinion on the need/benefit from SASs.

7. Other SPC TF Updates

Chair of the SPC, Gábor Hanák, explained to EC that there are 2 complex issues the SPC is working on as listed below.

- a. Finances: led by Jan and has 5 small TFs currently working to solve the finances issue
- b. Education guidance: led by Mary Frances Miller

These TFs are holding Zoom meetings over the August and September months and will be reporting to the full SPC on the outcomes of their meetings.

8. AWB TF: Update

Jan and Roseanne reported to EC that the TF has met twice now. The discussions are challenging but are progressing. The TF will meet twice in August and is still aiming for an interim conclusion by end of August.

9. Other Business

Advance Committee: Update

Charles Cowling, Chair of the AC, reported to the EC on the first AC meeting. It was a productive first meeting with a very varied level of knowledge about the IAA which highlights the need for a volunteer training session. The Secretariat is planning volunteer training for the upcoming Q4 virtual meetings. The EC will be informed of the IT developments once feedback has been gathered by the AC as they are being used as an initial test group for these new web-based tools.

10. Adjournment and Next Meeting September 22, 2020, 8 a.m. EDT

The next EC meeting is through Zoom on September 22 starting at 8 a.m. Tonya adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m. EDT.