

Alliance for Health Promotion
Annual General Meeting, 18 November, 2011
8:30-9:30

Geneva International Conference Centre

Draft Minutes

Present: Bernard Kadasia-IAS, Sonia Heptonstall-SCI, Gabriella Sozanski-IHCO, Myrna Lachenal-WFMH, Charles Senessie-AEMRN, Doreen Bieri-AEMRN, Joanna Koch-ACWW, Maria L Aroca Ruiz-IFMSA, Adebisi Adebayo-IAC, Jacqueline Heinen-ICSW, Peter Carson-RealTime-Social Impact, Anne-Marie Gafner-IFHE, Annemarie Lüdi-IFHE, Roberta Ritson-former WHO, A.G.Harikiran-Camhadd, Rashmi Jayanna-Camhadd, Clarissa Starey-PPSEAWA Intl, Afton Beutler-WOW, Nehal Hefny-IFRC

Apologies: Berhane Raswork, Elaine Wolfson, Luc Besançon

1. Opening and Welcome

Bernard Kadasia, Vice President of the Alliance, chaired the meeting, welcomed all present and thanked them for attending. The Annual General Meeting is an important function giving members the opportunity of approving the annual activity and financial report of the Alliance. Bernard noted that the Alliance had moved forward and is now an institution with structure and form. This has given the Alliance the opportunity to organise the Health Promotion Forum. He thanked all members, but especially Gabriella Sozanski, Secretary of the Alliance for all the work involved in achieving today's goal.

2. The Agenda was adopted

3. Minutes of last AGM - unanimously approved

4. Annual Report incl. Financial Report and Auditors' statement

The Secretary introduced the highlights of activities including four major meetings held on relevant themes such as "Health System Strengthening through Community Health Promotion", "How to operationalize the Strategic Plan of the Alliance", "Health Promotion Strategies of Civil Society meeting the NCD Challenge" and the Health Promotion Forum "From Local Knowledge to Health in All Policies". She referred to partnership building and advocacy work of the Alliance as well as to relationship with WHO.

The Secretary also explained that the Alliance held an Extraordinary General Meeting, 25 March 2011 which had been required for the registration of the Alliance with the State of

Geneva to approve and adopt the elected members of the Board and particularly the office of President, Treasurer and Secretary.

The Activity Report was adopted.

The Secretary introduced the Financial Report. In year 2011 WHO had not given any funds to support the work and activities of the Alliance but only in kind services, such as meeting room facilities. It had been a great disappointment that the funding promised by the State of Geneva had been refused. It was understood that funds would be made available to cover travel for three participants from Africa and India. But three weeks before the Health Promotion Forum a letter was received which stated this was not possible. Fortunately, some bridging funds had been found which enabled the Forum to take place.

The Treasurer made an appeal for Members to pay their annual fees to enable the Alliance to continue the work. It was most important to keep up the momentum of the Forum and to document the content and outcome in a comprehensive and attractive Report. The question was raised as to why the State of Geneva had refused the Alliance request. It was suggested that more follow up work should have taken place. Peter Carson suggested that the Forum Report should be given to the Geneva State with a renewed request for funding to cover the bridged funds.

The Treasurer recommended that letters should be sent to all members stressing the importance of paying their dues.

The Financial Report was adopted.

Auditors Statement

The accounts and book-keeping had been examined by the Auditor, Mrs Seamogano Manowe, Finance Officer. On her recommendation, *the Meeting adopted and approved the Auditors Statement.*

5. Activity Plan and Budget 2012

Due to time constraints, the Activity Plan and Budget could not be discussed. Members have delegated the Board to put it on the agenda of their first meeting following the AGM.

The AGM was adjourned and followed by the Health Promotion Forum.