

IFSHT Annual Delegates' Meeting Minutes

19 June 2021

Start: 14:00 pm End: 15:22 pm EST

EXCO Present:

Nicola Goldsmith,	President
Peggy Boineau,	President Elect
Stacey Doyon,	Treasurer
Maureen Hardy,	Secretary General

Delegates Present:

Marcela Juarez,	Argentina
Hamish Anderson,	Australia
Reema Yusuf,	Bahrain
Sumanta Ray,	Bangladesh
Veronique Bertrand,	Belgium
Maria Candida Luzo,	Brazil
Marie Eason Klatt,	Canada
Alejandra Aquilera,	Chile
Milada Cinerova,	Czech Republic
Kecia Ardenso,	Denmark
Frederic Apaix,	France
Moussa Abu Mostafa,	Gaza
Ingela Henningsen,	Germany
Robert Sowa,	Ghana
Marta Beatriz Pineda,	Guatemala
Eva Ma,	Hong Kong
Shovan Saha,	India
Elham Sadeghein,	Iran
Hanna Melchior,	Israel
Francesco Romagnoli,	Italy
Seiji Nishimura,	Japan
Alfred Ngetich,	Kenya
Simon Gouder,	Malta
Ana Rosella Vargas,	Mexico
Tarannum Siddiqui,	Nepal
Suzanne Koster,	Netherlands
Marta Jokiel,	Poland
Octavian David Olariu,	Romania
Mohammed Amir Siddiqui,	Saudi Arabia
Raquel Cantero Tellez,	Spain

**Kalayani Hemalatha,
Beray Kelesoglu,
Blair Agero,
Hayley Smith,
Diane Coker,
Janine Hareau,
Antonieta Larez Rojas,
Nyaradzai Munambah,**

**Sri Lanka
Turkey
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom
United States
Uruguay
Venezuela
Zimbabwe**

EXCO Absent:

**Anne Wajon,
Susan de Klerk,**

**Past President
Information Officer**

Delegates Absent:

**Brigitta Kolmayr,
Xiomara Florez,
Dheeraj Lamba,
Akisi Dovibua,
Anna Piironen,
Glykeria Gounaropoulou,
Mary Naughton,
Eileen Carroll,
Auwal Abdullahi,
Marit Maarnes,
Antonio Jose Duarte,
Monique Leblanc,
Urska Drolc,
Kirsty van Stormbroek,
Jenny Rosengren,
Patricia Kammermann,
Kedsrin Ktavutat,**

**Austria
Colombia
Ethiopia
Fiji
Finland
Greece
Ireland
New Zealand
Nigeria
Norway
Portugal
Qatar
Slovenia
South Africa
Sweden
Switzerland
Thailand**

I. Welcome and Call to Order – Nicola Goldsmith, President

- Permission to record the meeting agreed by all present
- Purpose of meeting –
 - To reach out and connect with friends around the world more often than every three years at Congress
 - IFSHT is an international community comprised of 54 countries that represent over 10,000 hand therapists
 - Delegates serve an important role by sharing IFSHT information with their national colleagues

- Welcome new member countries **Poland, Marta Jokiel** Full Member delegate, and **Fiji, Akisi Dovibua** Corresponding Member delegate.
- IFSHT has 54 Member Countries: 37 Full, 5 Associate, and 12 Corresponding
- Introduction of EXCO members

II. IFSHT New Website Introduction – Stacey Doyon, Treasurer

- IFSHT new website was launched January 2021. www.IFSHT.org
- Stacey reviewed log-on information, delegates documents, and voting polls
- All delegates can add their national society events to the website
- Visit a Clinic is available for any member to list their clinic
- Please share IFSHT.org information with your colleagues as everyone can log onto the site to access information and forms
- Membership Dues – two invoices have been sent out to all countries for their 2021 dues; if you have not received this invoice please contact treasurer@ifsht.org

III. IFSHT Publications – Nicola Goldsmith, President

- Publications Committee: Susan de Klerk, Chair
 - Mia Erickson, USA
 - Toni Rippey, NZ
 - Corey McGee, USA
 - Daniel Harte, Ireland
 - Tsitsi Murove, Zimbabwe/UK
- **REACH:** Research, Education, and Achievements in Clinical Hand Therapy Practice
 - 1st edition was published in Spring 2021- available on IFSHT.org
 - Logo competition is open for entries- please share this contest!
 - Articles, Clinical Pearls, and national news are welcome
- **IFSSH EZINE**
 - Quarterly electronic publication always includes a hand therapy article
 - Free access for all
 - Recommend delegates share past therapy contributions with colleagues

IV. 2022 IFSSH-IFSHT Triennial Congress 6th-10th June 2022, London Hayley Smith, Chair of BAHT

- www.ifssh-ifsht2022.co.uk
- 6-10 June 2022
- Current plan is for a face-to-face meeting; if covid surges then may change to virtual meeting (registration fee will be same for either option).
- ExCel London is congress venue location
- Hotel accommodations are numerous at various price points within walking distance. As transportation can be expensive, it is best to secure a hotel within walking distance
- Topics

- Joint Sessions with IFSSH-IFSHT will focus on history of hand speciality, tendons, outcomes, and sports injuries
 - Therapy session will offer multiple topics relevant to hand therapy
- Social Programme (more information to follow as venues open post covid)
 - Opening Ceremony
 - Formal Conference Dinner
 - Informal London night out
 - Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration – numerous events throughout London
- Key Dates
 - Abstract submissions open July 2021
 - Workshop submissions open July 2021
 - Registration and Ticket purchase open September 2021
- Committees requesting volunteers
 - Abstract Review Committee- submit volunteer intent online at IFSHT.org
 - Awards Committee – submit volunteer intent online at IFSHT.org
 - Silent Auction Committee – submit volunteer intent online at IFSHT.org

V. 2022 IFSHT Awards Nominations – Peggy Boineau, President Elect

- Lifetime Achievement Award
 - Recognizes those who have contributed to Hand Therapy internationally
 - This is a multiple award for an indefinite quantity, therefore no numeric limit
 - Nomination must come from a National Hand Therapy Society
 - Deadline of December 31, 2021
- Cristina Alegri Innovation Award
 - Recognizes therapist for innovation in hand therapy; one award only
 - Nomination form available on IFSHT.org
 - Deadline of December 31, 2021

VI. 2022 IFSHT Triennial Grant Applications–Maureen Hardy, Secretary General

- IFSHT-IFSSH Triennial Congress Grant
 - Provides partial financial support to attend congress
 - Silent Auction funds are used for support of this grant
 - Multiple recipients with priority for congress speakers
 - Deadline 31 October 2021
- Evelyn Mackin Congress Grant
 - Supports an emergent therapist from any country without a formal hand therapy association/society
 - Grant provides full coverage for airfare, registration, hotel, and per diem costs
 - Multiple recipients are selected
 - Deadline 31 October 2021

VII. 2022-2025 IFSHT Nominations for Executive Council and Committee Chair positions – Peggy Boineau, President Elect

- All nominations must be approved by their national Hand Therapy Society

- Position job descriptions are available at <https://ifsht.org/ifsht-job-descriptions/>
- Nominations are open for following positions:
 - President Elect
 - Secretary General
 - Treasurer
 - Information Officer
 - Education Committee Co-Chairs
 - Financial Review Chair
 - Bylaws Committee Chair
 - Publications Committee Chair
 - Nomination Committee Members
- Contact Anne Wajon, Past President who is Chair Nominations Committee at pastpresident@ifsht.org

VIII. Future Triennial Congress – Peggy Boineau, President Elect

- 2025 Washington DC, USA. 29th March-3rd April
- 2028: IFSHT is accepting bids for either a joint IFSHT-IFSSH Congress from an Asia-Pacific Country (includes Africa and Far East countries); or, a stand alone country bid from any IFSHT Full or Associate Member Country.

IX. Proposed Bylaw Changes – Marie Eason Klatt, Chair of Bylaws Committee

- Proposed Bylaw changes sent to delegates and posted on IFSHT.org
- Marie reviewed each change and rationale for change
- India delegate suggested word changes for clarity; wording changed to Associate and Corresponding Members are permitted to serve on committees but **are not permitted** to run for office or serve as committee chair
- VOTE on website open for all Full Member delegates for 30 days

X. Mentoring Program—Nicola Goldsmith, President

- 21 Full Member Countries serving as mentors offering their service to assist in developing hand therapy organizations
- 15 Associate/Corresponding Member Countries as mentees who requested affiliation
- Any country who did not originally respond to the initial survey can still participate by contacting secretarygeneral@ifsht.org
- Break Out Rooms – Mentors & Mentees were assigned to rooms for further discussion on facilitation of goals.