



**MEETING MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Date: Thursday, June 23rd, 2016
Time: 18:00 – 18:30
Location: Moot Court Room (6th floor)
Chair: Mike Doyle – President IAFMHS

1. Welcome and introductions

2. President's Report

- Mike Doyle summarized the discussions of the Advisory Board meeting held on Monday June 20. The current conference had a very high standard of presentations and will make a good profit. There was a conscious decision to start the conference very early to accommodate the greatest number of presentations, but to gauge interest in these early sessions head counts were taken to determine whether to have such early sessions in the future. A presentation about the 2017 conference location (Le Meridien Lav in Split, Croatia) was given to the Advisory Board; potential themes for the event include migration and mental health, terrorism, and risk and resiliency. The submission deadline likely will be December 1, 2016, and a new abstract submission system will be put in place due to excessive problems with the current system. In terms of future conferences in 2018 and beyond, a number of options are being explored, including Brussels and San Sebastian. The Association currently has 387 members, which is a significant improvement over previous years. The Advisory Board is always looking for new members so any interested candidates should reach out to the Association.

- Mike Doyle summarized the discussion from the Board of Directors meeting held on Monday June 20. Student President Michael Martin provided an update on student activities and their impressive efforts to build the section; they are currently at approximately 130 members. Treasurer Kevin Douglas provided an update on the financial health of the Association. Stephen Hart announced the new positions on the Board – President-Elect is Barry Rosenfeld, Treasurer is Robert Lark, and members-at-large are Adrian Cree, Ed Hilterman, Kaitlyn McLachlan and Helen Walker. Anne Crocker will transition from member-at-large to Secretary. Gary Chaimowitz, Patty Zapf, Kevin Douglas, and Vivienne de Vogel have completed their terms on the Board and the Association thanks them for their service. Given the amount of turnover this year, Kevin Douglas agreed to transition from Treasurer to member-at-large for one additional year. The Board discussed the Advisory Board process and how more structure is needed in terms of nominations and tenure. The Board discussed how to further grow the presence of the Association in developing economies, and one way is to offer bursaries now that we are doing better financially. Next year the plan will be to offer a small number of bursaries up to \$1500 CAD to members; the official criteria and process will be determined over the next few months. Lastly the Board discussed the use of the membership list for recruitment and advertisement; the decision was made that persons making the request must first become members and then their request (proposal and proof of ethics approval) will be screened via Kaitlyn McLachlan.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Robert Lark reported that the Association has turned a corner financially after some tumultuous years. 2015 net income is approximately \$70,000

CAD, with membership and conference revenue roughly \$23,000 CAD and \$69,000 CAD, respectively. Budget projections are being met and exceeded in revenue, and the overall net membership revenue for 2016 so far is \$25,000. Current conference revenue is at approximately \$400,000 CAD, minus expenses. The first deposits for the 2017 conference in Croatia are due now as well; once all 2016 conference expenses and 2017 deposits are taken care of it is anticipated that the Association will have about \$160,000 CAD remaining.

4. Journal Report

- Barry Rosenfeld reported that the journal is in great shape. Submissions are greater than the previous year and the journal has a health rejection rate. In 2015 there were 129 new submissions and 26 published articles. There are currently 45 submissions so far in 2016. Tonia Nicholls (who was Associate Editor) will be replacing Barry Rosenfeld after his 5 years as Editor. In terms of impact factor, this year it is lower than the previous year (.767); the Board will work with Taylor & Francis regarding strategies to get this number up. Tonia Nicholls suggested more Special Issues for the journal as a strategy for raising the impact factor.

5. AOB

- Mike Doyle asked that people email him if they are interested in joining the Advisory Board.
- Mike Doyle wishes to thank everyone who helped to organize the conference, particularly Patty Zapf and Barry Rosenfeld.

6. Next Meeting

- Split, Croatia (June 2017)