

PASMAE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT THE 11th PASMAE CONFERENCE

July 1– 5, 2019 in Seychelles

MINUTES

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11. Elections for Incoming EXCO
12. Presentation of the In Coming EXCO
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14. AOB
15. Closing Remarks

1. Call to order and Opening Prayer

The Immediate Past President Dr Benon Kigozi made the Call to Order at 1115hrs and invited the President as Chair to preside over.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was proposed by Dr Benon Kigozi and seconded by Beverly Vaughn. The agenda was adopted.

3. Opening Remarks

The President as Chair opened the meeting and thanked members for coming to the conference and attending the GA. The President expressed his gratitude to members and delegates for their participation and acknowledged the hard work of the outgoing EXCO and of the conference organizing committee to ensure the Conference took place.

4. Adoption of the minutes of 2017 General Conference

The adoption of minutes was proposed by Dorette Verneulen and seconded by Beverly Vaughn. The minutes were adopted.

5. Matters arising from minutes of 2017 General Conference

The Chair asked if there were comments or matters arising from 2017 General Assembly minutes but there were no comments.

6. Message from the President

In his speech he thanked God Almighty for guiding him. He thanked Lee Higgins for coming accepting to come and to give a Keynote speech. He specifically thanked John Chitambo, Judy Thonell, Caroline Van Niekerk, Benon Kigozi, and the Local Organising committee for a well organised and successful PASMAE 2019 Conference. The Chair gave a brief history of his involvement with PASMAE and acknowledged the support he has been given to learn and to lead as President just after two years of joining the Society.

7. Message from ISME Representative

Prof. Lee Higgins gave brief remarks about ISME. He thanked PASMAE for inviting him to the conference to deliver a Keynote Address. He encouraged PASAME members to become ISME members.

8. Reports from Regional Vice Presidents

Reports from Regional VPs were skipped as they were not ready

9. Financial Reports

Judy Thonell gave a brief explanation of the financial situation from the time she started volunteering to stand in the gap. She explained the use of an interactive web site called Conference on line (COL) which she had used since 2009. Judy mentioned that she had introduced it to PASMAE because it is so convenient and cheap, stressing that conference participants are able to log on and register as well pay their conference fees as one can access it at any time you want, from anywhere with an internet connection.

Constitutional Amendments

a) Position of Secretary General/treasurer

Because of banking challenges, an idea of splitting the responsibility of Secretary General/treasurer was mooted as a possible solution. Proposed by Benon Kigozi and Seconded by Eze Tochwuku. It was resolved that the responsibility of Secretary General/treasurer be split.

b) Election of the President

In order to open up leadership opportunities of the Society to a wider spectrum of prospective capable leaders, it was suggested that for one to contest for PASMAE Presidency, they must be PASMAE members in good standing who have also attended a minimum of two PASMAE or ISME conferences, and not necessarily PASMAE Conferences. They must be resident in Africa. Proposed by Benon Kigozi and Seconded by Eze Tochwuku.

10. Elections

It was agreed that the Immediate Past President would conduct the elections session citing that he had no interest in any post. The following were the results:

Dr. Dorette Vermeulen (South Africa), President-Elect
Nalumino Akashambatwa (Zambia), Vice President for Central Africa Region
Prof. Marc Duby (South Africa), Vice President for Southern Africa Region
Milton Wabyona (Uganda), Vice President for East African Region
Dr Benon Kigozi, (Uganda), was appointed Secretary General

Acceptance speech from incoming president

The incoming President pledged to do his best over the next two years and emphasised that he would lead from the middle.

11. Reports from Regional Vice Presidents:

a) Southern Africa region

Dr. Dorette Vermeulen reported that the PASMAE Southern Africa Regional conference was held in 2012. The conference was a success and covered practical workshops and presentations.

b) East African region

John Chitambo reported that the East African Regional Conference was called off because of the Kenya Elections. She reassured that the conference shall be held next year, 2014.

c) Central Africa Region

Dr. Bibian conveyed greetings from International Music Council (IMC) leadership and encouraged members of the meeting to submit abstracts for next IMC conference. She further reminded members to pay IMC membership fees.

Signature

Dr Benon Kigozi
General Secretary