

## MINUTES OF ISAM 2016 MONTREAL, CANADA ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Friday October 21, 2016

In Attendance: 31

1. Call to order at 5:45 PM
  - a. Welcome to the 18<sup>th</sup> ISAM Annual Meeting by President Gregory Bunt
  - b. Introduction of the Board of Directors and of three of the Travel Awardees present
  - c. Introduction of guest, Dr. Pedro Ruiz, Past Head & President of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA)
  - d. Appreciation expressed to Dr. N. el-Guebaly for his work and to Dr. Paul Sobey, CSAm-SMCA President and to the Board of Directors of CSAm-SMCA who graciously accepted to have a joint conference after ISAM 2016 Rio was not deemed feasible
  - e. Introduction of the new Board member, Dr. Sung-Gon Kim from Korea
  - f. Appreciation expressed to the 2016 Plenary speakers and to the panel members: Dr. Poznyak, C. Sisson and R. Notarandrea as well as all the speakers
  - g. Brief discussion on the UN Resolution General Assembly which was devoted this year to Drug Addiction
2. Acceptance of the Minutes from ISAM 2015 Dundee, Scotland Annual General Assembly.
3. Finances
  - a. R. Khan, Treasurer hopes to develop 5-year Business Plan going forward
  - b. Notice to Reader from Accountants reviewed. The office is still run on ~\$55,000/year.
  - c. Motion by A. Baldacchino, seconded by K. Brady to accept the Financial Notice to Reader as reviewed. Carried
  - d. Motion by A. Abagiu, seconded by S. Brissette to retain Crowe Mackay as Accountants for 2016.
4. Affiliate Societies
  - a. Fees structure is being reviewed
  - b. Suggestion to open to focus/interest groups in the field for the purpose of cross-networking. Ex. New Research Society on Marijuana and Youth and Family Interest Group. If interested in being a part of either of these, please contact Dr. Yifrah Kaminer by email.
5. Update on Annual Meetings
  - a. ISAM 2017 Abu Dhabi presentation
  - b. ISAM 2018 Busan, Korea
  - c. ISAM 2019 Delhi, India
  - d. Several possibilities are being reviewed by the Board of Directors for 2010 onward
6. Update on the International Certification Examination: Nady el-Guebaly
  - a. 26 sat the ISAM Certification Exam in Montreal
  - b. Exam questions were reviewed and now based on the International textbook
  - c. Anticipate more asking to do the exam with the changes and decrease in eligibility for the ABAM exam
7. Update on the ISAM Textbook: Nady el-Guebaly
  - a. Textbook discount continues for conference delegates
  - b. Potential for a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

8. Update on the Journal: Marc Galanter
  - a. Substance Abuse has seen an increase in their impact factor
  - b. Select Abstracts from ISAM 2016 will be published in Journal Substance Abuse
  - c. There is an opportunity for an Associate editor at the journal of substance Abuse – contact Dr. Galanter through ISAM office if interested.
  
9. ISAM Fellows – recognizing support of individual members who have been members in good-standing for 5 years plus will be done at the Gala dinner. Initial number was 43 of which 19 will be present.
  
10. Development of ISAM Regional Representation as another way to interact with colleagues
  - a. Suggestions to develop a network of Treatment facilities through the Regional reps
  
11. Evaluations - Request to all to please fill out the online evaluations that will be sent out
  
12. Suggestions from members
  - a. Research evaluation app that allows delegates to put in their comments after each presentation and once completed the certificate is produced
  - b. Try to not place symposia on same topic during the same time slot so that those interested in the topic can attend both symposia
  - c. Travel Awardees would prefer to be slotted in symposia on their topic and not slotted together – very poor attendance
  
13. Adjournment at 6:45 PM

In attendance

A. Abagiu	P. Ruiz	S-G Kim	R. Haemmig
S. Higuchi	D. Kurth	P. Jena	H. Habis
A. Baldacchino	K. Brady	I. Mills	R. Khan
N. Wetterau	M. Galanter	B. Mwangomba	J. Khalsa
S. Galea	R. Lim	B. Bello	Y. Kaminer
N. el-Guebaly	S. Brissette	K. Bello	A. Mishra
B. Boers	P. Sobey	A. Elkashef	
J. Clelland	S. Min	H. AlMheiri	