**2021 ISAM Annual General Assembly**

**November 21, 2021**

Present on video 30

Call to order by President Alex Baldacchino

**Minutes of 2020 AGM:**

* Have been posted on the ISAM home page with agenda for membership
* No concerns or questions from those present
* **Motion by Kathleen Brady, seconded by Adrian Abagiu to adopt the Minutes of the 2020 ISAM Annual General Assembly. Carried.**

**Executive Reports:** (all reports included with the Agenda on the webpages)

President: A Baldacchino

* Report in agenda package
* This past year despite COVID, for ISAM a year of growth and great responsibility
* Annual meeting a testament to those in the field seeking knowledge
* Thanks expressed to Riaz Khan for his years of service
* Welcome to new Treasurer, Yasser Khazaal

Past-President: K Brady

* Chair of the new Past Presidents Council
* One meeting
* Board has approved the Distinguished Fellow category
* Asking Board for other activities and will be involved in planning special ISAM 25th Anniversary activities

President-Elect: H AlGhaferi

* Working on ISAM links to UNODC and WHO projects in Africa
* Working with Dr. Gawad on the ISAM Strategy/Action Plan
* Working on expanding the offer of the ISAM exam in Egypt through a donation from Pharma
* Working on expanding the ISAM exam through ICCUDR

Treasurer: R Khan

* In looking on sustainability - 10% not enough from the ISAM annual meetings, suggesting to increase to 20% after 2023
* Suggesting as a product – consultation services in addiction medicine to institutions
* Commitment to support the new Treasurer, Yasser Khazaal

All Committee Officer reports included with Agenda on the ISAM webpages.

**Financial matters:**

* The 2020 Financial Statements have been in the Members’ section of the webpages since June and on the ISAM Home page with the AGM agenda for past 6 weeks.
* Members notified by email
* Treasurer Dr. Riaz Khan validated the statements and had no concerns
* **Motion by Riaz Khan, seconded by Adrian Abagiu to accept the Financial Statements. Carried.**
* **Motion by Adrian Abagiu, seconded by Riaz Khan to re-appoint BDO Dunwoody as the accountants to review the ISAM finances for 2021. Carried.**

**Constitutional changes to the Bylaws:**

* Honorary Membership: Any person may be appointed an Honorary member by a majority decision of the board of directors by reason of outstanding service to the Corporation.
* Proposal to offer Honorary membership to all ISAM Past Presidents
* Rationale: by the end of their service as ISAM President they will have served a minimum of nine years and will still serve as Past President
* Motion by Adrian Abagiu, seconded by Riaz Khan to offer Honorary Membership to ISAM Past Presidents. Carried. Abstention by Past Presidents present: N el-Guebaly, G Bunt, K Brady and T Gawad.

**Regional Council**: Dr. G Bunt (apologies from Co-Chair Hamed Ekhtiari who could not be present)

Review of webpage information:

* Affiliates Societies
* Affiliate Organizations
* Regional Representatives

Future items:

* Working on being able to offer sessions in different languages
* Communication Committee exploring translation/Interpretation possibilities

**Exam Update**: Dr. K Brady

* As stated in report – exploring possible online ability to take the exam to expand the reach of the exam and enable offering it around the world.

**Textbook Update:** N el-Guebaly

* To date 10,000 chapters of the e.edition of the new Textbook have been downloaded.

**Update on Annual meetings:**

2021 Today will conclude 3-day program. 213 presentations with representation from 52 countries

2022 Brief presentation from Mr. Alfred Grixti – welcoming the ISAM community to Valletta, Malta Oct 4-7, 2022

2023 Confirmation for ISAM 2023Marrakesh, Morocco Nov 2-4, 2023

**Adjournment**