

Minutes of the Regional Assembly of AARS – November 2022

Held on the 11th November 2022, from 17:30-19:00 hours,

At the Hall 1, 1F, COEX Convention Centre, Seoul, South Korea

1. Chair of the AARS- WFSA, Dr Susilo Chandra opened the first Regional Assembly.
2. Roll Call and Apologies: Dr Justin Ko reported the presence of 25 delegates physically and 32 delegates virtually.
3. Dr Chandra welcomed the delegates and invited Dr Chris Bowden, Vice Chair of the AARS to cochair the meeting. (Report 1 attached- Chair's report)
4. Dr Bowden welcomed Brunei to the AARS.
5. Resolution on Virtual Participation-

Dr Bowden read out the resolution: **“The following is recommended by the Board for approval by the 2022 AARS Regional Assembly: Delegates in the Regional Assemblies and Board meetings may participate either in-person or virtually. In all cases, votes by Official Delegates who attend will be counted as if they attended in-person.**

Resolutions of the AARS Regional Section may be voted on at a physical meeting or circulated for approval via electronic means.”

The delegates unanimously approved this resolution.

6. Resolution to amend AARS Regulations 7.06-

Dr Bowden read out the resolution: **“This currently reads as two-thirds of the voting Delegates shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business of the Assembly.”**

“The following is recommended by the Board for approval by the 2022 AARS Regional Assembly: Two-thirds of the voting Countries shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business of the Assembly.”

This resolution was also unanimously approved by the delegates.

7. Minutes of the last Regional Assembly- AARS- China 2018-

The minutes were presented by the General Secretary, Dr Kumudini Ranatunga. She mentioned that these minutes have also been circulated earlier to the National Societies and the Board of the AARS.

(Report 2 attached- Minutes of the AARS Regional Assembly 2018)

8. Business arising from the last minutes- There were no business arising from the minutes.

9. General Secretary's report 2018-2022:

This was presented by Dr Ranatunga. She gave details of the past Board Meetings and past conferences that the Board was involved with. She also explained about the two virtual sessions that the AARS and SAARC-AA were allocated at the 17th- WCA. She mentioned about the 100 WCA virtual scholarships that could be awarded by the AARS to the Anaesthesia post graduates by the funds generated by Dr Bowden and Dr Chandra.

(Report 3 attached – General Secretary's report)

10. Treasurer's report 2018-2022: Dr Toshiya Koitabashi presented the Treasurer's report.

(Report 4 attached- Treasurer's report)

11. Nominations and vote on candidates for AARS Board, 2022-26:

Dr Bowden explained about the nominations-

There were three positions for East Asia: There were 3 applications from China, Japan and Korea.

There were three positions for Southeast Asia: There were 6 applications from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Brunei.

There were two positions for South Asia: There were 3 applications from Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka.

There were two positions for the Pacific region: There were 2 applications from Australia and Fiji.

Dr Bowden invited the nominees to make a brief introduction of themselves.

Some nominees were present physically while the others were present virtually.

Drs K. Sardar (Bangladesh), N. Malhotra (India), N. Wijesuriya (Sri Lanka), C. Bowden (Australia), K. Mudliar (Fiji), S. Le (China), Y. Michiaki (Japan), J Ko (South Korea), L. Zulaida (Brunei), A. Cahyadi (Indonesia), M. Marzida (Malaysia), V. Benjamin (Philippines), L.K. Ti (Singapore) and L.Varini (Thailand) introduced themselves.

The voting process was initiated immediately afterwards and both the physical and virtual delegates participated in voting electronically.

Ten nominees, Drs N. Malhotra (India), N. Wijesuriya (Sri Lanka), C. Bowden (Australia), K. Mudliar (Fiji), S. Le (China), Y. Michiaki (Japan), J Ko (South Korea), M. Marzida (Malaysia), L.K. Ti (Singapore) and L.Varini (Thailand) were elected to the new AARS Board to serve from 2022-2026.

12. Dr Bowden invited the President of WFSA, Dr Wayne Morriss to address the meeting. Dr Morriss said that it will be an exciting four years for the AARS since several major Congresses and the WCA will be held in the AARS region in the next four years. He also emphasised the significance of Anaesthesia community of the world coming together to improve standards through the WFSA and its regional sections. He mentioned that the WCA 2024 is nearing fast and we should all get together to make it a success by having a greater participation.

13. Update on AACA 2026 – Thailand:

President of the RCAT made a presentation on the preparations, venue and the facilities available for the 16th AACA-2026. The delegates were satisfied with the preparations for the Congress.

14. Presentation of bids for hosting AACCA 2030-

Malaysia was selected uncontested to hold the AACCA 2030. President of the MSA made a brief presentation due to time constraints to adjourn the meeting and assured the delegates that the AACCA 2030 will be a great success.

15. Given there were no other business for a second Regional Assembly or a second AARS Board Meeting, these meetings were cancelled.

The meeting adjourned at 17:00.

Dr Kumudini Ranatunga

General Secretary- WFSA-AARS (2018-2022)