



**Minutes of the 18th Asia- Oceania Associations for the study of Obesity (AOASO) Council Meeting
Monday, 2 May 2016, 12.00-13.15 (Room 15)
Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver, Canada.**

Present

AOASO Main Office Bearers

- 1) Emeritus Prof. Mohd Ismail Noor (MASO) – President.
- 2) Dr. Pallavi Sodhi Patankar - (AIAARO) - Secretary
- 3) Prof. Huang Kuo Chin- (TMASO) – Immediate Past President and Co –Chief Editor – ORCP.
- 4) Prof Timothy Gill (ANZOS) - Chair Education Committee AOASO.

AOASO - National Representative

- 1) Prof Brian Oldfield - (ANZOS) - President and Chairman – 9TH AOCO – Adelaide – Australia.
- 2) Ms Leanne Young - (ANZOS) - Proxy – New Zealand.
- 3) Prof Kuzawa Nakoa – (JASSO) - Proxy
- 4) Dr Soon-Jib Yoo - (KSSO) - President
- 5) Prof. Yi- Ching Yang – (TMASO) – President
- 6) Dr. Elaine Chew – (SASO) - Proxy

Observers

- 1) Kyoung Kon Leonard Kim - (KSSO)
- 2) Dr Hyuk Sang Kwon (KSSO) - Secretary
- 3) Prof Hao- Hsiang Chang – (TMASO) - Secretary
- 4) Dr. Siobhan Kelly – (SASO)

Absent (with Apology)

- 1) Prof Jeong Taek Woo (KSSO) - Vice President, AOASO
- 2) Dr Gaga Irawan (ISSO) – Treasurer, AOASO
- 3) Prof Gary Wittert - Chief Editor – ORCP
- 4) Prof Yuji Mutsuzawa – (JASSO) Past-President – AOASO
- 5) Dr Shashank Shah - President – (AIAARO) – India.
- 6) Prof Masato Kasuga -President (JASSO) - Japan.
- 7) Dr Roberto C. Mirasol – President (PASSO) - Philippines.
- 8) Dr Francis CC Chow President (HKASO) - Hong Kong.
- 9) Dr Tham Kwang Wei -President (SASO) - Singapore

No Response

- 1) Dr Dante Saksono Harbuwana – President – (ISSO).
- 2) Prof Apichati Vichanyanrat – President – (TSSO).

1) Opening Remarks and adoption of the Agenda by the President

The Agenda of the meeting was approved by the Council

Emeritus Prof. Mohd Ismail Noor, welcomes AOASO Council members, proxy from member associations and observers to the 18th. AOASO Council meeting, held during ICO 2016 in Vancouver, Canada. He expressed his perennial concern on the difficulty he and the Secretary face in communicating with member countries, mainly due to lack of information from member countries especially in updating the current “Officers” and their official corresponding address.

2) Adoption of Minutes of the 17th. AOASO Council meeting

Minutes of the 17th AOASO Council Meeting held on 2nd Oct 2015 – Nagoya Japan, was accepted and approved by the Council without amendments

3) Matters arising therefrom

i) The AOASO website is now based in Kuala Lumpur and Prof. Poh Bee Koon pbkoon@ukm.edu.my have agreed to take charge of website. Member Associations are encourage to forward Associations updates to reflect current status of your respective Association.

ii) Email correspondence to member countries need to improve further. Apparently, there are member countries that do not respond to email from either the President or the Secretary.

4) Report of the 8th. AOCO 2015, Nagoya, Japan

i) Prof Nakao Kuzawa informed Council that the 8th AOCO 2015 was a success. Brief report of the conference, AOASO Council meeting and the signing of the “Nagoya Declaration” is found in the AOASO website.

ii) The President JASSO, Prof Masato Kasuga have pledged to make a contribution of 500,000 yen (approx.: USD4,400) to AOASO for hosting the 8th. AOCO in Japan.

iii) Prof Nakoa Kuzawa suggested that the funds could be use to help in running the AOASO Secretariat- and partial assistance of young scientists to attend AOCO Conference.

5) President Report

i) The President is pleased to inform the Council that the attendance to AOASO Council meeting have during the past years been good however, unfortunately the Thailand Society for the study of Obesity (TSSO) have not been represented for more than a decade now. The Council may need to decide the status of TSSO in AOASO.

ii) The President once again reminded member Associations to provide updates of Association news to help improve the content of AOASO website. Members are encourage to log in the official website www.aoaso.org to check whether its content reflect the current status of their Association. Members are free to communicate with Prof. Poh Bee Koon - pbkoon@ukm.edu.my (**AOASO webmaster**) to update their country profile and provide relevant information

iii) The President thanked members who have provided their country report to be included in the AOASO Report for the World Obesity Federation annual report (2014-2015). Several countries did not respond to the request (**see attachment**)

iv) On behalf of AOASO, the President thanked Prof. Masato Kasuga, Chairman, AOCO 2015 for the contribution of 500,000 yen (approx.:USD4,400) to the AOASO.

v) Financial report from the AOASO Treasurer will be tabled in every Council meeting to provide members information on income and expenditure of AOASO.

6) Secretary Report

i) The 18th AOASO meeting held in Vancouver on 2nd May 2016 was very productive and attendance was good.

ii) Prof Brian Oldfield update on 9th AOCO 2017 to be held in Adelaide was very encouraging and positive initiation.

iii) Three countries Japan – Korea – Taiwan have formed a sub group which was announced during the meeting.

iv) With permission of the Chair, Secretary Dr Pallavi Sodhi Patankar appealed for refund of her registration fees for ICO 2016, Vancouver – GBP – 275/- which was approved by the Council

7) Treasurer Report

i) In the absence of Dr Gaga Irawan, Treasurer AOASO, the Secretary circulated the AOASO Financial Report (30 Sept 2014 – 22 April 2016) and it was approved by the Council (**Appendix I**).

8) AOASO Journal report

In absence of Prof Gary Wittert – Obesity Research and Clinical Practice (ORCP) report was presented by Co -Chief Editor Prof Kuo Chin Huang and it was accepted by the Council (**Appendix II**)

9) Other Matters

i) Report on 9th. AOCO 2017 by Pro. Brian Oldfield

a) Prof. Brian informed the Council that AOCO 2017 will be hosted in collaboration with ANZOS and Obesity Surgery Society of Australia and New Zealand (OSSANZ) and details of the ANZOS/OSSANZ/AOCO 2017. They will be working with the Adelaide Convention Bureau and the Conference will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide.

b) The Scientific Programme will encompass 3 major tracks namely, Basic Science, Clinical and Public Health.

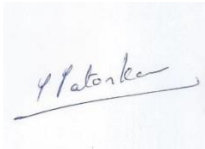
c) Prof. Brian informed the Council that ANZOS have pledge some Travel grants to support participation of delegates and young researchers from the Asia-Oceania region.

ii) Amendment to the AOASO Statutes.

a) The Council have agreed to allow New Zealand voting rights in line with the World Obesity Federation.

b) Prof Ismail proposed 2 term tenure for the AOASO Treasurer 4+4 years (8 years), to save cost in moving banking services across the region. The proposal was approved by the Council.

Minutes prepared by:

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Dr Pallavi Sodhi Patankar
Secretary ,AOASO

Confirmed by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ismail Noor', written in a stylized cursive script.

Emeritus Prof. Dr Mohd Ismail Noor
President AOASO