

THE CHARITIES FOUNDATION OF AFICS/NY

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Landau Conference Room, Wednesday, 29 May 2019, 1:00 PM

Present

Demetrios Argyriades; Fernando Astete; John Dietz, President of AFICS/NY (ex officio member); Anthony Fouracre, President; Suzan Habachy, Chair, Assistance Review Committee; Mary Lynn Hanley, Secretary; Dr. Sudershan Narula; Edward Omotoso, First Vice President; Warren Sach; Christine-Smith Lemarchand

Regrets

Mac Chiulli, Dede Emerson, Louise Laheurte, O. Richard Nottidge

1. Welcome to semi-annual meeting of the Charities Foundation. President Fouracre welcomed members to the meeting, which, as had originally been envisaged, will now formally be held twice instead of once yearly.
2. Adoption of the agenda. The Provisional Agenda was adopted.
3. Approval of the minutes of the meetings held on 5 December 2018. Two meetings took place on 5 December, the first the Annual Meeting of the Foundation and the second that of the Board of Directors to elect its officers. The minutes of each were approved with a correction to those of the Foundation – in the spelling of the last name of Louise Laheurte, in paragraph 4.
4. Financial Status of The Charities Foundation. There was little to report, inasmuch as of the date of the meeting, the Foundation had received no requests for assistance in 2019. Ed Omotoso noted that there appeared to be a discrepancy between the minutes of the Foundation where in paragraph 6 it was reported that the 2018 grants totaled \$5,000 whereas the Statement of Income and Expenditures for 2018 reflected a figure of \$6,000. President Fouracre responded that both he and Suzan Habachy had discussed that point and he assumed that it represented a 2017 grant of \$1,000 which had not been cashed until 2018 but he was waiting confirmation from the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer to that effect. Subsequent to the meeting, this was, indeed, confirmed to be the situation.
6. Making the Foundation better known. It was generally agreed that more effort is required to inform AFICS/NY members of the availability of the Foundation and cash grants it offers under what terms. The AFICS/NY Bulletin should once again include such information in its next issue. The Annual Assembly taking place that very afternoon also afforded an opportunity to refresh members' knowledge of the Foundation (which President Fouracre did, taking the floor

during the meeting). His remarks will thus be broadcast via coverage of the Annual Assembly on the AFICS/NY website.

7. At the Annual Meeting of the Foundation the idea of a wider dissemination of the activities of the Foundation had been raised. In consultation with Suzan Habachy, Chair of the Assistance Review Committee and Sudershan Narula, President Fouracre had prepared a message for circulation to all FAFICS Members and Associate Member Associations. There had been a problem, however, in finding an up-to-date contact list. The new FAFICS Secretary was attempting to locate such a list. It was decided to send out the message using the last available contact list as shown in the UNJSPF Annual Letter of 2107.

8. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Lynn Hanley, Secretary, June 4, 2019