

**398<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board**  
**Wednesday, 9 January 2019**  
**Bullet Points**

- Note was made of para 13 of the GA resolution, calling for the institution of two distinct and independent positions, namely a Pension Benefits Administrator and a Secretary of the Pension Board, by not later than January 2020.
- The President dwelt on a Resolution of the General Assembly adopted on 22 December 2018. The Resolution affirmed the overall prerogatives of the GA on all Pension Fund matters; noted the need to continue ongoing efforts to reach satisfactory rates of return on the investments of the fund; and focused attention on Pension Fund governance matters.
- The Board turned its attention to the high level of *receivables*, resulting from non-payment of dues by AFICS/NY members. This created a number of problems, which called for urgent action. It was resolved that the President address a letter to all members who are in default and the Membership Committee approach them on the phone with a request that they renew their membership. More generally, the Board stressed the importance of *outreach* as a means to increasing the membership and participation in AFICS/NY.
- After a successful lunch at the West Side Victor's Café, to mark the end of 2018, the Board agreed to sponsor a "*Mix and Mingle*" event to usher the New Year. The event will be held in the Landau Conference Room, on Wednesday, 30 January, at 2:00 pm. The event is free of charge.
- The Chair of the Insurance Committee reported on some challenges caused by increasing premiums and ongoing rearrangements in the U.N. Secretariat, which affected to service of staff, as well as retirees. The Committee continued to press for deployment of two officers *fully dedicated* to the service of U.N. retirees.
- The Website and the Bulletin will focus on assisting retirees with up-to-date information on their entitlements and on social and other activities
- The next meeting of the Board was set for Wednesday, 6 February 2019.