

Bullet Points

405th Meeting of the Governing Board

2 October 2019

1. Exceptionally, the Board began its monthly session at 10:00 am in order to explore and debate the Report of the AFICS/NY Working Group on FAFICS Rules of Procedure, which the Working Group had prepared under the Chairmanship of Ms. D. Landey. The AFICS/NY Working Group suggested a number of revisions to seven sub-sections, the addition of two new sections and deletion of two sections featuring unsupported references in some places. The FAFICS Working Group had set a deadline of 11 October for FAFICS Member Associations to provide their proposals and suggestions.
2. In the context of discussing and approving the contents of the Minutes of the 404th Meeting, an amendment was introduced to underscore the importance of *follow-up* on cases of prospective beneficiaries/retirees which had been referred back to the requesting agency for further clarification or information, due to lack of full details.
3. The Board discussed proposals for a traditional Fall luncheon, immediately preceding the Thanksgiving Holiday, a free Mix and Mingle event for AFICS/NY Members and an End-of-the-Year event. The Board decided to conflate the latter two into one in order to facilitate people having to travel from out-of-town.
4. On behalf of the Pension Committee, it was reported that some substantial progress had been accomplished in reducing the backlog of former staff awaiting registration for inclusion into the Fund.
5. The Insurance Committee met to finalize its 2020 work programme. This would now include an item on outreach to retirees advising them on ways to help reduce overall ASHI costs. The Committee noted, with concern, the rising premium charges, which are beginning to have an impact on NET pensions. The issue of rising premiums and costs has also been discussed by HLIC and would probably soon be debated by the General Assembly, as well as by ACABQ and the Fifth Committee. The Board of AFICS/NY would follow developments closely.
6. The International Day of Older Persons was observed at the UN on 10 October.
7. The next meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Wednesday, 6 November at 11:00 am.