



# Minutes

## General Meeting (GM) of the Global Allergy and Asthma Patient Platform (GAAPP)

June 16, 2017, Helsinki, Finland

### 0. Opening and welcome by Tony Winders

Tonya Winders opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. Jenna Reynolds motioned to enter into the official business meeting and Sanaz Eftekhari seconded, no discussion and all approved.

### 1. Approval of today's agenda

Antje Fink-Wagner motioned to accept the agenda as proposed and Jenna Reynolds seconded. No discussion was raised and all approved unanimously.

### 2. Election of the chairperson and secretary to the Annual General Meeting and tellers for elections

Ilkka Repo nominated Tonya Winders to act as Chair & Jenna Reynolds & Antje Fink-Wagner to act as the tellers for today's meeting. Otto seconded and there was no discussion before a unanimous approval was given.

### 3. Approval of the minutes of the 5<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of GAAPP at Amsterdam

The minutes from the 2015 Annual General Meeting were presented with a motion from Otto Spranger to accept. Marcia Podesta seconded. No discussion ensued, and all voted unanimously to approve.

### 4. Motions

Otto Spranger made a motion that founding members Antje Fink-Wagner from Germany and Natalio Salmun from Argentina be confirmed as honorary members of GAAPP with participation, but no voting rights due to their support over the first ten years of the organization. Jenna Reynolds seconded the motion. There was discussion about what this truly meant from an attendance and voting perspective, as well as inquiry regarding Natalio Salmun's health before the members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

### 5. Activity Report

Otto Spranger then presented the 2015-2016 Activity Report in detail. The report was discussed and approved.

### 6. Accounts and Budget forecast

Furthermore, Otto Spranger presented the 2015-2016 accounting reconciliation along with a 2017 budget. Sanaz seconded the motion to accept after Otto initiated the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the need for fundraising and to further



discuss membership fees for future years before the members voted unanimously to accept the report, financials and budget.

## **7. Strategy and Work plan**

The members took a brief break before reconvening to participate in a strategic planning session led by Tonya Winders. The members agreed to refine the mission, vision, values and strategic priorities in the coming weeks via email.

## **8. Membership Fee**

One point which garnered significant discussion was about raising membership fees from the current rate of EUR 0. After discussion all agreed we do not want to create a barrier to entry for new and emerging patient organizations; therefore, we will not enact a membership fee for member organizations.

## **9. Constitution of the Organization**

Otto Spranger presented the updated Constitution of the organization and Carla Jones seconded the motion to accept. Marcia Podesta raised concern about the abbreviation and the need to include a clause in section 4.0 that all members agree to accept bylaws of the organization and also agree to act in a manner in accord with the established code of ethics. After discussion, all agreed and voted unanimously to accept the statutes as presented but without changing the name of the organization to Global Allergy and Airways Patient Platform. Some felt this would allow us to include and address other respiratory conditions such as COPD. This decision was tabled by Ilkka Repo to be taken back to the board for full consideration.

## **10. Election of the board**

Finally, the candidates for the Board of GAAPP introduced themselves and the ballots were disseminated for voting purposes. The tellers collected and calculated the votes with the results outlined below:

<b>Tonya Winders</b> , USA	President
<b>Kristine Whorlow</b> , Australia	1st Vice President
<b>Roberta Savli</b> , Belgium	2nd Vice President
<b>Otto Spranger</b> , Austria	Treasurer
<b>Marianella Salapatas</b> , Greece	Vice Treasurer
<b>Sanaz Eftekhari</b> , USA	Secretary
<b>Ilkka Repo</b> , Finland	Vice Secretary

All candidates were unanimously approved by eligible voting members present.

## **11. Closing of the meeting**

Tonya Winders thanked all members for their active participation and closed the meeting.