



WORLD PLUMBING COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

9 DECEMBER 2020

MINUTES

1. MEETING OPENING

1.1 Attendance

PRESENT

Executive Board and Secretariat

Chair, Tom Bigley, United Association (USA); Deputy Chair, Dave Viola, IAPMO (USA); Secretary & Treasurer, Shayne La Combre, Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC) (Australia); Director, Alberto Fossa, ABRINSTAL – Brazilian Association for Conformity & Efficiency of Facilities (Brazil); Director, BSA Narayan, Indian Plumbing Association (India); Director, Kevin Wellman, The Chartered Institute of Plumbing & Heating Engineering (England); Director, Jean Claude Twagirimana, Rwandan Plumbers Organization (RPO) (Rwanda); Secretariat, Gaby Davis, IAPMO (USA).

Apologies

Director, Peter Jackson, Plumbers Gasfitters and Drainlayers Registration Board (New Zealand); Director Yongxin Qin, Plumbing Facilities Committee of China Construction Metal Structure Association (China)

Welcome

Mr. Tom Bigley, Chair, welcomed all to the WPC General Meeting. He also extended a warm welcome to representatives from member and non-member organizations. The Chair reported that there were 205 registered attendees, 39 of which are WPC members. There were 17 countries represented on the call.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND BUSINESS ARISING

The Chair sought and received confirmation that the Minutes from the meeting held on 10 September 2019 at the InterContinental Melbourne, Australia, were a true and accurate record.

Moved: Mr. Chaney

Seconded: Mr. Narayan

Business Arising

The Chair invited Members to raise any matters or items of business arising from the Minutes not listed on the Agenda. No matters were raised.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Bigley presented the Chair's Report advising:

- 3.1** The pandemic has affected WPC activities with major events being cancelled. The Chair hopes that the vaccine will allow for everyone to move forward safely.
- 3.2** The Executive Board met virtually in the early stages of the pandemic and decided that it would be beneficial to share information on the WPC website related to COVID-19, including various research reports and other news applicable to plumbers in the field and protecting their safety. To date the COVID page has almost 200 hits visited by people from North America, Australia, India and the United Kingdom.
- 3.3** The Chair invited the attendees to share news stories to include in the quarterly newsletter and post online. News stories and photos can be sent to the Secretariat.
- 3.4** Scholarships were not awarded in 2020 and postponed to 2021. Please visit the WPC website for previous winner reports.
- 3.5** World Plumbing Day continues to be celebrated worldwide. The pandemic shows the importance of handwashing and sanitation. The Chair reported that several members shared photos and videos of their 2020 celebrations and encouraged attendees to visit the website.

4. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

Mr. La Combte provided an update on the Finance and Governance portfolio for the period 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019, advising:

- KPMG had been engaged to review the financial statements of the WPC for the year ended 31 December 2019. The accounts were deemed to comply.

Mr. La Combte sought and received confirmation that the Financial Statements for the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 be accepted.

The Chair proposed the following Resolutions:

- i. Acceptance of the financial report.
Moved: Mr. Viola
Seconded: Mr. Narayan
- ii. Ratification of the Statutory accounts for the period 1 January 2019 through 31 December 2019.
Moved: Mr. Viola
Seconded: Mr. Narayan
- iii. Acceptance of the letter of representation for the World Plumbing Council from KPMG.
Moved: Mr. Viola
Seconded: Mr. Narayan

The Chair noted that the money allocated for the Scholarships and other charitable initiatives was donated to IWSH for handwashing projects and other efforts to promote good health during the pandemic.

5. MEMBERSHIP

Membership for 2020 is now at 22 Full Members, 33 Affiliate Members and 70 Individual Members. The Chair invited nonmember attendees to join the WPC.

6. BYLAW AND POLICY CHANGES

There were no WPC bylaw or policy changes for this meeting.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chair informed the General Meeting that the WorldSkills competition was cancelled due to COVID. He noted that all events were postponed one year – Shanghai 2021 was moved to October/November 2022.

Director Kevin Wellman gave a brief update on COVID and other developments in the United Kingdom.

The Chair thanked Mr. Russ Chaney on his contributions to the WPC and wished him well on his retirement. Mr. Chaney thanked the Chair and other WPC past and current members of the Executive Board.

Dr. Henry Hung provided a brief update on the pandemic in Hong Kong.

Director Alberto Fossa gave a brief update on COVID and other developments in South America.

8. CLOSE OF WPC GENERAL SESSION

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everybody for their attendance and closed the business session.

Meeting closed: 5:54pm (Pacific)