



WORLD PLUMBING COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

17 NOVEMBER 2021

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, Peter Jackson, Plumbers Gasfitters and Drainlayers Registration Board (New Zealand); Director, BSA Narayan, Indian Plumbing Association (India); Director Yongxin Qin, Plumbing Facilities Committee of China Construction Metal Structure Association (China); Director, Jean Claude Twagirimana, Rwandan Plumbers Organization (RPO) (Rwanda); Director, Kevin Wellman, The Chartered Institute of Plumbing & Heating Engineering (England); Secretariat, Gaby Davis, IAPMO (USA).

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 116 registered attendees, 52 of which are WPC members. There were 20 countries represented on the call.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND BUSINESS ARISING

The Chair sought and received confirmation that the Minutes from the virtual meeting held on 9 December 2020, were a true and accurate record.

Moved: Mr. Dave Viola

Seconded: Mr. BSA 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 Executive Board met quarterly via Zoom. At each meeting, the Board discussed the state of their respective regions to get an understanding of how members and the industry have been affected by the pandemic. Now that vaccines are available in most countries, the outlook is much more positive.
- 3.2** The Executive Board has not been able to meet in-person since first elected in September 2019.
- 3.3** The scholarship program remains on hold until scholarship recipients can safely participate in international programs. The Board will continue to revisit the scholarship program and will post something online when it opens up once again.
- 3.4** World Plumbing Day continues to be celebrated globally. In March 2020, the WPC released a video promoting the importance of World Plumbing Day. Members are encouraged to share their activities with the WPC for publication in the newsletter and online.
- 3.5** The WPC newsletter continues to be published quarterly. The Chair asked all attendees to share news about local plumbing applications, COVID concerns, events, and other articles that may be of interest to the global plumbing community.

4. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

Mr. La Combre provided an update on the Finance and Governance portfolio for the period 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020, advising:

- KPMG had been engaged to review the financial statements of the WPC for the year ended 31 December 2020. The accounts were deemed to comply.

Mr. La Combre sought and received confirmation that the Financial Statements for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 be accepted.

The Chair proposed the following Resolutions:

- i. Acceptance of the financial report.
- ii. Ratification of the Statutory accounts for the period 1 January 2020 through 31 December 2020.
- iii. Acceptance of the letter of representation for the World Plumbing Council from KPMG.

Moved: Mr. Kevin Wellman

Seconded: Mr. Peter Jackson

5. MEMBERSHIP

Membership for 2021 is now at 33 Full Members, 20 Affiliate Members and 63 Individual Members. The Chair invited nonmember attendees to join the WPC.

The Chair informed attendees that the WPC credit card payment system was reinstated, and all are able to make membership payments online using a credit card.

6. BYLAW AND POLICY CHANGES

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

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chair welcomed Ms. Lily Lee to share information regarding the WPC Conference to be held in Shanghai in October 2022. As registration and other information for WPC 2022 come available, it will be posted at the WPC website.

8. CLOSE OF WPC GENERAL SESSION

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