



## **WORLD PLUMBING COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING**

**15 MARCH 2023**

### **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), via Zoom; Director, Jean Claude Twagirimana, Rwandan Plumbers Organization (RPO) (Rwanda), via Zoom; Director, Kevin Wellman, The Chartered Institute of Plumbing & Heating Engineering (England); Secretariat, Gaby Davis, IAPMO (USA); Sean Kearney, IAPMO (Ireland); Elmar Esser, IAPMO (Germany).

###### **Welcome**

Mr. Tom Bigley, Chair, welcomed all to the WPC General Meeting.

#### **2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND BUSINESS ARISING**

The Chair sought and received confirmation that the Minutes from the virtual meeting held on 6 December 2022, were a true and accurate record. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the minutes as presented.

#### **3. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

Mr. La Combre provided an update on the Finance and Governance portfolio for the period 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022. All statutory obligations have been completed and are up to date.

The Chair proposed the Resolution to accept the financial report. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the financials as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

**4. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mr. Bigley asked Ray Boyd, United Association's Director of Training, to provide a brief report on the issues and some of the programs they are implementing to successfully recruit workers for projects in the United States and Canada. Discussion included the challenges with training and recruiting.

**6. TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE ELECTION PROCESS; NOMINATIONS**

Mr. Shayne La Combre reported that the current WPC Executive Board served a three-year term with a one-year extension due to COVID and our inability to hold in-person elections in 2022. The last elections were held at the 2019 Triennial meeting. The next election is scheduled for the 2023 Triennial meeting in Shanghai in October.

**7. SHANGHAI 2023 CONFERENCE**

Dr. Henry Hung provided an update on the upcoming 2023 Triennial Conference in Shanghai, China.

**8. Plumbing Champions @ ISH 2023**

Sean Kearney, Managing Director of IWSH, gave a report on the Plumbing Champions program at ISH 2023.

**9. CLOSE OF WPC GENERAL SESSION**

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