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IFIGS Management Committee and Working Group Chairs Meeting

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 (07:00-08:00 EDT, GMT – 5)

U.S. 7:00 a.m.; Canada 7:00 a.m.; U.K. 12:00 p.m.; Germany 1:00 p.m.; Korea 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was held using Microsoft Teams.

Minutes

Management Committee Attendees

1. Alister Campbell, Chair, Canada – PACICC (AC)
2. Yangig Cho, First Vice Chair, South Korea – Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation (YC)
3. Roger Schmeltzer, Immediate Past Chair, U.S. – NCIGF (RS)

Working Group Chair Attendees

4. Jörg Westphal, Germany – Protektor Lebensversicherungs – AG (JW)
5. Minkyung Kim, South Korea – Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation (MK)
6. Grant Kelly, Canada (Interim) – PACICC (GK)

Other Attendees

7. Dokyung Kim, South Korea – Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation (DK)
8. Hyun Jae Jo, South Korea – Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation (HJ)
9. Ian Campbell, Canada – PACICC (IC)
10. Denika Hall, Canada – PACICC (DH)

Committee Member and Working Group Chair Discussion:

Welcome

AC welcomed participants to the seventh Management Committee and Working Group Chairs meeting of the year.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Planning

a) Draft AGM Agenda

IC noted the steps being taken to prepare for the online AGM (using MS Teams) on December 9 (7:00-9:00 a.m. EST, GMT -5). As per the Terms of Reference, a Draft AGM Agenda was circulated to all IFIGS members on September 9 (three months prior to the AGM), for review and comment. IC reviewed the various items that will be discussed at the AGM, including: Roll call; Approval of the December 5, 2019 Draft AGM Minutes; Report of the Management Committee; Working Group reports; Adoption of the IFIGS Draft Core Principles; Election of the Incoming Chair and First Vice Chair; Incoming Chair's remarks; Guest Speaker (tba); and Other Business. As per the Terms of Reference, the Final AGM Agenda and supporting materials will be distributed electronically to all IFIGS members on October 14 (eight weeks prior to the AGM).

→ **Action – IC will circulate AGM materials to all IFIGS members on October 14.**

b) First Vice-Chair Discussion

AC noted that IFIGS was unable to secure European member interest in the First Vice Chair position. While the Ecuador representative (Luis Velasco Berrezueta, General Manager, COSEDE) had expressed earlier interest in the position, he is unable to commit at the present time to a three-year term of service with IFIGS. In the interests of succession planning, AC suggested that LVB consider joining the Management Committee as a Working Group Chair. This would help to bring him up to speed on IFIGS issues in the interim.

→ **Action – AC will follow up with COSEDE regarding Management Committee involvement.**

AC noted that IFIGS is very pleased to have received a nomination from Afiza Abdullah (PIDM, Malaysia) to serve as First Vice Chair of IFIGS in 2021. She was the principal organizer of the joint IFIGS-PIDM webinar on COVID-19 on July 8. YC expressed his strong support for this candidate and noted her keen support for IFIGS initiatives and events. As per the Terms of Reference, the deadline for nominations is November 11 (four weeks prior to the AGM). IC will circulate a list of nominee names electronically to all IFIGS members on that date, in preparation for the AGM. AC noted that IFIGS has excellent succession plans in place and is well positioned to carry forward with its work in 2021.

→ **Action – IC will send a list of First Vice Chair nominee names to IFIGS members on November 11.**

c) Planning and Speakers

Attendees were asked for their thoughts on a guest speaker at the AGM. AC suggested that a representative of the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) be invited to speak. One candidate suggested is Conor Donaldson (Head of Implementation, IAIS). He manages IAIS work in the area of assessment, capacity building and supervisory development, financial inclusion and supervisory co-operation. He also represents IAIS members in global forums focused on the implementation of international standards and works closely with the implementation partners (e.g. Financial Stability Institute, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Access to Insurance Initiative, Asian Development Bank) to advance capacity building initiatives. Another possible guest speaker is Alex Hart (Chair, IAIS Resolution Working Group) who is also a Deputy in the U.S. Federal Insurance Office. The IAIS Resolution Working Group has been busy writing an application paper for use by global regulators in establishing and administering resolution powers in their countries. He could discuss linkages between resolution and the insurance sector.

→ **Action – AC will confirm a guest AGM speaker in the next two weeks so that this party can be noted in the Final AGM Agenda being sent to all IFIGS members on October 14.**

JW enquired about discussions with the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) regarding harmonization issues. Prior to the meeting, AC had contacted EIOPA's Dimitris Zefeiris (Head, Risks & Financial Stability Department) and Juan Zschiesche (Senior Expert, Financial Crisis Management) to discuss this issue. EIOPA's work has been delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Harmonization and optimization of harmonized models remains a priority for EIOPA. Further progress is expected in the Fall of 2020. JW noted that a new Chair of EIOPA is expected by March 1, 2021. No candidate names have been made public.

→ **Action – AC will ask EIOPA contacts for further information about the status of the EIOPA Chair.**

→ **Action – AC will seek further information from EIOPA regarding the harmonization process, and will seek to confirm an EIOPA guest speaker at the AGM -- in time for the AGM mailing on October 14.**

Committee Reports

a) Member Outreach Working Group

JW noted that Malaysia's Afiza Abdullah and Li Yun Ho (both of PIDM) were liaising with Macao in early July regarding its possible membership in IFIGS, and attendance at the IFIGS AGM as an observer. China participated in the IFIGS-PIDM webinar and may also be interested in attending the AGM as an observer. It was noted that insistence on the One China policy (one sovereign state under the name China) could be an impediment to China's membership in IFIGS.

b) Information Sharing Working Group

MK noted that a draft of the Q3 2020 Newsletter will be distributed to Management Committee members later this week (by September 25). Comments on the draft are welcomed and appreciated. MK welcomed DK to the meeting as the newsletter editor, and thanked IFIGS members for submitting content for this Q3 newsletter.

→ **Action – MK will circulate a draft of the Q3 2020 newsletter to Management Committee members by September 25, for their review and comment.**

MK noted that she is preparing a one-page membership profile template that will enable IFIGS members to summarize their schemes and operations. This communications initiative will help to foster linkages and enhance institutional understanding between IFIGS members.

→ **Action – MK will circulate a draft of the IFIGS Member Template to Management Committee members by October 9.**

c) Profile Enhancement Working Group

GK provided an overview of the Draft Framework Guidance that his Working Group has been revising for the past number of months. Due to administrative error, copies of important background materials were only received by attendees just prior to meeting. GK apologized for the error. The materials included three documents:

- A summary of all comments received from all stakeholders on the Framework/Principles
- A blacklined document showing all revisions (i.e. December 5, 2019 vs. September 22, 2020)
- Clean copy of the revised document.

The Working Group met four times over the summer to review comments received from the IAIS and other stakeholders. Included in those meetings were representatives from: U.S., U.K., Spain, Singapore and Canada. An original working draft of the Framework was approved by IFIGS members at the 2019 IFIGS AGM in Washington, on December 5. The Working Group is recommending to the Management Committee that it endorse the revised Framework, and that it recommend adoption of same by IFIGS members at the December 9 AGM. Recognizing that Management Committee members have not had sufficient time to review the materials, it was suggested that they review the materials over the next week (until September 30). AC and GK would then contact Management Committee members to discuss any feedback they might have. A final draft of the Framework document could then be prepared and circulated to Management Committee members for final review. Management Committee members would then be asked to approve the document. If endorsed by the Management Committee, the final draft of the Framework document would be sent to all IFIGS members with AGM materials on October 14.

→ **Action – AC and GK will contact Management Committee members on October 1 and 2 to discuss their feedback on the revised draft Framework.**

→ **Action – During the week of October 5-9, GK will prepare a final draft of the Framework document and share this with Management Committee members. Management Committee members will be asked to approve the document.**

→ **Action – If approved by the Management Committee, GK will provide IC with a final draft of the Framework document for inclusion with the IFIGS AGM mailing on October 14.**

Strategic Planning

YC had earlier suggested that the Management Committee consider the development of a new Mission and Vision for IFIGS, to guide the organization forward over the next three years. In a letter to AC and RS, YC noted the need for discussion about organizational positioning (e.g. how close IFIGS should be to IAIS), budget and personnel. AC suggested that YC, after becoming Chair of IFIGS effective January 1, 2021, should immediately seek to organize a Strategic Planning Meeting with IFIGS Management Committee members and other stakeholders (in January/early February) to discuss a long-term strategy for IFIGS. RS cautioned about the need for IFIGS to avoid becoming overly prescriptive regarding regulatory frameworks. Some IFIGS members are part of government, while others come from private industry. IFIGS must be ready to balance different models within the same strategy.

JW noted possible obstacles to funding for some IFIGS members – some governments provide funds to deal with cases only. IFIGS will have to resolve the question of how organizations are able to spend money in order to secure funding to support its work. AC suggested that funding be explored through the use of subscription fees for IFIGS access/involvement (e.g. access to an internal section of the IFIGS website, to justify a subscription fee).

YC noted that seeking advice or consultation from reliable institutions (e.g World Bank) on the strategic planning could be an option as it could provide ideas and insights that could help us develop more sophisticated strategies.

There was consensus that FIGS is maturing well as an organization and is offering a stronger value proposition for members. AC will address this issue in his remarks at the AGM.

→ **Action – AC will address the issue of FIGS opportunities and challenges in his Management Committee Report remarks at the AGM on December 9.**

→ **Action – YC will address the issue of Strategic Planning in his Incoming Chair's remarks at the AGM on December 9. He will identify priorities for the organization for the coming year.**

→ **Action – YC will seek to organize an FIGS Strategic Planning Meeting for Management Committee members and other stakeholders early in 2021, after he becomes Chair of FIGS on January 1, 2021.**

The meeting concluded at 8:05 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time, Canada).

Next FIGS Management Committee and Working Group Chairs Meeting – Tuesday, October 13
(U.S. 7:00 a.m.; Canada 7:00 a.m.; U.K. 12:00 p.m.; Germany 1:00 p.m.; and South Korea 8:00 p.m.)