

APFNDT- GA Meeting 1st October 2021

**Approved Minutes of the meeting of The APFNDT General Assembly Meeting
Held**

Online- Via Zoom, hosted by the Secretariat

1st October: Commenced at 1000 hours (JST)

1. Welcome

The President thanked all for their attendance during these difficult times.

2. Roll Call

President of APFNDT opened the meeting at 1000 hrs. Those present were:

APFNDT Executive Committee (AEC)

Dr. Norikazu Ooka: President (JSNDI)

Dr. Jong Po Lee: Vice President (KSNT)

Mr. Les Dick: General Secretary (NZNDTA) **Voting Rep**

Mr. Kevin Smith: Treasurer (ASNT)

Mr. Paul Grosser: 16th APCNDT President (AINDT)

Mr. Sajeesh K. Babu: APFNDT Honorary Member/Auditor (NDTSS) **Voting Rep**

Regional Representative Group One – Western Asia, Central Asia & South Asia

Dr. DJ Varde (ISNT) (**Apology**)

Mr. Alexander Mullin (RSNTTD) **Non Voting Rep**

Regional Representative Group Two - East Asia, South East Asia

Dr. Takamasa Ogata (JSNDI) **Voting Rep**

Dr. Man Yong Choi (KSNT) Observer

Dr. Gong Tian Shen (ChSNDT) **Voting Rep**

Prof. Chih-Hung Chiang (SNTCT) (**Apology**)

Regional Representative Group Three - Pacific, Oceania

Mr.G.Tubrett (CINDE) (**Apology**)

Mr. Pranay Wadyalkar (AINDT) **Voting Rep**

Secretariat

Mr. Shohei Ooka (JSNDI)

Mr. Kota Kubo (JSNDI)

Mr. Forrest Schlegel (JSNDI)

Voting Representatives from National Society (Member)

Mr. Couture (ASNT) **Voting Rep**

Prof. Park (KSNT) **Voting Rep**

Mr. B Batmunk (MSNDT) **Voting Rep**

Mr. R Banaga (PSNT) **Voting Rep**

Prof. C Yin (SNTCT) **Voting Rep**

Dr. Koshala (SNDT) **Voting Rep (joined very late)**

Guests and other non-voting attendees

The following Observers (non-voting attendees) were admitted attendance for this meeting.

Mr. Schieferstein (ASNT)
Mr. Chowdhury (BSNT)
Mr. Joshi (ISNT) Non Voting Rep
Mr. Choksi (ISNT)
Prof. Sakagami (JSNDI) Non Voting Rep
Prof. JR Lee (KSNT)
Dr. DJ Yoon (KSNT) Non Voting Rep
Ms. S Sohn (KSNT)
Dr. Mukriz (MSNT) Joined late
Mr. Salleh (MSNT) Joined late

3. Apologies

At the commencement of the meeting the following apologies had been received:

- Dr. DJ Varde (ISNT)
- Dr. B. Venkatraman: APCNDT Immediate Past President (ISNT)
- Mr.G.Tubrett (CINDE) Voting Rep
- Prof. Chih-Hung Chiang (SNTCT)

4. Approval of Agenda

The meeting confirmed the draft agenda circulated, would be accepted.

Moved: Mr. L Dick

Seconded: Mr. N Couture

CARRIED

5. Minutes of the Previous GA Meeting in Singapore (2019)

These minutes were taken as read, following prior distribution and therefore accepted as a true and accurate record of the GA Meeting held on 6th Dec 2019.

Moved: Mr. L Dick

Seconded: Mr. N Couture

CARRIED

5.1 AEC and Board Meeting report

Mr. Dick reported that like a lot of things during these times, AEC & Board activity had been limited to mandatory requirements & this meant quick zoom style meetings only were held.

5.2 Extension of Current Terms of Office

With the ongoing pandemic forcing the cancellations of many events (namely the pushing out of the 2021 APCNDT), the proposal to extend the terms of office bearers, was tabled (as distributed).

Following explanatory discussions, showing that at the next physical GA in Melbourne 2023, the officer bearer elections would have to be held. Therefore the motion was placed:

Moved: Mr. L Dick

Seconded: Dr. N Ooka

CARRIED

6. Membership Status

6.1. Overdue Membership (2020-2021)

The secretariat advised that there were a number of Societies struggling to make fees during this time.

6.2 New Societies Forming

The secretariat advised that there were a no new activity on Societies forming during this time.

6.3 Sponsorship for Societies

The secretariat advised that the Societies whom had previously reported difficulty, were being assisted during this time, by others.

7. APFNDT Documentation

7.1. Revisions to Operating Procedures

(a) Membership OP:

The General Secretary (Mr. Dick) spoke of the need to make changes to our OP's in relation to the difficulties being felt by members and the methods by which fee payments may or may not be being handled correctly.

The secretariat advised that there were also problems with protocols for the suggested "Society Support Packages" in that our documents did not provide for these.

Mr. Dick discussed the proposed new Membership OP, which had been drafted by the board. This document needed further revising (and cross relating to other OP's that it effected), before it could be formally brought into place.

(b) Renaming of an OP3 Award:

Mr. Dick spoke of the board agreement to re-name one of the awards currently held within OP3, as requested by JSNDI.

Therefore the Distinguished Service Award, was to be renamed as.....

"Dr. Norikazu Ooka's Award for Distinguished Service in APFNDT"

Moved: Mr. L Dick

Seconded: Mr. K Smith

CARRIED

8. Strategic Plan Update

The General Secretary (Mr. Dick), mentioned that the plan has been updated to incl through to 2025. This is available via the website.

9. Financial Reports

9.1 Income/Expenditure

The Treasurer (Mr. Smith) presented the financial position, showing both "previous & current" (via slides) & gave a verbal report on the activities undertaken by the AEC/Board.

9.2 Budget approved by the board (2021-2023)

The Treasurer (Mr. Smith) relayed that with funds in reserve slowly climbing and that expenses have now been budgeted for and therefore presented the Boards planned expenditure over the coming period (2021-2023).

The Motion therefore was tabled to move both financial items as above, in one vote:

That the financial reports be accepted.

Moved: Mr. K Smith

Seconded: Dr. S Babu

CARRIED

10. Reports by APFNDT internal committees and task groups

10.1 Advisory Group Report

Dr. Ooka advised that the AG group had not been required to meet this period, However as most are AEC members anyway, the business is being discussed.

10.2 Task Group Reports (hosted by Dr. JP Lee Vice President) and he expressed thanks to APFNDT TG Chairs.

- **TG 1 Membership**

The Chair Mr. Smith gave a brief verbal report advising of the membership status being difficult during Covid times. With No face to face meetings held.

- **TG 2 Journal**

The Chair Prof. R Lee gave a brief verbal report advising of the work on a WEB Article Platform.

- **TG 3 Communications**

The Chair Mr. S Ooka spoke of the changes for the ICNDT website etc, and regional newsletter going out, plus the on-going need for inputs from Societies.

- **TG4 Training**

Mr. D Joshi advised that he will be taking over this work from Dr. Venkatraman, due to the good Dr's workload.

- **TG 5 Certification**

The Chair Mr. Grosser, spoke of the changes to ISO9712-2021, which was just being released and that ASME has also updated its requirements to reflect similar items.

- **TG 6 Standards**

The Chair Dr. Ogata spoke of the Survey Results received and that standards were being made available.

- **TG 7 NDE 4.0**

The Chair Mr. P Wadyalkar briefly spoke on the growing involvement with the new TG.

Therefore he was pleased that the board had agreed to allow him to act as its interim chair.

He did however advise that this was looking like a very broad task and would require a lot of effort and time.

The TG would continue to collaboration with the ICNDT group on NDT4.0

11. Asia Pacific Conference Reports

11.1 Update from 16th APCNDT Progress (Melbourne 2023)

Mr. P Grosser gave a quick update on the 2023 APCNDT Conference, advising that plans were well in place to co-host this event!

11.2 Update from 17th APCNDT Progress (Hawaii 2026)

Mr. B Schieferstein gave a quick update on 2026 preparation, saying that the event would effectively

be being held over 11 May- 15 May of 2025 in Honolulu.

11.3 Possible Future Conference bids

The Secretariat were aware of plans from some Societies to bid, however no formal notifications have yet been received. (Some members present expressed interest however).

12. Reports by External Organizations

The ICNDT Chairman (Dr. Babu) advised that the world was slowly getting back up and going with NDT activities. “Even if still somewhat in Hybrid Mode”. He looked forward to returning to normal operations as soon as possible.

All while hoping that the WCNDT can also finally go ahead as per the delayed plan. He then requested that members please update their information and intentions with the organizers, to allow them to plan ahead.

13. Opportunity for comments by National Societies

- The representative for SNTCT Prof. Yin reported that SNTCT had hosted an online event, which was very successful.
- The representative for MSNT Dr. Mukriz spoke of a planned conference in Malaysia over August 16th & 17th 2022.
- The representative for ASNT Mr. N Couture, spoke on annual conference going ahead, Nov 15-18 2021, however with the pandemic still active, attendees must be vaccinated and test negative 24 hours prior to arrival.
- The JSNDI representative Dr. Ogata, spoke of the JSNDI 70th Anniversary planning being made. The event would occur in their 2022-2023 financial year.
- The ISNT delegate Mr. S Choksi spoke of the “Virtual” Indian National Conference planned for Dec 9-11 2021.
- B Venkatraman, mentioned that India would be bidding to host the 2028 WCNDT and therefore requested support from the Federation members when it came to the vote at ICNDT.
- The KSNT representative Prof. JP Lee gave a very brief report on preparations for WCNDT 2020, saying that they had received 1075 papers and that the 350 trade booths had sold out!

14. ICNDT Related Matters

The KSNT Representative Dr. JP Lee spoke of the latest dates set aside for the WCNDT as May 30th – June 3rd 2022. With the difficulties experienced by his Society due to the ongoing delays. (additional note here: if these dates could not be met, the event would need to be postponed until 2024). Due to clashes with other events already approved.

15. Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at: 1200 hrs (JST)



Dr. Norikazu Ooka
APFNDT
President



Mr. Les Dick
APFNDT
General Secretary