

## **APFNDT- GA Meeting 6th December 2019**

**Approved Minutes of the meeting of The APFNDT General Assembly  
Meeting Held  
At Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre in Singapore**

*6th December: Commenced at 0925 hours*

### **1. Welcome**

The President thanked all for their attendance and also extended gratitude to the Singapore Society for Non-Destructive Testing (NDTSS) for its excellent organization and hosting of the WCCM Conference and meetings.

### **2. Roll Call**

President of APFNDT opened the meeting at 0925 hrs. Those present were:

#### **APFNDT Executive Committee (AEC)**

Dr. Norikazu Ooka: President (JSNDI)

Dr. Jong Po Lee: Vice President (KSNT) **Voting Rep**

Dr. B. Venkatraman: APCNDT Immediate Past President (ISNT) **Voting Rep**

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

Mr. Kevin Smith: Treasurer (ASNT) **Voting Rep**

Mr. Paul Grosser: 16th APCNDT President (AINDT) **Voting Rep** (Apology)

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) **Voting Rep** (Apology)

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

#### **Regional Representative Group Two - East Asia, South East Asia**

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

Dr. Man Yong Choi (KSNT) **Voting Rep**

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

Prof. Chih-Hung Chiang (SNTCT) **Voting Rep**

#### **Regional Representative Group Three - Pacific, Oceania**

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

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

#### **Secretariat**

Mr. Shohei Ooka (JSNDI)

Mr. Kota Kubo (JSNDI/Photographer)

#### **Voting Representatives from National Society (Member)**

Prof. Takahide Sakagami (JSNDI) **Voting Rep**

Dr. Ibrahim (MSNT) **Voting Rep**

Mr. Madhaven (NDTSS) acting as (ISNT Proxy) **Voting Rep**

Dr. Bultger (MSNDT) **Voting Rep**

Dr. Koshala (SNDT) **Voting Rep**

**Guests and other non-voting attendees**

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

Prof. Naoto Yagi (JSNDI)

Mr. Toshihiko Onishi (JSNDI)

Mr. Peter Milligan (AINDT)

**3. Proxies and Apologies**

At the commencement of the meeting the only official proxies that had been received, being from:

- Dr. DJ Varde (ISNT), naming Mr. K Madhavan (NDTSS) as his **proxy**.
- Mr. A Mullin (RSNTTD)
- Mr. Paul Grosser: 16th APCNDT President (AINDT)

**4. Approval of Agenda**

The meeting confirmed the draft agenda circulated, with a simple amendments of item 5: of the previous GA being in India, not Prague and item 9: working groups changed to Task Groups.

Moved: Mr. P Wadyalkar

Seconded: Dr. S Babu

**CARRIED**

**5. Minutes of the Previous GA Meeting in Singapore (2017)**

These minutes were taken as read, following prior distribution and therefore accepted as a true and accurate record of the GA Meeting held on 11th Nov 2017.

Moved: Mr. P Wadyalkar

Seconded: Prof CH Chiang

**CARRIED**

**6. APFNDT Document Changes**

**6.1. Constitutional Change**

As the revised constitution document had already been widely distributed to the Federation Members and Board for comments/amending & subsequently agreed to via email, they were simply tabled as is for acceptance.

That the new constitution be accepted.

Moved: Mr. P Wadyalkar

Seconded: Prof CH Chiang

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Operating Procedure Change**

As the revised operating procedures had already been widely distributed to the Federation Members and Board for comments/amending & subsequently agreed to via email, they were simply tabled as is for acceptance.

That the new operating procedures be accepted.

Moved: Dr. S Babu

Seconded: Mr. P Wadyalkar

**CARRIED**

**7. Strategic Plan update**

The meeting were advised that as the Constitution and Operating Procedures had just passed into currency, that the Strategic Plan would also now need to be updated in the coming cycle. Also noted is that the document was designed to be “live and constantly updated” by the Board, so therefore this

would be on-going.

## 8. Financial Reports

### 8.1 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.

### 8.2 Budget for coming year

The Treasurer (Mr. Smith) relayed that with funds in reserve slowly climbing (due to more members and donations), that expenses have now been budgeted for and therefore presented the Boards planned expenditure over the coming period (2019-2021).

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

That the financial reports be accepted.

Moved: Mr. L Dick

Seconded: Prof. CH Chiang

**CARRIED**

## 9. Reports by APFNDT internal committees and task groups

### 9.1 Advisory Group Report

Dr. Ooka advised that the AG group had not been required to meet this period.

### 9.2 Task Group Reports

- **TG 1 Membership**

The Chair Mr. Smith gave a brief verbal report advising of the memberships being renewed by Mongolia and that TG were still working with Indonesia/Pakistan/Iran and Bangladesh to complete membership requirements.

- **No Reports for TG’s 2, 4, 5**

- **TG 3 Communications**

The Chair Mr. S Ooka spoke of the pending changes for the website etc, plus the on-going need for inputs from Societies.

- **TG 6 Standards**

The Chair Dr. Ogata has tabled a funding request with the board for standards (which is being considered) & that they would be looking into being involved with ISO/TC 261 “Additive Manufacturing”

- **NEW TG 7 NDT 4.0**

Mr. P Wadyalkar briefly spoke on the need for involvement with the new Robotics & associated methods being more widely used, that the APFNDT needed to be involved. Therefore he was pleased that the board had agreed to allow him to form this new TG and to act as its interim chair. The TG would be looking into: Guidelines/Standards/Communications etc, in collaboration with the ICNDT group on NDT4.0

**At this point (1145hrs) it was suggested that the meeting adjourn for a photo session and lunch break.**

## Meeting re-convened at 1300hrs

### 10. Asia Pacific Conference Reports

#### 10.1 Update from 16<sup>th</sup> APCNDT Progress (Melbourne 2021)

Mr. Peter Milligan (Guest for reporting Only) gave a quick update on 2021, saying that the AINDT had concerns that the next WCCM was also now scheduled for 2021 in Beijing & that surely as an APFNDT member Society the ChSNDT would have considered the obvious clash with the APCNDT Conference, when agreeing to co-host this event!

The meeting agreed that clashes of this nature were not good for either organization.

#### 10.2 Update from 17<sup>th</sup> APCNDT Progress (Hawaii 2025)

Mr. Smith gave a quick update on 2025 preparation, saying that the event would effectively be being held in “Late Spring” of 2025 (so March-June) in Honolulu.

Currently they had two venue options:

- Hilton Hawaiian Village Resort (had to be March)
- Plus another option which was more flexible with dates

### 11. Reports by External Organizations

The General Secretary (Mr. Dick) advised that there were no external reports.

### 12. Opportunity for comments by National Societies

- The representative for SNTCT Prof. Chih-Hung Chiang thanked both the APFNDT and NDTSS together for the organizing of such a great event and information and that SNTCT hopes to attend more of our meetings over the coming years.
- The representative for AINDT Mr. Pranay Wadyalkar asked what difficulties smaller Societies (such as Sri Lanka and Mongolia) find in participating.
  - Dr Koshala (SNDT) said that yes they were a very small Society but with internal assistance they were managing activities at this time.
  - Dr. Bultger (MSNDT), Thanked the APFNDT for granting Mongolia Full Membership, which had allowed them to attend the Certification meetings. He also requested the help of Societies like NDTSS to “help them grow up”.
- The representative for MSNT Dr. Nassir Ibrahim spoke of a planned conference in Malaysia over Dec 7-8 2020.
- The representative for NDTSS Dr. S Babu, spoke on the difficulties experienced by his Society due to the shortfall in attendees to the WCCM Conference from that booked the venue. Stating that there was a “shortfall penalty payment” being withheld by MBS. Therefore, they were having to now having to run a follow up “SINCE” Conference over July 8-9 2021 to try to recoup the funds lost. “This needed to be a warning to others, when booking venues for large numbers”, esp when dealing with outside organizations.

### 13. ICNDT Related Matters

- The ISNT representative Dr. 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. Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at: 1335 hrs

**Dr. Norikazu Ooka**  
**APFNDT**  
**President**

**Mr. Les Dick**  
**APFNDT**  
**General Secretary**