APASWE General Meeting Minute

22nd October, 2015 3:00-5:00pm Bangkok, Thailand

Attendees: APASWE Board members;

Dr. Fentiny Nugroho, President

Professor Tatsuru Akimoto, Immediate Past President

Dr. Decha Sungkawan, Secretary

Professor Hisanori Ishikawa, Board Member

and approximate 20 APASWE members have attended the general meeting

Agenda:

1. Dr. Fentiny Nugroho, President welcomes all APASWE members and introduce the APASWE Executive Board members to the attendees.
2. Dr. Fentiny Nugroho, President presents the APASWE appreciation plaque to Professor Tatsuru Akimoto, the APASWE immediate past president for his continuously dedication to social work education in Asia and Pacific region.
3. Professor Tatsuru Akimoto, Chair, Nominating Committee presents the Committee’s report.

The APASWE Executive Board appointed Tatsuru Akimoto, Anyamanee Buranakanon, and Muhammad Samad as the 2015 nominating committee. The Committee had called for nomination notice since 14 May 2015 for four positions; Vice President, Treasurer, and two Board members.

The Nominating Committee has run nomination process according to APASWE constitution and also examined the qualifications of all nominees and announced the results of nominations for these positions accordingly;

Dr. Zulkanain A. Hata (Malaysia) was elected for APASWE Vice President,

Professor Haruhiko Sakaguchi (Japan) was elected for Treasurer, and

Varathagowry Vasudevan (Sri Lanka) was elected as a Board Member.

The other nominees for the Board Member were not eligible for the positions as they were not the current APASWE members at the time they were nominated.

1. President introduced Professor Haruhiko Sakaguchi, a new APASWE Treasurer to the meeting.
2. APASWE members who attended the meeting were invited to express their needs and opinions concerning APASWE. There were three APASWE members had expressed their opinions as follows;
3. A member from Japan has expressed her disappoint on APASWE membership registration and the membership fee payment for inconvenient that need to be improved.
4. A member from Bangladesh has expressed his appreciation for his first attending the APASWE Regional Conference and also expressed his willingness to serve APASWE.
5. A member from Australia offered a few of constructive suggestions to the current activities in order to maintain the functions that APASWE did well for its members in the past includes; the small grant projects, the newsletter, research and publications, and so on.
6. President has expressed an appreciation to all the members for their contributions of ideas and opinions on APASWE and has added these following issues to the meeting;
7. The new online membership fee payment through “Paypal” will be soon installed for the convenient of international transfer.
8. APASWE has collaborated with ASEAN Social Work Consortium in developing the standard of social work education and practice in the region.
9. APASWE has supported in the capacity building project for the development of social work education in Myanmar and East Timor.
10. Along with the project on amplification of social work definition for Asia and Pacific region, APASWE will engage in social work curriculum for Asia and Pacific region. This local and indigenous social work curriculum project may start with one-day workshop in the SWSD Conference in Seoul, Republic of Korea in 2016.