



APASWE General Body Meeting's minutes

Date and Time: Thursday, 28th September 4:30 – 6:00pm

Venue: Coli Hotel, Shenzhen, PRC

Attendees: 30 APASWE members including the executive board members. Dr. Fentiny Nugroho, APASWE President chaired the meeting

Agenda:

- (1) President's Report (Document is circulated for the meeting)
- (2) Secretary's Report

Membership

According to the Treasurer's list of membership record as of 4 August 2017, the membership can be classified into 349 institutional members and 51 individual members. Out of this total number, 184 (26 institutional members and 158 individuals) are on the grace period for their membership while the membership of 173 (89 institutional members and 84 individual members) members were expired.

2017 World Social Work Day

APASWE has been requested to be a co-sponsor to Thailand's Ministry of Social Development and Human Security to organize 2017 World Social Work Day at UN Regional Office in Bangkok. The event has been organized on 27th April 2017. Along with this one day event, there were exhibitions on the promoting of community resilience and self-sufficiency on environments and energy, and on the community service centers by the organizing agencies as the side events for the World Social Work Day at Bangkok UN Conference Center. Two key note address follow the opening ceremony delivered by Dr. Nagesh Kumar, UNESCAP' Director, on "Leaving no one behind: Sustainable Development Goals and Inclusive Social Development in Asia and the Pacific" and Professor Mariko Kimura, President of International Federation of Social Workers-Asia Pacific (IFSW-AP) on "Global Social Workers and Educators." These key note address led to 2 panel discussions where Dr. Fentiny Nugroho, President of Asian and Pacific Association for Social Work Education (APASWE) has been invited as a discussant for the first panel. The event has been participated by 365 of local social workers, social work educators

and social work students from both government and non-government sectors as well as the international participants from the UN system agencies and the representatives from the embassies of some Asia and Pacific countries. The event is expected to run annually similar to the events organized at UN Offices at both New York and Geneva.

ASEAN Social Work Consortium

Secretary has been assigned to report the ongoing activities of Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Social Work Consortium. The purposes of ASEAN Social Work Consortium are; to strengthen solidarity among social work educators, practitioners, and schools of social work in the ASEAN member states, to promote and institutionalized effective collaboration towards the achievement of responsive and excellent social work education in the ASEAN region, and to enhance and develop social work education and practice relevant to the regions. The ASEAN Social Work Consortium has organized an annual Conference since its inception in 2011 when the Philippines hosted the First Conference. The ASEAN Social Work Consortium's work plan has been created in order to improve the standard of social work education and practice as well as to strengthen collaborations among the social work educators and practitioners within the ASEAN member states. The 6th ASEAN Social Work Consortium Conference (ASWC) had been held during 25th -29th July 2017 in Jakarta, Indonesia where the Conference has been handed over to Malaysia to be the host country for the next two ASWC during 2018-2019. The ASEAN Social Work Consortium's work plan has been created in order to improve the standard of social work education and practice as well as to strengthen collaborations among the social work educators and practitioners within the ASEAN member states.

Social Work Program Development in Myanmar

APASWE Secretary has pursued the progressiveness of the project on strengthening an existing social work education and possible of establishing social work program in Myanmar through the supports of the ASEAN members. In 2016 the representatives of; Thailand Ministry of Social Development and Human Security on behalf of ASEAN Social Work Consortium, Thai Association of Social Work and Social Welfare Education, Thailand Association of Social Workers, and Thailand's Council of Social Work Profession have attended the meeting to discuss the possibility to support in developing an existing Myanmar Department of Social Welfare's Graduate Diploma in Social Work Program to be a full social work degree program as requested by Myanmar's Department of Social Welfare and the

meeting agreed to form a working group on the project to support in strengthening social work education in Myanmar. The working group is expected to meet with Myanmar's concerned officials in Bangkok soon to discuss the further details on the project. It is likely that the project will be the collaboration of all concerned parties including; ASEAN Social Work Consortium, APASWE, Myanmar Ministry of Education, Myanmar Department of Social Welfare, Yangon University, Faculty of Social Administration, Thammasat University, the social service agencies and the social work educators and practitioners both in public as well as private and international service organizations such as UNICEF and Save the Children who are now providing services in Myanmar and in the region. In August 2017 a group of 15 Myanmar educators and practitioners have attended an intensive capacity building workshop in Bangkok, Thailand. The workshop has co-organized by the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security and Thammasat University. The attendees of this workshop are expected to support a new post graduate diploma program in social work at Yangon University in the next academic year and the program is expected to upgrade into BSW program in 2019.

(3) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report has been prepared by the Treasurer and circulated for consideration and the meeting has adopted the Treasurer's report.

(4) Result announcement of APASWE Election 2017

The result of the APASWE 2017 election has been announced by Mark Henrickson, Chair of the nominating committee.

(5) Bidding the next Asia Pacific Regional Conference 2019 site

Three bidders for 2019 Regional Conference; Australia, India, and Sri Lanka have sent their applications to APASWE and IFSW-AP for the 2019 Joint Regional Conference. IFSW-AP has expressed its interest in India as the site for 2019 regional Conference while APASWE has decided on Australia as the most readiness for organizing the Conference.

Both IFSW-AP and APASWE agreed to arrange a meeting to discuss on the issue again during this Conference. APASWE's selection committee members has met with IFSW-AP representatives and expect to announce the result of the bidding at the Conference's closing session.

(6) Presentation of tokens and certificates of appreciation

(7) Discussions and approval

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm