

APCDA Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7PM.

Discussion of the ideas raised at the Member Meeting

First, there were questions about where to start? Should we redevelop the Mission/Vision statements first, bylaws and procedures, a strategic plan, or revise the structure of the Board? Brian proposed that the Officers develop a task list which they would give to the Board. After the Board completes their work, the President's Group could synthesize the discussion and suggest steps to take. However, we were not sure if this process would reveal the will of the membership. Several Board members expressed different options about where to start.

Suggestions from various Board Members:

1. Develop a 10-year plan instead of a 5-year plan.
2. Group country reps together and ask each group to work together.
3. If we are already global, why call it APCDA? Should we become another NCDA or IAEVG? Do we need another international association, or is the Asia Pacific region big enough?
4. Stick with a 5-year plan, 10 years is too far in the future
5. We all need to commit to thinking this through
6. Ask members to rank the ideas that have been/will be developed.
7. All directors must show their own vision/mission to members and review them among members
8. Establish a process to review the bylaws. Several Board members felt that our bylaws are not adequate and need to be much more detailed. Apparently, each country has different expectations about what must be covered in bylaws and what is adequate.
9. We could ask the President's Group to focus on the Mission/Vision and the Board could undertake a 5-year plan
10. It is hard to discuss issues like these by Zoom with a large group. Due to bandwidth issues, we do not use videos, so we cannot see who is talking. Perhaps we could ask everyone to attend, but most would just be observers and a subgroup would make the decisions.
11. Language proficiency limits the number of people who can participate.
12. Perhaps we need to translate our bylaws into local languages.
13. Bylaws need to be more clear
14. Need to be clear about our Goals and prioritize our activities. But perhaps we function well even if we are not sure about these issues.
15. Quality is more important than quantify. Just expanding is not a worthy goal.
16. Need to put more energy into translating materials into local languages. We have a lot of expertise. It would be good if more people could benefit from it.
17. There are many other associations. What value do we add?
18. We need better funding so that we can pay for what we need.
19. Could we use more video in our newsletter?

We adjourned at 8PM to go to dinner.

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary