



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting ArExec/04/2022

Record of Discussions and Decisions

27 April 2022

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Beirut / Riyadh / Kuwait / Doha / Amman | 12:00 - 1:30 PM Cairo / Tripoli

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Tunis | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Rabat

PARTICIPANTS

Name	Country	Function	Present	Regrets
Dr. Amine Kassouf	Lebanon	President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eng. Ahmed A. Al-Bashah	Yemen	President-elect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prof. Samuel Godefroy	GForSS	Vice-president	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eng. Narjes Maslah El Hammar	Tunisia	Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Amal Al-Rashdan	Kuwait	Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Abubakr Salama	Morocco	Member-at-large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Elie Bou Yazbeck	Lebanon	Member-at-large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Gouda Abdalla Ramadan Gouda	Qatar	Member-at-large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Khalid Ghaffar	Waters Corporation - UAE	Member-at-large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Moustapha Nabeel Mohamed Ahmed	Egypt	Member-at-large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eng. Reem Mahmoud Alqaisi	Jordan	Member-at-large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eng. Sakina El Khabuli	Libya	Member-at-large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The second meeting of the Executive Committee of the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL was held on Wednesday April 27, 2022 in a virtual format via Zoom.

A. Review of the Agenda

Quorum of attendance was achieved with the presence of 11 members out of 12.

The proposed agenda was reviewed and adopted by the executive committee members attending the meeting.

B. Introduction of Executive Committee New Members

The Executive Committee welcomed its new members: Eng. Ahmed El Bashah from the GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) and Eng. Narjes El Hammar from Tunisia. Both esteemed members delivered a brief introductory speech, expressing their expectations and their full support for the section.

C. Review and approval of 31 March 2022 Record of Decisions (ROD)

Executive committee members approved unanimously the ROD of the previous meeting.

D. The creation of the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL: remaining members to sign-up

Dr. Amine Kassouf reminded the executive committee members about the crucial need to reach-out to the remaining potential members, previously nominated to a membership at the AOAC INTERNATIONAL, and that to finalize the activation of their accounts. In this context, he asked for the assistance of the executive committee to contact the remaining names who didn't activate their accounts yet. All members expressed their intention to take this matter in charge at their earliest convenience.

E. Comprehensive presentation and adoption of the section's Bylaws

The executive committee discussed then the Bylaws of the section, as approved by the board of directors of AOAC INTERNATIONAL on March 14, 2022. Dr. Amine Kassouf facilitated the presentation of all articles and each article was introduced, presented and adopted individually. After the full overview of the document, the committee adopted the Bylaws unanimously.

F. Discussion and adoption of Arab Section Membership criteria and acceptance process

One of the priority objectives was to launch the application for new members within the Arab Section. The committee discussed a proposal about the fields to be included in this online application and agreed on the proposal. The committee discussed then interesting ideas about advertisements campaign to encourage new members from the Arab region to join the section, particularly that this adherence will be free of charge. Dr. Gouda informed the committee about a large mobilization in Qatar to encourage new memberships. Prof. Samuel Godefroy reminded also that all accepted members to the Arab section will be automatically granted the class B membership within the Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS), as per both organizations' bylaws.

G. Upcoming event co-hosted by the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL

The committee discussed the upcoming event about the training of African Scientists at the Dubai Central Laboratories – in collaborative support with the African Union and the Sub-Saharan Africa section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL and agreed that parts of the event will be broadcasted live and publicly for the benefit of Arab section’s members as well as all interested communities in the Arab region. They stressed also that such activities fall exactly within the objectives of the section as mentioned in the Bylaws: “Providing a means of increasing the knowledge and technical skills of food and agriculture analytical scientists especially through seminars, forums, workshops and other similar technical updates”.

H. Scheduling Next Meetings

All members agreed once more to organize frequent meetings, which will help boosting the implementation of the section.

I. Adjournment

The Executive Committee meeting was concluded at 2:30 PM Beirut time, 1:30 PM Cairo time and 11:30 AM Rabat time.
