



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting ArExec/05/2023

Record of Discussions and Decisions

Monday, May 22, 2023

3 PM Dubai time

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prof. Samuel Godefroy	GForSS	Vice-president	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eng. Narjes Maslah El Hammar	Tunisia	Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Amal Al-Rashdan	Kuwait	Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Abubakr Salama	Morocco	Member-at-large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 5th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL was held on Monday, May 22, 2023, in a virtual format via Zoom.

A. Review and adoption of the proposed agenda

Quorum of attendance was achieved with the participation of 8 members out of 12.

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

B. Review and approval of 07 September 2022 Record of Decisions (ROD)

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

C. Update on the situation of the section / Updated Bylaws and organizational structure

Professor Samuel Godefroy presented these two items, he outlined a set of points, including the proposed changes to the Bylaws, with a focus on the following aspects:

- Creating a stronger opportunity for representation of members of the Section to access the role of president. Proposing therefore to shift the term of the President from 3 years to 1 year,
- The term of the Executive Committee was also proposed for amendment along the same lines,
- Creating more stability to the critical positions of Secretary and Treasurer, with the role being fulfilled by GFoRSS appointed members,
- A stronger representation from the community with an increased number of members of the Executive Committee at large.

Accordingly, these amendments were discussed by the Executive Committee, where the members expressed their initial approval of all the proposed amendments. Then, Professor Godefroy continued his intervention, explaining to the attendees the next steps of consulting AOAC International, obtaining preliminary approval, and then presenting the proposals to a vote by the members.

D. Upcoming activities / initiatives

Dr. Amine Kassouf informed the members of his intention to participate in the activities of the World Food Safety Day conference to be held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, representing the Arab section of AOAC International following this, Professor Samuel Godefroy revealed several forthcoming initiatives for the section, including the announcement of the second annual meeting of the Arab AOAC.

E. Settlement of date for the upcoming meeting

All members renewed their agreement to organize frequent meetings in the purpose of maintaining the momentum initiated since the creation of the section.

F. Adjournment

The Executive Committee meeting was concluded at 1PM Rabat time.