



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – RECORD OF DECISIONS

9 June 2023

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM Quebec City Time

### Zoom Call Details

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### PARTICIPANTS

Name	Officer / Function	Present	Regrets
Dr. Pamela Byrne	Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr./Prof. Hussein Mansour	Vice-President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent no regrets
Prof. Junshi Chen	Honorary President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prof. Samuel Godefroy	President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Joyce Haddad	Executive Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Nuri Gras	Chile	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Wiem Guissouma	Tunisia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Zeinab Bouchiki	Morocco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Rashed Al Arfaj	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prof. Kaushik Banerjee	India	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Scott Crerar	Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Greg Paoli	Canada	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## PROPOSED AGENDA

Item	Participants
A. Review of the Agenda	All
B. Review and Approval of 26 October 2022 Record of Decisions	All
C. Review of Financial Statements for 2021 D. Update on Financial Statement for 2022	Greg Paoli, Treasurer
E. Update on Activities of GForSS and Next Steps	Samuel Godefroy
F. Discussion of Food Laboratory Activities and Collaboration with the Dubai Municipality	Samuel Godefroy and all
G. Proposal for a more flexible approach to manage memberships	Samuel Godefroy and all
H. Scheduling Next Board Meeting	All
I. Other items	All
J. Adjournment	

## MEETING DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

### A. Review of the Agenda

The meeting started at 7:30 AM Quebec time.

The agenda was reviewed.

Quorum was confirmed.

The agenda was unanimously approved.

### B. Review and Approval of 26 October 2022 Record of Decisions

The records of decisions of the meeting of 26 October 2022 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

### C. Review of Financial Statements of 2021

Greg Paoli, treasurer of GForSS, introduced the details of the Financial Statements of 2021.

These financial statements show a positive result of operations of \$54,395 CAD.

Greg indicated that several costs associated with the operations handled by Samuel and his entity supporting GForSS (communications costs, and other staff costs) are not reflected in the operations. Similarly, the level of

operations of GForSS is seen to be quite limited in comparison to the impact that the society is having because some of the activities are not handled financially directly by GForSS.

The situation will change incrementally over the coming years, with GForSS assuming its autonomy in implementing its projects.

Considering the light nature of the financial statements, it was suggested that no audit was required for these at the present time.

The Financial statements of Fiscal Year 2021 were approved unanimously along with the decision to not subject this first year's filing to an audit.

#### **D. Review of Financial Statements of 2022**

Greg Paoli, treasurer of GForSS, commented briefly on the financial statements of 2022, indicating that files are being compiled for submission to the accounting firm hired by GForSS.

These statements will be submitted to the review of the Board, during an upcoming meeting.

#### **E. Updates on GForSS Activities**

Prof. Godefroy introduced the document supporting this agenda item, with an update on the various projects currently being implemented by GForSS.

The board appreciated the update and requested to be kept aware more regularly of the way activities are progressing.

#### **F. Discussion of Food Laboratory Activities and Collaboration with the Dubai Municipality**

Prof. Godefroy updated the board on the discussions currently under way with the new management of the Dubai Municipality (DM) in relation with the MoU signed with the DM in November 2022, aimed to create a Centre of Excellence in food regulatory science with emphasis on food laboratory science and focussing on capacity building leveraging previous successes such as the achievements of the Africa food laboratory training carried out in July 2021.

Prof. Godefroy relayed to the board his perception that the new management vision is quite different from what was witnessed with the previous management of the Dubai Central Laboratory (DCL), with a limited exposure to global activities of capacity building. The vision initially shared on the way the Centre of Excellence would operate did not seem to be shared by the new management. Also, and GForSS, being made aware of the change in staff and management was hoping to receive information about the new focal point of at the DM / DCL. The tone of the correspondence received lately seemed to convey that GForSS was being perceived by management as a contractor or a service provider and not a partner.

Prof. Godefroy conveyed that it was very likely that after some discussions, he would recommend to the Board to terminate the MoU with the DCL / DM, for lack of agreed upon objectives.

The Board agreed unanimously to provide the President / COO with the mandate to act on behalf of the Society on the course of action regarding this MoU, including its rescinding as may be required.

Prof. Godefroy informed the board of an alternative partnership, where food laboratory capacity building activities could be envisaged. The Jordan Military laboratories, where initial discussions led to identify mutual interest in enabling the hosting of the Food Laboratory Science Centre of Excellence.

#### **J. Adjournment**

The Board meeting was concluded at 9.45 am Quebec local time.