

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – RECORD OF DECISIONS

19 July 2024

08:00 – 9:00 AM Quebec City

Zoom Call:

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PARTICIPANTS

Name	Officer / Function	Present	Regrets
Dr. Pamela Byrne	Vice President – Ireland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prof. Kaushik Banerjee	Member - India	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Zeinab Bouchiki	Member - Morocco	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent with regrets
Prof. Junshi Chen	Honorary President – China	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent with regrets
Prof. Samuel Godefroy	President – Canada	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Nuri Gras	Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Wiem Guissouma	Executive Secretary - Tunisia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Joyce Haddad	Executive Secretary – Lebanon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent with regrets
Mr. Greg Paoli	Treasurer - Canada	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PROPOSED AGENDA

Item	Participants
A. Review of the Agenda	<i>All</i>
B. Review and Approval of 19 April 2024 Record of Decisions	<i>All</i>
C. Update on Recent Activities and Events	<i>All</i>
D. Proposed New Agreement: Abu-Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority (ADAFSA)	<i>Prof. Samuel Godefroy and all</i>
E. Discussion of New Initiative in Collaboration with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Standardization Organization (GSO) and the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC)	<i>Prof. Samuel Godefroy and all</i>
F. Financial Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Current Cash Flow Update b. Status Update – Financial Statements 2022 - 2023 	<i>Prof. Samuel Godefroy,</i>
G. Approval of New Membership Applications	<i>All</i>
H. Review of agenda items of the upcoming board meeting (26/07/2024)	<i>All</i>
I. Adjournment	

MEETING DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

A. Review of the Agenda

The meeting started at 8:00 AM Quebec time.

The quorum was confirmed.

Dr. Pamela Byrne made the resolution for approval, seconded by Ms. Nuri Gras.

The agenda was reviewed and unanimously approved.

B. Review and Approval of 19 April 2024 Record of Decisions

After the RoD review, Dr. Wiem Guissouma made the resolution for approval of the records of the decision, seconded by Mrs Nuri Gras Rebolledo.

The records of decisions of the meeting of 19 April 2024 were unanimously approved.

C. Update on Recent Activities and Events

Eng. Hajar Tiglifet presented a summary of GForSS activities, carried out from April to July 2024, as follows:

- Codex Activities and interregional Colloquiums: Preparation of several Codex Committees namely: CCCF17, CCFA54, CCMAS43 and CCPR55.
- Trainings & Workshops:
 - [Training on Gluten detection in Food](#)
 - [The workshop on International Best Practices for Reviewing and Approving Food Additives](#)
 - [2024 Food Micro Pre-conference Workshop](#)
- Symposiums & Colloquiums:
 - [The Second Symposium of Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL](#)
 - [First Egyptian Global Food Safety Symposium \(EGFoSS\)](#)
 - [The Third Arab Codex Colloquium](#)

D. Proposed New Agreement: Abu-Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority (ADAFSA)

Professor Samuel Godefroy presented the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between GForSS and ADAFSA, along with the amendments made since the last version shared with the Board members .

Dr. Wiem Guissouma, seconded by Ms. Nuri Gras. made the following resolution:

The Board of Directors of GForSS grant the chief operator officer (COO) and the president of GForSS the authority to sign the MoU with ADAFSA on behalf of GForSS.

The resolution was unanimously approved.

E. Discussion of New Initiative in Collaboration with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Standardization Organization (GSO) and the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC)

Professor Samuel Godefroy presented the project for which GForSS introduced a submission to the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC). Following a thorough discussion, it was concluded that a summary document should be developed to clarify the scope of the project in relation to GForSS's mandate and objectives, identify areas of alignment.

It was also recommended that a matrix be developed to map the scope and areas of interventions for initiatives where GForSS is meant to intervene. This matrix would be used as a tool to check the alignment of proposed initiatives to which GForSS may be called to contribute. This can therefore be the tool to be used by the board for review of such initiatives.

It was decided that a final decision on this project would be adjourned to the next board meeting (July 26, 2024), when this tool and the summary would be made available.

F. Financial Update: Current Cash Flow Update & Status Update – Financial Statements 2022 – 2023

Professor Samuel Godefroy presented the current cash flow status of the GForSS accounts to the board members, with: \$32,304.41 CAD and \$79,458.75 USD.

Prof. Godefroy also confirmed that GForSS now administers a separate account un USD to track funds and activities related to the Arab Section of AOAC International separately.

Prof. Godefroy informed the board that Mr. Greg Paoli and himself will be receiving the financial statements from the accountant for 2023 and that both financial statements for the year 2022 (shared earlier) and those of 2023 to be shared early in the week will be the main agenda items of the board meeting of July 26, 2024.

G. Approval of New Membership Applications

The list of new members (since April 2024) was shared with participants.

Professor Samuel noted that for a B-Member to become an A-Member, endorsement by one of the board members is required as well as a vote by special resolution (requiring 75% of the votes).

The board raised no objections to the inclusion of the proposed new members based on their application.

One board member requested to adjust the statement related to the disclosure associated with work with industry.

H. Review of agenda items of the upcoming board meeting (26/07/2024)

The agenda of the next board meeting was shared with the board for information and input.

I. Additional item: Acknowledgments

Prof. S. Godefroy acknowledged and thanked Professor Junshi Chen, GForSS Honorary President for representing GForSS and for delivering the opening remarks on behalf of GForSS at the Third Arab Codex Colloquium, held in June 2024 in Amman, Jordan

J. Adjournment

The Board meeting was concluded at 9:50 AM Quebec local time.