

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – RECORD OF DECISIONS

24 February 2026

07:00 AM Quebec City Time

Zoom Meeting Details

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PARTICIPANTS

Name	Present	Regrets
Mr. Kaushik Banerjee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Pamela Byrne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Junshi Chen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Zeineb El Bouchikhi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Hadi El-Alem	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Samuel Godefroy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Ruba Goussous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Wiem Guissouma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Nuri Gras	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Joyce Haddad	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Shrinivas Joshi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Hakim Mufumbiro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Greg Paoli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Pingfan Rao	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Christopher Worrell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Amine Kassouf (GFoRSS Program Contributor)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Elie Bouyazbeck (GFoRSS Program Contributor)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Mustafa Sultan (GFoRSS Program Contributor & Voting Officer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PROPOSED AGENDA

Item	<i>Participants</i>
A. Review of the Agenda	<i>All</i>
B. Opening Remarks	<i>Prof. S. Godefroy</i>
C. Introduction of Board Members: Round Table Introduction	<i>All</i>
D. Review and Adoption of the Board Meeting Schedule for 2026	<i>All</i>
E. Review List of Officers Nomination	<i>Prof. S. Godefroy</i>
F. Election of Officers 2025-2028	<i>All</i>
G. GForSS Proposed Events 2026	<i>Prof. S. Godefroy, All</i>
H. Introduction of a GForSS Communication Strategy for 2026-27	<i>Dr. Elie Bouyazbeck, All</i>
I. Introduction of a Members Benefits Package	<i>Prof. S. Godefroy, All</i>
J. Adjournment	

MEETING DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

A- Review and Adoption of the Agenda

The meeting commenced at 7:00 AM (Quebec time), chaired by Prof. Samuel Godefroy.

The Chair confirmed that quorum was met in accordance with the GForSS By-Laws.

The agenda was presented to Board members and unanimously approved following a motion by Dr. Christopher Worrell, seconded by Dr. Wiem Guissouma.

B- Opening Remarks

Prof. Samuel Godefroy delivered welcoming remarks, acknowledging the first official meeting under the new board mandate and outlining strategic priorities for the upcoming term. The Chair emphasized strengthening governance, visibility, and membership growth of GForSS.

C- Introduction of Board Members: Round Table Introduction

The Chair invited all Board members to briefly introduce themselves in a round table format. Members shared their professional backgrounds, areas of expertise, and their expectations for contributing to the mandate of GForSS during the 2026–2028 term. The Chair thanked members for their engagement and emphasized the importance of collaborative leadership and active participation.

D- Review and Adoption of the Board Meeting Schedule for 2026

The Board reviewed and approved fixed monthly meeting dates for the remainder of 2026.

E- Review List of Officers Nomination

The Board was informed that formal nominations had been received from Prof. Samuel Godefroy for the position of Chairman of the Board and President; Dr. Pamela Byrne and Dr. Nuri Gras for the positions of Vice Chairs and Vice

Presidents; Mr. Greg Paoli for the position of Treasurer; and Dr. Wiem Guissouma, Dr. Ruba Goussous, and Dr. Christopher Worrell for the positions of Executive Secretaries. The Chair invited any additional nominations from the floor. No further expressions of interest were submitted.

F- Election of Officers

The Board proceeded with the election of Officer positions in accordance with the GForSS By-Laws and established Board practice. Following deliberation, the Board formally elected the following:

Chairman of the Board and President:

- Prof. Samuel Godefroy

Vice Chairman of the Board and Vice-Presidents:

- Dr. Pamela Byrne
- Dr. Nuri Gras

Treasurer:

- Greg Paoli

Executive Secretaries:

- Dr. Wiem Guissouma
- Dr. Ruba Goussous
- Dr. Christopher Worrell

Prof. Godefroy then invited Members of the Board of Directors to raise any comments or objections and referred the matter to the Voting Officer for announcement.

Dr. Mustafa Sultan, serving as Voting Officer, confirmed that no opposing votes or motions had been submitted. Accordingly, the nominated officers were formally appointed for the 2026–2028 term.

The elected officers shall serve in accordance with the term provisions set out in the GForSS By-Laws.

G- GForSS Proposed Events 2026

Prof. Godefroy presented the proposed calendar of GForSS activities for 2026, outlining planned participation in key international events beginning early in the year. These include relevant Codex Committee meetings and the organization of regional forums intended to strengthen engagement and visibility. He noted that the events calendar remains under continuous review and will be updated as strategic priorities and partnership opportunities evolve.

H- Introduction of a GForSS Communication Strategy for 2026-27

Dr. Bouyazbeck presented The Strategic Outlook 2026-2027, which outlines the direction of growth for GForSS over the coming period, building on established strengths while responding to evolving regulatory needs and funding realities. The communication strategy aims to publicize the Society's mission and focuses on strengthening impact, sustainability, and global engagement.

The proposed Communication Strategy for 2026–2027 was presented and discussed. The Board approved the general direction of the strategy and agreed to establish a working group to refine the strategy and develop actionable outputs.

Working Group Members (open to further contributions from members of the board):

- Dr. Pamela Byrne
- Prof. Samuel Godefroy
- Dr. Christopher Worrell
- Dr. Elie Bouyazbeck

The group will focus on increasing GForSS membership, enhancing visibility and outreach, and strengthening digital engagement, and will report back to the Board with proposed implementation steps.

I- Introduction of a Members Benefits Package

This item was postponed to the next meeting of the Board of Directors for further consideration.

J- Other matters

The Board agreed to convene a dedicated working group to review and further develop the Operational Policy framework of GForSS.

Operational Policy Working Group Members (open to further contributions from members of the board):

- Ms. Nuri Gras
- Mr. Greg Paoli
- Dr. Ruba Goussous

The group will review current operational procedures and provide recommendations to strengthen governance clarity, operational efficiency, and institutional sustainability.

K- Confirmation of Decisions

All decisions and actions agreed upon during the meeting were formally approved following a motion by Dr. Christopher Worrell, seconded by Dr. Pamela Byrne.

L- Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 8:45 AM (Quebec time).

The meeting was adjourned following confirmation of next steps and timelines for the working groups.