Minutes – 2018 General Assembly

Tuesday 2 October 2018, 18h30 – 20h00

Plenary Theatre, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

1. Welcome and introductions
UICC President, Sanchia Aranda, welcomed all UICC members, friends, past presidents, Board members and special guests. Sanchia outlined the role of the General Assembly, as set out in the Constitution. More than 350 delegates were present and more than 160 full member organisations were voting.

2. Approval of agenda
Sanchia Aranda introduced the agenda of the General Assembly, explained each of the items and requested approval of the agenda. The General Assembly approved the agenda.

3. Approval of the minutes of the 2016 General Assembly
Sanchia Aranda asked the General Assembly to approve the minutes of the previous General Assembly, held in Paris on 1 November 2016. The minutes were distributed to the UICC membership on www.uicc.org on 26 April 2018. Following the vote, the minutes were approved.

4. Business Performance Overview
UICC CEO, Cary Adams, presented an overview of the organisation, explaining the main areas of focus along with the results of the work delivered in 2017 and 2018. Cary Adams highlighted the following:

- UICC currently has 1103 members in 163 countries and territories.
- UICC has a team of 45 based in Geneva, Switzerland.
- UICC’s main areas of focus are convening, capacity building, advocacy and supporting new organisations, in line with UICC’s purpose statement "We unite the cancer community to reduce the global cancer burden, to promote greater equity, and to integrate cancer control into the world health and development agenda."

Cary Adams introduced the newest partnership initiative – the City Cancer Challenge – which was launched at the World Economic Forum’s Annual Meeting in Davos in January 2017. The purpose of the initiative is to work with cities to improve the quality of treatment and care. The four key
learning cities are Cali, Asuncion, Yangon and Kumasi, and the three Challenge Cities are Porto Alegre, Kigali and Tbilisi. The UICC Board of Directors agreed in May 2018 that the initiative should be housed in its own foundation, supported by a multi-sectoral Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of the City Cancer Challenge were shown to the General Assembly and had previously been announced the day before at the World Cancer Leaders’ Summit.

Cary Adams highlighted the results of the membership survey which was conducted at the end of 2017.

- 97% of members would recommend UICC membership to another organisation
- 80% of members were satisfied or very satisfied with their membership
- 77% responded that interested in becoming more involved internationally

UICC is an award winning organisation with seven awards won in the past 3 years.

Cary Adams shared a summary of the detailed financial performance of the 2016 and 2017 accounts. UICC is financially secure with multiple income sources. The organisation received clean audits from PricewaterhouseCoopers. Cary Adams recommended that the General Assembly approve the Annual Accounts for 2016 and 2017.

5. Approval of the UICC Annual Accounts and Discharge of the Board and CEO

Following on from Cary Adams’ presentation of the financial accounts, Sanchia Aranda asked the General Assembly to vote on the approval of the accounts. The accounts were approved.

Sanchia Aranda explained the scope and impact of discharging the board, and she requested the General Assembly to vote. The General Assembly discharged the Board of Directors and CEO, including its decision to transition City Cancer Challenge as an independent legal entity in 2019.

Sanchia Aranda gave a special thank you to outgoing UICC Board members for their valuable contributions. She also thanked Cary Adams, the executive team and staff for their hard work and commitment.

6. Election process

Sanchia Aranda explained the nomination process as set out in the UICC Constitution. She then introduced the mandate of the Nominating Committee to ensure a balance between board renewal and continuity and a diversity in expertise and global representation.

Heather Bryant provided further background on the election process, as part of the Nominating Committee, along with the timeline and the work of the Committee.

7. Election of President-elect

Sanchia Aranda confirmed one candidate, Anil D'Cruz, who had been put forward to the General Assembly for the role of President-Elect. The General Assembly was invited to vote on his appointment. Anil D'Cruz’s appointment was passed with a standing ovation.
8. Election of the Board of Directors
Sanchia Aranda presented the list of 23 candidates for the 2018-2020 Board of Directors, arranged in alphabetical order by last name. The General Assembly was invited to vote for 14 candidates. The votes were verified by an independent observer, David Hill, Past President of UICC.

9. UICC Awards
Tezer Kutluk introduced the 2018 UICC awards, recognising the outstanding achievements and innovative practices from across the UICC membership. There were a total of 198 submissions from 117 organisations across 5 categories: Advocacy, Collaboration, Fundraising, World Cancer Day Spirit and CEO award.

Sonali Johnson, Head of Advocacy (UICC), announced the winner of the The Advocacy with Impact Award: Cancer Council New South Wales.

Ann Steyn, Board Member (UICC), announced the winner of The Collaboration Award: African Palliative Care Association.

Isabel Mestres, Director of External Partnerships (City Cancer Challenge), announced the winner of The Fundraising Award: King Hussein Cancer Foundation.

Jeff Dunn, Board Member (UICC), announced the winner of The World Cancer Day Spirit Award: Project PINK BLUE; and a commendation award for the Portuguese League against Cancer.

Nick Grant, Board Member (UICC), announced the winner of The CEO Award: Pat Garcia-Gonzalez.

10. Future Plans and Ambitions for UICC
Princess Dina Mired, UICC President-elect, congratulated Anil D'Cruz on his election as President-elect. She went on to thank Sanchia Aranda for her presidency and significant contribution to cancer control, and presented her with a gift of appreciation on behalf of UICC. Tezer Kutluk was also presented with a gift of appreciation for his contribution as part of the UICC Board of Directors. She thanked Cary Adams for his outstanding dedication and commitment as well as the team.

Princess Dina Mired presented her vision for the future of UICC as a growing movement working together to have greater impact for cancer patients all over the world. She outlined priorities in the areas of convening, capacity building and advocacy, highlighting “Treatment for All”, as well as the establishment of new organisations such as the City Cancer Challenge.

11. Results of the Elections for the Board of Directors
David Hill, the independent observer, provided Heather Bryant with the envelope containing the results of the elections, confirming that the process was properly conducted. Heather Bryant announced the results of the election of the 14 individuals who will serve on the Board of UICC for the next 2 years, in no particular order:
- Zainab Shinkafi-Bagudu
- Anne Lee
Sanchia Aranda welcomed all the new Board members and wished them the best. She thanked the past Board and the UICC staff for their work. The General Assembly was closed and the attendees were invited to join a cocktail reception.