MINUTES

For Mexico May 2011 Board Agenda Item: 3a

Present:

Board:

Reinhold Haux, President (RHx)
Antoine Geissbuhler, President-elect; Liaison Officer to WHO (AG)
Lyn Hanmer, Secretary (LAH)
Lincoln de Assis Moura Jr., Treasurer (LM)
Casimir Kulikowski, VP Services (CK)
Hiroshi Takeda, VP Special Affairs; Liaison Officer to IFIP (HT)
Hyeoun-Ae Park, VP WG’s & SIGS (HP)
Fernando Martin-Sanchez, VP Membership (FMS)
Enrico Coiera, VP MedInfo (EC)
Peter Murray, Executive Director (PJM)

Regional Vice Presidents to IMIA:

APAMI, Michio Kimura (MK)
IMIA LAC, Alvaro Margolis (AM)
EFMI, Jacob Hofdijk (JH)
IMIA North America, David Bates (DB)
HELINA, Ghislain Kouematchoua (GK)

Apologies:

MEAHI, Ramin Mogghadem, (RM)

Guests:

Arie Hasman, VP Special Affairs elect (AH)
Riccardo Bellazzi, VP MedInfo elect (RB)
Diarmuid UaConaill (DU)

1. President’s Introduction & Welcome (RHx)

The President welcomed all participants to the Board meeting and to Cape Town.

Related activities organised for the Board:

➢ Photograph of the Board at 12h45.
➢ Dinner for Board members and guests at 19h00 at the District 6 Museum.
➢ Trip to Robben Island hosted by Dr Sedick Isaacs, 09h00 Thursday 16 September 2010.
2. Approval of Agenda; additions & changes (RHx)

There were no changes to the agenda. RHx noted that the IMIA Statutes would be addressed after lunch, when DU would be available.

3. Approval of Minutes and Action Items:

a) Minutes of Board meeting, May 29 2010, Vancouver BC, Canada

Minutes of the Board meeting had been circulated to Board members and no comments had been received.

That the Minutes of the Board meeting held on 29 May 2010 in Vancouver, Canada be approved as presented.

Moved: RHx
Seconded: CK
Approved.

b) Action items

Action items are in the agenda.

Action items not addressed elsewhere (also see Action Items list):

1. IMIA Academy and Accreditation – AH
   This item had been discussed by the Board in Vancouver in May 2010.
   This item was on the agenda for discussion by the General Assembly on 12 September 2010.

2. IMIA Education Recommendations – RHx
   The latest version of these recommendations had been published in Methods of Information in Medicine 2010; 49: 105-120.
   This item was on the agenda for discussion by the General Assembly on 12 September 2010.

3. IMIA Office and Operations; Future Activities – AG, LM
   AG, LM and PJM would work further on this issue and report to the Board.

4. President’s Report (RHx)

A written report, which was essentially the same report as that given in Vancouver, had been circulated prior to the meeting.
A detailed report on the President’s three-year term had been published in the IMIA Yearbook 2010 (Yearbook of Medical Informatics 2010: 1-5).
RHx impression is that IMIA is in a good state, although there are challenges.

The President noted that the award of an honorary fellowship of IMIA to Dr Sedick Isaacs had been approved at the previous Board meeting. The certificate would be awarded during the Medinfo 2010 opening ceremony.

4.1. Report on activities as presented in the IMIA Yearbook
RHx had written a document on past, present and future of Medical Informatics. This would be a final gift to IMIA, which would be formally reported to IMIA in a Medinfo 2010 keynote
address on Monday 13 September 2010.

4.2. Appointment of Executive Director, 2011-2015
RHx would request the IMIA General Assembly to approve the appointment of Dr Peter Murray (PJM) for the period 2011-2015, and to rename the role as IMIA CEO.

4.3. IMIA Award of Excellence 2010
The award would be shared by Marion Ball (MB) and Hans Peterson (HP). Hans Peterson was not able to travel to Cape Town since his wife was in hospital. Greetings would be written in a copy of the IMIA yearbook to be sent to Hans Peterson. MB had agreed to write a message from IMIA.

A paper copy of the proceedings of Medinfo 2010 would also be sent to HP.

4.4. IMIA Archives task force
There was nothing new to report since the Vancouver Board meeting. This work was in progress.

4.5. IMIA Code of Ethics – proposed update
Elke Kluge (EK) had been approached and agreed that the code of ethics should be updated. EK had indicated that he would be pleased to chair a committee to look at the code of ethics again. RHx would present this proposal to the GA on 12 September 2010.

4.6. Nominating Committee membership
Elizabeth Borycki (EB), Canada; Ken Toyoda (KT), Japan had been proposed as members in addition to RHx as outgoing President, and agreed by the Board at the Vancouver meeting. Both nominees had accepted nomination. The recommendation on Nominating Committee membership would be made to the GA on 12 September 2010.

That the President’s report be approved.
Moved: AG
Seconded: DB
Approved with 1 abstention.

5. Secretary’s Report (LAH)
A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

5.1. New SOP on Financial Review
The proposed SOP had been circulated prior to the meeting. The SOP was presented by the Executive Director, PJM. The SOP takes account of the difference between a financial review and an audit. IMIA accounts would be subjected to a financial review in terms of the proposed SOP. The proposed SOP also makes provision for the appointment of a Financial Review Committee with a three-year term of office. This committee would replace the existing Audit Committee, which has no specified term of office. The SOP would be presented to the GA on 12 September 2010. It was noted that the Board should make proposals for new members of the proposed Financial Review Committee to the GA in 2011. The Treasurer would take the lead on this issue.

5.2. New SOP on Nominating Committee
The proposed SOP had been circulated prior to the meeting. It clarifies the membership and term of office of the Nominating Committee, and would replace the existing SOP on
Nominating Committees.
The SOP would be presented to the GA on 12 September 2010.

*That the Secretary’s report be approved as presented.*
Moved: RHx,
Seconded: GK
Approved with 1 abstention.

6 Treasurer’s Report (LM)

The Treasurer’s report, summaries of accounts, a 5-year budget, and the Audit Committee report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Treasurer noted that there had been many difficulties after the death of the previous Executive Director. All the pieces of data required for the financial reports were now available.

LM noted thanks to Elaine Huesing (EH) and PJM for their roles in getting the financial affairs of IMIA back on track. Most transactions had been done by EH.
There had been active followup of outstanding accounts, and there had been payments made since the publication of the financial reports.
The no-risk investment policy had been beneficial to IMIA in the financial crisis, since no money had been lost in that period.

The appreciation and thanks of the Board to the Treasurer for his efforts in bringing the financial affairs of IMIA up to date were noted.

6.1. Auditing of accounts 2008 and 2009, including Audit Committee report
Financial statements for 2008 and 2009 had been prepared and audited, and sent to Geneva for formal filing.
The statements had also been sent to the Audit Committee, and these had been approved.

6.2. Current financial overview and 2010 accounts
The Treasurer noted that, overall, IMIA was losing money through our current methods of operation. Therefore, it would be necessary to work differently in the future. This would have to be indicated to the GA as well.

In presenting the draft 5-year budget, the Treasurer noted that:

- The budget was a reflection of moving towards a different method of operation.
- Overall, this was a conservative budget in terms of projected income.
- As IMIA, we need to change the way we think and be more aggressive in terms of action.
- The Board should send a signal about this ahead of time.

It was noted that about 50% of member societies currently do not purchase the IMIA yearbook. The Yearbook is a major product and benefit of IMIA. There is a need for a strong business plan for the IMIA yearbook. RHx suggested that consideration be given to a fee structure which includes the Yearbook.
AG and CK are currently planning for the 2011 yearbook. The business model is also a point of discussion. One of the key issues is how we want to position the yearbook. The Yearbook is currently seen as a membership benefit for IMIA members. This makes it difficult to market the Yearbook more widely. There have been differences in opinion about this among IMIA members.
Distribution is currently a challenge. Alternative methods of distribution were being
considered. There would need to be a discussion with the publishers on this issue. It was noted that yearbooks are distributed to all Medinfo participants.

Distribution of the proceedings was also a challenge. For Medinfo 2010, the provision of an electronic version of the proceedings had been negotiated with IOS press. It would be necessary to consider whether there would be printed versions (at all) in future.

It was noted that budget and vision for IMIA in the next five years are related. One issue would be to decide how much involvement there should be from IMIA in international projects in future. For example, the new AMIA vision and activities to strengthen international activities should be noted.

The Treasurer proposed that a small task force work on how IMIA can be more aggressive in looking at projects in the future. Ultimately, a group to work on IMIA business development would be required.

The following current and future Board members agreed to participate:
- LM would convene.
- AG would participate as incoming President.
- DB, AH and JH agreed to participate.

That the report of the Treasurer be approved as presented.
Moved: RHx
Seconded: FMS
Approved with one abstention.

7. Report of the Executive Director (PJM)

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

7.1. Website and electronic services development
The aim would be to get a new website online by the end of 2010. The yearbook site would be incorporated as part of this process.

7.2. Senior Officers' Club SOP development
There was currently no SOP. PJM would consult with those who had been involved in the Senior Officers' Club and aim to present an SOP for the next GA in 2011.

7.3. Status of membership invoicing
The status of membership invoicing had been addressed in the Treasurer’s report and the discussion of the report. Efforts to follow up with members had yielded good results.

RHx noted thanks to PJM for his great efforts to get IMIA stable.
JH conveyed congratulations on the newsletter from EFMI. There had also been favourable comments from other members. PJM indicated that ideas for further development would be appreciated. PJM wished to identify people in future to be contributing editors, in consultation with the VP Services. All members should contribute to the IMIA meetings calendar.

That the report of the Executive Director be approved as presented
Moved: RHx
Seconded: JH
Approved.
8. Report of the VP Membership (FMS)

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

8.1. Annual membership report
The following additions to the membership list were noted:
   - 4 new member societies.
   - 2 new academic members
   - 4 new corresponding members.
There had also been deletions from membership list.

LM noted that investment in regions had paid off, e.g. in IMIA-LAC, MEAHI.
There had been several organisations lost from the UK.
The institutional academic membership remained an important component of the IMIA membership.

RHx and FMS would hand over the plaques for new members during lunch at the GA.

*That the report of the VP Membership be approved as presented*
Moved: RHx
Seconded: AG
Approved with 1 abstention.


A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

9.1. Medinfo2010 – including LOC, SPC, EC reports
Thanks to the LOC, the SPC chairs and committee and the EC chair and committee were noted.

RB reported that there had been good collaboration during the process, and noted thanks to the LOC for this. He had learned much in the process, which would be used as experience towards next Medinfos during his term as VP Medinfos.

FMS thanked the Board for the invitation to chair the awards committee for papers and posters. Process for evaluation was ongoing and assistance from Board members (in addition to SPC members) was requested. The aim was for there to be at least two reviews per presentation.

LAH as chair of the LOC reported that all plans were in place. There was optimism that enough registrations would be achieved to break even.

*Motion to congratulate the chairs of the Medinfo 2010 committees (LOC, SPC, and EC).*
Moved: EC
Seconded: RHx.
Approved.

RB as SPC chair informed the Board that there had been multiple review processes for Medinfo 2010 submissions: reviewers for each paper, reviews by SPC members and track chairs, and reviews by core SPC members in the Paris meeting in February 2010. Some reviewers had not filled in the response to authors, and therefore work was required from the
SPC chairs to ensure that authors received feedback.

9.2. Medinfo2013
There was an expectation that the contract would be signed during Medinfo 2010. The Medinfo 2013 LOC had requested changes to fees and working currency:

- Request to increase fees to equivalent to cost of current conference:
  EC suggested that the LOC be advised to make a request closer to the time of the conference, to the Medinfo 2013 steering committee. This would allow for more flexibility as the Medinfo 2013 process developed.
  The Board noted that conference rates are a major issue. The aim should be to make the conference accessible to young researchers, in particular.
  There was a need to ensure that people do not in future bid and then immediately change the fees. However, in the contract and in the process it should be possible to take account of real needs. For example, for the MIE conference in Sarajevo the cost structure had changed after bidding due to the introduction of VAT locally.
  The Board recommended that the current rates in the contract be retained.
  LM suggested that the contract should specify grounds for motivating for changes in rates.

- Request to change currency to Danish Kroner or Euro:
  The Board agreed that the USD be retained as the currency. However, there could be a change to Euro if there were a strong motivation to do so.
  It was noted that all IMIA finances are in dollars, and that any payments to IMIA would reflect the exchange rate at the time of payment.

EC, RB, RHx and PJM would participate in the meeting with the Medinfo 2013 LOC, with EC as chair.

9.3. Medinfo2015
Potential timeline for bids:
RB reported that the request for bids would be published at the beginning of February 2011. Guidelines were still to be finalised.
The deadline for submission would be around end May 2011.
Short listed candidates would be invited by 1 July 2011 to present bids to the GA on 28 August 2011.

Eligibility to bid:
Since a region cannot bid within 8 years after a previous hosting in the region, the Americas would be eligible.

9.4. Task force on two-year Medinfo cycle:
There are issues to be worked on related to the two-year cycle.
RB proposed PJM and EC as members of the Task Force. Five people would be needed to ensure sound discussion. There was a need to include people who had been involved in the scientific component of Medinfo. PJM proposed Paula Proctor as a person with a link to the NI-SIG in relation to their conferences.
It was agreed that RB, PJM and EC would form the core of the Task Team. This core group would make suggestions to the Board on additional members. The decision would if necessary be referred to the President.

The Board noted thanks to the outgoing VP Medinfo for the work done in relation to Medinfo 2010 and preparations for Medinfo 2013.

That the report of the VP Medinfo be approved as presented
Moved: RHx
Seconded: LM
Approved with one abstention.

10. Report of the VP Services (CK)

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report was in two parts, addressing the IMIA Yearbook of Medical Informatics and the Task Force on a World History of Medical Informatics.

10.1. IMIA Yearbook of Medical Informatics

The 2010 Yearbook would be available for Medinfo 2010. The Topic for 2011 would be ‘Towards Health Informatics 3.0’ and would address how Health Informatics is being advanced by increased semantic content on the Web. A questionnaire to IMIA member societies about the current and potential role of the Yearbook in strengthening member societies and methods of access to the Yearbook was planned. CK noted that it had been difficult to get review articles for the Yearbook. The editors were considering eliminating the review category. It was more attractive to authors to publish reviews in journals with a good impact factor. By its structure, the yearbook could not have an impact factor. More interactive communication related to the yearbook was being considered. This could be a subject for discussion.

The Board discussed the balance between the Yearbook as a member benefit and wider availability of the Yearbook content. RHx expected that the publisher (Schattauer) would be flexible in relation to funding of the Yearbook. There had been a proposal to change the membership fee to include the yearbook fee as a way to address this issue. Member societies currently paid 150% of their membership fee for the yearbook access, if they wished to make this benefit available to their members. PJM reported that he was working on the actual current costing structure of the Yearbook process. He noted that there had not been changes in fees for five years. LM noted that the funding had to come from somewhere. There could be a need for a new model for access to the Yearbook in future; donor funding could also be a possibility. RHx noted that would be a good idea to continue making the paper version available at Medinfos. CK noted that we need to assign appropriate resources to this important process of planning for the future of the Yearbook.

It was agreed that the following proposals would be presented for discussion by the GA:
- Replacement of the current combined fee by a single fee which would include access to the Yearbook for all member societies. This would enable member societies to contribute to recording progress in the field.
- Working from the alternative point of view that the publication should be made available more widely, i.e. open access to all.

The aim would be to get an indication of opinion from the GA in 2010. There would then be work towards a plan for presentation to the GA in 2011. The aim would be to obtain a vote from the GA in 2011.

10.2. Taskforce on a World History of Medical Informatics

CK made a presentation on an online representation of aspects of the history of Medical Informatics. The Board commended the approach of the task force reflected in the presentation.
Work had begun as noted in the report. The aim was to complete this task by the IMIA 50th anniversary in 2017 at the latest. A limited amount of funding had been obtained for student support.

Strong input had already been received from Valerio Yacubson and Hans Peterson. There was interest from Don Lindberg and others with links to the National Library of Medicine (NLM). It was noted that the NLM should also have access to the historical material on Nursing Informatics (NI).

A database had been set up to support the process, including setting up ‘historical social networks’ online. This would be a unique historical mimetic network.

Access to the required resources for this project was proving to be a challenge. The treasurer would follow up.

It was noted that multiple more local initiatives were also under way. These could be incorporated into this international process in some way. The major challenge would be to obtain access to less defined sources, and sources in languages other than English. These resources from multiple language groups were especially important to be consolidated and made available to the international community.

The project would be presented in some detail to the GA so that input could be obtained from that larger group.

*That the report of the VP Services be approved as presented*

Moved: RHx
Seconded: HP
Approved with 1 abstention.

11. Report of the VP Working Groups & Special Interest Groups (HP)

A report in three parts had been circulated prior to the meeting.

11.1. Appointment of Working Group Chairs and Vice Chairs

Recommendations for chairs and co-chairs of working groups were contained in Part II of the report of the VP Working Groups (WGs) & Special Interest Groups (SIG)s.

Proposals for the following new working groups were included in the report:

- Social Media
- Critical Care Informatics.
- An additional proposal for a working group on Wearable Sensors in Healthcare had been received from Michael Marschollek of Germany. This proposal would be incorporated into the proposals in the report of the VP WGs & SIGs.

The proposals for new working groups were noted by the Board.

The proposed Social Media working group had developed from the Web 2.0 task force. There could be some overlaps between the proposed Wearable Sensors working group and existing working groups. There was also a query about components of the proposed scope which could be regarded as biomedical engineering rather than medical informatics.

*That the recommendations in part II of the report of the VP WGs and SIGs (including chairs, vice-chairs and the additional new working group) be accepted*

*That the Board recommend to the GA that the recommendations of the VP WGs and SIGs be accepted.*

Moved: HP
Seconded: AG
Approved.
11.2. Approval of Working Group conferences and activities
Details of WG and SIG conferences and activities were included in the reports of each group in part III of the report of the VP WGs and SIGs.
Fourteen WGs (more than in the past) would be meeting during Medinfo 2010. This was a good sign.

Promoting the activity of working groups remained a challenge. There had been some discussion of joining with working groups of regional groups following a proposal from EFMI about global task forces. It was suggested that this proposal could also be discussed in the IMIA regions. Since the Board function following the Board meeting would include people from the regions, this could provide an opportunity to initiate these discussions.

HP and JH agreed to work together to find a way to facilitate and realise this approach, using a test case to demonstrate the approach for the beginning. For a start, HP would review the focus of WGs in the regions. It would be important to define criteria for the success of such global working groups.

It was agreed that HP should address the issue of measuring the performance of WGs in her new term as VP WGs and SIGs. According to the statutes and SOP, groups should meet their objectives.

The IMIA Yearbook could be an interesting way of promoting the work of the WGs, following a specific theme. This would require a concrete output. Working group chairs could be invited to report on work for the Yearbook, as an alternative to reviews of one or other aspect of the field.

11.3. Dissolving the Mental Health Informatics WG and the Telematics in Health care WG
That the recommendations in part II of the report of the VP WGs and SIGs related to dissolution of working groups be accepted
That the Board recommend to the GA that the recommendations of the VP WGs and SIGs be accepted.
Moved: HP
Seconded: AG
Approved.

11.4. Motion of Thanks
That the recommendations in part II of the report of the VP WGs and SIGs related to a motion of thanks to outgoing WG chairs and vice-chairs be accepted
Moved: HP
Seconded: AG
Approved.

11.5. Reports of Working Groups and NI Special Interest Group
The Board noted the reports of the Working Groups and the Nursing Informatics Special Interest Group included in part III of the report of the VP WGs & SIGs. An updated report had been received from one working group. Multiple working group reports remained outstanding.

The appreciation of the Board for the work done in preparing the report and the proposals was noted.

That the report of the VP Working Groups and Special Interest Groups be approved as presented
Moved: RHx
Seconded: LM
Approved with 1 abstention.

12. Report of the VP Special Affairs (HT)

A report focussed on progress in the IMIA Middle East region (MEAHI) had been circulated prior to the meeting.

HT proposed that a guardian for MEAHI be appointed from the Board. HT suggested that the IMIA liaison to WHO continue this process in the light of the important role of the WHO in that region. HT would continue to support this region even after stepping down as the VP Special Affairs.

The meeting agreed to this proposal from HT with thanks for his willingness to continue in a supportive role in this region.

That the report of the VP Special Affairs be approved as presented
Moved: RHx
Seconded: AG
Approved with 1 abstention.

13. Report on the IMIA Statutes revisions - (DU)

A report from the IMIA statutes task force including the proposed revised statutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. The latest version of the statutes had been distributed to GA members.

A few organisations had minor comments, but generally responses had been favourable, with the exception of the CMIA (China Medical Informatics Association). The CMIA has indicated that they wish to retain the current version of section 2.2.1 to retain the current wording related to ‘National members’ rather than ‘member societies’ as proposed. There had been followup correspondence, and a meeting had been arranged with the CMIA delegation immediately following the Board meeting. RHx, PJM and DU would attend the meeting with the CMIA, since DU had participated in previous meetings.

Responses received from other member organisations had been noted. There were comments aiming to improve clarity from Finland and Sweden. These comments would be copied to DU and the Board.

For the GA discussion, RHx would lead the discussion, with support from DU. It would be important for the Board to present a united position in the discussion.

That the revised statutes and policies be presented as recommendations from the Board to members of the GA for discussion and voting at the GA in Cape Town in September 2010.
Moved: RHx
Seconded: CK
Approved.

14. Report of the Liaison Officer to IFIP (HT)

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

14.1. IMIA/IFIP symposium at World Computer Congress 2010
22 papers and 8 posters would be presented. There will be a publication from this event.
This joint event marks an important milestone in the links between the IMIA and IFIP.

14.2. Joint Technical Working Committee with IFIP
The next step in the liaison between IMIA and IFIP will be joint technical working groups, combining the strengths of the two organisations.

*That the report of the Liaison Officer to IFIP be accepted as presented*
Moved: RHx  
Seconded: EC  
Approved with 1 abstention.

15. Report of the Liaison Officer to WHO (AG)
A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

There had been good contacts with the WHO during the reporting period. There had been consolidation of eHealth activities in WHO, and there is definite interest from Dr Najeeb Al-Shorbaji of WHO in strengthening relationships between WHO and IMIA.

Strategically it would be important to offer WHO a position in the SPC for Medinfo 2013 so that formal WHO support could be obtained for the next Medinfo.

15.1. Joint IMIA-WHO Fellowship Fund
This idea had been approved both by IMIA and the WHO. There had not been much progress with the proposal to date, but this would be pursued.

*That the report of the Liaison Officer to WHO be accepted as presented*
Moved: RHx  
Seconded: DB  
Approved with 1 abstention.

16. Reports of the Regional Vice Presidents to IMIA

16.1. APAMI (MK)
A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Next APAMI GA would be held in Korea in October 2011. APAMI conference for 2012 will decided upon at the Korea meeting; Thailand is keen to host this meeting.

16.2. EFMI (JH)
A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

There are multiple ongoing activities, including activities in conjunction with some of the other regions of IMIA. EFMI is now a formal entity, which would make it possible for EFMI to become involved in EU projects. The EFMI EPOS initiative is aimed at preserving knowledge of and providing an effective framework for ongoing EFMI meetings. EFMI is keen to share this initiative with IMIA.

16.3. HELINA (GK)
A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Medinfo 2010 would provide an important forum for discussion and planning for the region. The aim is to develop projects ultimately to support the development of HI in Africa. There are plans for HELINA 2011 in September 2011. There is growing activity in French-speaking
West Africa. For example, there is a conference planned for March 2011, and funding seems to have been obtained. AG noted that there are opportunities in linking (so far) between the French- and English-language HI activities and initiatives.

16.4. IMIA-LAC (AM)
A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Major activities in the region were focussed on strengthening the network of Health Informatics societies in the region, and health informatics education and health information systems in the region.

IMIA-LAC has invited the IMIA Board to meet in the region in the second half of May 2011. The venue in Latin America would be confirmed after the IMIA-LAC meeting at Medinfo 2010.

*Motion of thanks and gratitude to AM as outgoing IMIA-LAC representative for the work done in the region, as reflected in the increase in member societies for the IMIA-LAC region from four to seven.*
Moved: LM
Seconded: FMS.
Approved.

16.5. IMIA North America (DB)
A report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Reports on AMIA and COACH activities were included in the report for the region. Similar issues were being dealt with in the US and Canada, including training and recognition of Health Informatics professionals. AMIA had initiated a new entity focused on global programmes.

16.6. MEAHI (RM)
No report had been received for this region and there was no representative of the region present in the meeting.

*That the reports of the Regional Vice Presidents to IMIA be approved as presented*
Moved: RHx
Seconded: HP
Approved.

17. Other Business
There was no other business.

18. Future Board Meetings
The incoming President (AG) proposed the following dates and venues:
- Early 2011 – Linked to IMIA-LAC planned conference – location TBC
- Late 2011 – MIE 2011, Oslo, Norway, Saturday 27 August (to confirm – General Assembly 28 August)
- Early 2012 – NI2012, Montreal, Canada (23 June 2012 – date TBC)
- Late 2012 – Proposed: linked to APAMI2012 - TBC
- Early 2013 – Proposed: MEAHI area – TBC
- Late 2013 – Medinfo2013, Copenhagen, Denmark (date TBC).
19. Adjournment

In closing the meeting, RHx indicated that it had been a pleasure to chair the Board of IMIA. The members of the Board could look forward to the Board dinner and Medinfo 2010 after the meeting.