



Minutes – 2022 Virtual General Assembly

Tuesday 11 October 2022, 14h00 – 15h31 CET

1. Welcome and introductions

UICC President, Anil D’Cruz, welcomed the UICC members and Board members to UICC’s second virtual General Assembly. He explained the role of the General Assembly, as set out in the Constitution. He also provided an overview on how the event would be held and encouraged members to participate.

2. Approval of agenda and the minutes of the 2020 General Assembly

Anil D’Cruz introduced the agenda of the General Assembly, explained each of the items and then requested approval of the agenda. The Assembly approved the agenda.

The minutes of the last General Assembly, held virtually on 6 October 2020, were distributed to the UICC membership on www.uicc.org on 10 August 2022. Anil D’Cruz requested the approval of the minutes. The Assembly approved of the minutes of the last General Assembly.

3. Review of the last two years

Anil D’Cruz presented an overview of the past two extraordinary years during his term as President of UICC. He started his presidency during a pandemic that had a large impact on the operations of UICC. The World Cancer Congress in Oman was cancelled alongside regional face-to-face meetings. Thus, many of the services that UICC provide to its membership was virtualized. Despite the challenging environment, UICC managed the financial storm very well using its reserves, which allowed to protect the jobs of the dedicated UICC employees.

UICC Board also conducted its meeting virtually, except the hybrid Board meeting that took place in May, 2022. Despite the pandemic, it was an eventful period for UICC such as starting the three year theme ‘Close the Care Gap’, WCLS 2021 taking place virtually, the launch of the ATOM Coalition and the Ukraine Emergency Solidarity Fund, new online training services, and strategic review process. Anil D’Cruz also announced that the next WCLS is scheduled for October, 2023 to take place in Long Beach, California. Additionally, he highlighted that 2022 marked the 10 year anniversary of the McCabe Centre for Law and Cancer and the International Cancer Control Partnership, and congratulated friends at the McCabe Centre and ICCP. He shared his pride in UICC’s role in establishing the ATOM Coalition, the McCabe Centre, ICCP, the NCD Alliance and CCan over the last 10 years and wished them all well for the future.

He also touched upon the membership survey completed by 20% of UICC’s membership and concluded that UICC had done very well recently despite the awful world situations.

Anil D’Cruz thanked the fellow UICC Board members as well as Cary Adams and the UICC team members for their support during her presidency. He gave his best wishes to the new UICC President, Jeff Dunn. He also said a special thank you to Anne Lee and Nick Grant who both came off the Board because they had completed six full years having been re-elected twice in 2018 and 2020.

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 2020 and 2021. Cary Adams highlighted the following:

- UICC currently has 1,195 members in 173 countries.
- UICC has a team of 42 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 and support the cancer community to reduce the global cancer burden, to promote greater equity, and to ensure that cancer control continues to be priority in the world health and development agenda."

Cary Adams shared a summary of the detailed financial performance of the 2020 and 2021 accounts. This year UICC will break even, and possibly yield a small surplus on operations allowing to replenish the Reserves which were dipped into in 2020 and 2021. The organisation received clean audits from PricewaterhouseCoopers. Cary Adams recommended that the General Assembly approve the Annual Accounts for 2020 and 2021.

Cary Adams thanked all the UICC partners for their continued support to UICC and its membership.

5. Future Plans and Ambitions for UICC

UICC President-elect, Jeff Dunn, presented his vision for the future of UICC. He emphasized that the pandemic years had served UICC well in learning resilience, flexibility, teamwork, and partnership. Due to his cancer treatment, he will not be at the Congress next week, but intends to be at the Summit in Long Beach California in October 2023. Jeff Dunn outlined the continued priorities in the areas of convening, capacity building and advocacy. He also touched upon the strategy review process conducted under the leadership of Anil D’Cruz. He proceeded to share 6 identified overarching priorities for UICC in the coming years.

Jeff Dunn also highlighted the 90th anniversary of UICC next year, which would be used to raise the profile of cancer control everywhere.

Jeff Dunn gave a special thanks to the UICC membership, Anil D’Cruz, the current Board, and UICC team for all their work and support.

6. Election Process Overview

Dina Mired explained the nomination process as set out in the UICC Constitution. She introduced the mandate of the Nominating Committee to present a suitable number of candidates for Board members and President-elect to the General Assembly to ensure a balance between board renewal, continuity and a diversity in expertise and global representation.

Dina Mired presented the members of the Nominating Committee and the work of the Committee. She presented the candidates running for the role of President-elect and Board of Directors and wished them success on their election. She reminded the Board that Ulrika Arehed Kagstrom and Zainab Shinkafi-Bagudu were also candidates for the Board of Directors. Thus, if either of them became the President-elect in the first round of voting then their name and votes would be removed from the Board of Directors election process which followed.

7. Live Q&A

Cary Adams opened and facilitated the live Q&A session. UICC members were invited to submit questions since the opening of the General Assembly. Cary Adams reminded that after this session, the voting would be closing. The following questions were addressed during the session:

- Are you optimistic that the ATOM Coalition can make a difference in access to treatment and care in low- and middle-income countries?
- Dear Dina Mired, how will you continue to be involved with UICC?
- How can the work of members in low- and middle-income countries be promoted and how can UICC members publish their work in UICC journals?

Cary Adams officially closed the voting for the General Assembly and explained that the results of the votes would be announced very shortly.

8. UICC Awards: Best CEO of a Member Organisation and Best World Cancer Day Campaign

Anil D'Cruz facilitated the UICC Awards session. He explained that the UICC Members Awards, of which the CEO Award is one, were launched for the first time in 2018. The purpose of the CEO Award is to recognise and celebrate leadership and expertise in managing a cancer control organisation from across the UICC membership. The theme for the 2022 award is "leadership through crisis". UICC members were asked to nominate individuals for the Award on 30th March 2022, and 19 eligible nominations were received. He presented three finalists:

- Hana Chaar Choueib - General Manager, Children's Cancer Center of Lebanon (CCCL)
- Murallitharan Munisamy - Managing Director, National Cancer Society Malaysia (NCSM)
- Diana Sarfati - Chief Executive Officer, Te Aho o Te Kahu, Cancer Control Agency, New Zealand

Anil D'Cruz explained that in the spirit to highlight the diversity of leadership approaches in the cancer community through the last two very challenging years, the judges had decided that the 2022 CEO Award should be presented to and shared by all three finalists. He congratulated all three leaders.

He continued to facilitate the awards session by turning to the Best World Cancer Day Campaign 2022. The purpose of the World Cancer Day Award is to recognise UICC member organisations who have organised a strong and impactful World Cancer Day campaign that aligned to the World Cancer Day theme. He presented the organisations whose campaigns have been shortlisted for the award:

- Children's Cancer Center of Lebanon (CCCL)
- China Anti Cancer Association
- Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital & Research Centre
- Spanish Association Against Cancer

He announced the Spanish Association Against Cancer as the winner and congratulated them.

9. Voting results

Anil D’Cruz presented the results of the votes from the UICC full members.

a. Approval of the 2020 and 2021 Annual Accounts

The Annual Reports for 2020 and 2021 were made available to the membership on 10 August 2022. They contained the summary of the audited accounts.

- **The General Assembly approved the 2020 and 2021 financial accounts.**

b. Discharge of the Board and CEO

- **The General Assembly discharged the Board of Directors and CEO for the 2020-2022 period.**

c. Election of President-elect

Anil D’Cruz announced the three candidates who had been put forward to the General Assembly for the role of President-elect, Ulrika Arehed Kagstrom, Daiming Fan, and Zainab Shinkafi-Bagudu.

- **The General Assembly elected Ulrika Arehed Kagstrom as President-elect for 2022-2024.**

Anil D’Cruz congratulated Ulrika Arehed Kagstrom and presented his commiserations to Daiming Fan and Zainab Shinkafi-Bagudu.

d. Election of the Board of Directors

The General Assembly was invited to vote for 14 candidates out of the slate of 22 individuals. The votes were managed and verified by an independent company, Interactive Voting System, based in The Netherlands.

Anil D’Cruz announced the results of the election of the 14 individuals who will serve on the Board of UICC for the next 2 years, arranged in alphabetical order by last name:

- Matti Aapro
- Stella Aguinaga Bialous
- Eric Bouffet
- Maira Caleffi
- Hana Chaar Choueib
- Cristiana Fonseca
- Gilberto Lopes
- Kenji Lopez-Cuevas
- Asem Mansour
- Miriam Mutebi
- Ana Cristina Pinho Mendes Pereira
- C S Pramesh
- Danielle Rodin

- Zainab Shinkafi-Bagudu

10. Words from the new 2022-2024 President-elect

Ulrika Arehed Kagstrom thanked the UICC membership for his/her election and expressed his/her commitment and engagement to UICC.

11. Closing of the 2022 General Assembly

Anil D'Cruz congratulated the new Board of Directors, President-elect and President and wished them the best. He thanked Cary Adams and the UICC team for their work. The General Assembly was closed at 15h30 CET.