

Minutes of NgoRS Officer and Board Meeting (April 6, 2023)

Present:

C. Genco (President)
J. Edwards (President-elect)
A. Criss (Treasurer)
W. Shafer (Secretary)
A. Potter (At-Large Trainee member)
H. Seifert (Past President)
Erin Garcia (At-Large Trainee member-elect)
Crista Wadsworth (Director of NgoRS Communications-elect)
Nathan Weyand (Secretary-elect)

Absent:

M. Christodoulides (At-Large Member)
K. Seib (At-Large Member)
O. Harrison (At-Large Member)

Summary: The officers of the NgoRS (President C. Genco, President-elect J. Edwards, Treasurer A. Criss and Secretary W. Shafer) and Board Members (A. Potter and H. Seifert) met virtually on April 8, 2023 (0800 h, EDT). The major topics of discussion were: welcoming newly elected Board members who will begin their service on July 1, 2023, posting of resources and protocols for gonococcal research on websites or providing links to documents, the recent NgoRS virtual conference, providing increased information on the NgoRS website, update on plans for NgoRS to interact with attendees of the 2023 IPNC meeting that will be held in Boston, USA in September, status of the NgoRS, seminar series, membership update, and the status of the NgoRS budget.

1. Newly elected Board member: The Board welcomed newly elected Board members who will assume their duties on July 1, 2023. These new Board members and their positions are:

Erin Garcia (At-Large Trainee member-elect): Erin will replace A. Potter.

Crista Wadsworth (Director of NgoRS Communications-elect): new position

Nathan Weyand (Secretary-elect): Nathan will replace W. Shafer

2. Dissemination of research resources and protocols: The Board discussed the possibility of soliciting and collating research resources and protocols that would be useful for NgoRS members. This matter was approved and will be discussed at the next Board meeting with respect to how best to solicit the information from investigators and the mechanism by which it will be made available to the NgoRS membership.

3. Plans on NgoRS to sponsor events at IPNC 2023: The Board discussed plans for NgoRS to provide opportunities for NgoRS members and non-members to interact during the IPNC 2023 meeting that will be held in Boston, USA in September, 2023. Various options and plans were discussed including sponsored networking sessions, mixers, and provision of items bearing the NgoRS logo. A. Potter will attend the next meeting of the IPNC 2023 to gather additional information. This topic will be discussed further at the next NgoRS Board meeting.

4. Seminar program: The Board voted unanimously (6 yes, 0 no and 0 abstaining) to allow non-members to have live access to the virtual monthly seminars, but only members will have access to the recorded video.

5. Membership update: The Board agreed that for professional members of NgoRS the period of membership for 2023-2024 will be from July 1-June 30th and will be automatic. For those who joined in the first 2 quarters of 2023, the membership will rollover on July 1, 2023 - an additional payment will not be needed. Renewal reminders for professional and trainee members will be automatic and will be sent out on or before the July 1 renewal deadline.

6. Budget update: Treasurer A. Criss informed the Board that the current balance of the NgoRS account is US \$ 11,765.99.

Respectfully submitted,



W. Shafer, Secretary, NgoRS