

MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL CENSUS AND STATISTICS DIRECTORS OF AMERICA,  
ASIA, AND THE PACIFIC (ANCSDAAP)

(1) The meeting was called to order at 16:30 PM and adjourned at 18:30 PM on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, in the Minnehaha Room of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Directors or their representatives who were present were:

Ms. Nancy POTOK, Chairperson, ANCSDAAP Board of Directors and Deputy Director of the U.S. Bureau of the Census

Mr. Feng NAILIN, President of ANCSDAAP

Mr. Bub Min PARK, representing Mr. Chang-Ick KANG, Vice President of ANCSDAAP

Mr. SAILESH (India)

Mr. Amarbal AVIRMED, representing Ms. Ariunzaya AYUSH (Mongolia)

Ms. Shui-Yu Marion CHAN, representing Mr. Leslie Wai-Kong TANG (Hong Kong)

Mr. Hisashi KITAHARA, representing Mr. Masato AIDA (Japan)

Mr. Tuan Anh NGUYEN, representing Mr. Nguyen Bich LAM (Vietnam)

Mr. Bong Ho CHOI, Secretary of ANCSDAAP

Ms. Minja Kim CHOE, representing Mr. Andrew MASON, Treasurer of ANCSDAAP

Observers who were present were:

Mr. Tai-Hun Kim (ANSCDAAP)

Ms. Arona Pistiner (U.S. Census Bureau)

Ms. Shirin Ahmed (U.S. Census Bureau)

Ms. SuGyeong Bae (ANSCDAAP)

Ms. Sol Choi (ANSCDAAP)

Ms. Anna Bolgrien (IPUMS, MPC)

Ms. Nancy Potok chaired the Board meeting

(2) The minutes of the last BOD meeting (in Tokyo, Japan) were reviewed and approved. The treasurer's reports for 2014 and 2015 were presented by Ms. Minja Kim Choe on behalf of Mr. Andrew Mason, Treasurer of ANCSDAAP and were approved. Ms. Shui-Yu Marion Chan questioned 2015 registration fees from 27<sup>th</sup> Population Census Conference. Ms. SuGyeong Bae and Ms. Minja Kim Choe clarified that the fee is left-over from the online registration fees from 2014.

(3) Venue and timing of the next (29<sup>th</sup>) Population Census Conference

Venue and timing of the next population census conference will be Viet Nam in 2018. Mr. Nguyen Tuan Anh presented an official letter to Mr. Chang-Ick Kang from Luu Van Vinh, the Director of Department of International Cooperation, the General Statistics Office of Viet Nam stating, "It is my pleasure to inform you that the General Statistics Office (GSO) is willing to collaborate with ANCSDAAP to host the 29th Population Census Conference in mid 2018 in Viet Nam."

The location in Viet Nam and date will be further discussed with the GSO of Viet Nam and ANCSDAAP Secretariat.

(4) Theme of the next Population Census Conference

The Board discussed a possible theme for the next conference. Mr. Hisashi Kitahara proposed two ideas (1) "New technology and/or innovation of the 2020 round of census" or (2) "Quality assurance of census data". Ms. Minja Kim Choe proposed wording: "Innovative approaches to census data collection and quality assessment". Mr. Feng Nailin proposed wording: "Achieving quality census data through innovative approaches". Ms. Nancy Potok proposed wording: "Innovations of census methodology and the impact on data quality".

Other topics discussed included citizen engagement (introduced by Mr. Sailesh), technology of a rolling census (introduced by Ms. Nancy Potok), and research and testing for the 2020 round of census (introduced by Ms. Shui-Yu Marion Chan). These topics were suggested to be considered for possible sessions within the broader theme of innovation.

A tentative agreement was made that the theme for the next meeting should include the key terms "quality", "innovation" and "2020 round of census". However, specific wording will be discussed and sought further by the Secretariat. The Secretariat will prepare the proposal of wording and inform the proposal to members of the BOD and the host of the next conference for decision through e-mail.

(5) Election of officers (President, Vice President)

The Board nominated Mr. Sailesh, Registrar General and Census Commissioner from India for President and Mr. Amarbal Avirmed from Mongolia for Vice President. Tentatively, Mr. Feng Nailin will continue to serve his role as President until the candidate gets official approval from his government.

(6) Appointment of Secretary and Treasurer

The Board approved the continuation of Mr. Bong Ho Choi as ANCSDAAP Secretary and Mr. Andrew Mason as ANCSDAAP Treasurer.

(7) Other Business

There were two additional items to be discussed. First, there are additional countries in Latin America and the Middle East that would like to attend this conference but have been unable to do so. Participation in the conference is open invitation and countries are encouraged to participate even if they are not ANCSDAAP members. It is recommended that invitations continue to be sent to all countries in the Americas including Latin America, Asia, and the Pacific region. It was also noted that invitations should be sent with enough lead time (at least six months prior to the conference) to accommodate the lengthy visa process. Visa requirements of Viet Nam are to be reviewed by the Secretariat. The second topic included expanding the Board from 7 members to include more representation of countries. Mr. Feng Nailin will ask the Secretariat to look at the options for amending the bylaws for the potential to include more member countries into the Board in the future.

(8) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 18:30.