

Minutes of the General Assembly of AFSUMB

Time: 10:00 to 12:00 on May 10, 2024; Place: Room 205, COEX, Seoul, Korea

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2073281200>

Zoom Meeting ID: 207 328 1200 Passcode: 20240510

Position	Name	Attendance	
President	Iwaki Akiyama (JSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
Immediate Past-President	Yung-Liang Wan (CTSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
President-Elect	Jeong Yeon Cho (KSUM)	Onsite	Host
Vice-President 1	Sudheer Gokhale (IFUMB)	Onsite	Reply to attend
Vice-President 2	Jae Young Lee (KSUM)	Onsite	Host
Secretary	Ching-Chang Hsieh (CTSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
Treasurer	Masayuki Kitano (JSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
Councilors	Jung-Eun Cheon (KSUM)	Onsite	Host
	Akihiko Kikuchi (JSUM)	Online	Request a leave of absence
	Ashwin Lawande (IFUMB)	absence	Request a leave of absence
	San-Kan Lee (CTSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
	Kowk Yin Leung (HKSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
	Ping Liang (CMA/CSUM)	absence	Request a leave of absence
Co-opted Councilors	Kanu Bala (BSU)	Onsite	Reply to attend
	TP Baskaran (MSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
	Erdenebileg Bavuujav (MSDU)	Onsite	Reply to attend
	Musarrat Hasan (USP)	Onsite	Reply to attend
	Quan Bao NGUYEN-PHUOC (VSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
	H. Sidharta (ISUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
	Tuangsit Wataganara (MUST)	absence	Request a leave of absence
Representatives	Mukhtar Alam Ansari (USN)	absence	Request a leave of absence
	Saqar Altai (OSUM)	absence	Request a leave of absence
	Gervais Wansaicheong Khin-Lin (MUSS)	absence	No reply
	Millicent Ong (PSUCMI)	Onsite	Reply to attend

Journal Editor	Yi-Hong Chou (CTSUM)	absence	Request a leave of absence
Website/Newsletter Editor	Hideyuki Hasegawa (JSUM)	absence	Request a leave of absence
Observer & Delegate	Raymond Keshwan (PISUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
Delegate	Hong-Yuan Wang (CTSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
Observer	Ming-Ren Chen (CTSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
Observer	Minh Hoang NGUYEN (VSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
Observer	Sung Il Jung (KSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
Observer	Quang Trong NGUYEN (VSUM)	Onsite	Reply to attend
ECHOES Newsletter Editor	Sue Westerway	Onsite	
WFUMB Administrative Manager	Lynne Rudd	Onsite	

Agenda 1. Announcement and introduction of attendees

Agenda 2. Announcement of absence and substitute

Saqar Altai (OSUM); Mukhtar Alam Ansari (USN); Hideyuki Hasegawa (JSUM); Ashwin Lawande (IFUMB); Gervais Wansaicheong Khin-Lin (MUSS); Ping Liang (CMA/CSUM); Patria Cecilia Martinez (PSUCMI) substitute by Millicent Ong; Tuangsit Wataganara (MUST)

Agenda 3. Greetings from the President, Dr. Iwaki Akiyama

Agenda 4. Apologies for absence and introduction of observers

Sent an apology of absence: Saqar Altai (OSUM); Mukhtar Alam Ansari (USN); Hideyuki Hasegawa (JSUM); Ashwin Lawande (IFUMB); Ping Liang (CMA/CSUM); Patria Cecilia Martinez (PSUCMI); Tuangsit Wataganara (MUST)

Observers: Raymond Keshwan (PISUM)

Agenda 5. Confirmation of minutes of the last GA on Nov.12, 2022. [\[Attachment 1\]](#)

The minutes can also be found from the AFSUMB website as

<http://www.afsumb.org/about/file/Minutes%20GA%20Meeting%2020221112.pdf>

Agenda 6. Announcement of the results of election for next term (2024-26) Officers, Councilors.

Number of votes was (Officers: 7, Councilors: 6, Affiliated Societies: JSUM: 1+7, CTSUM: 1+5, KSUM: 1+4, IFUMB: 1+2, others: 13, one vote for each affiliated member society

Number of the votes was 45 for total voting rights for election. It depends upon the total membership of the affiliated society at the end of year 2022.

All nominees of the Officers and Councilors were elected by unanimous agreements.

AFSUMB Affiliated Societies as of 2022-2024										
Membership										
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
1. BSU	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170
Bangladesh										
2. CTSUM	5002	5010	5,005	5,010	5,010	5,012	5,005			
Taiwan										
3. HKSUM	50	50	100	100	80	104	61			
Hong Kong										
4. IFUMB	600	1,000	2,317	2,340	2,340	2,340	2,370			
India										
5. ISUM	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350		
Indonesia										
6. JSUM	8,023	8,030	7,994	7,897	7,800	7,737	7,715			
Japan										
7. KSUM	3,762	4,075	4,249	4,249	4,565	4,565	4,565			
Korea										
8. MSDU	75	75	75	75	75	75	75			
Mongolia										
9. MSUM	247	247	247	247	247	247	247			
Malaysia										
10. MUSS	92	110	105	90	90	90	90			
Singapore										
11. MUST	250	250	250	250	250	250	250			
Thailand										
12. OSUM							70			
Oman										
13. PSUCMI	210	210	210	210	196	190	200			
Philippine										
14. CMA/CSUM	655	655	655	655	655	655	655			
China										
15. USP	150	150	148	150	150	150	150			
Parkistan										
16. USN	50	50	50	50	50	50	50			
Nepal										
17. VSUM			900	900	700	900	900			
Vietnam										
Total	19,686	20,432	22,825	22,743	22,728	22,885	22,923			
		unpaid		paid						

Nominees

Officers and Councilors of AFSUMB for the term 2024 to 2026

Position	Name	Email
President-Elect	Ching-Chang Hsieh (CTSUM)	doctor717@gmail.com
Vice-President 1	Manjula Virmani (IFUMB)	manjuv10@gmail.com
Vice-President 2	Shih-Cheh Chen (CTSUM)	chensc@cgmh.org.tw
Secretary	Masayuki Kitano (JSUM)	kitano@wakayama-med.ac.jp
Treasurer	Jae Young Lee (KSUM)	leejy4u@snu.ac.kr
Councilors	Ming-Ren Chen (CTSUM)	mingren44@gmail.com
	Jung-Eun Cheon (KSUM)	cheonje@snu.ac.kr
	Sudheer Gokhale (IFUMB)	drgokhale.sudheer@gmail.com
	Akihiko Kikuchi (JSUM)	dr-kiku@y8.so-net.ne.jp
	Jianchu Li (CMA/CSUM)	jianchu.li@163.com
	Quan Bao NGUYEN-PHUOC (VSUM)	baoquanj@gmail.com

Agenda 8. President's Report by Dr. Iwaki Akiyama [Attachment 2]

- 1) The 20th congress of WFUMB will be held from 29 May, 2025 to 1 June, 2025 in Kyoto, Japan.
- 2) The next AC meeting will be held there during the WFUMB 2025.
- 3) The Workshop was successfully held in Ulaanbaatar Mongolia in June 2023.
- 4) The workshop was successfully held in Dhaka, Bangladesh in March 2024.
- 5) The 17th congress of AFSUMB will be held in Danang, Vietnam from March 13 to 14, 2026.
- 6) We need to decide the affiliated society to host the 18th congress of AFSUMB in 2028 at this AC meeting.
- 7) The Constitution Committee decided to propose the sub-affiliated organization in addition to normal affiliated organization. The proposed organization is exempt from membership dues. waived AFSUMB by restriction of some rights of an affiliated organization. I would like to discuss this proposal at this AC meeting.

Agenda 9. Secretary's Report by Dr. Peter C.C. Hsieh [Attachment 3]

1. The AFSUMB membership was 22,728 in 2021, 22,885 in 2022, and 22,923 at the end of the year 2023. Yesterday's AC meeting was the last AC meeting held for this term of 2022-2024. The last GA meeting was held on Nov. 12, 2022. Since then, four AC meetings were held on Dec.14, 2022 online; June 9, 2023 in Ulaanbaatar; Nov. 6, 2023 in Muscat; and yesterday on May 9, 2024 in Seoul. The minutes of all AC meetings can be searched on the website of the AFSUMB official website (<http://www.afsumb.org/about/meeting.php>). The AFSUMB account balance is positive from \$337,482.47 USD on Jan. 1, 2023 to \$344,466.57 USD currently. In addition to the donation account of \$34,807.14 USD, the current

balance is \$379,273.71 USD.

2. The regular AFSUMB academic activities including the 2-year AFSUMB Congress and workshop each year resumed rapidly after the pandemic. AFSUMB Workshops were held at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on June 9-10, 2023 and another one at Dhaka, Bangladesh on March 1-2, 2024. AFSUMB Congresses were held at Hyderabad, India on Nov. 11-13, 2022 and at Seoul, Korea on May 9-11, 2024. The next 17th AFSUMB Congress will be held at Da Nang, Vietnam in March, 2026. Thanks to the cooperation of all affiliated societies and fully support from all administrative officers and council members, the operation of the AFSUMB runs very well in the past 2 years under the leadership of Prof Iwaki Akiyama, Prof Cho, and Prof Wan.
3. The AFSUMB website content has improved recently with huge amount of the educational materials including the video clips as well as teaching slides (E-Learning) supplied by Prof Leung and Prof Gokhale about the first trimester cardiac screening and ultrasound of the normal and abnormal fetal structures. (<http://www.afsumb.org/education/>) Meanwhile, the update information would be posted online as early as possible (<http://www.afsumb.org/news/>) with newsletter from WFUMB ECHOES (<http://www.afsumb.org/news/letter.php>).



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4. The English language ultrasound journals published by the AFSUMB affiliated societies to which WFUMB website could link.

The Japan Society of Ultrasonics in Medicine publishes the Journal of

“Journal of Medical Ultrasonics” in English:
<https://www.springer.com/journal/10396>

The Korean Society of Ultrasound in Medicine publishes the Journal of “Ultrasonography” in English

<https://www.e-ultrasonography.org/>

The Taiwan Society of Ultrasound in Medicine publishes the Journal of “Journal of Medical Ultrasound” in English

<https://journals.lww.com/jmut/pages/default.aspx>.

The Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography publishes the Journal of “Bangladesh Journal of Ultrasonography” in English

www.bsu-bd.org

5. Please check and revise the contact information of the leadership team for all affiliated member societies [Attachment 4]

Agenda 8. Treasurer’s Report by Masayuki Kitano [Attachment 5,6,7,8]

Agenda 9. Journal Editor’s Report: by Dr. Yi-Hong Chou [Attachment 9]

Agenda 10. Website/Newsletter Editor’s Report: by Dr. Hideyuki Hasegawa [Attachment 10]

Agenda 11. Committee Reports

- 1) Education Committee Report: [Dr. Kowk Yin Leung](#) [Attachment 11]
- 2) History/Archiving Committee Report: [Dr. Musarrat Hasan](#) [Attachment12]
- 3) Constitution Committee: [Dr. Sudheer Gokhale](#) [Attachment 13]
- 4) Ultrasound Contrast Agent Committee: [Dr. Jae Young Lee](#)
- 5) Ultrasound Safety Committee: [Dr. Akihiko Kikuchi](#) [Attachment 14]
- 6) Nomination Committee: [Dr. Jeong Yeon Cho](#) [Attachment 15]
“Report of election”

Agenda 12. AFSUMB 2024 Congress Report

[Dr. Cho](#) reported the update AFSUMB Congress 2024 at Seoul (May 9-11, 2024).



Detailed information of AFSUMB 2024

Function	Area
Registration Statistics * Updated Date: May 9, 2024	1,507 Participants from 40 Countries (Overseas 457, Korean 1,050)
Invited Guests	136 invited speakers from 19 countries (Overseas 44, Korean 92) Totally 55 Sessions in 151 Invited Lectures
Scientific Program	Total 741 Abstracts <u>submitted</u> , 484 abstracts accepted 129 Oral Presentations & 355 Poster Exhibitions

Agenda 13. WFUMB 2025 Congress Report

Prof. Akiyama (JSUM) updated the WFUMB 2025 at Kyoto (May 29- June 1, 2025).

Agenda 14. AFSUMB 2026 Congress Report and Recent Change of Place, Time.

Dr. Quan Bao NGUYEN-PHUOC (VSUM) reported the recent progress of the AFSUMB 2026 (March 12-14, 2026 at Ariyana Convention Center, Da Nang, Vietnam).

Agenda 15. Selection by ballot of the AC meeting for AFSUMB 2028 Congress Host as MSDU.

The ballot result on May 9, 2024 AC meeting was 12 votes favor for Mongolian Society of Diagnostic Ultrasound (MSDU), 2 votes for Bangladesh Society of Ultrasound (BSU).

Agenda 16. AFSUMB Education Workshop Application

On Jan.11 and Apr. 24, Prof Gokhale sent application letters for the AFSUMB 2025 Workshop along with the annual meeting of the IFUMB on Oct. 3-5, 2025. The place will be at Birla Auditorium, Jaipur in India. General information including visas for the foreign speakers, ground transportation for the foreign speakers, food and other facilities, title, theme, date, estimated participants and lecturers will be submitted later.

Agenda 17. Report of the WFUMB students' webinars by the AFSUMB speakers in 2023-24

The AFSUMB has hosted the student webinars four of the five sessions beginning from September 2023 to July 2024. There are two relevant topics in each session delivered by two speakers, respectively. The first 4 sessions were successfully

completed on Sep. 9, and Oct. 14 in 2023, Jan. 20, and April 13 in 2024. The webinars are recorded and edited before loading to the WFUMB website.

Agenda 18. Introduce the Pacific Islands Societies of Ultrasound in Medicine (PISUM) as a provisional member of the AFSUMB

The PISUM will become a provisional member of the AFSUMB if approval today at the General Assembly in Seoul, Korea on May 10, 2024. Annual membership subscription fees are waived during the two-year provisional period. The PISUM plans to become an official member of AFSUMB in 2026.

Agenda 19. Amendment of Constitution & By-laws.

The AC meeting yesterday with agreements of passing the amendment of the Constitution & By-Laws proposed by Prof Iwaki Akiyama. Today we asking the ratification procedures from the General Assembly.

Conclusion: Ratification by all attendants without objection. The Constitution Committee will modify the contents and sentences with discussion for the final version at next Constitution Committee meeting.

Agenda 23. Farewell and Awarding Ceremony of Gold Medal to outgoing Immediate Past-President Dr. Yung Liang Wan.

Asian Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology

is delighted to award this **Gold Medal** to **Dr. Prof. Yung-Liang Wan**

Positions in the AFSUMB
President: 2020 to 2022
President Elect: 2018 to 2020
Secretary: 2016 to 2018
Treasurer: 2014 to 2016
Councilor: 2007 to 2010

as a heartfelt token of appreciation for his exceptional leadership and significant contributions, particularly during his tenure as President of the AFSUMB from 2020 to 2022

May 10, 2024.

Iwaki Akiyama, President
Ching-Chang Hsieh, Secretary

Dr. Wan has contributed to the advancement of AFSUMB's role in various aspects, including:

1. Promoting global education initiatives through the active organization of WFUMB-AFSUMB student webinars.
2. Fostering collaboration between WFUMB and the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA), both are recognized by the WHO. IFMSA, established in 1951, is one of the oldest and largest student organizations globally, representing a network of members and 1.3 million medical students from over 130 countries.
3. Despite the challenges posed by the global pandemic, Drs. Wan and Cho successfully helped organize the AFSUMB 2021 in China and AFSUMB 2022 in India.

Agenda 24. Any Other Business (A.O.B)

Agenda 25. Speech with remarks of the Incoming President by Prof. Jeong Yeon Cho.

After today, Prof Cho will be our new AFSUMB President, and we welcome his speech and remarks.

Agenda 26. Place and date of the next GA meeting

March 13, 2026 (Friday), at 10: 00 AM, Ariyana Convention Center, DaNang, Vietnam

Agenda 27. Closing Remarks from the President

Agenda 28. Adjournment and group photos (first online in Zoom, and subsequently on site)

