

**Y'S MEN
INTERNATIONAL**



ASIA PACIFIC AREA

MINUTES

2019 Area Council MEETING

Thursday, the 18th of July 2019

Sendai YMCA
Sendai, Japan

Theme: "Action!"

Slogan: With Pride and Pleasure

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Held on Thursday, the 18th of July 2019
at Sendai YMCA, Sendai, Japan**

ATTENDANCE

NO.	NAME	TITLE	AREA/REGION
1	Hiroyuki Tanaka	AP	Japan East
2	Tung-Ming Hsiao	IPAP/ASD/RBM	Taiwan
3	David Lua	APE/ASD/Extension/YES	South-East Asia
4	Keiko Tonegawa	AS	Japan East
5	Takaaki Ishimaru	AT	Japan East
6	Jennifer Jones	IP	Australia
7	Jose Varghese	ISG	South-East Asia
8	Soundaram Thacis Thoumiyan	ICM/ Proxy for Sri Lanka RD	Sri Lanka
9	Bill Schmidt	IPRD/RD	Australia
10	Michihiro Endo	IPRD/ Proxy for Japan West RD	Japan West
11	Taweechai Termkuanon	IPRD/ Proxy for SEA RD	South-East Asia
12	Toshiaki Yamada	RD	Japan East
13	Angelito Pua	RD	Philippines
14	Tony Liao	RD	Taiwan
15	Russell Jones	ASD/ASF	Australia
16	Yasuhiro Hinachi	ASD/ Bulletin Editor	Japan East
17	Shigeru Murano9	ASD/ BF-Philatelist	Japan East
18	Sam Nakai	ASD/BF-Promotion/EF/IBC	Japan West
19	Hirosuke Shibuya	ASD/Christian Emphasis	Japan East
20	Edward Ong	ASD/GOLD/LTOD/PAP/ACCC	South-East Asia
22	Rose Yun	ASD/ Historian/ Area Office	South-East Asia
23	Andy Fu	ASD/ PR	South-East Asia
24	Huang-Chiu Yu	ASD/ Supplies	Taiwan
25	Frank Tsai	ASD/ TOF-GPF	Taiwan
26	Kohei Yamada	ASD/ YMI Liaison to YMCA	Japan East
27	Helen Chen	ASD/ Y's Menettes	Taiwan
28	Wichian Boonmapajorn	ADF Chairperson/PIP/PAP	South-East Asia

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

AP Hiroyuki Tanaka presided and called the Meeting to order at 2:00 pm, welcoming the Area Council Members, guests from IHQ, AEOs, ASDs and other leaders present.

2. OPENING PRAYER & HYMN

APE David Lua led in the Opening Prayer followed by the singing of Y's Men's Hymn.

3. ROLL CALL

AS Keiko Tonegawa read out the Roll Call of AEOs, Council Members and Area Service Directors. Though IPRD Taweechai Termkuanon and ADF Chairperson Wichian Boonmapajorn had not arrived in time due to the delays of their flights, they showed up later and participated in the meeting..

4. ADDRESS BY AREA PRESIDENT

AP Tanaka welcomed the participants, especially IP Jennifer Jones and ISG Jose Varghese. to Sendai. He mentioned that we take pride in the fact that both are from our Area. He stressed that the Area Convention, which would start the next day, would be a big success.

5. SELF-INTRODUCTION

The ACM members as well as other participants introduced themselves.

6. TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved unanimously

7. Addresses by the guests of honor

IP Jennifer Jones was invited to address to the ACM members. She thanked for the generosity of the related people for accepting her request to hold the ICM in Sendai. She also thanked ASP Area for the contributions in the past year which turned to the biggest among all Areas.

IP Jennifer, then praised AP Tanaka's leadership, in creating new clubs in new countries such as Cambodia, Vietnam, Mongolia and Nepal. She praised ASP being very active and wished that we would remain active as YMI is almost at the end of the first century and starting another very soon. She is excited to prepare something special for the centennial occasion. She would like us to be on the journey with her, saying "We are building today for a better tomorrow. We are on the move."

ISG Jose Varghese

During the 8-days' ICM, Y's movement took a new direction. Before talking about the future, ISG mentioned two things as progress for the past year. First, 139 new clubs were established in the world, and the movement is expanding to four new countries, i.e. Cambodia, Haiti, Nepal and Vietnam. In addition, all the areas had at least one new club. ISG congratulated Japan West, SEA, Sri Lanka and Taiwan for chartering new clubs. Second, the membership increase is 6.7% as opposed to an expected 5%. Now the paid membership totaled 25,213 with an outstanding increase in 3 Areas, i.e. ASP, India and Canada-Caribbean. With this achievement, AP Tanaka was awarded the Golden Book Entry.

This year, RD Awards would be introduced for the first time. RDs who succeeded in increasing all of membership, number of clubs and new projects would receive the Gold Medal from IP. This year, two of the regions in the world would receive this award. The RDs who were successful in the two areas would receive the Silver Medal. The RDs who succeeded in one area would receive the Bronze Medal. Many RDs would be recognized for their leadership.

Forty-six (46) District Governors would be awarded Elmar Crowe Award this year. YMI would recognize all DGs who showed good performance. Our dream for the next year is that all the RDs will receive the Gold Medal and all the DGs will receive the Elmer Crowe Award. It is not a competition. We would like to recognize good performance.

Those are the changes made during this year.

Now about the future, just like technology which has a new version every year, Y's Men are also looking at a new version that is more relevant, growing, more resourceful and visible. In 2008, a committee was formed to increase the number of the countries to 100 and membership to 50,000, but since then, not much has happened because only discussion has been going on. At that time the membership was 35,000. Last year it dropped to 23,000. It is time to change the gear to the fast gear. To achieve the goal, we must engage all the members. All the RDs, DGs, club members, youth and Y's Menettes are requested to work together to achieve the goal.

How are we going to achieve the goal? We must change the perception of our movement, as people have different perceptions. We must have a positive perception. For that purpose, at the ICM, it was decided to use one name, "Y's Men International", internationally. On the local level, we can use variations like Y's Men's and Women's Club, Y Service Club, etc. Also, engagement with YMCA is important.

Now we have clubs in 68 countries, and we need 32 more countries. Not only in the ASP Area we can explore in other Areas to start new clubs. Currently, we have 1,455 clubs and our goal is to reach 3000 clubs.

In order to achieve our dream goals of 100 countries and 50,000 members by 2022, we have two significant initiatives. One is on our legacy. The Legacy Project includes remembrance of the beginning of our movement in Toledo, Ohio, USA. Our founder has no tombstone. With the cooperation of his family, we decided to dedicate a tombstone to Paul William Alexander. Many documents (archives) are stored in the YMCA in Minnesota. We will digitalize those documents so that members can access to them. Furthermore, we will restore the old Headquarters of Y's movement as a common space for a meeting or relaxing in the Toledo YMCA to commemorate the birth of the Y's Movement. The Toledo government is very cooperative as its name will be more publicized. The mayor is trying to name one of the public parks after the founder. Beyond 2022, the name of the founder should be remembered through our service projects.

To implement the Legacy Project, we estimated 1 million US dollars, which must be divided by the 8 Areas in proportion to the membership. ASP is requested to raise 100,000 USD in 3 years. The scheme to achieve this goal is to honor the individuals or groups that donated more than 1000,000, 50,000 or 10,000 USD with Paul William Alexander Centennial Award, Centennial Award and Legacy Award, respectively. ISG elaborated the privileges and benefits that would accompany each award. The awards will be presented at one of the International Conventions in 2020 or 2022. If you donate 2,000 USD, you will get a Golden Star Award. Those who donated 100 USD will receive a centennial pin and centennial membership card. Each member is requested to give a minimum of 30USD, and in the centennial year, every member will receive a centennial membership card.

More importantly, we must double our membership and clubs. In order to achieve this, the ICM decided to implement a campaign called Challenge 22. It is a 100-day campaign from Sept. 1 to Dec. 9, the Founder's Day. Every club is requested to see if it can sponsor a club. Every member is requested to bring at least one member to your club or to any club in the world. If your spouse becomes a member, his/her dues are reduced by 50%. The exemption rule for international voting would be lifted only if the club has been existence 25 years or longer.

RDE training will take place in Toledo in the name of RDE Summit to create the unity and excitement for Aps, APEs, RDs and RDEs by giving them to experience the legacy of the movement, as they are the driving force of the movement.

Please send a maximum number of members to the IC in Odense.

Special request for this area is to consider utilizing special BF program fund. This is to send delegates for the purpose of extension to the areas where the delegates have contacts for organizing a new club.

8. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MYM 2019

The Minutes of Area Council Meeting held on 9th and 10th of December 2019 in Himawari Hotel, Phnom Penh, Cambodia was presented for approval.

It was approved unanimously.

9. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes that needed to be discussed.

10. TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS FROM ASDs

10.1 ASD-ASF Russell Jones

The target given from IHQ was 6,000 CHF, though the actual amount of contribution from ASP last year was about 4,000 CHF. So far, the Area raised 3,300 CHF. Russell mentioned difficulties to communicate with the RDs and ASDs due to language barriers. However, he hoped to get to know the RDs and ASDs during the Area Convention to facilitate the communication so that he can get necessary information to produce better results of ASF. He particularly stressed the need of information on how ASF is spent in each Region. Otherwise, he would not be able to disseminate the information to improve ASF.

10.2 ASD- BF-Philatelist: Shigeru Murano

In Japan, the used stamp dealers stopped accepting foreign used stamps. ASD Murano is looking for the dealer that would buy the foreign used stamps collected by the members in Japan. Unfortunately, he has no report from any other regions.

10.3 ASD-BF-promotion, EF and IBC: Sam Nakai

ASD Nakai explained his achievement as is laid out in the pages of 14, 17 and 19 of the Workbook. He thanked RDs and ASDs for their contributions to BF and EF.

His main topic is about IBC. As is shown in page 17, for the past year, there were two new IBC agreements; one between Taiwan and Japan West, and the other between India and Sri Lanka. He thanked the Aps, RDs, ASDs and CPs for their effort.

10.4 ASD-CE: Hirosuke Shibuya

ASD Shibuya expressed his wish to spread the love of Jesus at any possible opportunity starting the Sunday service the next day.

10.5 ASD-PR: Andy Fu

ASD Andy explained his activities as ASD-PR as laid out in the Workbook.

10.6 ASD-YES: David Lua-

YES is for extension. It is often forgotten compared with other contributions. To extend new clubs in new areas, ASD David wished all clubs contribute to YES, however small the

contribution might be. It is very useful for EBB (Extension beyond Borders) and he is happy that ISG Jose mentioned the use of BF program for extension.

10.7 ASD-Y's Liaison for YMCA: Kohei Yamada

To strengthen the relationship between Y's Men and YMCA is Liaison's responsibility. In 2018, in Yeosu, Korea, the-then IP Moon invited 20 YMCA staff members to the International Convention and those invited personnel of YMCA and Y's members had a very successful meeting over the discussion about how to strengthen the partnership. The invited YMCA staff members included the ones from ASP such as Sri Lanka, Japan East, Japan West, Australia, Singapore, Thailand and Taiwan. However, once they are back in their home country, they are not serving as Liaison. They came as a YMCA staff member. ASD Yamada asked RDs to select a proper person, hopefully YMCA staff member or a YMCA retiree as Liaison who can last for 3 years until 2022 on a country basis. Yamada made it clear that he would work closely with them once he has names of those selected. He feels ASP is the most feasible area to organize joint projects between Y's Men and YMCA.

David Lua asked Yamada if there were follow-up activities with the people who attended the meeting in Yeosu. Yamada replied that those who attended with awareness of being Liaison, they continue to contact him. Those who were there just as a YMCA staff member are not doing anything. It is important both Y's Men and YMCA recognize those attendees as Liaison and have them realize what they are expected to do.

10.8 ASD-LTOD: Edward Ong

ASD Edward, being ISD for LTOD as well, explained that LTOD materials have been updated in line with international contents. They are more relevant for goals for Aps and IP.

He elaborated the installation practice of higher officers installing lower ones in rank in a ceremony as ceremonious as possible.

ASD Edward also introduced RDE Summit in November in Toledo, USA. All the RDEs from all the regions will gather to receive consistent and effective training.

10.9 ASD-TOF-GPF: Frank Tsai

ASD Frank received the TOF reports from only three regions, i.e. Taiwan, Japan East and Japan West. He also contributed 10,000 NTD personally as ASD.

AP Tanaka asked ASD Frank to encourage RDs and RSDs to apply for a TOF grant for Area's community projects.

IP Jennifer mentioned that Australia also collected TOF but failed to report.

10.10 ASD-Y's Menettes: Helen Chen

Under the assistance of ID Jennifer, ASD Helen made a simple PPT to present to all Menettes what is the Y's Menettes Club, the duty and the obligation. ASD Helen hopes to establish 10 new Y's Menettes Clubs in the coming few months and the year of 2019-2020.

10.11 ASD- Extension: David Lua

ASD David reviewed the update of extension and membership conservation using the IHQ data. In ASP Area, during the year of 2018-2019, seven (7) new clubs were chartered but lost 4 clubs, resulting in a net gain of 3 with a total of 227 clubs in the Area.

ASD David explained the charter of Da Nang Club in Vietnam which was born via the EBB project by the Chonbuk Region of Korea. Though geographically, Vietnam is ASP Area, due to the fact that the Korean community in Da Nang formed the club, the Chonbuk Region

requested ASD David to let them nurture the club for a few years in the Korea Area until the club has become sustainable.

ASD David sees the challenges lie in the attitude of the leaders who are not motivated for extension. It is because of the short term. We would need new approaches for extension to get RDs to be more active in promoting extension. At the same time, it is important to conserve membership.

To improve the extension effort, ASD David would like to see extension teams to be set up at all levels and extension service directors to be appointed at the regional and district levels. Developing resource materials and fund are also important. With excessive funding from YES or SDS for EBB, we should provide update for service directors.

David concluded that we need extension to make YMI stronger.

11. To receive the Audited Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2019 and the Budget for the Financial Year 2019-2020

AT Ish8imaru asked the Council to accept that the Audited Financial Report and the Budget would be proposed later by email. AP Tanaka also asked the Council to understand the situation where the financial report and the budget should be postponed for presentation.

The proposal was approved unanimously.

12. To receive the reports from AEOs

12.1 AP's report

AP Tanaka thanked IPRDs and ASDs for their cooperation and contribution during the first year of his two-year term.

He started out by mentioning the membership increase for the past year by almost 300 members. All the regions gained membership. AP is also happy to report that Singapore Alpha and Tainan Clubs successfully worked together to charter the Phnom Penh club, first in Cambodia, last year. More EBB efforts have been going on in Nepal and the Philippines.

AP Tanaka encouraged all the members to read the target of Challenge 22 so that they could actively participate in the campaign.

Finally, the goal of our Area for the Paul William Alexander Legacy Project is to collect 100,000 USD in three years. It will be 10 USD per year per person.

AP Tanaka invited all to enjoy the Area Convention starting the next day.

12.2 AS's report

As the contents of AS report overlapped with that of AP's, AS Keiko only asked the Council members for their cooperation in smooth and prompt communication.

13. To receive reports from RDs

13.1 Australia- RD Bill Schmidt

RD Schmidt covered the present situation in Australia followed by the announcement of the international contribution amounts and the introduction of their initiative to positively consider the future of YMI in Australia. They are hoping to charter 2 clubs.

13.2 Taiwan- RD Toy Liao

RD Liao explained that his report is almost the same as the one he proposed in the ACM in Cambodia. He would rather talk about the 29th Area Convention in Taiwan in 2021. However, he stopped short because the Council would discuss about the Area Convention later

13.3 Sri Lanka-RD Proxy Soundaram Thacis Thoumiyan

Sri Lanka was shuttered by the terrorist attack on Easter Sunday, April 21st, the country is trying to work out the situation. Without the backup of the regional board for extension, they will try to charter 3 club in 2020. With the drive of Challenge 22, Thoumiyan said he was inspired by IP Jennifer, ISG Jose and AP and that the region would be able to achieve the goals.

Thoumiyan is trying to start a new model where one club in an Area relates to a club in 8 different Areas and leads a loop to work on common issues.

Also, Thoumiyan works closely with SDGs. He thinks he can assign one concept to one club or Area and work on the goals of SDGs. He would like to see how it works.

14. To approve the registration fee of the 29th Asia Pacific Convention in Kaohsiung

Taiwan RD Tony Liao proposed that the registration fee of the AC in 2021 to be 36,000 JPY or 340-350 USD.

As for the venue, it will be either Kaohsiung or Tainan in the southern part of Taiwan.

The registration fee for the AYC will be 250 USD, and the dates will be Aug. 11th to 15th, 2021.

APE David requested the HCC would consider the convenience for travelling when choosing the venue. RD Tony responded that both Kaohsiung and Tainan are well-served by airlines.

ASD- Y's Liaison to YMCA, Kohei Yamada pointed out two concerns. One is the airfare. During the Bon Period, Japanese religious period when family members gather, the airline fare will be most expensive. This might deter the participation of Japanese members. The Council asked Taiwan RD to convey our concern to the HCC.

The other concern is his hope to invite a liaison from each country to have a meeting during the convention. He hopes that some fund could be prepared for such an occasion.

Motion/2019/01

It was moved that the registration fee of the 29th Area Convention should be 36,000 JPY (340-350 USD) and the registration fee for AYC should be 250 USD.

Mover Thoumiyan Seconded: Bill Schmitt

The motion was approved by acclamation.

15. To receive bids for hosting the 30th Asia Pacific Area Convention in 2023

As there is no application for the candidacy, the matter was postponed to the next Council Meeting.

16. Future Schedule

The upcoming International and Area events were confirmed.

- RDE Summit in Toledo, USA, in November 2019. The room and board in Toledo will be covered by IHQ, while travel expensive must be born by the Area. For those weak Areas, IHQ might subsidize.
- Mid-Year Conference by GTM in either December 2019 or January 2020.
- Regional convention dates:

Australia: Early October 2019
Japan East: June 6, 2020
Japan West: June 13, 2020
Philippines: 2nd week of May 2020
South-East Asia: May 2020
Sri Lanka: June 2020
Taiwan: Aug. 8, 2020

17. Any other matters

17.1 To consider to re organize/structure the proposed 2 new Districts and HK Region of the present SEA Region.

RD Taweechai proposed the Council to consider reorganizing the South-East Region into two Districts (southern SMIT and Northern SMIT) and Hong Kong Region due to geographical and cultural reasons. AP Tanaka advised RD to continue the discussion and reminded that one Region must have a minimum of 15 clubs and a membership over 300 according to the International Constitution Guideline 1103.

17.2 To consider the purpose and usage of the ADF and the decision-making process

Ym. Wichian, Chairperson of the Aea Development Fund Committee, reviewed the history of ADF and the need to reconsider how to use and replenish the fund as it has been sitting idle for 8 years.

With a current sum of 33,000 USD, it could be utilized to support the youth who participate in the IYC or AYC. At the same time, it could be used for development/extension of the Area Another possibility is to utilize it for leadership training as we need to nurture leaders.

Chairperson Wichian proposed a mid-term range plan to establish a committee to make the operation guidelines to review and approve how to use the fund. We must consider who should be the trustees in addition to ex officio members in the committee.

AP Tanaka told the Council he would conduct an online vote on the matters presented here soon. In the meantime, he encouraged members to contact the Chair or AP with opinions and comments.

PAP Edward raised a point that in his term as AP, it was decided that the fund should not be used quickly and that it should be used only for development. The then IPAP Okano was appointed as chairperson of the committee to review the fund. However, no action has been taken.

18. MEETING ADJOURNED

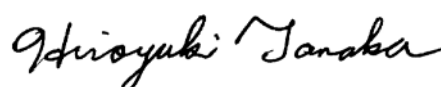
After votes of thanks were expressed to the HCC and APEs for the Area Convention and the ACM, respectively, AP Tanaka declared the meeting adjourned at 17.30.

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