

July 3, 2020

Virtual AGM and Board Meeting 2020

Dear members and friends,

Unusual times bring unusual methods. Unfortunately, the Annual General Meeting of June 29, 2020, with Guest of Honor Federal Councilor Guy Parmelin had to be canceled.

Last Monday, we held a "Mini Annual General Meeting" by phone and a Board Meeting by Microsoft Teams.

At the **Mini AGM** on Monday, June 29, 2020, we had a crowd of four people: Chairman Silvio Napoli (also Chairman of Schindler Group), our auditor Robin Errico of EY, Swiss Amcham's Bettina Asaf for the minutes and CEO Martin Naville. We had received the votes from 168 members by mail.

- The Chairman's report was previously circulated
- The financial statements and the auditor's report were approved
- All proposed candidates were elected as a group to the Board of Directors for a period of three years.
- EY, represented by Robin Errico. Partner of EY, was elected as the auditor of Swiss Amcham for a period of one year. Great thank you goes to Robin and EY for their great support in performing the audit on a pro bono basis.
- The Chairman announced that the AGM 2021 will be held on June 28 in Rüslikon, hopefully with an physical meeting

The **Board Meeting** took place in the evening of June 29 at Microsoft offices and on Microsoft Teams, with great technical support. On site, we had the presence of Chairman Silvio Napoli, Vice-Chairman André Kudelski, Prof. Michael Hengartner, President of the ETH Board, Marianne Janik, CEO of Microsoft Switzerland as host and CEO Martin Naville. A great thank you goes to Marianne Janik for the impeccable organization. We had 27 Board Members, 11 Chapter Board Chairs and 4 guests present.

- First, Chairman Silvio efficiently led through the statutory meeting. All issues coming up to vote were unanimously approved.
- The Chairman then welcomed Ambassador Jacques Pitteloud, Swiss Ambassador to the USA, and Edward T. McMullen, Jr., US Ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein, to the virtual meeting and gave them the floor for a very interesting overview of their respective diplomatic and political priorities in Washington, D.C., and Berne
- Last, but not least, the Chairman welcomed Prof. Michael Hengartner and gave him the floor for an exciting presentation "Corona vs. Homo Sapiens: Past, present and future".

We are still sorry we were not able to meet in person. But in those times, the saying "Cogito ergo sum" has been changed to "Covidio ergo Zoom". Next year will be better.

Thank you for your continued support. And please let us know if you have any question or suggestion.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer and see you on the "other side"

Martin Naville, CEO
and your Swiss Amcham team