APACPH Vice-President 1 Report

- 1. Unlike VP(Administration) and VP(Finance), the exact role of VP1 is not well-defined. Hence President Jimba directed me to review administrative procedures in APACPH with the aim of promoting efficiency in our operations.
- 2. Following a fruitful meeting with APACPH Secretariat, Vice-President (Administration) and President-Elect as well as a review of documented procedures, two key areas of improvement were identified.

Decision Making Process in APACPH

- 3. Currently most day-to-day decisions have to be made by the Secretariat without much guidance and input from the office-bearers or Exco. Communication on these with the Exco is limited primarily to the twice yearly face-to-face meetings. Decisions which Secretariat is unable to make gets postponed to the Exco meetings where there are often too many items for in-depth discussion and members may not well-versed with the issue at hand.
- 4. Our Bye-laws allow for the setting up of a Management Board (Article 5.4) although the primary role is stated as "shall manage the property and assets of the Association".
- 5. I proposed that an Executive Group consisting of the office-bearers be formed. The EG will meet once in two months via Skype. These meetings will be scheduled in advance, say every first Wednesday of odd months. Any decisions will then be communicated to the Exco either for information or decision at Exco level.
- 6. Since the last Exco meeting in Japan, we had conducted two successful EG meetings via Skype.

Mission and Vision of APACPH

- 7. The current Mission, Vision and Objectives do not clearly articulate what success looks like. Reviewing the minutes of the 2017 Retreat on our MVO showed that there was no substantial contribution in this direction. This lack of a clear definition of success contributes to administrative inefficiencies especially when members are unable to differentiate between APACPH activities from those of other PH entities.
- 8. I proposed that one of the major item of discussion over the next 6 months for the 2-monthly EG meetings will be on our Mission and Vision where we try and answer the following questions:
 - a. What is the unique value proposition of APACPH for our members, the PH community and the population?
 - b. What will be considered success of APACPH in 2020, in 2025?

9. Following the second EG Skype Meeting, I have been working with President-Elect to develop a paper on the Mission and Vision of APACPH to be tabled at the Exco meeting in Sabah.

Conclusion

10. It appears that the role of Vice-President 1 has evolved into a VP (Strategy) or VP(Special Projects). At the upcoming Exco meeting, the Exco will need to decide if this role should continue or be made redundant.