

# Minutes of the Administrative Council Meeting of AFSUMB

Time: 10:30 to 12:00 (ICT, GMT + 7) on Thursday, March 12, 2026

(Onsite)Place: Beach Lounge, Ariyana Convention Centre, Da Nang, Vietnam

(Online)Zoom URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85846960283>

Zoom Meeting ID: 858 4696 0283

Attendees:

Position	Name	Attendance
President	Jeong Yeon Cho (KSUM)	Onsite
Immediate Past President	Iwaki Akiyama(JSUM)	Onsite
President-Elect	Ching-Chang Hsieh (CTSUM)	Onsite
Vice-President 1	Manjula Virmani (IFUMB)	Onsite
Vice-President 2	Shih-Cheh Chen (CTSUM)	Onsite
Secretary	Masayuki Kitano (JSUM)	Onsite
Treasurer	Jae Young Lee (KSUM)	Onsite
Councilors	Ming-Ren Chen (CTSUM)	Onsite
	Jung-Eun Cheon (KSUM)	Onsite
	Sudheer Gokhale (IFUMB)	Onsite
	Akihiko Kikuchi (JSUM)	Online
	Jianchu Li (CMA/CSUM)	Absence
	>Substitute Li Zhang (CMA/CSUM)	Onsite
	Quan Bao NGUYEN-PHUOC(VSUM)	Onsite
Co-opted Councilors	Kanu Bala (BSU)	Online
	TP Baskaran (MSUM)	Absence
	Erdenebileg Bavuujav (MSDU)	Onsite
	Musarrat Hasan (USP)	Online
	Kwok Yin Leung (HKSUM)	Online
	H. Sidharta (ISUM)	Onsite
	Natthaporn Tanpowpong (MUST)	Onsite
Representatives	Saqar Altai (OSUM)	Absence
	>Substitute Ibtisam Al Shuaili(OSUM)	Onsite
	Mukhtar Alam Ansari (USN)	Absence

Representatives	Gervais Wansaicheong Khin-Lin (MUSS)	Absence
	>Substitute Douglas Ong (MUSS)	Onsite
	Romulo Babasa III(PSUCMI)	Onsite
Observers	Raymond R. Keshwan(PISUM)	Onsite
	Susan Campbell Westerway(PISUM)	Onsite
	Mohammad B. Hassan(ISRAMI)	Online
	Minh Hoang Nguyen(VSUM)	Onsite
Journal Editor	Yi-Hong Chou (CTSUM)	Onsite
Website/Newsletter Editor	Hideyuki Hasegawa (JSUM)	Online

**Agenda 1.** Announcement and introduction of attendees

Onsite: 22/ Online: 6

Substitutes: Li Zhang (CMA/CSUM) for Jianchu Li,

Ibtisam Al Shuaili(OSUM) for Saqar Altai,

Douglas Ong (MUSS) for Gervais Wansaicheong Khin-Lin

**Agenda 2.** Apologies for absence and introduction of observers

Absence: Jianchu Li (CMA/CSUM), TP Baskaran (MSUM), Saqar Altai (OSUM),

Mukhtar Alam Ansari (USN), Gervais Wansaicheong Khin-Lin (MUSS)

Observers: Raymond R. Keshwan (PISUM), Susan Campbell Westerway (PISUM),

Mohammad B. Hassan (ISRAMI), Minh Hoang Nguyen (VSUM)

**Agenda 3.** Greetings from the President, Dr. Jeong Yeon Cho

**Agenda 4.** Confirmation of minutes of the last AC on May 31, 2025. [[Attachment 1](#)]

Secretary Kitano highlighted three key issues from the previous minutes:

- Agenda 12: A presentation was given regarding ISRAMI's application for AFSUMB membership. A follow-up presentation is scheduled for the General Assembly (GA) on March 13, 2026.
- Agenda 13-1: President Cho proposed the Young Investigator Award (YIA), which was implemented starting from AFSUMB 2026.
- Agenda 13-2: The use of WeChat and WhatsApp as additional communication tools was approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

**Agenda 5.** President's Report by Dr. Jeong Yeon Cho [[Attachment 2](#)]

President Cho reported on the following key updates:

## AFSUMB 2026 and Young Investigator Awards (YIA)

- Congress: AFSUMB 2026 is currently held in Da Nang (March 12–14, 2026).
- Awards: The Young Investigator Awards (YIA) will be presented to six candidates, including a Grand Prix (\$1,000) and Gold Prize (\$500), both including travel support.

## International Appointments and WFUMB 2029

- WFUMB 2029: Hosted by IFUMB in Mumbai (September 2029).
- WFUMB Nominations (2025–2027): Key nominees include Won Jae Lee (VP), Iwaki Akiyama (Treasurer), and councilors/committee members (Y.L. Wan, J.Y. Cho, C.C. Hsieh, M. Kitano, J.Y. Lee, S. Gokhale, N. Nitta, Y.H. Chou).

## Membership Updates

- PISUMB: Transitioning from provisional to official membership at GA 2026. ASUM requested the return of PISUMB and Fiji CoE to ASUM, which was strongly rejected by PISUMB. AFSUMB sent an official response to ASUM stating that AFSUMB respects PISUMB's decision.
- Iraq: The application from the Iraqi Association of Radiologists and Medical Imaging will be evaluated for provisional membership approval at GA 2026.

## **Agenda 6.** Secretary's Report by Dr. Masayuki Kitano [[Attachment 3-1](#), [3-2](#)]

Secretary Kitano presented the following administrative updates:

### Membership Status

- Total Membership: AFSUMB currently consists of 18 affiliated societies (including PISUM with provisional status). Total membership has grown slightly, reaching 23,078 at the end of 2025.
- New Membership Applications:
  - ✓ PISUM: A decision on transitioning from two-year provisional to full membership will be made during AFSUMB 2026.
  - ✓ Iraqi Association of Radiologists and Medical Imaging: The application for a two-year provisional membership will also be decided during AFSUMB 2026.

### Meeting History and Official Records

Since the last General Assembly (GA) on May 10, 2024, in Seoul, two Administrative Council (AC) meetings were held: one online (June 19, 2024) and one in Kyoto (May 31, 2025). All meeting minutes are available on the [official AFSUMB website](#).

### Congress and Workshop Schedules

- AFSUMB 2026 (Danang): Currently being held (March 12-14, 2026).
- AFSUMB 2028: Confirmed to be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

- Workshops: Successful workshops were held in Dhaka, Bangladesh (2024) and Jaipur, India (2025). Future venues for 2026 and 2027 will be decided during the current GA in Danang.
- AFSUMB 2030: The host for the 2030 Congress is also to be decided during this GA.

### Site Inspection for AFSUMB 2026

On March 6, 2025, AFSUMB officers (Prof. Cho, Prof. Hsieh, Prof. Kitano, and Prof. Lee) inspected the Ariyana Convention Centre in Danang, hosted by VSUM President Quan Bao Nguyen-Phuoc. The inspectors confirmed the venue was highly suitable for the 2026 Congress.

### Nomination and Voting Procedures

A nomination meeting was held on December 18, 2025, to discuss the selection of officers and AC members.

- On-site Voting: In light of the post-pandemic era, it was decided that voting will be conducted exclusively on-site during the GA on March 13.

Voting Rights: The number of delegates is determined by membership (1 delegate per 1,000 members). Voting rights are held by society presidents (or designated delegates), current officers, and council members.

### **Agenda 7. Treasurer's Report by Dr. Jae Young Lee [[Attachment 4](#)]**

Treasurer Lee presented the following financial report:

#### Overall Financial Status

The financial foundation of AFSUMB remains solid. Following major transactions in early 2026, including the WFUMB subscription and funding for the Danang Congress, the main account balance stands at \$300,622.06 as of March 10, 2026.

#### Revenue and Membership Fees

- 2025 Summary: Major societies completed payments; however, several societies remained unpaid by the end of the term.
- 2026 Updates: Delayed 2025 fees from HKSUM (\$314.05) and OSUM (\$486.38) were successfully collected in January and February 2026.

#### Major Expenses and Recent Transactions

- WFUMB Subscriptions: The annual subscription fees of \$34,315.50 (for 2025) and \$34,617.00 (for 2026) were processed.
- AFSUMB 2026 (Danang) Support: \* A \$2,000.00 support fund was transferred to the Local Organizing Committee.

- A cash withdrawal of \$13,657.00 was executed for onsite disbursements, including the newly established Young Investigator Award (YIA) prizes and travel reimbursements.

**Agenda 8.** Journal Editor's Report by Dr. Yi-Hong Chou [[Attachment 5](#)]

Prof. Chou presented the 2024–2025 editorial performance and metrics:

- Publications & Contributions: A total of 86 articles were published in 2024 and 89 in 2025. Dr. Chou expressed his gratitude for the diverse global contributions.
- Visiting Scholarship: The 2024 and 2025 winners, Dr. Atul Kapoor and Dr. Liangqing Lin, will each receive a \$2,000 grant and be invited to present at the CTSUM 2026 Annual Convention.
- Journal Metrics: The journal maintains a Cite Score of 1.3 (Q3) and a JIF of 0.8–0.9 (Q4).

Prof. Chou requested all members to actively promote JMU and encouraged more high-quality submissions to further improve the journal's Impact Factor and ranking.

**Agenda 9.** Website/Newsletter Editor's Report by Dr. Hideyuki Hasegawa [[Attachment 6](#)]

Prof. Hasegawa reported on the recent updates to the AFSUMB website:

- Website Update: The "AFSUMB History" section has been updated following the submission of official documents from Prof. Hasan.

Prof. Hasegawa requested that any further requests or proposals for website improvements be submitted to him.

**Agenda 10.** Committee Reports

- 1) Education Committee Report: Dr. Quan Bao Nguyen-Phuoc [[Attachment 7](#)]

Prof. Quan B. Nguyen-Phuoc reported on the committee's recent educational and academic initiatives:

Student Programs

- Student Webinars: Under the direction of Dr. Y.L. Wan and Dr. K.Y. Leung, five online WFUMB/AFSUMB Student Webinars were successfully conducted through July 2024 for medical students worldwide.

Congress and Workshop Highlights

- AFSUMB 2024 (Seoul): Held in conjunction with KSUM 2024, the congress hosted 1,660 attendees from 40 countries, featuring 549 presentations.

- AFSUMB Workshop 2025 (Jaipur): Held alongside USCON 2025 in India, the event attracted over 400 participants and featured 60 hours of lectures and 15 live demos.
- 7th APISAMU (Taipei): This hybrid symposium was held in October 2025, focusing on liver disease with distinguished speakers from six countries.

#### WFUMB Centers of Education (COE) in Asia

- COE Activities: Centers in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Mongolia, Vietnam, and the Philippines continue to organize various courses. Notably, the COE in Vietnam is scheduled to hold six courses nationwide.
- New COE: WFUMB officially approved a new Center of Education for CSUM/CMA (China) this year.

#### 2) History/Archiving Committee Report: Dr. Musarrat Hasan [[Attachment 8](#)]

Prof. Hasan reported on the comprehensive update of AFSUMB records:

- Data Updates: All records and major photos have been updated through December 2025. The materials have been shared with Prof. Hasegawa and Prof. Kitano for implementation on the website.
- New Affiliations: Following this meeting, Prof. Hasan intends to add the official website links for PISUM and ISRAMI to the AFSUMB portal.

#### 3) Ultrasound Contrast Agent Committee: Dr. Jae Young Lee [[Attachment 9](#)]

Prof. Lee reported on the revitalization of the ACUCI and upcoming schedules:

- Rotation Plan: A hosting rotation among Japan, China, Korea, and Taiwan has been established. Following the successful ACUCI 2025 in Kyoto, the 2026 meeting will be held in Shanghai, China, led by Dr. Hui Xiong Xu.
- Joint Meeting: To optimize funding and attendance, ACUCI 2026 is planned as a joint session with local conferences in Shanghai.
- Committee Goals: Prof. Lee presented the committee membership and reaffirmed the commitment to standardizing Contrast-Enhanced Ultrasound (CEUS) protocols and education across Asia.

#### 4) Ultrasound Safety Committee: Dr. Akihiko Kikuchi [[Attachment 10](#)]

Prof. Kikuchi reported on the committee's activities and safety guidelines:

- Website Update (Feb 16, 2024): The updated Ultrasound Safety Statements were posted, and members were requested to help disseminate them.
- Safety Investigation (ARFI): Following a report from Dr. Nitta (WFUMB), the committee is monitoring the safety of Shear Wave Elastography with ARFI (push pulse) in the pregnant uterus.

- Safety Position (Oct 14, 2017): Prof. Kikuchi reaffirmed that the fetus should not be exposed to ARFI, as medical consensus is lacking and potential risks (e.g., arrhythmogenic effects) cannot be denied even if the fetus is outside the ROI.

5) Nomination Committee: Dr. Ching-Chang Hsieh [[Attachment 11](#)]

Prof. Ching-Chang Hsieh (Chair) presented the Nomination Committee Report:

- Nomination Process: Following the official invitation on December 20, 2025, and a committee meeting on December 18, 2025, the nominations for AFSUMB Officers and AC Members (term 2026–2028) were finalized and announced to all affiliated societies on February 13, 2026. The nominated candidates are scheduled to be formally elected at the General Assembly (GA) on the following day.

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President-Elect	Masayuki Kitano (JSUM)
Vice-President 1	Akihiko Kikuchi (JSUM)
Vice-President 2	Sudheer Gokhale (IFUMB)
Secretary	Jae Young Lee (KSUM)
Treasurer	An-Shine Chao (CTSUM)
Councilors	Hideyuki Hasegawa (JSUM)
	Woo Kyoung Jeong (KSUM)
	Jianchu Li (CMA/CSUM)
	Quan Bao NGUYEN-PHUOC (VSUM)
	Rajat Ray (IFUMB)
	Horng-Yuan Wang (CTSUM)

- Proposed Slate: The report included the full list of nominees for the Officers (President-Elect, Vice-Presidents [1, 2], Secretary, and Treasurer), Councilors, Co-opted Councilors, and Editors for the Journal and Website/Newsletter.
- Committee Chairs: New Chairs were also proposed for the six committees: Nomination, Education, Constitution, History/Archiving, Ultrasound Contrast Agent, and Ultrasound Safety.

**Agenda 11.** WFUMB 2025 Congress Report by Dr. Iwaki Akiyama

[[Attachment 12](#)]

Prof. Akiyama provided an update on WFUMB 2025, including the figures for participants, presentations, and speakers. In addition, Prof. Hsieh pointed out that this event recorded the largest number of participants for a WFUMB congress.

**Agenda 12.** Report on USCON 2025 with AFSUMB Workshop by Dr. Sudheer Gokhale [[Attachment 13](#)]

Prof. Gokhale reported on the collaboration with AFSUMB, highlighting their contribution in providing speakers for USCON 2025 and the AFSUMB Workshop.

**Agenda 13.** AFSUMB 2026 Congress Report by Dr. Quan Bao Nguyen-Phuoc [[Attachment 14](#)]

Prof. Nguyen-Phuoc provided an overview of the arrangements and the schedule for AFSUMB 2026.

**Agenda 14.** AFSUMB 2028 Congress Report by Dr. Erdenebileg Bavuujav [[Attachment 15](#)]

Prof. Bavuujav gave a presentation on AFSUMB 2028 and encouraged participation in the Ulaanbaatar congress. Secretary Kitano verified with Prof. Bavuujav the revised schedule, May 18-20, 2028, and the updated dates were formally announced to the attendees.

**Agenda 15.** Selection for AFSUMB 2030 Congress Host [[Attachment 16](#)]

Chinese Taipei Society of Ultrasound in Medicine (CTSUM) submitted a bid to host AFSUMB 2030 and delivered a presentation. The AC meeting unanimously approved the proposal.

- Tentative dates: Oct. 17-20, 2030
- Venue: Taipei International Convention Center, Taiwan

**Agenda 16.** AFSUMB Education Workshop 2026/2027 Applications [[Attachment 17-1, 17-2](#)] [[Attachment 18](#)]

Regarding the 2026 Workshop, the Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography (BSU) submitted a bid and delivered a presentation. President Cho proposed a reconsideration of the schedule, and it was agreed to hold the event in September. The finalized dates will be reported by Prof. Bala at a later date.

For the 2027 Workshop, the Oman Society of Ultrasound in Medicine (OSUM) submitted a bid and gave a presentation. Prof. Hsieh raised a query regarding geopolitical risks; however, as the scheduled dates (October 21–22, 2027) are still a year and a half away and the situation is expected to evolve, it was agreed that OSUM would provide ongoing updates.

The AC meeting approved BSU as the host for 2026 and OSUM for 2027.

**Agenda 17.** Decision for the official affiliation of Pacific Islands Society of  
Ultrasound in Medicine (PISUM) [[Attachment 19](#)]

Prof. Westerway presented PISUM's background and activities ahead of the GA's decision on its status. President Cho confirmed the successful completion of the two-year provisional period and endorsed its full membership. PISUM's transition to full member status was unanimously approved.

**Agenda 18.** Decision for the provisional status of Iraqi Society of Radiologists  
and Medical Imaging (ISRAMI) [[Attachment 20](#)]

Prof. Hasan presented ISRAMI's structure, activities, and officers. Secretary Kitano proposed ISRAMI's two-year provisional membership, which was unanimously approved.

**Agenda 19.** Signing Ceremony for Agreement of AFSUMB 2028 Congress



**Agenda 20.** Any Other Business (A.O.B)

Prof. Akiyama promoted WFUMB 2027 in Lima, Peru (May 20–23, 2027), calling for abstract submissions and attendance. He further requested assistance in the promotion and circulation of congress information.

**Agenda 21.** Speech with remarks of the Incoming President by Prof. Ching-Chang  
Hsieh

**Agenda 22.** Place and date of the next AC meeting

New AC Meeting is to be held online at 7:00 pm (KST/JST) on **April 9, 2026**.

**Agenda 23.** Closing Remarks from the President

**Agenda 24.** Adjournment and group photos

