

## Minutes of the General Assembly of AFSUMB

Time: 10:30 to 12:00 (ICT, GMT + 7) on Friday, March 13, 2026

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

(Online)Zoom URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82873226580>

Zoom Meeting ID: 828 7322 6580

### 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
	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
	Mukhtar Alam Ansari (USN)	Absence

Representatives	Gervais Wansaicheong Khin-Lin (MUSS)	Absence
	Romulo Babasa III(PSUCMI)	Onsite
Journal Editor	Yi-Hong Chou (CTSUM)	Onsite
Website/Newsletter Editor	Hideyuki Hasegawa (JSUM)	Online
Delegates	An-Shine Chao (CTSUM)	Onsite
	Boo-Kyung Han (KSUM)	Onsite
	Li Zhang (CMA/CSUM)	Onsite
	Douglas Ong (MUSS)	Onsite
	Ibtisam Al Shuaili (OSUM)	Onsite
Observer & Delegate	Raymond R. Keshwan (PISUM)	Onsite
Observers	Minh Hoang Nguyen (VSUM)	Onsite
	TLN Praveen (IFUMB)	Onsite
	Buyanjargal Shagdarsuren (MSDU)	Onsite
	Susan Campbell Westerway(PISUM)	Onsite
	Mohammad B. Hassan (ISRAMI)	Online

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

Onsite: 26/ Online: 6

**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)

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

**Agenda 4.** Confirmation of minutes of the last GA on May 10, 2024. [[Attachment 1](#)]

Secretary Kitano reviewed the previous GA minutes, highlighting three key decisions:

- Agenda 15 (AFSUMB 2028 Host): The Mongolian Society of Diagnostic Ultrasound (MSDU) was selected as the host.
- Agenda 18 (PISUM Membership): The Pacific Islands Society of Ultrasound in Medicine (PISUM) was admitted as a provisional member, with a transition to full membership after two years.
- Agenda 19 (Constitution Amendments): The "Sub-affiliated Society" category was established. These societies are exempt from annual fees and may attend AC meetings (in-person/online), but are not eligible for travel subsidies.

The previous minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

**Agenda 5.** Announcement of the results of election for AFSUMB Officers and Councilor (term 2026-2028) [[Attachment 2-1](#), [2-2](#)]

Number of votes was Officers: 7, Councilors: 4, Affiliated Societies: JSUM: 1+7, CTSUM: 1+5, KSUM: 1+4, IFUMB: 1+2, others: 9, one vote for each affiliated member Society.

Number of votes was 42 for total voting rights for election. It depends upon the total membership of the affiliated society at the end of the year 2024.

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

AFSUMB Affiliated Societies as of 2024-2026					
	Membership				2026
	2022	2023	2024	2025	
<b>1. BSU</b>	170	170	170	170	
Bangladesh					
<b>2. CTSUM</b>	5,012	5,005	5009	5002	
Taiwan					
<b>3. HKSUM</b>	104	61	67	107	
Hong Kong					
<b>4. IFUMB</b>	2,340	2,370	2399	2417	
India					
<b>5. ISUM</b>	350	350	350	350	
Indonesia					
<b>6. JSUM</b>	7,737	7,715	7657	7752	
Japan					
<b>7. KSUM</b>	4,565	4,565	4513	4518	
Korea					
<b>8. MSDU</b>	75	75	100	100	
Mongolia					
<b>9. MSUM</b>	247	247	247	247	
Malaysia					
<b>10. MUSS</b>	90	90	90	90	
Singapore					
<b>11. MUST</b>	250	250	250	250	
Thailand					
<b>12. OSUM</b>		70	70	70	
Oman					
<b>13. PSUCMI</b>	190	200	200	200	
Philippine					
<b>14. CMA/CSUM</b>	655	655	655	655	
China					
<b>15. USP</b>	150	150	150	150	
Pakistan					
<b>16. USN</b>	50	50	50	50	
Nepal					
<b>17. VSUM</b>	900	900	900	950	
Vietnam					
<b>18. PISUM</b> (provisional status)					
<b>Total</b>	22,885	22,923	22877	23078	

Position	Name
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)
	Hornng-Yuan Wang (CTSUM)

**Agenda 6.** President's Report by Dr. Jeong Yeon Cho [[Attachment 3](#)]

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 7.** Secretary's Report by Dr. Masayuki Kitano [[Attachment 4-1](#), [4-2](#)]

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 8.** Treasurer's Report by Dr. Jae Young Lee [[Attachment 5](#)]

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.

\*Additionally, it was reported that IFUMB and ISUM completed their payments by the day before. Consequently, only MSUM and USN remain unpaid.

### 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.

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### \*\* Discussion on Outstanding Membership Fees

- Prof. Hsieh raised concerns regarding the unpaid membership fees from MSUM and USN.
- Treasurer Lee reported that no contact could be established with Prof. Ansari (USN). Regarding Prof. Baskaran (MSUM), although initial contact was made and a promise to pay was received, the payment remains outstanding.
- Prof. Bala informed the council that he had made several attempts to reach out to Prof. Ansari, including a suggestion to hand over his duties to a successor, but with no success.
- Secretary Kitano requested that if any members have personal contacts within MSUM or USN, they should recommend those individuals to contact the AFSUMB President or Secretary directly.
- President Cho proposed the establishment of a new task force to address this issue and suggested that further discussions be deferred to a later date.

It was agreed that this matter will remain on the agenda for continued discussion at future Administrative Council (AC) meetings.

## **Agenda 9.** Journal Editor's Report by Dr. Yi-Hong Chou [[Attachment 6](#)]

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 10.** Website/Newsletter Editor's Report by Dr. Hideyuki Hasegawa [[Attachment 7](#)]

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 11.** Committee Reports

- 1) **Education Committee Report:** Dr. Quan Bao Nguyen-Phuoc [[Attachment 8](#)]

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 9](#)]

Prof. Hasan reported that the AFSUMB website has been updated.

He also noted a few missing items and took the following actions:

- Requested Prof. Gokhale to provide materials for the workshop in India to be posted on the site.
- Requested the VSUM President to send photos taken during AFSUMB 2026.

### 3) Ultrasound Contrast Agent Committee: Dr. Jae Young Lee [[Attachment 10](#)]

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 11](#)]

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 12](#)]

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.
- **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 12.** WFUMB 2025 Congress Report by Dr. Iwaki Akiyama

[\[Attachment 13\]](#)

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.

\*WFUMB 2029 Update: Prof. Gokhale reported that WFUMB 2029 is scheduled to be held in Mumbai, India, in September 2029.

**Agenda 13.** Report on USCON 2025 with AFSUMB Workshop by Dr. Sudheer

Gokhale [\[Attachment 14\]](#)

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

**Agenda 14.** AFSUMB 2026 Congress Report by Dr. Quan Bao Nguyen-Phuoc

[\[Attachment 15\]](#)

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

**Agenda 15.** AFSUMB 2028 Congress Report by Dr. Erdenebileg Bavuujav

[\[Attachment 16\]](#)

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.

\*Site Inspection in Ulaanbaatar:

The site inspection is scheduled to take place in late June 2027.

**Agenda 16.** Selection for AFSUMB 2030 Congress Host [[Attachment 17-1](#), [17-2](#)]

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

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

**Agenda 17.** AFSUMB Education Workshop 2026/2027 Applications

[[Attachment 18-1, 18-2](#), [18-3](#)] [[Attachment 19](#)]

The General Assembly approved the Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography (BSU) as the host for 2026 and the Oman Society of Ultrasound in Medicine (OSUM) for 2027.

BSU Workshop:

- Date: Scheduled for September 2026.
- Status: Further details and a full report will be provided at a later date.

OSUM Workshop:

- Date: Scheduled for October 21–22, 2027.

**Agenda 18.** Decision for the official affiliation of Pacific Islands Society of Ultrasound in Medicine (PISUM) [[Attachment 20](#)]

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 19.** Decision for the provisional status of Iraqi Society of Radiologists and Medical Imaging (ISRAMI) [[Attachment 21](#)]

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

**Agenda 20.** Farewell and Awarding Ceremony of Gold Medal to outgoing Immediate Past-President Dr. Iwaki Akiyama



**Agenda 21.** Any Other Business (A.O.B)

**Agenda 22.** Speech with remarks of the Incoming President by Prof. Ching-Chang Hsieh

**Agenda 23.** Place and date of the next GA meeting

The next General Assembly (GA) is scheduled to be held during the AFSUMB 2028 from May 18 to 20, 2028, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia,.

**Agenda 24.** Closing Remarks from the President

**Agenda 25. Adjournment and group photos**



