

WORLD COUNCIL OF OPTOMETRY

MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2009

Agenda item 14

AWARD NOMINATIONS

1. Introduction

There is limited progress on taking forward action on WCO Awards which was discussed at the 2008 October Governing Board meeting. This report identifies the work to be carried out and proposes a timetable for Governing Board members' comments and endorsement.

2. Discussion of WCO Awards in October 2008

The Governing Board reviewed the WCO Awards process in Anaheim, USA in October 2008. The October 2008 Governing Board minutes reported:

[GB11] It was agreed to review the procedures for making WCO awards to ensure transparency and confidentiality. It was agreed that serving Governing Board members should not receive an award until they have been off the Board for at least two years.

It was agreed that the Selection Panel for Awards should be set up to include the Immediate past President as Chairman, plus two past presidents. The names of nominees will not be revealed unless the selection panel makes a recommendation to the Governing Board.

It was agreed unanimously that a nominee who received two third of the Governing Board votes would be approved for an award.

3. Recommendation Action Plan and Timetable

WCO Awards were not discussed at the WCO Governing Board in Melaka June 2009 and invitations for nominations were not sent out by the secretariat by 30 September 2009 as had been planned. It is recommended that the nomination forms are sent out in December 2009 and that the Selection Panel should be established, with a brief to collate and review WCO Award nominations from January – April 2010 and to present recommendations for Award nominees for Governing Board discussion at the GB meeting in May 2010. WCO Awards could then be awarded at during the GB meeting in Durban, South Africa in September 2010.

4. Recommendation

Governing Board members are asked to agree the next stages for the WCO Awards, which will be presented in Durban, South Africa in September 2010

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