



IAPB REFRACTIVE ERROR WORK GROUP (REWG): TERMS OF REFERENCE

Objective

To provide leadership for IAPB Members and other stakeholders on priority matters relating to Refractive Error.

Terms of Reference

The IAPB REWG will provide leadership on priority matters relating to RE for IAPB Members and other stakeholders. In particular it will:

- i) Develop an advocacy strategy to promote attention and action to address RE issues
- ii) To draw attention to the importance of the recognition of myopia as a major cause of vision impairment and blindness through Myopic Retinal Degeneration (MRD) and the higher risk of other pathologies such as retinal detachment, cataract and glaucoma.
- iii) Lead on IAPB's efforts to influence regional and global inter-governmental and bilateral organizations' health policy and resource allocations to promote investment in refractive services.
- iv) Lead on IAPB's efforts and its engagement with professional bodies and industry to support the development of refractive services that are accessible and affordable to all, including the poorest and most marginalized members of a community.
- v) To collate and disseminate knowledge and information and to encourage research about refractive error issues and services to both health policy makers and the public.
- vi) Engage with other health and development networks to ensure they are supportive of, and promote, refractive service development, that is an integral part of health systems.

Governance

The IAPB REWG will report to the Board of Trustees (BOT). The work group, through its Chair, will seek the approval of the BOT at key decision points, and provide regular updates at BOT meetings and out of session as needed.

The IAPB REWG will work closely with the Executive Committee as needed and will keep it informed of progress and on any issues.

Meetings will be held mainly via teleconference.



Membership

A Chair and Secretary will be identified from amongst the Members of the IAPB REWG. Appointment of the Chair will be formally approved by the Board of Trustees.

Membership of the group will include an appropriate mix of regional and technical knowledge. The IAPB CEO will also be included as a member of the working group.

The Chair may invite others to attend meetings as needed.

Timeframe

The IAPB REWG will continue through to the end of 2016, when its progress and future role will be reviewed by the Board.

Approved by BOT on September 2013