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1 the wording and I think there may be other areas that we
 2 -- would benefit from a better review and I apologize to
 3 Dr. Munoz that it's taken this length of time to react to
 4 his hard work. But is there any opposition or is there
 5 any unintended damage that would occur by our taking our
 6 time to make sure that staff is comfortable with it, legal
 7 counsel is comfortable with it, and that we're comfortable
 8 with it? And that we could also embrace any other
 9 recommendations for change that would occur from -- will
 10 you intend to reconstitute your working Committee?
 11 MS. GRIFFITHS: Definitely.
 12 DR. DOCKERY: Does that sound like a plan?
 13 Is that suitable to you, Dr. Munoz?
 14 DR. MUNOZ: I guess I have several concerns
 15 which I'll just express. The first is that the damage
 16 done is simply that the application process in the
 17 intervening years since I prepared this and I think that
 18 for whatever time it takes to clarify the language, I
 19 think that there's some concern.
 20 I think to Dr. Hallock's comment, I would
 21 simply say that I think most members may find it
 22 illuminating to read the actual guideline process in its
 23 entirety because I think there's a lot of documentation in
 24 the books and even those of us who are returning Committee
 25 members may have forgotten the language specifically that

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1 we asked countries to complete. I'm really just
 2 interested about moving the process along and reducing the
 3 duplication and bottleneaking and redundancy that occur
 4 because people don't understand the terms.
 5 And that's really was what motivated me to
 6 suggest this in the first place and so I only have a
 7 concern about its delay in the processing of new
 8 applications.
 9 DR. DOCKERY: Do we have any new
 10 applications pending?
 11 MS. GRIFFITHS: No, I think not, just
 12 Slovakia is the only country that I'm aware of. Francesca?
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 14 MS. PARIS-ALBERTSON: No.
 15 DR. MUNOZ: Did we not have China, Mainland
 16 China express some interest?
 17 MS. PARIS-ALBERTSON: I am hesitant to share
 18 that information because there's been nothing that's
 19 formal. There have been some informal conversations and
 20 questions. There has been no movement from what I can tell
 21 for the submission of an application.
 22 DR. MUNOZ: I would be willing to certainly
 23 defer it until September but I would like to request that
 24 it be addressed first in September so we could move it
 25 along and really, in the process, have legal counsel

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1 review it and staff and if there are any other catalytic
 2 conversions or processes, that we get them in plenty of
 3 time to read it before the meeting. So I'll amend my
 4 motion to say that it be placed on the agenda first in
 5 September then with a request that it be circulated with
 6 plenty of time to be reviewed by legal counsel and the
 7 staff with any recommendations.
 8 DR. DOCKERY: Second? All right. Thank you
 9 for the clarification and also I think all the Committee
 10 is committed to honoring your request because it's the
 11 right thing to do. I would also ask staff if there is a
 12 merging iteration of the -- as a result of the
 13 reconstituted working group that that be shared well in
 14 advance in time for us to even get comments back to the
 15 working group that would maybe permit some correction in
 16 advance of the Committee meeting in September. Would that
 17 work, Ms. Griffiths?
 18 MS. GRIFFITHS: Yes.
 19 DR. DOCKERY: Okay, and Ms. Wanner, you'd
 20 then have time to review it in concert with them. All
 21 right, there's a motion and it's been seconded. Is there
 22 any other discussion? All in favor, please say "Aye".
 23 (A chorus of ayes.)
 24 DR. DOCKERY: Those opposed? Those
 25 abstentions? Thank you very much.

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1 Could I also ask the wisdom of including
 2 years or numbers in a particular document such as the
 3 number 23, for instance, is mentioned, Dr. Munoz, and I
 4 wonder if there is another way to say that without
 5 including numbers because it would mean that the document
 6 would be out of date whenever two other applications would
 7 be received? Dr. Munoz, do you want to make any comments
 8 about the Philippines?
 9 DR. MUNOZ: The comments that I have with
 10 respect to the Philippines, again, just relate to the
 11 experience of those of us who have been on trips and
 12 really needing to place the procedures from this Committee
 13 - is really to evaluate the accreditation process relative
 14 to its implementation in a country and not to get caught
 15 up in the evaluation of the particular institution. I
 16 think that those of you who have traveled to other
 17 countries that are less fortunate find that conditions may
 18 be certainly very much different and would lead you to
 19 question the availability of the resources and other
 20 structures.
 21 I'll just simply relate that on a particular
 22 site visit that I attended the care, which was quite good,
 23 was free but, in fact, what as not free was the
 24 pharmaceuticals or the suture. And so, if you were in
 25 need, you would be admitted to the hospital that was being

1 surveyed. You would have to find a way of paying for your
2 sutures if you needed an operation. And you could be
3 admitted and treated for pneumonia but you would have to
4 find a way of paying for the antibiotic, the rest of the
5 care being free. None of that had anything to
6 do with the accreditation process. The accreditation
7 process was, in fact, quite satisfactory but I think that
8 you need to be prepared for -- those of you who can travel
9 and make site visits, to significantly different clinical
10 realities that occur in those experiences and not let it
11 impede on the process of the accreditation, certification
12 and evaluation that we do as a Committee member.

13 DR. DOCKERY: Did you see any evidence of
14 governmental support or subsidy or any socialized programs
15 that would actually handle the expenses of those
16 individuals that receive care under those circumstances?

17 DR. MUNOZ: Yes, there were efforts being
18 made on a number of different venues but governments
19 change, especially municipal governments change, so not
20 only do we have to deal with the central government, many
21 of the countries have hospitals just like ours that are
22 being handled by the municipal government and other
23 entities that often see things differently or handle
24 crisis differently or make decisions about whether they
25 want running water or working telephones because they

1 into a new system that generates the voucher, get all the
2 approvals and then usually I think it's about a week after
3 it's all approved, that a check will be deposited into
4 your bank account.

5 DR. DOCKERY: From the time of submission to
6 reimbursement, how long should they expect, and is it a
7 direct deposit reimbursement?

8 MS. SHEFIELD: It's direct deposit.
9 Somebody once asked that it be mailed to them, but we're
10 no longer allowed to do that. The Department has only
11 direct deposit from Treasury and once the voucher is done,
12 it takes about seven days for the money to appear in your
13 bank account.

14 DR. DOCKERY: Thank you.

15 MS. SHEFIELD: Do you have any questions
16 about it?

17 DR. DOCKERY: Thank you very much.

18 MS. SHEFIELD: You're welcome.

19 DR. DOCKERY: Thank you. Before calling on
20 Ms. Paris-Albertson, I would like to express on behalf of
21 myself and each of you the tremendous appreciation that we
22 have for all of the staff and their hard work, the
23 analysts and the support staff. And Francesca has just
24 been wonderful and we really could not do our work and to
25 have all of these reports at our hand and we do not have

1 can't have both because of limitations or other things
2 that may effect the delivery of resources. So, yes, there
3 were certainly attempts, good attempts to handle that.
4 It's a very challenging subject.

5 Just like here, we're still dealing with how
6 we're going to insure all our uninsured.

7 DR. DOCKERY: Thank you. At this time I
8 would like to invite Cathy Sheffield to say a few words
9 about travel and how we should be good and help her with
10 our submission of our travel requests.

11 MS. SHEFIELD: Well, the best thing you can
12 do is, I need a receipt of your ticket. I know they're
13 electronic. I just need the receipt of how much you all
14 paid for your tickets. Any telephone calls to home,
15 you're allowed \$7.00 a day. Travel to and from the
16 airport, keep track of your miles, your parking. If you
17 took a taxi to the airport and back, keep track of your
18 taxis.

19 I don't need anything -- any meals that you
20 had, I don't need any receipts for your meals because
21 that's in your per diem. As soon as you all can get me
22 this information, the quicker I can get your money to you.

23 Do you all have any -- there is a form, Francesca where
24 is it, in their blue folder. It's - put in your
25 information for your voucher. I have to input all of this

1 to lug them on the plane and they're here waiting for us
2 and so I'd like us to express our appreciation both
3 individually and collectively. Francesca, do you have
4 anything to report?

5 MS. PARIS-ALBERTSON: Just a few logistical
6 items; if you would, leave your handbooks, your name tag
7 and all the country information. Three things, all the
8 country information, your handbook and your name tag. In
9 the blue folder you have two forms, the public sheet with
10 a list of your names and information, also the contact
11 information just for the members. If you would please
12 check that again, and mark any corrections on that and
13 please, let me have that before you leave, so that I can
14 make those changes.

15 I will be e-mailing you probably by the end
16 of the week or the first of next week to get your
17 availability for the September meeting. I had originally
18 sent that with the March calendar. However, I didn't get
19 enough responses, so I will send that out to you soon, so
20 that I can get the dates for the September meeting. I
21 don't know if I've alerted all of you to the dinner last
22 night. The meal will actually be on your room bill. It
23 may be a bit of a sticker shock.

24 I want to express my appreciation to all of
25 you. You have done a wonderful job. You have been