

General Assembly - Minutes



The General Assembly of the International Sailing Federation met at 14:30 – 17:00 hours on Saturday 10 November 2012 at the Pavilion Theatre, Dun Laoghaire, Ireland

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Present

Göran Petersson (SWE)

HM King Constantine President of Honour (*ex officio non voting*)

Tomasz Holc (POL) - Vice-President – Items 1 to 4

Nazli Imre (TUR) - Vice-President - Items 1 to 4

David Irish (USA) - Vice-President - Items 1 to 4

Teresa Lara (VEN) - Vice-President - Items 1 to 4

Teo-Ping Low (SIN) - Vice-President - Items 1 to 4

Alberto Predieri (ITA) - Vice-President - Items 1 to 4

Eric Tulla (PUR) - Vice-President - Items 1 to 4

David Kellett (AUS)

AHO – Cor van Aanholt

ALG – Labar Riad

AND – Josep M. Pla

ANT – Cary Byerley

ARG – Pablo Masseroni

ARU – Esther Williams

AUS – Phil Jones

AUT – Georg Fundak

BAH – Robert Dunkley

BAR – Dr. Edmund Molloy

BEL – Peter Van den Bossche

BER – Stephen Kenny

BLZ – Lou-Anne Burns Martinez

BRA – Abraham Rosemberg

BRN – Sheik Mohamed Duaj Khalifa Al-Khalifa

BUL - Kamen Fillyov

CAN – Alan Lombard

CAY – Andrew Moon

CHI – Leopoldo Dreyer

CHN – Quanghai Li

COK – Anne Tierney

COL – Mauricio Guzman Alonso

CRO – Marijan Hanžeković

CUB – Teresita Trujillo Hernández

CYP – Yiannos Photiou

CZE – Karel Bauer

JPN – Tomoaki

KGZ – Vladimir Kirik

KOR – Choi Kangyeol

President and Chairman – Items 1 to 4

Items 1 to 4 and Chair of the Election Committee Item 5

Vice-President – Items 1 to 4

Treasurer (*ex officio non-voting*) - Items 1

to 4

DEN – Hans Natrop

DOM – Hector Duval

ECU – Maridel Harvey

EGY – Ali Shehata Abdou Selim

ESA – Silvia Velasquez

ESP – Gerardo Pombo

EST – Ott Kallas

FIJ – Alipate Moto Laulau

FIN – Kurt Lonngvist

FRA – Jean-Pierre Champion

GBR – Sarah Treseder

GER – Rolf Baehr

GRE – George Andreadis

GRN – Sheree-Ann Adams

GUA – Clelia Herrera

HKG – Keith Mowser

HUN – Gyorgy Wossala

IND – Commodore Dhren Vig

IRI – Sayed Mohsen Alavi Taleghani

IRL – John Crebbin

ISL – Ulfur H Hrobjartsson

ISR – Dorith Stierler

ISV – Henry Menin

ITA – Walter Cavalucci

IVB – Clair Burke

JAM – Shockeria Brown

POR – Jose Manual Leandro

PUR – Raul A Rios Mollineda

QAT – Kahlifa M Al-Sewaidi

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LAT – Ansis Dale
LCA – Alastair Noel Green
LIB – Rabih Salem
LTU – Liudmila Sorgassi
MAR – Abdelghani Baki
MAS – Lukman Abu Bakar
MDA – Alexandr Denisiuc
MEX - Ralph PH. Nelles
MLT – Chantal Sciberras

MON – Emmanuel Sanchez
MOZ – Esperanza Cangela de Mendonça
MRI – Bertrand de Speville
MYA – Wai Phyo
NED – Rob Franken
NOR – Peter Larsen
NZL – Adrienne Greenwood
OMA – Rashid Ibrahim Al-kind
PAK – Captain Arshad
PAR – Pablo Leiro Murdoch
PER – Peter Barclay
PHI – Froilan Guanzon Jr.
PLE – Mahfouz H. Kabarati
PNG – Graham Numa
POL – Tomasz Chamera

ROU – Mihai Butucaru
RSA – Ross Robson
RUS – Oleg Ilyin
SEN – El Hadj Amadou Dia Ba
SIN – Wearn Haw Tan
SLO – David Antoncic
SMR – Marino F. Fattori
SRB - Zivko Jaksic
SUD – Mohamed Elhadi AbdelFtah
Abdelkarim
SUI – Dieter Neupert
SVK- Dusan Vanicky
SWE – Stefan Rahm
TAH – Telva Veronique
TAN – David Nyaluke
TPE – Kuo Ting-Hsiang
TRI – Aaron Camps
TUN – Hedi Gharbi
TUR – Selma Rodopman
UAE – Abdulla Mohamed Al Obaidly
UKR – Sergey Cherny
URU – W. Scott Perry
USA – Thomas Hubbell
VEN – Elliot Levy
VIE – Dr Lam Quang Thanh

Also in attendance:

Jerome Pels
Jon Napier
Jan Dawson
Peter Dierk Siemsen
John Tinker

Secretary General – Items 1 to 4
ISAF Legal Adviser – Items 1 to 4
Election Committee – Item 5
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Apologies:

H M King Harald V of Norway

President of Honour

1. Opening of the Meeting

- (a) The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- (b) The Secretary General conducted a roll call and advised that in accordance with Article 27.1 a quorum was present with 114 persons eligible to vote. Apologies were received from H M King Harald of Norway.

2. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General meeting of 10 November 2011 were unanimously approved and there were no matters arising from these minutes.

3. Reports

- (a) The President gave a verbal report on the activities of the federation since the previous General Assembly. He reflected how quickly the four years has passed and thanked the Vice-Presidents and Treasurer for their hard work and for the contribution they have made to ISAF.

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The focus of the 2009-2012 Strategic Plan was to position sailing as an attractive, successful core sport on the Olympic Programme but all the while serving sailing in general with the needs and well-being of sailors being of paramount importance to ISAF. Priorities were set and funds from limited resources allocated accordingly. With regard to finance the President was happy to inform the Assembly that thanks to sound management and in spite of the global economic downturn the Federation is in very good financial shape to the extent that the Executive Committee has recommended a transfer of surplus funds from the short term funds to the long term funds to reach a level of 2 million pounds sterling.

Good progress has been made to develop and exploit commercial rights relating to ISAF properties such as the ISAF Sailing World Championships and the Sailing World Cup. Income has also grown from the sanctioning of professional events. ISAF has worked to provide credible services to ISAF Special Events and the Offshore and Oceanic Committee initiatives to co-ordinate the calendar were well received.

Increasing ISAF Membership was a key strategic goal and ISAF Membership has increased from 125 MNAs in 2008 to 138 full members. Activity relating to members was focused on developing services such as the dedicated member site on the website and executing IOC development courses and the ISAF Internship Programme.

ISAF has a strong tradition of providing clinics and seminars for the development of Race Officials and this has continued with the latest editions of the manuals soon to be finalised.

The area of Training and Development has grown immensely and there are with two full-time Secretariat staff members dedicated to sourcing additional funding and development.

At least 14 new Classes have joined the ISAF family. A review of the class rule procedures and the In-House Certification system have assisted classes to reduce costs and complexities related to measurement. Offshore sailing has focused on training, rating and safety with increased activity using ISAF classes. The behind the scenes work relating to international regulations has increased and is very important work to ensure we keep within legislation of the International Maritime Organisation which governs recreational boating.

ISAF has increased its brand awareness and brand image with a new logo and consistency of look and presentation at our events. We have been a pioneer Federation with regard to developing the website and have grown a sizeable presence in social media on Facebook, twitter, YouTube and Flickr. The digital age is helping our sport be more visible and understandable to online spectator with tracking a normal feature on the website.

The Governance of our organisation was reviewed and significant changes to the Constitution were made. The company structure was rationalised by making the Executive Committee the Directors of the Company with the Council remaining as the body responsible for sport policy decisions. The Constitution Committee undertook the complex task of streamlining the Regulations to make them easier to navigate.

Modern times require us to regulate new areas as they present such as the Environmental Code, Code of Conduct for Coaches and rules about betting and anti-corruption. Whilst keeping up with the standards and level of anti-doping testing we have been praised as a role model federation by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for being proactive in the implementation of effective education programmes for young sailors.

The President stated that it has been a honour to serve as President and apologised for not being able to recognise all the great work that has been done. He concluded his report by thanking all the Committees, Commissions, ISAF officials and staff.

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(b) Finance

- i) The Treasurer reported that the status of ISAF short term reserves reflected a significant increase since the start of the term and that the ISAF finances were in a healthy state.
- ii) Audited Consolidated Accounts of the International Sailing Federation Limited for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011

Decision

The Audited Consolidated Accounts of the International Sailing Federation Limited for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011 were unanimously approved.

- iii) Auditors of the Company

Decision

haysmacintyre of Southampton House, 317 High Holborn, London WC1V 7NL, United Kingdom were unanimously elected as auditors to the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

- iv) Remuneration of the auditors

Decision

The Executive Committee were unanimously authorised to fix the remuneration of the auditors.

4. Review

(a) Subscription Categories

It was noted that the subscription categories and rates for Member National Authorities, International and Recognized Classes, Affiliate Members and Rating Systems were fixed in line with policy (Appendix 1).

(b) Member Applications

The following new memberships since the Annual General Meeting in November 2011 were noted:

- i) Kosovo Sailing Federation

Decision

The membership of the Kosovo Sailing Federation was approved by a show of hands with one vote against.

- ii) Vietnam Canoeing, Rowing and Sailing Federation

Decision

The membership of the Vietnam Canoeing, Rowing and Sailing Federation was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

(c) ISAF Championships

Decision

The proposed programme of ISAF Championships 2013 was unanimously approved.

(d) ISAF Regulations

- i) The President referred to the paper circulated by the Secretary General noting Regulation made or amended in a substantive way since the last Annual General Meeting. It was noted that the amendment proposed in 081-12 included in the list was an administrative error. The correct list is attached as Appendix 2.

Decision

All Regulations made or substantively amended except the first two lines of Regulation 23.1.4 was unanimously approved.

- ii) The President had received three Amendments to review the decision made in May 2012 on the first two lines of Regulation 23.1.4 in accordance with Article 28(c)(iv):

Amendment 1: Replace the first two lines of Regulation 23.1.4 with “Men’s Board – RS:X” and “Women’s Board – RS:X”

Amendment 2: Replace the first two lines of Regulation 23.1.4 with “Men’s Kiteboard – One Design” and Women’s Board – RS:X”

Amendment 3: Replace the first two lines of Regulation 23.1.4 with “Men’s Kiteboard – Box Rule” and Women’s Board – RS:X”.

The General Assembly was informed that Amendment 2 had been withdrawn and there was no requirement for a proposer and seconder for Amendments 1 and 3.

Clarification was received that the kiteboard equipment in Amendment 3 was the Formula Kite.

The President explained that if Amendment 1 was approved the other Amendment would not be discussed as it would be illegally inconsistent with the decision of the General Assembly if it approves Amendment 1 to select Men’s Board and Women’s Board – RS:X.

A full debate followed. A vote on Amendment 1 took place

Decision 1

The resolution to amend Regulation 23.1.4 for Men’s Board – RS:X and Women’s Board – RS:X was approved (46 reject, 9 abstain, 58 approve – 113 participated).

Decision 2

The General Assembly unanimously approved the first two lines of Regulation 23.1.4 as amended by Amendment 1.

5. Election of Officers

The President handed the meeting over to H M King Constantine, Chairman of the Election Committee who introduced the Election Committee:

Jan Dawson (NZL)

Peter Dierk Siemsen (BRA)

John Tinker (CAN)

The Election Committee declared all the candidates standing for ISAF Offices eligible in accordance with Article 76. The Election Committee scrutinised that the election was conducted by secret ballot using electronic voting equipment, managed by an independent company.

- (a) President

The method of voting for President was conducted as set out in Regulation 4.2. The candidates for election as President were:

Carlo Croce (ITA)

David Kellett (AUS)

Eric Tulla (PUR)

Decision

Carlo Croce (ITA) was elected as President with a 53.6% vote.

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(b) Vice-Presidents

The method of voting for the Vice-Presidents was conducted as set out in Regulation 4.3. The candidates for election as Vice-President were:

George Andreadis (GRE)
Chris Atkins (GBR)
Marcelien Bos de Koning (NED)
Adrienne Greenwood (NZL)
Nuno G Henriques (POR)
Oleg Ilyin (RUS)
Nazli Imre (TUR)
Gary Jobson (USA)
Jose Leandro (POR)
Quanhai Li (CHN)
W. Scott Perry (URU)
Alberto Predieri (ITA)
Gerardo Seeliger (ESP)
Riccardo Simoneschi (ITA)

Decision

The elected Vice-Presidents are:

Quanhai Li	81.4%
Chris Atkins	55%
Gary Jobson	50.5%
W. Scott Perry	55%
George Andreadis (GRE)	51.4%
Adrienne Greenwood (NZL)	54.1%
Nazli Imre (TUR)	60.5%

(c) List of Nomination MNAs

Council noted the list of nominating MNAs .

6. **New Council**

The General Assembly noted the appointed members of the New Council with immediate effect for the term ending November 2016 (Appendix 3).

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the General Assembly would take place on the last Saturday of the Annual Conference in November 2016.

8. **Any Other Business**

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Signed

Date
