

UIAA COMMISSION PRESIDENTS' AND EXECUTIVE BOARD ONLINE MEETING

TUESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2021, E-MEETING, 14.30 – 16.00 CET

Abbreviation	First Name	Last Name	Country	Federation	Function	Present
ZB	Zoljargal	Banzragch	Mongolia	MNCF	EB	1
LB	Lode	Beckers	Belgium	CMBEL	EB	1
AC	Amit	Chowdhury	India	IMF	EB	1
MH	Mahmood	Hashemi	Iran	IRMSCF	EB	1
FJ	Francoise	Jaquet	Switzerland	SAC	EB	1
ML	Martin	Lascano	Argentina	FASA	EB	1
PM	Peter	Muir	Canada	ACC	EB	1
CA	Carolina	Adler	New Zealand	NZAC	CP - MPC	1
PG	Pavlos	Georgiades	Cyprus	CMCF	CP – Youth	Joined at item 6.
LK	Lionel	Kiener	Switzerland	SAC	CP - SafeCom	1
UH	Urs	Hefti	Switzerland	SAC	CP - MedCom	Excused
SL	Steve	Long	UK	BMC	CP - Training	1
PF	Peter	Farkas	Hungary	MHSSz	CP - MountCom	1
MJ	Milosz	Jodlowski	Poland	PZA	CP - Access	1
CT	Carlos	Teixeira	Portugal	FCMP	CP - ICC	1
MA	Marija	Andjelkovic	Serbia	PSS	CP – AD	1
KD	Klara	Dvorakova	Czech Republic	CMLA	LEWG	1
RA	Rob	Adie	UK	-	Office	1
PB	Peter	Bourne	UK	-	Office	1
NG	Nils	Glatthard	Switzerland	-	Office	1
CK	Carol	Kahoun	Switzerland	-	Office	1
SS	Stephanie	Stettbacher	Switzerland	-	Office	Excused

ITEM MINUTES

1. Welcome and opening remarks by the UIAA President and the Chair of the Commission Presidents' Panel

- PM welcoming all to the meeting. The purpose of today is to go over the MC agenda, some EB working group (WG) reports and GA panels.

2. Approval of the meeting minutes, 17 August 2021

- CT asks for comments regarding the last meeting minutes. No comments received.
- The minutes are unanimously approved.

3. Approval of the agenda, 12 October 2021

- CT asks whether there are comments or suggestions for this agenda.
- PM notes the item 6. Commissions WG report will be presented by Amit and not Françoise.
- No further comments received.
- The agenda is unanimously approved.

4. Management Committee meeting, 16 October – agenda update

- PM asks whether there are questions or comments on the MC agenda, before diving into some of the agenda items in more detail.
- CA raises questions about CPs involvement at future MC meetings. PM explains he is fully aware of this internal communication problem. He will firstly propose to the MC to invite CPs as guests and figure out how meetings could be run in the future, considering the fact there will be voting and non-voting items and delegates attending.

5. Finance: Forecast 2021, re-allocation of budget; SOP – Standard Operating Procedures

- FJ comments on the 2021 forecast which still looks good. A few more activities or in-person meetings might take place before the end 2021. As mentioned in a previous meeting, a reallocation of the reserve towards commission projects was offered to CPs. As a result, the Medical Commission received an additional grant towards a print and online booklet of recommendations, and budget was reallocated toward the redesign and publishing of a new version of the Alpine Handbook (awaiting Petzl Foundation approval).
- FJ further explains some SOP have been adopted by the WG, such as claim approval of payment authorization procedures. Another example is the procedure of expense reimbursement, concerning CPs, EB members, and others. This used to be Annex 1 of the Commission Regulations and will from now on become a stand-alone SOP called “UIAA Expense Reimbursement Procedures”.
- The goal of these SOP is to harmonize existing and future procedures, for ease and understanding especially for new delegates joining the UIAA.

6. Commission WG report

- AC explains the WG has amended the Commission WG report, based on discussion during individual meetings between AC, PM and CPs. This report will be presented and discussed at upcoming MC meeting on 16 October 2021. The WG came up with following recommendations:
- Recommendation 1: Access WG to become an independent commission instead of being a WG under the Mountaineering Commission (MountCom).
- Recommendation 2: Anti-Doping Commission to do active search for additional qualified delegates.
- Recommendation 3: Remarks on the Ice Climbing Commission, based on IOC requirements, handled separately with ICC.
- Recommendation 4: Legal Experts WG (LEWG) to become an independent commission instead of being a WG under MountCom.
- Recommendation 5: Training Panel to become an independent commission instead of being a WG under MountCom.
- No significant changes noted for the Medical Commission (MedCom), the Mountain Protection Commission (MPC), the Safety Commission (SafeCom) or the Youth Commission.
- PF asks for the reasons behind these recommendations, notably separating Access, Legal Experts and Training from MountCom.
- Pavlos Georgiades joins meeting.
- AC firstly notes these aren't amendments yet, but recommendations which will be discussed with the MC in a next step. These recommendations were made after long discussions with CPs, and WG chairs. The reasons are many. For instance, to improve output, projects, and autonomy of said groups.
- PM adds his personal remarks, in that he can't see a mountaineering federation work without its own access commission, vital to the work of the UIAA. Similarly with training, it is a highly requested activity of the UIAA which deserves to operate autonomously. The intent of these recommendations is to refocus MountCom and give way to its own projects such as the Mountain Worker Initiative (MWI).
- SL mentions that so far, the training panel was formed by members who happened to be part of MountCom. A restructuring could mean attracting experts in the field of training specifically, which could drive key projects forward. PG answers that training purely exists for technical purposes and that general knowledge of mountaineering would be better for the direction of the group. SL agrees that a close collaboration with MountCom will continue to be of importance.
- PF remarks that there will be a need to redefine MountCom's projects and objectives. PM agrees that it will be an opportunity of creating new projects and tasks, given that the MC decides to follow the EB WG's recommendations.
- KD confirms that at some point the LEWG was created under MountCom. On a personal note, she agrees with the WG's report regarding the LEWG becoming an independent commission reflecting its support of many other bodies within the UIAA apart from MountCom.
- CA asks two questions, (1) from experience within the MPC, access issues often seem to have legal more so than environmental background, and thus wonders how the LEWG and Access WG could interrelate? (2) Will CPs have an opportunity to comment on the report of the Commissions WG, especially this final list of recommendations, before it goes out to the MC?
- MJ on first question: mentions that in fact many access issues are related to environmental issues and only about a third relate to legal matters. Which is why the Access WG proposed to become an independent commission again. He highlights his awareness of the not always well-functioning communication between these bodies but is confident to restart this conversation.
- PM on second questions: explains the Commissions WG report is by no means final. It will be presented and discussed at the 16 October meeting of the MC in a next step. AC adds that CPs are still welcome to comment on the report between today and Saturday, and that any further input would be gathered as an addendum to his report to the MC on Saturday.

7. Commission reports, final format and timeline for Annual Report 2021

- PB notes that all CPs should have received a template for their 2021 annual reports (except for Ice Climbing which follows a different structure). These templates highlight the different sections to report on. Things are done a bit different from previous years, where the report to the GA was used to define content of the AR. Please note the deadline to receive these reports is early December 2021.
- The goal of the EB WG on Communications, composed of PB, LB, and NG, is to make reports more consistent.

8. UIAA General Assembly 2021, topics/questions for moderated panels

- PM explains that all panellists should have been contacted by this point and are asked to send in suggested questions, which they would like to be asked during the GA panel sessions. NG notes that only a handful of CPs/panellists have submitted questions so far.
- CA asks about the process of questions posed to the General Assembly. PM suggests formulating such questions for him to integrate in discussions.

9. Other business

- PM asks whether any other business needs to be discussed. No comments received.
- PM and CT thank all delegates for attending the meeting and are looking forward to meeting again virtually at the 2021 UIAA General Assembly.

Meeting is closed.