

UIAA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Flagstaff, Arizona
USA

Minutes for GA 18th October 2014 (08:30 – 17:00)

Members present or represented by proxy (Bold= full voting rights)

	Country	Abbr	Federation	Delegate
1	Austria	VAVOe	Verband Alpine Vereiene Oesterreich	Franz Kassel
2	Azerbaijan	FAIREX	Azerbaijan and extreme Sports Federation	Emin Garabaghli, Aleksey Zakobluk, Aydin Mammadov
3	Azerbaijan	AAF	Azerbaijan Mountaineering Federation	Israfil Ashurly, Sergey Kofanov, Ekaterina Koval
4	Bangladesh	BMF	Bangladesh Mountaineering Federation	Ahmed Aupar
5	Belgium	CMBEL	Climbing & Mountaineering Belgium	Lode Beckers, Pierre Humblet
6	Brazil	CBME	Confederação Brasileira de Montanhismo e Escalada	Jose Basto CNM (PROXY)
7	Canada	ACC	Alpine Club of Canada	Peter Muir, Mike Mortimer
8	China	CMA	Chinese Mountaineering Association	Yongfeng Wang
9	Chinese Taipei	CTAA	Chinese Taipei Alpine Association	Wei-chi Huang
10	Chinese Taipei	CTMA	Chinese Taipei Mountaineering Association	Hank Hwang
11	Croatia	HPS	Mountaineering Association of Croatia	Darko Berjlak
12	Czech Republic	CMF	Czech Mountaineering Federation	Peter Farkas (PROXY)
13	Denmark	DB	Dansk Bjergklub / Danish Mountain Club	Jan Bønding
14	Denmark	DCF	Danish Climbing Federation	Jan Bønding DB (PROXY)
15	France	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpains et de Montagne	Georges Elziere, Claude Eckhardt, Hélène Denis
16	Germany	DAV	Deutscher Alpenverein	Josef Klenner, Wolfgang Wabel
17	Great Britain	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	Anne Arran, David Hillebrandt, Stephen Long
18	Great Britain	TAC	The Alpine Club	Stephan Goodwin

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19	Hong Kong, China	CHKMCU	Hong Kong Mountaineering Union	Nim-ho LEUNG
20	Hungary	MHSSz	Magyar Hegy- és Sportmászó Szövetség / Hungarian Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association	Peter Farkas
21	India	IMF	Indian Mountaineering Foundation	Col. Chauhan
22	Italy	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	Umberto Martini, Andreina Maggiore, Pier Oliveti Giorgio, Lucia Foppoli
23	Italy	ISF	International Skyrunning Federation (Observer)	Silvio Calvi
24	Japan	JMA	Japan Mountaineering Association	Hitoshi Onodera
25	Korea	CAC	Corean Alpine Club	Shin Dongseok
26	Korea	KAF	Korean Alpine Federation	Christine Pae, Injung LEE, Younghoon OH
27	Kosovo	KMAF	Kosovo Mountaineering and Alpinism Federation	Umberto Martini CAI (PROXY)
28	Liechtenstein	LAV	Liechtensteiner Alpenverein	Francoise Jaquet SAC (PROXY)
29	Macedonia	MMSF	Macedonian Mountain Sports Federation	Bojan Rotovnik PZS (PROXY)
30	Nepal	NMA	Nepal Mountaineering Association	Ang Tshering Sherpa, Pemba DorjeSherpa, Santa Bir Tamang Lama, Ram Prasad Sapkota, Suresh Man Shresha
31	Netherlands	NKBV	Royal Dutch Mountaineering and Climbing Club	Frans Demmers, Robin Baks, Frits Vrijlandt
32	New Zealand	NZAC	New Zealand Alpine Club	Frans Demmer NKBV (PROXY)
33	Pakistan	ACP	Alpine Club of Pakistan	Yongfeng Wang CMA (PROXY)
34	Poland	PZA	Polish Mountaineering Association	Peter Farkas (PROXY)
36	Portugal	CNM	Clube Nacional de Montanhismo S.R. Norte	José A. Basto
36	Portugal	FCMP	Federação de Campismo e Montanhismo de Portugal / Federation of Camping and Mountaineering of Portugal	Carlos Teixeira, Pedro Cuiça
37	Portugal	FPME	Federação Portuguesa de Montanhismo e Escalada	Jose Basto CNM (PROXY)
38	Russia	RMF	Russian Mountaineering Federation	Alexey Ovchinnikov, Roman Bryk
39	Serbia	PSS	Mountaineering Association of Serbia - Planinarski savez Srbije	Nenad Dikic
40	Slovenia	PZS	Alpine Association of Slovenia	Bojan Rotovnik

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41	South Africa	MCSA	The Mountain Club of South Africa	Petro Grobler
42	Spain	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Joan Garrigos y Toro, Juan J Ibáñez Martin, Lluís Lopez I Leiro, Jordi Pons I Sanjines
43	Spain	FEEC	Federació d'Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya	Jordi Merino i Urbano, Jordi Magriñà
44	Sweden	SKF	Svenska Klätterförbundet / Swedish Climbing Association	Jan Bønding DB (PROXY)
45	Switzerland	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	Françoise Jaquet, Frank Urs Müller, Thomas Kähr, Urs Stöcker
46	Turkey	ZMC	Zirve Dagitlik	Nejat Akinci
47	USA	AAC	American Alpine Club	Linda Mcmillan, William Putman, Dave Custer, James McCarthy, Phil Powers, Marc Beverly

*Azerbaijan have both .5 vote

Management Committee members and candidates (including Executive Board Members)

Frits Vrijlandt	Exec Board	President	
Peter Farkas	Exec Board	Vice-President	
Pier Giorgio Oliveti	Exec Board	Treasurer	
Hélène Denis	Exec Board	General Secretary	
Thomas Kaehr	Exec Board	Marketing	
Frank-Urs Müller	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	Switzerland
Georges Elziere	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpins et de Montagne	France
Anne Arran	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	Great Britain
Peter Muir	ACC	Alpine Club of Canada	Canada
Christine Pae	KAF	Korean Alpine Federation	Korea
Lucia Foppoli	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	Italy
Tadao Kanzaki	JMA	Japan Mountaineering Association	Japan
Joan Garrigos Toro	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Spain
Col HS Chauhan	IMF	Indian Mountaineering Foundation	India
Nejat Akinci	ZMC	Zirve Mountaineering Club	Turkey
Petronella Grobler	MCSA	The Mountain Club of South Africa	South Africa

Commission Presidents

Juan J. Ibáñez Martin	FEDME	Access Commission	Spain
David Hillebrandt	BMC	Medical Commission	Great Britain
Pierre Humblet	CMBEL	Mountaineering Commission	Belgium
Linda McMillan	AAC	Mountain Protection Commission	USA
Israfil Ashurly	AAF	Youth Commission	Azerbaijan
Nenad Dikic	PSS	Anti-Doping Commission	Serbia
Dave Custer	AAC	Safety	USA
Steve Long	BMC	Training Standards	Great Britain

Urs Stoecker SAC Ice Climbing Competitions Switzerland

UIAA Office Bern - Staff

Sophie Gérard Office Manager
Stephanie Stettbacher Office Coordinator

Honorary members and Guests

Claude Eckhardt	FFCAM	Honorary Member	France
William Putnam	AAC	Honorary Member	USA
Ang Tshering Sherpa	NMA	Honorary Member	Nepal
Oliver Moret	Petzl		France
Roody Rasmussen	Petzl		USA
Stephane Lozach'meur &	Petzl	Project Manager	France
Ronald Whitehead	ENEQ	Ecole Nationale d'Escalade du Québec	Canada
Hanno Dönz	UIAGM	International mountain guides association	Austria

Member Federations Absent

Country	Abbreviation	Federation	Apologies sent	Proxy
Argentina	FASA	Federacion Argentina de Ski y Andinismo		
<i>Armenia (NEW APPLICANT FED.)</i>	SNGO	Armenian Alpine Club	Apologies sent - Mkhitar Mkhitaryan	
Andorra	FAM	Federacio Andorrana de Muntanyisme		
Brazil	CBME	Confederação Brasileira de Montanhismo e Escalada	Apologies sent – Silverio Nery	YES
Bosnia - Herzegovina	PSBH	Mountaineering Union of Bosnia - Herzegovina		
Bulgaria	BCMF	Bulgarian Climbing and Mountaineering Federation		
Chile	FEACH	Federacion de Andinismo de Chile		
Cyprus	KOMOOA	Cyprus Federation for Mountaineering and Climbing		
Czech Republic	CMF	Czech Mountaineering Federation	Apologies sent - Jan Bloudek	YES
Czech Republic	CMLA	<i>Czech Mountain Leader Association (Observer)</i>	Apologies sent - Klára Havlíčková	
<i>Denmark</i>	<i>DCF</i>	<i>Danish Climbing Federation</i>	Apologies sent - Rikke Vestergaard	YES
Finland	FCA	Finnish Climbing Association		
Georgia	MCAG	Mountaineering and Climbing Association of Georgia		
Greece	EOOA	Hellenic Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing	Apologies sent - OLGA LAMPRIKAKOU	

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Hungary	MSTSZ	Magyar Sportturisztikai Szövetség		
India	HMI	Himalayan Mountaineering Institute		
India	NIM	Nehru Institute of Mountaineering		
Iran	I.R.IMSCF	I.R. Iran Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation		
Ireland	MI	Mountaineering Council of Ireland		
Israel	ILCC	The Israeli Climbing Club		
Italy	AVS	Alpenverein Südtirol	Apologies sent - Herr Simeoni	
<i>Jordan</i>		<i>Jordan Tourism Board (Observer)</i>		
Kosovo	KMAF	Kosovo Mountaineering and Alpinism Federation	Apologies sent - Arben Lila	YES
Liechtenstein	LAV	Liechtensteiner Alpenverein	Apologies sent - Marianne Hoop	YES
<i>Lithuania (NEW APPLICANT FED.)</i>	<i>LMA</i>	<i>Lithuanian Mountaineering Association</i>	Apologies sent - <i>Saulius Damulevicius</i>	
Luxembourg	FLERA	Fédération Luxembourgeoise d'Escalade, de Randonnée Sportive et d'Alpinisme		
<i>Malaysia (NEW APPLICANT FED.)</i>	<i>PKN</i>	<i>National Adventure Association of Malaysia</i>	Apologies sent - <i>HJ. Mohd Kahlid Bin Yunus</i>	
Macedonia	MMSF	Macedonian Mountain Sports Federation	Apologies sent - Goran Tintoski	YES
Monaco	CAM	Club Alpin Monégasque		
Mongolia	MNMF	Mongolian national Mountaineering Federation	Apologies sent – Zaya Sanjaa	
New Zealand	NZAC	New Zealand Alpine Club	Apologies sent - Margaret McMahon	YES
Norway	NTK	Norsk Tindeklub / Norwegian Alpine Club		
Norway	NKF	Norges Katreforbund / The Norwegian Climbing Federation		
Pakistan	ACP	Alpine Club of Pakistan	Apologies sent - Abu Zafar Sadiq, (PROXY SENT)	
Peru	CAP	Club Andino Peruano		
Poland	PZA	Polish Mountaineering Association	Apologies sent - Janusz Onyszkiewicz	YES
<i>Portugal</i>	<i>FPME</i>	<i>Federação Portuguesa de Montanhismo e Escalada</i>	Apologies sent	Yes

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Slovakia	SMU JAMES	Slovak Alpinist Union		
Spain	CEC	Centre Excursionista de Catalunya		
Spain	EMF	Euskal Mendizale Federazioa / Basque Mountaineering Federation		
<i>Sri Lanka (NEW APPLICANT FED.)</i>	<i>NMCA</i>	<i>National Mountaineering & Climbing Association Sri Lanka</i>	<i>Apologies sent - Pradip Elmo Francis</i>	
Sweden	SKF	Svenska Klätterförbundet / Swedish Climbing Association	<i>Apologies sent - Karin Persson</i>	YES
Switzerland	VAACS	Vereinigung Akademischer Alpenclubs der Schweiz		
Turkey	TDF	Turkiye Dagcilik Federasyonu		
Ukraine	MCFU	Ukrainian Mountaineering Federation		
USA	ALAC	Alaskan Alpine Club		

MINUTES

1. Call to order and Welcome by the President

1.1 Welcome Opening of General Assembly Speech by Mayor of Flagstaff Mr. Jerry Nabours
Welcome: by Frits Vrijlandt (FV)

1.2 Apologies for absence

1.3 Information

Voting cards information shared and explained based on colour code by H el ene Denis (HD).

1.4 Quorum and majority

Scrutineers: Robin Baks, Wolfgang Wabel, Jan Bonding

Federation Present or represented	Votes present or represented in general issues	Votes present in financial matters
47	37	193
Absolute majority	19	97

1.5 Approval of the Agenda

► **The Agenda was approved unanimously**

2. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly held on 5th October 2013 in Pontresina, Switzerland

Changes:

Silvio Calvi was mistakenly represented as Deutscher Alpenverein instead of International Skyrunning Federation

► **The Minutes of the General Assembly held on 5th Oct 2013 in Pontresina, Switzerland approved**

3. Report by the President

FV said that he had sent out the president's report previously and no questions were presented.

► **The President's Report was unanimously approved**

4. Report by the Office Sophie Ger ard

The office staff of 7 people represents 2.8 full time employees. We support member federations, commissions and implement decisions of EB and MC. See report for full information.

5. Marketing and Communication (presented by Thomas K ahr)

Thomas K.-We have 2 sponsors on a general level, Grivel and B achli Bergsport. The project sponsor for Ice Climbing is The North Face, for the UIAA Mountain Protection Award are Western University and Golden Rock, both in Azerbaijan. Sponsoring amounts to 30% of UIAA income, and we would like to increase this percentage in the future.

We would like also to help the promotion of the UIAA Safety Label in the emerging markets and workers in military and rescue fields. These ideas need further development and are very promising.

Training Standards and Ice Climbing will also be developed further and new sponsoring will be looked for.

Implementation of the new website happened this year and we are happy to have your feedbacks regarding the new website as it is a continuous project and will improve with time. We need to improve communication through the website and social media. We will increase newsletters, **UIAA videos and events, please send to UIAA Office information and activities from your federations.**

UIAA Brochure- we have taken out the annual report because to have it ready by October we could never reflect the full business year from January to December. The 2014 Annual Report will be presented at the Management Committee meeting in March and sent to UIAA member federations in electronic version. We have therefore, designed this image brochure as a useful multipurpose tool to show the UIAA work. The profile of UIAA is aligned on 3 pillars – Safety - Sustainability (Mountain Protection Award)- Sports (Competition Sports). Less text, more pictures – More emotion! And we have a new claim 'For the Climbers, for the world'.

FV – Presented John Ellison and his charity CAC- Climbers Against Cancer. He was presented an award at the last MC meeting and UIAA is proudly supporting his charity by selling t-shirts- all proceeds will go to CAC.

6.1 Admission of new member federations

a. Armenian Alpine Club SNGO as an Observer Member

Founded in 2013

35 members

2 abstentions – Approved by majority

▶ **Armenian Alpine Club is admitted as an Observer Member to the UIAA from 1.01.2015**

b. National Adventure Association of Malaysia PKN - *Persatuan Kembara Negara* – as Observer Member

Founded 2004

Members 47

Pierre Humblet (PH) - Just wanted to say as President of the Mountaineering Commission, I have already been in touch with this federation.

Votes in favour: unanimous

▶ **National Adventure Association of Malaysia is admitted as an Observer Member to the UIAA from 1.01.2015**

c. Lithuanian Mountaineering Association as Active (Full) Member

Was formerly a member federation and would like to return to the UIAA.

Votes in favour: unanimous

▶ **Lithuanian Mountaineering Association is admitted as an Active (Full) Member to the UIAA from 1.01.2015**

d. National Mountaineering and Climbing Association of Sri Lanka NMCA as Observer Member

Founded in 2014

Members 10

1 abstentions – Approved by majority

- ▶ **National Mountaineering and Climbing Association of Sri Lanka is admitted as an Observer Member to the UIAA from 1.01.2015**

6.2 Non-payment by members

Membership fees pending 2013 and 2014:

HD reported that these 3 federations have been contacted and have not replied to reasons why they have not paid their fees for 2013-2014.

Cyprus (KOMOA) CHF 2,600

Mongolia (MNMF) CHF 2,600

Peru (CAP) CHF 2,100

- ▶ *HD suggests a motion to be voted to expel these member federations for non-payment of 2 consecutive years, if payment has not been received by end of year 2014*

FV- It is never the UIAA goal to expel its members. We will do our utmost in trying to keep these member federations on board.

- ▶ **Motion approved - to expel any of the selected above federations, per country, for non-payment of 2 consecutive years if payment of fees has not been received by 31st December 2014**

1 abstention CAI – Approved by majority

6.3 Use of Solidarity Fund

FV- There is a reserve of CHF 11,000 which is meant to help federations in need for a short time. It has been decided in the MC that these federations will receive help, by applying for the Solidarity fund and sending financial information proving they cannot pay the fees. The MC will review these documents for final approval of the funds.

7. UIAA Strategic Plan Year: Update (Presented by Peter Farkas (PF))

In 2012 the first Strategic Plan was approved by the GA. The lifetime was 4 years, we are halfway through, so now we look to see if there are amendments to be made. The spirit of the strategic Plan has not changed the goals have been modified where needed to make them more realistic and measurable. Learning from the last 2 years we were better able to objectify the Commission goals. This can be seen in my report. I recommend that there be someone in each commission whose task is to monitor commission project according to the goals set and report to Commission and MC if goals do look achievable.

- ▶ *PF suggests to approve the amendments made to Strategic Plan for the next 2 years*

- ▶ **Motion Approved –Amendments made to Strategic plan for the next 2 years have been accepted**

2 abstentions VaVöe, DAV – Approved by majority

8. Finance (Presented by Pier Olivetti Giorgio- (PGO))

8.1 Accounts 2013

Membership fees are good, Safety and Training Standards income are improving in comparison with the 2013 budget. Sponsorship is 13% more than the amount estimated in the 2013 budget. Expenses are stable and inline, still in comparison with the 2013 budget. The 2013 profit amounts to

CHF 28,107. The total income for the 2013 year was CHF 640,015 and the membership fees contribute to 41% of it. The 2013 expenses were CHF 611,909 with staff and commission projects at 37% and 36% respectively. More detailed information can be found in report.

8.2 Approval on recommendation by the Management Committee

- ▶ *The MC recommends the GA to approve the accounts for 2013 (after having heard the Auditors' Report) and gives discharge to the Board*

▶ **The Annual Accounts 2013 and discharge of the Executive Board were unanimously approved**

8.3&8.4 Current financial position and forecast for 2014

PGO: The last 2014 Forecast from October 1st 2014 shows a profit of CHF 6'050, but we can expect a higher profit. More details can be seen in report.

8.5 Presentation of the Budget 2015

PGO presented the 2015 Budget with a profit of CHF 9'960. More detailed figures in report.

Bill Putnam (BP) - Have the Swiss auditors ever questioned our activities?

Frank Urs Müller (FUM) - Yes they have, in 2010 and 2011 and for that was found wrong we discussed at the General Assembly at the time.

8.6 Approval of Budget 2015

▶ **The Budget for 2015 is approved unanimously**

9.1 UIAA Commission Reports

9.1.1 Access and Expeditions (Juan Jesus Ibanez Martin (JM))

We have one meeting a year and the rest of the time we work by Skype. Last meeting was very successful and was held in Tehran, Iran, hosted by IMSCF, June 21-22, 2014. All agreed that shared knowledge and documents can be useful to prevent unjustified regulations and unfair restrictions on the practice of mountain and climbing sports. Dr Milos Jodorowski is drawing up a survey from all UIAA federations gathering access information and key contact person for UIAA website. *It would be great to have a contact person for Access from each federation.*

PanAM (APA) conservation organization launched its first access and conservation campaign- 'Let's Clean our Mountains'. In the Huascarán National Park, any member with UIAA affiliated card can enter the park for hiking without a guide, although recently it has been implemented the obligation to hire a guide to access the park, despite beliefs this to be counterproductive. However with a new access system evaluation, the obligation to hire a guide maybe removed.

Next meeting will be in Poland hosted by PMA June 2015.



9.1.2 Medical (David Hillebrandt (DH))

There are 4 main organizations operating internationally in World Mountain Medicine: UIAA- IKAR (International Commission of Alpine Rescue) - International Society of Mountain Medicine

Wilderness Medicine Society. All these organizations work together sharing information and minutes of their major meetings. One of the flagships of UIAA/ IKAR/ ISMM group is Diploma of Mountain Medicine. We have 23 advise papers in 8 languages on website, dealing with preventative care. Our Diploma of Mountain Medicine is open to doctors and paramedics and has 24 courses in 12 countries all following a common syllabus. 50 % of which is practical mountain skills. We continue doing more papers and are constantly evolving and working with other commissions on both medical aspects of safety for athletes and spectators.

9.1.3. Training Standards (Steve Long (SL))

What we are currently about is qualifications. Qualifying for Mountaineering activities one must have governance, quality assurance and technical competence. Our single biggest hold up was an online administration system, which is now almost at completion on our website. It is now and easy and simple to get accredited through the online system. We offer: Walking; Ski Mountaineering, Rock Climbing, Winter Climbing, Alpine (see chart for further details). We can help your federation with filling in the details and further develop your skill set for your country. Everything is non-profit and done at cost price. We have a course handbook called MEMENTO, that is available to your federation at cost price for printing. We would like to publish it, and like to know if any federations would like to have the English version to sell to their trainees. It's a course handbook for federations who are training. You also could translate this book royalty free in your own language. Please speak with the PETZL foundation if this is of interest to you. Would be great to have in German or Spanish. More information about costs and standards is available on the training standards section on the UIAA website.

9.1.3 Mountaineering Commission (PH)

We have been working on the Scales of Difficulties which when finished will be on the website. We are working closely with the PETZL foundation, we have with them a 3 years sponsorship agreement. The Near Miss Survey project done with the PETZL foundation is the lessons learned from near accidents. The goals are security and prevention. We have 2 surveys based in USA, run by Corey Jackson, and one in Switzerland. Our Legal Expert Working Group has become small and we need new candidates.

FV - *Recommendations of the Preservation of Natural Rock for Adventure Climbing* by Doug Scott has been approved by the Management Committee in May 2014. Are there any questions on this paper? No questions.

- ▶ Motion to approve the paper *Recommendations of the Preservation of Natural Rock for Adventure Climbing* by Doug Scott

▶ **The paper *Recommendations of the Preservation of Natural Rock for Adventure Climbing* by Doug Scott has been approved unanimously**

Josef Klenner (JK) – Are the comments at the end of the document included in the paper?

FV – this is the appendix: not the document. We have approved the document not the personal opinions reflected in the appendix.

9.1.4 Mountain Protection (Linda Mc Millan (LM))

We had a successful year, with our first Mountain Protection Award, with 2 new sponsors from Azerbaijan, GoldenRock and Western University. This award will be highlighted at the International Mountain Summit Conference (IMS) in Brixen, Italy, on October 16-21, 2014.

Another highlighted event happening only every 10 years is the IUCN World Parks Congress, in Sydney Australia, where I will participate, representing the UIAA, in a panel discussion 'Mountain Protected Areas: a worldwide heritage' on how to engage mountain climbers/ tourists to mitigate their impacts on the environment.

9.1.5 Safety (Dave Custer (DC))

Why bother with a safety Commission, you ask? Safety Commission and standards provide climbers with a baseline for assessment and management of risk. We are working on 2 standards now, corrosion resistance of bolts, and avalanche shovels and bolts. When we do have a standard for bolts, bolts will cost more, but we think they will last up to 50 years. We would love more people from your federations to join us on the safety commission.

9.1.6 Youth (Israfil Ashurly (IA))

We are working with ARISF and have made some projects. We have successfully had an event in South Africa in 2014, which was initially planned in 2013 ARISF plan and one event from the 2014 ARISF plan in Azerbaijan is postponed until next year and we still have one left in Durango, USA this year. On the UIAA website there will be application forms for youth to join Youth Camps in February 2015 with great local organizers. Future projects: In cooperation with Mr. Ang Tshering Sherpa NMA, we would like to organize a youth summit to climb the newly name UIAA peak. We would prepare our team in the French Alps, and climb after the monsoon season next autumn. Good project to undertake with the help of the other UIAA commissions. Presentation for this project will be available on the UIAA website.

Break for lunch

FV- Welcome again to our Honorary members and guess, and host William Putnam, Jordi Pons, Claude Eckhardt, Ang Tshering Sherpa, and our guest from Petzl foundation Olivier Moret, Stephane Lozach'meur and Roody Rasmussen.

9.1.7 Ice Climbing (Urs Stöcker (US))

Our new slogan 'For the Climbers for the World' is a real inspiration for us Ice Climbers. Our vision is we go to the top. Our strategy is under 3 pillars - Marketing, Athletes and Events. They are built on the foundation of the resources, Youth, Member federations and the recruitment of the athletes.

Highlights of 2014 we had Sochi, the first North American Championship in Bozeman, USA, we had 1 world youth Championship in France, 6 world cups, and global live streaming with a English speaking commentator.

We have now a working group to get ready all the work and applications to give to the IOC for the chance of becoming an Olympic sport in 2022.

In 2013 we met all our strategic goals, for 2014 we had stricter quotas and had a decrease in athletes. For 2015 we hope to have an increase in athletes and countries, and an increase in the youth. Also we will have the first ice climbing world cup in the US, in Bozeman. **The UIAA Ice Climbing Commission organizes a Training Camp in Kirov for all the athletes wishing to prepare their ice climbing season, so we invite you to send your youth to Russia for this training camp!** New interest in sponsoring, high quality live streaming and commentating. Things we need to look at, is having more ice on the structures, and moving competitions to bigger cities.

Thing I need from your federations:

- Do a national Ice Climbing Competition- Ask me, I will help!
- Build a national team and send to international Competitions
- Be proud of your country and your federation and your athletes!

FV- We were the only non-Olympic sport inside the Olympic Park seen by the public. This was made possible with help from the Russian Mountaineering federations and Pavel Shabalin. So big thanks to them!

9.1.8 Anti-Doping Commission (Nenad Dikic)

The biggest news in the Anti-Doping world is the New World Anti-Doping Code which will be enforced on January 1, 2015. The code is clearer and shorter, with also rules regarding the athlete support personnel, smart testing, and more emphasis on the use of investigations in the fight against anti-doping. The UIAA Anti-doping has updated the UIAA Anti-doping regulations based on WADA requirements.

The Anti-doping Commission will do the first doping control with some volunteers from Bozeman. The idea is to train these volunteers this year, so for the future, the volunteers from Bozeman can do this testing in order to cut costs.

- ▶ FV- Motion to approve the changes in the Anti- Doping Regulation as recommended by the Management Committee.

▶ **The changes in the Anti-Doping Regulations have been unanimously approved.**

9.1.9 Discipline and Appeals Commissions

FV- I am happy to report there is no report.

10. Report by the UIAA Court

FV- We received an email from the Chairmen Bettina Geisseler that she has report.

11. UIAA Articles of Association (Amendments)

FV- Still needs some more preparation; this will be done before the Management Committee in March. The proposed amendments will be presented and discussed at the Management Committee in Zaragossa, Spain. The recommended amendments by the Management Committee will be sent to you in time for a vote at the next General Assembly in Korea. Just to explain, we will not change the meaning; just make the AoA clearer and concise.

BP- Objects to secret ballots. We are not here as individuals but here as delegates and their votes should be open. I recommend that the secret ballots be taken out of any rules that the UIAA has.

FUM- The UIAA AoA is under Swiss law and according to the Swiss law, a provision for secret ballots has to be mentioned in the AoA

FV- Thanks, and hopefully we should never have it necessary to have a secret ballot.

12. Mount Everest

12.1 UIAA MC statement

12.2 (BMC; AC AAC proposal)

As one of the most iconic landmarks of the world, Mount Everest belongs to mankind. Thus, the ascent of this magnificent mountain should be reserved to those who have acquired the skills and the experience needed to reach the highest point of the word. To the people who have learned to respect the mountains.

Therefore, the UIAA does not support the addition of permanent structures to the ascent routes, as this would lessen the value of the achievement, spoil the adventure and encourage the abuse of this sacred place we call Mount Everest.

▶ FV- Motion to accept this statement to be published by the UIAA.

▶ **Statement on Mount Everest is unanimously approved.**

13. Elections

13.1 Introductions, presentation of candidates

13.2 Re-election

- Peter Farkas MHSSz (Vice President)

▶ **Peter Farkas is re-elected unanimously as UIAA Vice President (Executive Board member) (last EB term)**

New Member

- Marc Beverly, AAC

▶ **Marc Beverly is unanimously elected as Executive Board member (first EB term)**

13.3 Election of Management Committee Members

- Re-election Christine Kyungmi Pae, KAF (term 2014 - 2018)

▶ **Christine Kyungmi Pae is unanimously re-elected as member to Management Committee**

- New Member Josef Klenner, DAV (term 2014-2018)

▶ **Josef Klenner is unanimously elected as member to Management Committee**

13.4 Election of Honorary Member – Tamotsu (Tom) Nakamura

BP - gave brief speech about Tom and urged the election as Honorary Member; Ang Tshering Sheerpa, NMA- also gave brief speech about Tom and urged the election of Honorary Member of UIAA; Hitoshi Onodera, JMA- gave power point of high points in the highlights of Tom Nakamura mountaineering experience. More can be seen in GA docs.

- ▶ FV- Motion to approve Tamotsu (Tom) Nakamura as Honorary Member of UIAA

▶ **Tamotsu (Tom) Nakamura is unanimously approved as Honorary Member of UIAA**

14. Award for contributions; Steve House

FV- Has done many great climbs and what makes him special is that he shares his knowledge with the next generation. The Board has proposed to give him an award, because of his contributions as an alpinist teacher and mentor to young climbers and mountaineers who aspire to climb the tallest and most difficult mountains of the world.

Big Applause- by General Assembly

An Acceptance speech from Steve House was shown.

15. Future General Assemblies

15.1 UAA 20th Anniversary General Assembly 2014 – Hiroshima –Japan

Hitoshi Onodera, JMA- gave information about this assembly, more information can be found in General Assembly docs.

15.2 KAF Seoul 2015

Christina Pae KAF - presented a short video for the general Assembly to be held in October 2015. No date has been announced, yet.

15.3 Host for General Assembly 2016

1. Nepal Mountaineering Association, NMA – presented a presentation on Nepal
2. Indian Mountaineering Foundation, IMF – presented a presentation on India
3. Alpenverein Südtirol, AVS – presented a presentation on Südtirol

Ang Tshering Sheerpa- Would like to withdraw the Nepalese candidacy as host.

FV- as NMA withdraws their candidacy to host the UIAA 2016 General Assembly we will then vote either for IMF or AVS.

9 votes for IMF and 21 votes for AVS

▶ **Alpenverein Südtirol, AVS has been approved as the host for the UIAA General Assembly 2016**

16. Any other business

16.1 CIMA 2015 Congress organized by FEDME Zaragoza, Spain

Juan Jesus Ibanez Martin, FEDME - DATE CHANGED to 26-28 MARCH

Thursday-Friday-Saturday FEDME organizes The International Congress of Mountaineering Conference- everyone can attend the conference. There will be a rock climbing wall in the center Plaza, also activities in the mountains Pyrenees will be organized. Information will be on our website and Facebook.

16.2 Climbathon in India, Colonel Chauhan, IMF

Last year Climbathon was started because we wanted to improve the instruction level of our mountaineers and the young mountaineers. We wanted to start the tradition of mountaineering again in India. We wanted people to have opportunity to climb and learn some new skills, at the same time the instructors can improve the teaching. We had 70 young participants in 2013, in 2014 we had 75 participants over 24 days. We had 16 instructors coming from Nepal, Brazil and Iran. I would like to say thank you to Pierre Humblet and Steve Long from UIAA for their help.

I will ask Urs Stöcker to come in January to look and help set up Ice Climbing in India, and India is prepared to set up Youth Events.

16.3 Josef Klenner, DAV

The European Union is having more influence on our activities in the mountains all around Europe. Many European federations are discussing how they can strengthen their position in relationship to the European Union. There is a proposal to create a new European body to especially take care of these issues. There have been discussions for the last 3 or 4 years and 10 days ago a proposal for a statute to create such a group. I have looked at this proposal and have noticed that the UIAA is not mentioned there. I don't know if we need a new organization or if it can be worked out under the umbrella of the UIAA, therefore the DAV proposed that we need to immediately start a working group with 2 or 3 members of the UIAA and 2 or 3 people from the initiative of the new organization so they can sit together and come up with a solution that is in favor of both.

FV- We will provide 2 members from the board to help you with this group.

Demmers - I fully support the initiative to work together, but it is not clear for me what the discussion is, and how it relates to UIAA.

Jose Basto – everyone who are supporting initiative are members of the UIAA, and are looking forward to work with the UIAA and there is a meeting directly after GA to go into further detail.

FV- Thanks everyone for attending and I am very proud of what we have achieved. I close the meeting.

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