

MINUTES

UIAA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, October 2006

Banff Park Lodge, Banff, Canada

14th October 2006, 09: – 18:00

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

Andorra	FAM	Federacio Andorrana de Muntanyisme	Hector PASCÓ
Argentina	FASA	Federacion Argentina de Ski y Andinismo	Ramón CHIOCCONI
Australia	SCA	Sport Climbing Australia Inc.	Graham HYLAND
Austria	VAVOE	Verband Alpiner Vereine Österreichs	Franz KASSEL
Belgium	CAB-BAC	Club Alpin Belge / Belgischer Alpenclub	Marc VAN DE WALLE
Belgium	BVSF	Vlaamse Bergsport en Spelologiefederatie	Tuur CEULEERS
Bulgaria	FBAC	Federation of the Bulgarian Alpine Clubs	Mark VALLANCE (proxy)
Canada	ACC	Alpine Club of Canada	Mike MORTIMER
Canada	FQME	Fédération Québécoise de la Montagne et de l'Escalade	Steve CASTONGUAY
Canada	ENEQ	Ecole Nationale de l'Escalade du Québec	Ron WHITEHEAD
China	CMA	Chinese Mountaineering Association	Yongfeng WANG
Croatia	HPS	Mountaineering Association of Croatia	Darko BERLJAK
Czech Republic	CMF	Czech Mountaineering Federation	Alena CEPELKOVA
Denmark	DB	Dansk Bjergklub / Danish Mountain Club	Jan ELLEBY
Denmark	DCF	Danish Climbing Federation	Niels Staun
Ecuador	FEDAN	Ecuadorian Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing Sports	José MOREANO
France	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpins et de Montagne	Dr. Claude ECKHARDT
France	FFME	Fédération Française de la Montagne et de l'Escalade	Pierre YOU
Germany	DAV	Deutscher Alpenverein	Dr. Heinz RÖHLE
Great Britain	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	Mark VALLANCE
Great Britain	TAC	The Alpine Club	Mark VALLANCE (proxy)
Guatemala	FNAG	Federación Nacional de Andinismo de Guatemala	Rodolfo DOMINGUEZ (proxy)
Hong Kong, China	HKMU	Hong Kong Mountaineering Union	Ka Chi Frederick YU
Hungary	MHSSz	Magyar Hegy- és Sportmászó Szövetség / Hungarian Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association	Sándor NAGY
India	IMF	Indian Mountaineering Foundation	Narendra Nath VOHRA

Indonesia	FPTI	Federasi Panjat Tebing Indonesia	Singapore SMF (proxy
Ireland	MCI	Mountaineering Council of Ireland	William LOWELL PUTNAM (Proxy)
Israel	IOSC	Israeli Organization of Sport Climbing	Graham HYLAND (proxy)
Italy	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	Silvio CALVI
Italy	FASI	Federazione Arrampicata Sportiva Italiana	Ariano AMICI
Italy	FISI	Federazione Italiana Sport Invernali	Armando MARIOTTA
Japan	JMA	Japan Mountaineering Association	Fumio TANAKA
Korea	CAC	Corean Alpine Club	Chung-Hyun NAM
Korea	KAF	Korean Alpine Federation	Jaemin KIM
Latvia	LAA	Latvian Alpinist Association	Alexander PIRATINSKIY (proxy)
Liechtenstein	LAV	Liechtensteiner Alpenverein	Frank Urs MÜLLER (proxy)
Luxembourg	FLERA	Fédération Luxembourgeoise d'Escalade, de Randonnée Sportive et d'Alpinisme	Graham HYLAND (proxy)
Malaysia	PMM	Mountaineering Association of Malaysia	Musa Hj. ATAN
Mexico	FMDME	Federación Mexicana de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada, A.C.	Alfredo VELÁZQUEZ
Nepal	NMA	Nepal Mountaineering Association	Ang Tshering SHERPA
Netherlands	NKBV	Royal Dutch Mountaineering and Climbing Club	Frits VRIJLANDT
New Zealand	NZAC	New Zealand Alpine Club	John NANKERVIS
Norway	NTK	Norsk Tindeklub / Norwegian Alpine Club	Harald KIPPENES
Poland	PZA	Polish Mountaineering Association	Tomasz KUGLER
Portugal	CNM	Clube Nacional de Montanhismo S.R. Norte	José BASTO
Portugal	FCMP	Federação de Campismo e Montanhismo de Portugal / Federation of Camping and Mountaineering of Portugal	João QUEIROS
Portugal	FPME	Federação Portuguesa de Montanhismo e Escalada	José BASTO
Romania	CAR	Clubul Alpin Roman	Michael PUPEZA
Romania	FRAE	Federatia Romana de Alpnism si Escalada / Romanian Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing	Jordi PONS, FEDME (Proxy)
Russia	CFR	Climbing Federation of Russia	Alexander PIRATINSKIY
Singapore	SMF	Singapore Mountaineering Federation	Yip Seck HONG
Slovakia	JAMES	Slovak Alpinist Union	Alena CEPELKOVA (proxy)
South Africa	MCSA	The Mountain Club of South Africa	Roland MAGG
Spain	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Juan GARRIGOS TORO
Spain	CEC	Centre Excursionista de Catalunya	Josep Manel PUENTE i PUBILL
Spain	FEEC	Federació d'Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya	Antoni Joan FONTDEVILA MARTI
Spain	EMF	Euskal Mendizale Federazioa / Basque Mountaineering Federation	Txomin URIARTE
Sweden	SKF	Svenska Klätterförbundet / Swedish Climbing Association	Jan ELLEBY (proxy)
Switzerland	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	Frank Urs MÜLLER
TPE Chinese Taipei	CTAA	Chinese Taipei Alpine Association	Chang-Hsian HSIEH
TPE Chinese Taipei	CTMA	Chinese Taipei Mountaineering Association	I-Yuan HWANG
Turkey	TDF	Türkiye Dacgilik Federasyonu	Alaatin KARACA
USA	AAC	American Alpine Club	William LOWELL PUTNAM

USA	ALAC	Alaskan Alpine Club	Doug BUCHANAN
USA	USAC	USA Climbing	Jim CONCANNON
Venezuela	FEVME	Federación Venezolana de Montañismo y Escalada	Nestor CARVAJAL

Candidates for Membership

Kazakhstan	MCFRK	Mountaineering and Climbing Federation of the Republic off Kazakhstan	Baglan ZHUNUSSOV
Kazakhstan	MCFRK	Vice-President, accompanying President Zhunussov	Alexander TIMOFEEV
Russia	RFM	Russian Mountaineering Federation	Andrei VOLKOV

Council members and candidates

Austria	VAVOE	Verband Alpiner Vereine Österreichs	Franz KASSEL
Belgium	CAB-BAC	Club Alpin Belge / Belgischer Alpenclub	Marc Van de WALLE
Canada	ACC	Alpine Club of Canada	Mike MORTIMER
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Japan	JMA	Japan Mountaineering Association	Fumio TANAKA
Korea	CAC	Corean Alpine Club	Chung-Hyun NAM
South Africa	MCSA	The Mountain Club of South Africa	Roland MAGG
Spain	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Joan GARRIGOS y Toro
Switzerland	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	Frank Urs MÜLLER
Great Britain	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	Mark VALLANCE (candidate)
Netherlands	NKBV	Royal Dutch Mountaineering and Climbing Club	Frits VRIJLANDT (candidate)
Romania	CAR	Clubul Alpin Roman	Michael PUPEZA (candidate)

Board and Staff

President a.i.	Pierre HUMBLET
Secretary General	Jan BONDING
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Member	Nico de JONG
Member	Zhixin LI
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Honorary Board Vice-President	Hee-Sung MOON
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Editor UIAA Journal	Peter FARKAS

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Mountain Protection	President	Dave MORRIS
Youth	President	Anne ARRAN
Medical	President	Dr. Buddha BASNYAT
Mountaineering	President	Elizabeth MORAN
Ice Climbing	President	Carlos TEIXEIRA

Access & Conservation President Robert PETTIGREW

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UIAA Climbing	President	Marco SCOLARIS
	Vice-President	Alexander PIRATINSKIY
	Secretary General	Reindert LENSELINK
	Treasurer / Vice-President	Helmut KNABL
	Auditor	Andrea BARABINO
	North American Continental Council	David DORNIAN
	Member	Debbie GAWRYCH
	Member	Pierre-Henri PAILLASSON
	Member	Dr. Wolfgang WABEL
	Member	Lluís GINER ARNABAT
Staff member / UIAA Climbing Sport Manager	Toru KOBINATA	
	Leslie BAXTER	
ISMC Ski Mountaineering	President	Jordi COLOMER GALLEGO
	Vice-President	Pierre DOLLO
	Secretary General	Lluís LOPEZ LEIRO
	Member	Lluís GOMEZ
FISI		Armando MARIOTTA

Other Participants

Canada	ACC		Stewart Midwinter
China	CMA	Interpreter accompanying Zhixin LI	Guowei LI
Great Britain	BMC	Mountaineering Commission, TSWG	Steve LONG
Japan	JMA	Vice-President JMA	Shigeo OMORI
Japan	JMA	Committee, Internat. Division JMA, Liaison to UIAA	Hiroo SASO
Japan	JMA	member of Japanese JMA delegation	Shoji HATANO
Italy	CAI	Managing Director	Paola PEILA
Kazakhstan	MCFRK	Vice – President	Alexander TIMOFEEV
Nepal	NMA	Joint Secretary, Min. of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation	Rishi Ram LAMICHHANE
Spain	FEDME	General Secretary	Miguel LUSILLA VILA
Spain	FEEC	Accompanying person to Antoni Joan Fontdevila	Remigi BRESKO BONI
Russia	CFR	CFR Board member, accompanying A. Piratinskiy	Yuri BAIKOVSKI
Turkey	TDF	TMF Board member, accompanying TDF President	Nejat AKINCI
USA	AAC	Past President	Mark RICHEY
USA	USAC	Exec. Director	Anne-Worley BAUKNIGHT
Mexico	FMDME	Director-at-large	Rodolfo ARAUJO
Mexico	FMDME	Secretary	Julio GARCÍA
Korea	KAF	Korean Alpine Federation	Sunwoo NAM
Austria	VAVOE	accompanying Dr. Franz Kassel	Forough Mag. SEMPER
Japan	JAC	Japanese Alpine Club	Tadeo KANZAKI
Great Britain	BMC	Past UIAA President	Ian McNaught-Davies

Member Federations Excused or Absent

Austria	OeAV	Österreichischer Alpenverein
Bosnia-Herzegovina	PSBH	Herzegovina
Brazil	CBME	Confederação Brasileira de Montanhismo e Escalada
Chile	FEACH	Federacion de Andinismo de Chile
Finland	FCA	Finnish Climbing Association
F.Y.R. of Macedonia	MMSF	Macedonian Mountain Sports Federation
Georgia	MCAG	Mountaineering and Climbing Association of Georgia
Greece	EOOA	Hellenic Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing
Hong Kong	SCAHK	Sports Climbing Association of Hongkong, China
Hungary	MSTSZ	Magyar Sportturisztikai Szövetség
I. R. Iran	I. R. IMF	I. R. Iran Mountaineering Federation
Italy	AVS	Alpenverein Sudtirol
Lithuania	LMA	Lithuanian Mountaineering Federation
Monaco	CAM	Club Alpin Monégasque
Morocco	FRMSM	Fédération Royale Marocaine de Ski & Montagne
Norway	NK	Norges Katreforbund / The Norwegian Climbing Federation
Pakistan	ACP	Alpine Club of Pakistan
Philippines	SCAPI	Sport Climbing Association of the Philippines, Inc.
Slovenia	PZS	Alpine Association of Slovenia
Switzerland	VAACS	Vereinigung Akademischer Alpenclubs der Schweiz
Ukraine	UMF	Ukrainian Mountaineering Federation
Yugoslavia	ASFYU	Alpine and Sport Climbing Federation of Yugoslavia (Sportclimbing Federation of Serbia)

Chair: Pierre HUMBLET, President a.i.,

Minutes: Judith SAFFORD, Office Manager

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1. Call to order

Pierre Humblet opened the meeting at 9:00

2. Welcome by the President and apologies for absence

Pierre Humblet thanked the Alpine Club of Canada for hosting the GA.

He welcomed Honorary member William Putnam, Honorary Vice-President James McCarthy, past President Ian McNaught-Davies and the new member candidates. Excused are Josef Klenner, Ian Anderson, Markus Spring. He commemorated UIAA officers Hermann Tollenaar and Armando Skory, and also Mingma Sherpa and the others who died in the recent helicopter crash in Nepal.

Judith Safford is appointed unanimously as Minute Secretary.

Four scutineers are appointed unanimously: Toru Kobinata, Dave Dornian, Pierre Dollo, Luis Lopez Leiro.

The meeting is attended by 65 representatives or proxies, of whom 57 have full voting rights. There are 74 votes for general issues and 196 votes for financial matters. Thus the voting Quora are as follows:

- **Absolute Majority for general issues: 38; for financial issues: 99.**
- **Two-thirds majority for general issues: 50**

The proposed changes to the Agenda are accepted with 7 abstentions:

1 motion from Dave Morris (Resolution on Climate Change)

2 motions from Eliza Moran (Item 15.1 disrespectful use of recognized historical archaeological sites and 15.2 Tyrol Declaration);

2 motions from Mark Vallance (Thanks to Alan Blackshaw and to Julia Spörri)

3. Minutes of the General Assembly held on 15 Oct 2005 in Singapore

Silvio Calvi emphasised that the essential part of the Minutes is the approval of the Meetings' resolutions. He proposed amending the contentious part of the Minutes related to Item 4, President's Report on pages 5-8 so that only the decisions are recorded and that various named participants expressed an opinion in the discussions.

The motion is seconded by Bill Putnam and supported by the Board.

Vote: For 65, Against 0, Abstentions 9

- **The motion is carried and the Minutes are approved as proposed.**

4 President's Report

Pierre Humblet reported on the year's events. The structural issues have been central. The Assembly will be requested today to be constructive to find a solution to the problems.

Furthermore he reported on the Olympic application, UIAA Office reorganisation, initiatives to improve communication, Funding matters, particularly with Petzl, contacts

with the EU and the Mountain Partnership (FAO), implementation of the WADA code. Finally he thanked the Board for its support.

Jürg Schweizer conducted the vote on the President's Report:

For 74, Against 0, Abstentions 0.

- **The Report of the President is approved unanimously.**

5. Finance (Jürg Schweizer)

5.1 Recommendations by the Council to accept the accounts and budget

Pierre Humblet informed on the results of the Council, who approved the Accounts 2005 and the Budget 2007 and recommended discharging to the Board.

5.2 Accounts for 2005

Jürg Schweizer made an oral presentation of the written Accounts: income and expenses, capital and consolidated accounts.

There were no questions or comments.

5.3 Auditors' Report and discharge to the Board

The Auditors' Report was read by Jan Bonding.

Vote to approve the Annual Accounts and discharge the Board.

For 169, against 0, abstentions 27.

- **The Accounts 2005 are approved and the Board is discharged.**

5.4 Current financial position and forecast for 2006

Jürg Schweizer presented the written report. There were no questions or comments.

5.5 Budget for 2007

Jürg Schweizer pointed out substantial uncertainties. The assumptions are that the income and expenditure will remain broadly unchanged. There are two changes to the budget from the published report. Income and Expenditure of the Safety Commission have both been increased by CHF 10'000.

Bill Putnam asked whether expenses of UIAA officers are still carried by their home clubs. Jürg Schweizer confirmed that some of Jan Bønding's and Pierre Humblet's expenses are paid by their Federations.

Silvio Calvi requested more detailed budget information in the future.

Vote to approve the Budget 2007:

For 171, Against 0, Abstentions 25.

- **The Budget 2007 is approved.**

6. Update on UIAA Office and staff

Judith Safford introduced herself and briefly presented the Office infrastructure and plans for 2007.

There were no questions or comments.

7. UIAA and IOC

7.1 Ski Mountaineering

Jordi Colomer reported on the current situation of the application for Olympic participation, and the ongoing work for 2007 Olympic Session.

There were no questions or comments.

7.2 Climbing

Marco Sclaris reported on the Plenary Assemblies and the Olympic aspirations.

There were no questions or comments.

7.3 Motion from DAV regarding transparency of UIAA and ISMC courses of action for placing Ski Mountaineering in the Olympic Programme, and for harmonizing the further procedure

Heinz Röhle referred to an earlier decision of the GA to work toward inclusion of UIAA Sports in the Olympics. In his view Competition Climbing is more important than Ski-Mountaineering and the UIAA should give priority to supporting Competition Climbing to get into the Olympics.

Jordi Colomer supported the idea that Competition Climbing should be an Olympic candidate. However as the conditions for admission are not fulfilled for Competition Climbing, he did not see the purpose of the motion.

Pierre Humblet considered it inappropriate to vote on this motion now before the decisions on structural changes. Furthermore he noted that the motion submitted differs from the oral presentation, which is not admissible. It would be possible to vote on the written motion.

Jose Basto proposed that the motion should be postponed. Heinz Röhle agreed to this suggestion.

8. UIAA restructuring

8.1 Working method

Pierre Humblet introduced the discussion with a short explanation of relevant concepts of public law and various terms used in the discussions. He also informed on the decisions made recently by the Plenary Assemblies of UIAA Climbing and UIAA Ski Mountaineering/ISMC.

He noted that the two Competition Sport organisations had different wishes, and a close vote on the future structure is probable. The decisions to be made today require a simple majority. However a 2/3 majority will be required at the next General Assembly, when today's decisions are to be translated into changes of the Articles of Association (AoA). Furthermore if the chosen solution solves the problems of one Sport body, it may then impose an unacceptable result on the other Sport body. Specifically, UIAA Climbing wants more independence, and wants to create three independent federations, under a common umbrella without political power, while ISMC wants to create three federations, each with its own legal status, but giving political power to the upper body

as well.

He believed that this dilemma can be resolved by resorting to AoA, Article 3d.

Art. 3d, AoA

The UIAA supports and governs on an international level those competitions and mountaineering sports which are recognised by decision of its General Assembly. It represents those sports within other international organisations, including the GAISF and the IOC.

Through this article the GA can decide to cease supporting and governing Competition Climbing. This scenario was presented to the Council yesterday. It moved the following motion:

The Council recommends the GA that among the sports supported and governed by the UIAA on an international level (in accordance with Art 3d, AoA), Competition Climbing, according to the Olympic Games requirements, will not be included any longer. Therefore, the GA supports the creation of an International Federation to govern Competition Climbing, in accordance with the Olympic Games requirements.

Silvio Calvi thanked the President for his lucid presentation of the problem and the proposal of the Council. The proposal intends to end the waste of energy in recent years.

Ian McNaught-Davis pleaded that any separation should be friendly and the assets should be guarded. He supported the motion presented by Silvio Calvi.

Vote to support Council motion:

For 62, Against 5, Abstentions 7.

- **The MOTION proposed by the Council to no longer support and govern Competition Climbing on an international level according to Olympic Games' requirements is CARRIED.**

8.2 Presentation of models: Unitarian (Motion from the BMC); Foundation (proposed by UIAA Climbing, motions by FFME and DAV; multi-branches "federal" model)

Frank-Urs Müller explained that there are legal difficulties with the Unitarian model presented by the BMC motions. Several elements are not consistent with the applicable Swiss Civil Code. He recommended the GA not to accept this motion, or if it is voted upon, it should be rejected.

Mark Vallance withdrew the BMC motions

Marco Sclaris presented the Foundation model. The main difference is that IOC recognition would go only to the Competitive Sports and not to Mountaineering.

Heinz Röhle presented the DAV confederal "Standing Conference" model, which is a variation of the Foundation model, but without an umbrella in the form of a Foundation. The exchange of information, co-ordination and consultation takes place through an informal "Standing Conference" which has no legal status.

Nico de Jong explained the need for reform of the UIAA, which has been caused by: diversity of membership, voting rights which are perceived as unfair, the growth of Competition Sports, the fee structure, and the lack of legal identity of the Sport bodies.

He then presented the details of the Multi-branches Federal model, which is an Association of federations, with IOC recognition and compliance with WADA. The model

is based on the idea that together the UIAA is stronger, as there is umbrella representing the unity of the Sports.

Finally he presented the main characteristics of the presented models (BMC, Foundation and Multi-Branches Federal model).

There was a lengthy discussion with contributions by Dave Morris, Frank-Urs Müller, Marco Sclaris, José Basto, Silvio Amondo, Pierre Humblet, Silvio Calvi, Bill Putnam, Heinz Röhle,

on the advantages of the different models,
on whether a decision on the organisational model of the UIAA should be postponed until the next General Assembly because the situation has changed after the decision not to support and govern Competition Climbing any more,
and whether the adherents to UIAA Climbing should participate in discussions and voting on the future of the UIAA.

Silvio Calvi proposed that there should be a first vote on the suspension of the decision-process and whether the models should be voted upon at this Assembly.

For 23, Against 46, Abstentions 5.

- **The MOTION Calvi to suspend the decision process on the organisational model of the UIAA is DEFEATED.**

8.3 Vote

Frank-Urs Müller proposed a secret ballot, which was seconded by Marc Van de Walle. The vote was formulated as “Foundation” for those in favour of the Foundation model, and “Federal” for those in favour of the Federal Multi-Branches model.

The Foundation model received 26 votes. The Federal Multi-Branches model received 32 votes. There were 9 abstentions and 7 spoilt votes.

- **The Federal Multi-Branches model is CARRIED.**

8.4 Fee system and the amendment proposed by FFME and UIAA Climbing concerning a temporary suspension of the membership procedures in order to allow UIAA Climbing to increase its members, complying with the Olympic requirements

The proposal was withdrawn by the FFME.

8.5 Vote

There was no vote.

9. Commissions' Reports

9.1 Access and Conservation / Motion on Huascarán National Park

Bob Pettigrew presented the written report with a ppt presentation.

Mike Mortimer congratulated the Commission for its good work.

- **The Report of the Access and Conservation Commission is approved unanimously.**

Phil Powers, Chief Executive of the AAC presented the motion from the ACC on the

Huascarán National Park.

Motion on Huascarán National Parks

That the UIAA strongly encourages that the PNH (Huascarán National Park) and INRENA work cooperatively with their Peruvian Mountaineering Federations and those of other countries with an interest in the park to establish and adopt policies and use regulations regarding climbing and trekking within the PNH that are fair and beneficial to both local and visiting climbers, environmental concerns, and the local guiding agencies as well.

For 57, Against 3, Abstentions 14

➤ **The MOTION on Huascarán National Parks is CARRIED.**

Frank-Urs Müller proposed that the items 11 and 12 Elections to the Board and the Council are carried forward immediately.

Pierre Humblet asked for the vote to amend the Agenda accordingly.

For 70, Against 0, Abstentions 4.

➤ **The MOTION to amend the Agenda is CARRIED.**

11. Elections to the Board

11.1 Introduction

As a candidate, Pierre Humblet asked Jürg Schweizer to chair this part of the meeting according to AoA art. 17 e).

Jürg Schweizer introduced the candidates put forward to this day. He proposed the election of President and Vice-President by the General Assembly and the internal assigned by the Board of the Treasurer.

Silvio Calvi explained that the Council supported the proposed procedure, although this does not strictly conform to the AoA, Art. 16a.

Jürg Schweizer asked for a vote on the voting procedure.

For 62 against 12, abstentions 0

➤ **The MOTION to elect the Vice President rather than allow the Board to assign the position internally is CARRIED.**

11.2 Vote

Jürg Schweizer announced that the President will be elected first.

After the Council meeting held the day before, there was only one candidate, Pierre Humblet

Mike Mortimer was proposed for President by Michael Pupeza (Delegate Romania), seconded by Bill Putnam (proxy Ireland). He agreed to run for presidency.

Pierre Humblet objected that such a candidacy had to be presented first to the Council.

Result of the ballot:

Pierre Humblet: 36 votes

Mike Mortimer: 37 votes

Spoilt votes: 1

- **Mike Mortimer is elected President.**

Jürg Schweizer announced that Jordi Colomer was standing for the election as Vice President. At the same time there will be an election of a new Board member.

Graham Hyland withdrew his candidature to the Board.

Election of the Vice-President, Jordi Colomer: For 61, abstentions 10, spoilt votes 3.

- **Jordi Colomer is voted Vice-President.**

Election of a new Board member:

Nestor Carvajal: 23 votes

Peter Farkas 41 votes

Abstentions: 6 and spoilt votes 4

- **Peter Farkas is elected to the Board.**

12. Elections to the Council

12.1 Introduction

Jürg Schweizer explained the voting process necessary to define the character of the occupied seats after the Council elections at the GA in New Delhi of 2004.

Mark Richey was proposed by the Alfredo Velázquez (Mexico) as candidate for North America.

Silvio Calvi requested the confirmation of the voting procedure.

Jürg Schweizer asked the Assembly if anybody opposed the voting procedure.

There was no opposition to the procedure, so that the procedure was approved.

12.2 Vote

The following members are elected as continental representatives:

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| 1. Americas | AAC | Mark Richey | 61 |
| | FEDAN | Jose Moreano | 65 |
| 2. Europe | FEDME | Joan Garrigos | 34 |
| | CAR | Michael Pupeza | 44 |
| | BMC | Mark Vallance | 44 |
| 3. Asia/Africa/Oceania | | Roland Magg | 53 |
| | CAC | Chung-Hyun Nam | 40 |
| | JMA | Fumio Tanaka | 60 |
| | IMF | Narinder Vohra | 51 |
| 4. The following Council members elected in 2004 are confirmed (without continental representation): | | | |
| | EOOA | Dimitris Georgoulis | 15 |
| | CAB | Marc van de Walle | 29 |
| | CMA | Yongfeng Wang | 39 |
| 5. The following two elected candidates are elected without continental representation: | | | |
| | NBKV | Frits Vrijlandt | 58 |
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	CFR	Yuri Skurlatov	42
6.	Not elected I.R. IMF	Sadegh Aghajani	23

After the elections' process, Pierre Humblet took over the Chair of the meeting again.

9.2 Expeditions

Renato Moro was not present. There was no presentation of the report. The written report was approved.

9.3 Medical

Buddha Basynat reported using a slide show.

There was a discussion between Marco Sclaris, Buddha Basynat and Paolo Gigliotti on anti-doping and the use of drugs in Sports for medical and preventive purposes.

The written report was approved unanimously.

9.4 Mountaineering

Pierre Humblet introduced Eliza Moran and informed the GA that she has been working for the UIAA Mountaineering Commission for 20 years. She was also the first woman in a UIAA body and the first woman Commission President:

The report covering the activities of the Training Standards Working Group (TSWG) and Legal Experts Working Group (LEWG), a Women's Seminar, and the Tyrol Declaration was approved with a standing ovation.

9.5 Mountain protection / Motion from NMA

Dave Morris presented the work on Climate Change and Environment Label (with the UIAA Office).

The report was approved with one abstention.

Claude Eckhardt presented the Motion from the Nepal Mountaineering Association (NMA) concerning helicopter landings on Everest. Claude Eckhardt reminded the GA about the request of the Nepalese Delegation at the GA in 2005 in Singapore on landing of helicopters for recreational purposes.

The Eurocopter Product Equirrel Series ASTAR 350B helicopter landing on Mount Everest without the permission of His Majesty's Government of Nepal has seriously offended the world mountaineering communities and mountain enthusiasts.

Therefore, the General Assembly of the UIAA held in Banff on 14 October 2006 strongly urges the Nepalese Government to take the following actions:

- 1. Stop the ASTAR 350B helicopter to use illegally obtained records for its business promotions.*
- 2. Investigate why the said helicopter landed on Mount Everest without the permission of His Majesty's Government of Nepal (HMG).*
- 3. Not to allow any helicopters to conduct test flights on any mountains of Nepal because mountains are to test human endurance and courage, not to test the capacity of man made machines such as helicopters purely for business purposes.*

Pierre Humblet reported that according to the information available to the Board, the

pilot had a permit to land.

The Nepali delegate presented the arguments of the NMA.

Claude Eckhardt proposed voting on the motion without Article 2.

Vote: For 55, Against 0, Abstentions 19

- **The MOTION concerning helicopter landings on Everest (without paragraph 2) is CARRIED.**
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9.6 Safety

Jean-Franck Charlet was excused. There was no presentation. The written report was approved.

9.7 Youth

Anne Aran presented the Report accompanied by a ppt presentation.

There was no time for comments or questions.

The report was approved unanimously.

9.8 Anti-Doping

No report was submitted or presented.

9.9 Discipline and Appeals

The written report was approved.

9.10 Ice Climbing

Carlos Teixeira presented the work of the Commission in a ppt presentation.

There were no questions or comments.

The report was approved unanimously.

10. Competition Bodies

10.1 Climbing

There was no presentation due to lack of time. The written report was approved.

10.2 Ski Mountaineering

There was no presentation due to lack of time. The written report was approved.

13. Membership issues

13.1 Admission of members

13.1a Applications for Membership with full voting right:

Uzbekistan: **Federation of Alpinism and Rock climbing of Uzbekistan.**

Federation founded 1986, and has 495 members. Deposit of 500 CHF not paid. Article of Association has been reviewed without comments.

➔ **Board proposes (supported by the Council) to postpone the application.**

Kazakhstan: **Mountain Climbing Federation of Kazakhstan (MCFRK)**

Founded in 1956, 560 members. Aspirant member fee and deposit paid. Articles of Association have been reviewed without comments.

➔ **Board proposes (supported by the Council) to accept the application.**

13.1b Applications for Membership without voting right:

Russia: **Russian Mountaineering Federation** Formed in 1994 and 1000 members. Article of associations has been examined without comments. Present Russian member, the Russian Climbing Federation, does not object to the application.

➔ **Board proposes (supported by the Council) to accept the application.**

Slovakia: **Slovak Ski Mountaineering Association**, founded in 2005 with 350 members.

Non compliance with the condition of existing at least for 2 years. Membership is strongly opposed by the present Slovakian UIAA member, JAMES, who claims that the new federation is a split off.

➔ **Board proposes (supported by the Council) to postpone the application.**

13.1c Name changes and mergers:

- **Serbia-Montenegro** (ex Yugoslavia):

Alpine and Sports climbing Federation of Yugoslavia (AFFYU), member with voting rights, change their name to **Sports climbing federation of Serbia (SCFS)**

- **Costa Rica:**

Aspirant member Costa Rica has changed their name from Asociación Costarricense de Escalada y Montañismo (ACEM) to **Federación Costarricense de Deportes da Montaña (FECODEM)**

- **The recommendations of the Board were unanimously accepted. The new members Mountain Climbing Federation of Kazakhstan (MCFRK) and Russian Mountaineering Federation are admitted.**

13.2 Exclusion of members

Jan Bønding reported that Observer member IGO 8000 has not paid its membership fees in 2005 and 2006.

- **The GA voted unanimously to exclude IGO 8000 from the UIAA if it has not paid its fees by 31.12.2006.**

13.3 Proposal of CNM

Given the expulsion of the CNM – The Portuguese Alpine Club and the large majority of Portuguese mountaineering and climbing clubs from the Camping and Mountaineering Federation of Portugal, the GA of the UIAA request to the Board the implementation of an inquiry to find out if the Camping and Mountaineering Federation of Portugal still fulfil the conditions of the UIAA AoA, article 5-b) (regarding Members without voting rights). The results of this inquiry should be reported to the GA in 2007 in Matsumoto City,

Japan.

Vote: For the enquiry 12, Against 0, Abstentions 62.

➤ **The Proposal of CNM is CARRIED.**

13.4 Motion from Norges Klatreforbund regarding the transfer of the voting right from Norsk Tindeklub to Norges Klatreforbund

The Council in Banff on 13th November recommended that the voting rights remain with Norsk Tindeklub, in order not to violate the current UIAA AoA.

Vote: For 69, Against 0, Abstentions 5

➤ **The MOTION from Norges Klatreforbund is DEFEATED.**

14. Future General Assemblies

The UIAA GA approved the proposal from José Basto (CNM) that the GA in 2009 will be held in Portugal.

15. Any other business

15.1 Motion from the Mountaineering commission concerning the disrespectful use of recognized historical archaeological sites for bandit sport climbing

The motion was presented by Eliza Moran, President of the Mountaineering Commission.

In keeping with the best practices and maxims for ethics in the world of climbing and mountaineering as expressed in the Tyrol Declaration, the Mountaineering Commission requests that the GA vote to condemn the destruction or use for climbing, of recognized historical archaeological sites by any climbers, unless the site is specifically approved or allowed by that particular government.

➤ **The motion was approved unanimously.**

15.2 Motion from the Mountaineering Commission to endorse the Tyrol Declaration, a 5 year work project taken on by the Mountaineering Commission, finalized in Austria, September of 2002

The motion was presented by Eliza Moran, President of the Mountaineering Commission.

The UIAA Mountaineering Commission requests that the GA vote to endorse the Tyrol Declaration, a 5 year work project taken on by the MC, finalized in Austria, September of 2002.

The Tyrol Declaration asks that you stretch your limits, lift your spirits, and aim for the top.

The MC has the honor to seek your vote to endorse the Tyrol Declaration in the same spirit.

Frank-Urs Müller pointed out that the Tyrol Declaration has already been presented to the General Assembly in 2002 and was not endorsed. Silvio Calvi supported this statement.

Eliza Moran pointed out that the Tyrol Declaration is a question of morals. If the

Assembly does not wish to approve the motion, she can accept it.

The motion is not submitted to vote.

15.3 Resolution on Climate Change from the Mountain Protection Commission

Dave Morris presents the resolution on climate change.

The UIAA General Assembly, meeting in Banff, Canada, on 14 Oct 2006:

Welcomes the joint initiative of the Alpine Club of Canada and the UIAA's Mountain Protection Commission in holding a workshop in Banff on 10/11 October, 2006, to examine the issue of climate change and its implications for mountaineers and mountaineering

Supports the ACC's proposal to develop a climate change policy statement for the Club, recognising this as a most worthwhile project, appropriate for the Club's Centennial Year, and hopes that other mountaineering associations will consider taking similar initiatives

Expresses the UIAA's concern at the threat to the earth's living resources, including but not limited to, mountain areas and human communities, from the effects of climate change and the role of fossil fuel use in contributing to these changes

Recognises the crucial contribution that mountaineers can make to public understanding of climate change issues through their historical observations and current knowledge of shrinking glaciers and snowfields

Urges all mountaineering associations and their members to consider both the implications of climate change for their own activities and also the opportunities they have to influence other organisations, from the public to the private sector, to greater understanding of the climate change crisis and to increase the readiness of these other interests to take action to tackle climate change problems

Endorses the joint initiative between the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas and the UIAA's Mountain Protection Commission in establishing and promoting the Melting Glaciers Project, and

Welcomes the decision of the UIAA's Mountain Protection Commission to establish a working group on climate change which is expected to develop a climate change policy for consideration by the UIAA Council in May 2007 followed by approval at the UIAA General Assembly in October 2007 with subsequent promotion within the member associations of the UIAA and other interests, including the international partners of the UIAA within the organisations of the United Nations and the International Olympic Committee.

➤ **The MOTION on climate change was CARRIED.**

15.4 Motion from Mark Vallance to thank Alan Blackshaw

The General Assembly regrets the circumstances in which Alan Blackshaw felt it necessary to resign the presidency in 2005.

The General Assembly recognizes the important work and devoted service that Alan Blackshaw undertook for the UIAA over 35 years and apologises unreservedly for the hurt and feeling of rejection that it must have caused him.

For 37, Against 0, Abstentions 37

➤ **The MOTION to thank Alan Blackshaw is CARRIED.**

15.5 Motion from Mark Vallance to thank Administrative Secretary Julia Spörri

The MOTION was CARRIED with 68 votes and 6 abstentions.

15.6 Thanks to President a.i. Pierre Humblet

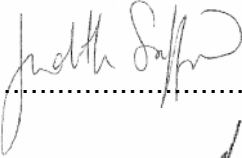
President elect Mike Mortimer thanked Pierre Humblet, President a.i. for his hard work of the last year after the resignation of Alan Blackshaw.

Pierre Humblet received a standing ovation from the GA.

Mike Mortimer believed that the next year there will be much hard work to do, and as new President he will do this work with heart and soul.

The Chairman, Pierre Humblet, closed the meeting at 18:15.

Minute-taker



..... Judith SAFFORD



Chairman

..... President a.i. Pierre HUMBLET

Approved by the General Assembly at its meeting in Matsumoto, Japan on 6th October 2007