

MINUTES

UIAA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Kathmandu, Nepal

8th October 2011, 08:30 – 18:00

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

Argentina	FASA	Federacion Argentina de Ski y Andinisma	Proxy (FEDME)
Azerbaijan	AAF	Azerbaijan Mountaineering Federation	Israfil Ashurly
Azerbaijan	FAIREX	Azerbaijan and Extreme Sports Federation	Hussein Baghirov
Belgium	CMBEL	Climbing and Mountaineering Belgium	Pierre Humblet
Canada	ACC	Alpine Club of Canada	Peter Muir and Pat Dillinstone
			David Muñoz and Mr Fernando Millar
Chile	FEACH	Federacion de Andinismo de Chile	
China	CMA	Chinese Mountaineering Association	Yongfeng Wang
Chinese Taipei	CTAA	Chinese Taipei Alpine Association	Chung-Da, Wei-chi Huang,
Chinese Taipei	CTMA	Chinese Taipei Mountaineering Association	Hank Hwang
Croatia	HPS	Mountaineering Association of Croatia	Darko Berjlak
Czech Republic	CMF	Czech Mountaineering Federation	Zdének Hruby
Denmark	DB	Dansk Bjergklub / Danish Mountain Club	Jan Elleby
Denmark	DCF	Danish Climbing Federation	Jan Elleby, Proxy (DB)
France	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpins et de Montagne	Georges Elzière
Great Britain	TAC	The Alpine Club	Martin Scott
Great Britain	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	Doug Scott, Robert Pettigrew
Greece	EOOA	Hellenic Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing	Proxy to CAI
Hong Kong, China	HKMU	Hong Kong Mountaineering Union	Frederick Yu, Doon Shi Ching, Chi-king Huen, Wai Ting So
Hungary	MHSSz	Magyar Hegy- és Sportmászó Szövetség / Hungarian Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association	Peter Farkas
Iran	IRIMSCF	I.R. Iran Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation	Mahmoud Shoaie, Mohammad Fahimi Bandpey
Italy	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	Umberto Martini, Lucia Foppoli and Pier Giorgio Oliveti
Japan	JMA	Japan Mountaineering Association	Tadao Kanzaki, Hitoshi Onodera, Shisuo Kunisawa
Korea	CAF	Korean Alpine Club	Byunkoo Chun, Young Chong, Young Jun

Korea	KAF	Korean Alpine Federation	Injeong Lee, Ho Jin
Liechtenstein	LAV	Liechtensteiner Alpenverein	Proxy (SAC)
Mongolia	NMF	National Mountaineering Federation of Mongolia	Sanza Zaya, Tseren Tsozolmaa, Begzuren Ganbaatar
Nepal	NMA	Nepal Mountaineering Association	Zimba Zangbu Sherpa, Ang Tshering Sherpa
Netherlands	NKBV	Royal Dutch Mountaineering and Climbing Club	Frits Vrijlandt, Robin Bakes
New Zealand	NZAC	New Zealand Alpine Club	John Nankervis
Pakistan	ACP	Alpine Club of Pakistan	Col Manzoor Hussein, Muhamad Nasir
Poland	PZA	Polish Mountaineering Association	Proxy (MHSSz)
Portugal	CNM	Clube Nacional de Montanhismo S.R. Norte	José A. Basto
Portugal	FPME	Federação Portuguesa de Montanhismo e Escalada	Proxy (CNM)
Russia	CFR	Climbing Federation of Russia	Dmitri Bychkov, Yuri Skurlatov
Russia	RMF	Russian Mountaineering Federation	Pavel Shabalin
Serbia	PSS	Mountaineering Association of Serbia	Nenad Dikic
Slovenia	PZS	Alpine Association of Slovenia	Bojan Rotovnik
South Africa	MCSA	The Mountain Club of South Africa	David Jones
Spain	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Joan Garrigos Toro, Luis Lopez Leiro, Jordi Pons Sanjines
Spain	FEEC	Federació d'Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya	Jordi Merino Urbano, Jordi Magrinà Guell
Spain	EMF	Euskal Mendizale Federazioa / Basque Mountaineering Federation	Txomin Uriarte, Javier Antunes
Switzerland	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	Frank-Urs Müller
Switzerland	IFMGA	Vereinigung Akademischer Alpenklubs der Schweiz	Peter Kimmig (Observer)
Turkey	TDF	Zirve Dagitlik	Orhan Kozan, Nejat Akinci, Nail Senjac
Ukraine	UMF	Ukrainian Mountaineering Federation	Mstislav Gorbenko
USA	AAC	American Alpine Club	Mark Richey

Management Committee members and candidates (including Executive Board Members)

Jordi Colomer	Ex Board	Vice-President	
Jan Bønding	Ex Board	Treasurer	
Nico de Jong	Ex Board	Secretary General	
Silvio Calvi	Ex Board	EB Member	
Peter Farkas	Ex Board	EB Member	
Georges Elziere	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpins et de Montagne	France
Frits Vrijlandt	NKBV	Royal Dutch Mountaineering and Climbing Club	Netherlands
David Jones	MCSA	The Mountain Club of South Africa	South Africa
Joan Garrigos Toro	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Spain
Frank-Urs Müller	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	Switzerland
John Nankervis	NZAC	New Zealand Alpine Club	New Zealand
Mark Richey	AAC	American Alpine Club	USA
Doug Scott	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	Great Britain
Christine Pae	KAF	Korean Alpine Federation	Korea
Fumio Tanaka	JMA	Japan Mountaineering Association	Japan

Commission Presidents

Juan Jesus Ibanez	BMC	Access Commission Secretary	Spain
Buddha Basnyat	NMA	Medical Commission	Nepal
Jean-Franck Charlet	FFCAM	Safety Commission	France
Pierre Humblet	CMBEL	Mountaineering Commission	Belgium
Steve Long	BMC	Training Standards Working Group Chairman	Great Britain
Linda McMillan	AAC	Mountain Protection Commission	USA
Anne Arran	BMC	Youth Commission	Great Britain
Nenad Dikic	PSS	Anti-Doping Commission	Serbia
Pavel Shabalín	ICICC	Ice Climbing Competitions	Russia

UIAA Staff

Valérie Thöni	Office Bern
Gurdeepak Ahuja	Office Bern

Honorary members and Guests

Claude Eckhardt	FFCAM	Past UIAA General Secretary
Bill Putnam	AAC	Honorary Member
Jordi Pons	FEDME	Honorary Member

Other Participants

Carlos Teixeira	CAAL	Clube Actividades de Ar Livre	Portugal
Alexandre José Da Costa Velinhos	CAAL	Clube Actividades de Ar Livre	
Philippe Descamps	Petzl	General Secretary	France
Arben Lila	KMAF	Kosovo Mountaineering and Alpinists Federation	Kosovo
Teuta Bicaj	KMAF	Kosovo Mountaineering and Alpinists Federation	Kosovo
Tetsuya Hanamura	JWA	Japanese Workers Association	Japan

Member Federations and members/guests Excused

Ian Alderson	BMC	President Disciplines commission
Martin Wragg	BMC	President Appeals commission
Mike Mortimer	UIAA	President
Robert Leopold	UIAA	Honorary Member and Court member
Brazil	CBME	Confederação Brasileira de Montanhismo e Escalada
Georgia	MCAG	Mountaineering and Climbing Association of Georgia
India	IMF	Indian Mountaineering Foundation
India	HMI	Himalayan Mountaineering Institute
India	NIM	Nehru Institute of Mountaineering
Italy	ISF	International Skyrunning Federation
Mexico	FMDME	Federacion Mexicana de Deportes de Montana y Escalada
Norway	NTK	Norsk Tindeklub / Norwegian Alpine Club
Norway	NK	Norges Klaterforbund / The Norwegian Climbing Federation
Portugal	FCMP	Federação de Campismo e Montanhismo de Portugal / Federation of Camping and Mountaineering of Portugal
Romania	CAR	Clubul Alpin Roman
Sweden	SKF	Svenska Klätterförbundet / Swedish Climbing Association
Switzerland	VAACS	Vereinigung Akademischer Alpenclubs der Schweiz
USA	ALAC	Alaskan Alpine Club

Member Federations Absent

Andorra	FAM	Federacio Andorrana de Muntanyisme
Bosnia Herzegovina	PSBH	Mountaineering Union of Bosnia-Herzegovina
Bulgaria	BCMF	Bulgarian Climbing and Mountaineering Federation
Canada	FQME	Fédération Québécoise de la montagne et de l'escalade

Canada	ENEQ	Ecole Nationale de l'escalade du Québec
Cyprus	KOMOAA	Mountaineering and Climbing Federation of Cyprus
Czech Rep	CMA	Czech Mountaineering Federation - Cesky Horolezecky Svaz
Denmark	DCF	Dansk Klatreforbund - Danish Climbing Federation
Dominican Rep	ADEM	Asociacion Dominicana De Escalada y Montañismo
Hungary	MSTSZ	Magyar Sportturisztikai Szövetség
Ireland	MI	Mountaineering Council of Ireland
Israel	ILAC	The Israeli Alpine Club
Italy	AVS	Alpenverein Südtirol
Slovakia	SMU James	Slovak Mountaineering Union
Luxembourg	FLERA	Fédération Luxembourgeoise d'escalade, de randonnée et d'alpinisme
Macedonia	MMSF	FYR - Macedonian Mountain Sports Federation
Monaco	CAM	Club Alpin Monégasque
Spain	CEC	Centre Excursionista de Catalunya
Turkey	TDF	Turkiye Dagcilik Federasyonu - Turkish Mountaineering Federation
Observer	UPAME	Union Panamericana de Asociaciones de Montañismo y Escalada

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1 Call to order and Welcome by the President

1.1.	Welcome The president of NMA, Zimba Zangbu Sherpa welcomed all the participants of the assembly in Kathmandu.
	Jordi Colomer announced that Mike Mortimer resigned due to health as well as Silvio Calvi (end of term on 31 December) and Jan Bonding (immediate effect). Mike won't be able to attend this meeting. Jordi will moderate it.
1.2	Apologies for absence
	CBME, Brazil; MCAG, Georgia; ISF, Italy; IMF, HMI and NIM, India; FMDME Mexico; FCMP, Portugal; NK and NTK, Norway; SKF, CAR, Romania; Sweden; VAACS, Switzerland and ALAC, USA. Robert Leopold, Honorary member; Martin Wragg and Ian Alderson (Appeals & Discipline Commissions).
1.3	Information A small show from JMA for thanking the Federations for their help the victims from the earthquake will be presented.
1.4	Quorum and majority. Scrutineers: Carlos Teixeira, Txomin Uriarte, Robin Bakes
	Nico de Jong (General Secretary) announced that 56 members were present. The Quorum was 32 and thus the majority was 17 for General Issues, and 2/3 majority for changes of the Statutes was 22. For financial issues the Quorum is 151 and the majority is 76.

1.5	<i>Changes and approval of the Agenda</i> Item 5.1 and 5.2 can be dropped.
	► The Agenda was approved by 29 votes.
2 Minutes of the General Assembly held on 9 Oct 2010 in Bormio	
	Changes: none proposed.
	► The minutes were approved by 32 votes (and 1 abstention).
3 Report by the President	
	No comments were proposed on this report.
	► The President's Report was approved by unanimously.
4 Report by the Office	
	For all details see Office report and page web: http://www.theuiaa.org/office_staff.html
	► No comments.
5. Finance (Jan Bønding)	
5.1	<i>Accounts 2010</i>
	The actual income is 471'003 CHF and the expenditure is 590'751 CHF. The total loss for 2010 amounts to 119,748 CHF. The main reasons are the oversight of staff social charges, currency discrepancy, travel costs and loss of sponsors.
5.2	<i>Recommendations by the Management Committee</i>
	The MC has decided last May to have an internal audit on expense claims. The auditors concluded that there was no sign of fraud or violation of Swiss law but internal regulations were not always followed. The MC recommended that more follow – up is undertaken from now on and to accept the accounts.
5.3	<i>Auditors' Report and discharge to the Board</i>
	The Auditors' Report was reported by Jan Bønding.
	Vote to approve the Annual Accounts and to give discharge to the Board. Against 0; Abstentions 11; For: 139 ► The Annual Accounts 2010 and discharge of the Board were approved.
5.4	<i>Current financial position and forecast for 2011</i>
	The total income budgeted is 433'500 CHF and expenses 490'270 CHF. Some membership fees are still not paid. Expenses shall be reduced and total loss is expected to amount to around 35'000 CHF at the end of the year.

	Jordi explained that this forecast was conservative.
5.5	<i>Presentation and approval of the Budget for 2012</i>
	Total income forecast is 423'000 CHF and expenses 414'396 CHF. The loss would amount to 8'604 CHF. There is a 10 % contingency.
	Peter Muir, ACC would like to know about the differences with the 2011 and 2012 and sought assurance that the development budget will be realistic. The Training Standards budget (ar.18'000 CHF) was presented as an example of how each projected expense item has been estimated and checked in advance. These changes reflects the discussion during last MC meeting in May and the recommendations from MC.
	Jordi Colomer asked the Assembly to approve the budget 2012. The objective is to work in close cooperation with the WG and commissions in order to reduce as much as possible the expenses. This will be the Board priority and as well as to keep the MC informed. A group from MC to help with the financial issues is formed in order to follow the evolution.
	Vote to approve the Budget 2012. Against 0; Abstentions 11. For: 139 ▶ The budget 2012 is approved.

6. UIAA Commissions

6.1	<i>Information UIAA commissions reform & project management by Silvio Calvi (Executive Board)</i>
	Thanked all commissions' presidents for their help. MC decided that the UIAA has to enforce the commissions' regulations and to drop non- active Commission members.
6.2	<i>Commissions' reports</i>
	<i>(for full details, please refer to Commissions' reports in the meeting documents).</i>
6.2.1	<i>Access by Juan (vice-president)</i>
	Best practice information web project: information has been added since last year. Juan encouraged federations to contact the access commission (jjastur@terra.es), should they wish to upload information on the UIAA website. Online Climbing Access Worldwide resource: the idea is to provide national access information from the federations. Access Com contacted the federations but so far only 8 answers received. Juan asked for more involvement. The office will send a reminder to

	<p>federations.</p> <p>Commission membership is increasing as well as cooperation with external experts (Kika Bradford from Access Pan Am). The commission works furthermore with the Mountain protection Commission (integrated online information resources on access and mountain protection)</p> <p>National Issues supported by the Commission: South Africa and Czech Rep.</p> <p>Next meeting November in Bergamo June 2012 in Chile and Lisbon 2012 and Sweden 2013.</p>
<p>6.2.2</p>	<p><i>Medical by Buddha Basnyat (president)</i></p>
	<p>Buddha announced that his mandate as Commission President has ended and that a new president will be elected in next Medical meeting in Sweden. President and vice president will be officially confirmed on next MC meeting.</p> <p>Diploma in Mountain Medicine: Medical Mountain Medical Society of Nepal, course in medical studies. First diploma course in Everest region with international participants. First time to award this mountain diploma course in Nepal.</p> <p>A new course also has been created in Japan.</p> <p>At present there are 3500 doctors and 13 different courses. Although not UIAA members, Germany and Austria are very active.</p> <p>Online Information on UIAA website: recommendations for mountaineers: There is a forum of international medical doctors specialised in mountain medicine. Control trials studies exchanged: website of UIAA displays a lot of information on medical issue. New additions of papers were added.</p> <p>Next meeting meeting in Pule, Sweden from 18-23 October.</p>
<p>6.2.3</p>	<p><i>Mountaineering by Pierre Humblet (President)</i></p>
	<p>Three meetings: Moscow (November 2010), Bern (April 2011) and Arco, Italy (Sept 2011) issues: techniques and legal</p> <p>Training standards: new procedures put in place, code of conduct for moderators and trainers adopted, and redaction of regulations is going on.</p> <p>Cooperation with Petzl foundation in the needs and funds necessary for implementing training programmes. Agreement with Petzl foundation, NMA and MountCom will be signed today.</p> <p>Preparation of a memento (trekking, climbing and alpine mountaineering).</p> <p>Accidents Statistics project on-going: intermediary report was presented and work on UIAA lexicon and medcom definitions.</p> <p>Legal experts WG elected new chairman: <i>Javier EZEIZABARRENA</i>. Will work</p>

	<p>with the office on Insurance issues.</p> <p>Next meeting (spring 2012) in Serbia (PSS).</p> <p>Other events: ASSISES DE L'APINISME: UIAA participation in meeting and translation of documents.</p> <p>Steve Long (Chairman of the Training Standards Working group):</p> <p>The TS work on a voluntary basis, by request only. Federations design their training programs, resources available on demand. Non-prescriptive quality assurance system based on internationally agreed good practice.</p> <p>UIAA has to be base for information and place of exchange of information.</p> <p>Develop communication with federations and UIAA committees</p> <p>Share best practices, medical , environment, best practices</p> <p>Phase 1 online database with registration system online</p> <p>Phase 2: international training services</p>
<p>6.2.4</p>	<p>Mountain Protection by Linda McMillan (President)</p>
	<p>Mountain Protection Information online resource: Cooperation with access commission. Database additions from different federations – example: Teaching resource kit for mountain countries (teaching children).</p> <p>Mountain Protection Label Project: Finalisation of the Regulations document (explaining the aim, the process, the assessment criteria etc..). Tentative presentation for approval at the next Executive Board meeting in November.</p> <p>Phase1 (2012): a group of pioneers will be selected to test the MP Label process for 12 months. Phase 2 (from 2013) will be open to all.</p> <p>Cooperation with external organisations is also foreseen.</p> <p>Next Commission meeting : tbc</p>
<p>6.2.5</p>	<p>Safety by Jean-Franck Charlet (President)</p>
	<p>This year the Annual Plenary session took place in May 2011, in Yverdon, Switzerland and gathered 12 national delegates and more than 40 manufacturers.</p> <p>Situation in 2011:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturer annual membership fee increased from 300 to 400 euros; • Label fees increased from 20 to 30 euro per label; • TOTAL income: 110,000 CHF (about 25% of the all UIAA budget); • Nearly 60 manufacturers from all over the world and more than 1900 labels. <p>The 19 working groups (manufacturers, laboratories and commission delegates) put their efforts on improving the actual UIAA standards:</p>

	<p>1. Harnesses: new test to take into account the fall head first in a sit harness</p> <p>2. Energy Absorbing system for via ferrata: definition of a new set for light weight persons</p> <p>3. Ropes: three areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • capacity to hold on a sharp edge: new test method proposed by CAI • dry coating: new test method to evaluate the water-proof criteria of a rope; • middle and end marking of ropes <p>4. Carabiners: Research on Alternative axis testing and Bending test.</p> <p>5. Ice tools: The two categories basic and technical are cancelled. Two new categories created: Ice tool type 1 for snow and ice (even extreme ice) and Ice tool type 2 for snow ice and rock (dry tooling).</p> <p>6. Bolts: the Commission does research on problem of corrosion in tropical marine atmosphere (sea cliff climbing in tropical areas). Study of the stress cracking corrosion (SCC) was conducted. New materials to be required in this type of environment.</p> <p>7. Braking devices: The UIAA braking device is the first standard ever published on this equipment. There are two categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual braking device (tubes, figure of eight, plates...) • Hand assisted locking braking device (grigri, eddy, cinch, sum, etc...). <p>Furthermore, there are new standards in preparation since one year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snow pickets • Crash pads • Lanyard for self-belaying • Via ferrata building recommendations
<p>6.2.6</p>	<p><i>Youth by Anne Arran (President)</i></p>
	<p>Global Youth Summits events organised:</p> <p>In 2010, 8 events with more than 28 countries participating and in 2011 five events with 14 countries.</p> <p>The finalisation of an Events' guidelines/handbook and common insurance policy are the two key issues to be addressed, in order to organise more events in the future.</p> <p>The Strategic Plan Survey was very useful as it pointed out that 36% of Federations' activities is involved in Youth area.</p> <p>The Commission is also preparing the design and plan the future activities in 2013-2016 for ARISF funding.</p> <p>Materials for training support (videos, interviews) were produced.</p> <p>Cooperation with the Training Standards Working Group regarding certification</p>

	<p>and training possibilities.</p> <p>With the agreement UIAA-Peace and sport, the commission hopes to develop future cooperation with this organisation.</p>
6.2.7	<i>Ice Climbing by Pavel Shabalin (President)</i>
	<p>Season 2011 went fine. 2011: 4 events (one in Korea for the first time), 210 athletes from 24 countries took part. Korea for first time prepared new judges and a route setters' team.</p> <p>Cooperation with Anti-doping Com during the events was perfect. No positive results were found out.</p> <p>In spring, a meeting with organisers, commission, office and board was organised in Bern, Switzerland. In 2012, a new event will take place in France. An event training course for judges and route setters will be organised for the preparation of this event. For the first time translation of competitions will be organised.</p> <p>Future applications pending: North America (2013) as well as Australia.</p> <p>The next activities and efforts of the Commission will be to: in accordance with the Strategic Plan raise sponsorship, increase the number of athletes and competitions, increase media coverage on international level.</p> <p>In World Games Sochi 2014: presentation of ice climbing on a vertical wall.</p> <p>Interest for the sport is still growing. Symposium organised on 7th gathered a good number of people and federations are encouraged to organise ice climbing events. It is important to think about and support the young generation. They start first in ice climbing activities to go after in the mountains and become mountaineers.</p>
Break	<p>Intervention of the new president of JMA Mr. Kanzaki about the help of federations following the tsunami. The JMA representative thanked to them.</p>
6.2.8	<i>Anti-Doping by Nenad Dikic (President)</i>
	<p>The commission focuses on two activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropometric tests on ice climbers, • Out of competition testing and outreach educational program in ice climbing in order to develop anti-doping standards and protocols and to increase federations and climbers' awareness to doping issues.
6.2.9	<i>Discipline & Appeals Commissions</i>
	<p>There were no procedures to report.</p>
6.3.1	<i>Working group presentation on Expedition activities by Mark Richey</i>
	<p>Expedition working group was re-established in Bormio by Jordi Colomer, Mark Richey, Doug Scott, Frits Vrijlandt and Buddha Basnyat. Strong enrollment from the Himalayan host countries encouraged the decision.</p> <p>Symposium on 7th gathered representatives from Pakistan, Nepal and India</p>

	<p>who presented different aspects of the expeditions’ issues in their countries. The speakers (Shri Chewang Motup Goba from Rimo Expeditions, Nepal; Mr. Ang Tshering Sherpa from Asian Trekking (P)Ltd; delegate from Ministry of Tourism Nepal) were invited if they wish to become members of the working group.</p> <p>The working group’s objectives are focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better collaboration between host Himalayan countries and UIAA members; • Encourage opening of new and closed areas; • Create better, more efficient search and rescue models; • Improve permit procedures for expeditions; • Reduce fees for young climbers and small, light-weight expeditions; • Encourage the fair treatment of local guides and high altitude porters • Examine the environmental impact of large commercial expeditions compared to small independent expeditions. <p>The Working group will collaborate with the Access commission in terms of information displayed on the website. The idea is to develop as soon as possible an Online website proposing comparative tables showing current fees, permit procedures and other pertinent information with opportunity for member interaction.</p>
<p>6.3.2</p>	<p><i>Working Group on Traditional Values, by Doug Scott</i></p>
	<p>There was a good reaction of federation on the whole. 13 of them replied and send information about their drilling policies. The original document (To bolt or not to be) is currently under review and shall be finalised hopefully in 2012.</p> <p>Other questions are pending: Is “Traditional Climbing” the most appropriate word to use? Could the terms “self-responsible climbing”, “pure climbing” or “natural climbing” be more adequate?</p> <p>What are the possibilities to create in some cases “heritage crags”?</p>
	<p>W. Putnam’s suggestion: to introduce awards on the activities mentioned and encourage funding research.</p> <p>Jose Basto, CNM: there is a need to respect younger generations and for other challenges in the future.</p>

Announcement from Peter Farkas	Communication matters: the Annual report 2011 will be sent after the GA to Federations. Efforts will be put also in order to integrate communication tools more visible on the website, to help federations and disseminate information up to individuals.
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7. Elections

7.1	Introduction and procedure
	<p>About the elections' process (by Nico): every 4 years all MC members and half EB are elected. In 2012 will be elections. In EB there is one vacancy because of one resignation.</p> <p>The Board has advised not to fill in this vacancy for 1 year. The GA will decide. Due to last meetings events (EB and MC), the board will be composed of 5 people and from January 2012, of 3 members (Nico, Jordi and Peter). The MC will support the office and the Board until October 2012. This explains the no candidate/no election. The GA can decide to vote on candidates from the floor but that would require a 2/3 majority vote of the GA.</p> <p>Nico de Jong referred to the document that was submitted for this agenda item.</p> <p>Regarding the MC, all members shall be re-elected in 2012.</p> <p>Currently there are two vacancies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ one for South America's representative (pending since 2008); ▪ one seat vacant due to Stefano Tirinzoni's death. <p>The NMA will propose a new candidate in 2012.</p> <p><u>Comments:</u></p> <p>P Muir: cf. articles 18 and 20 in the UIAA Articles of Association: members of the Executive Board and consequences due to resignation of President.</p> <p><i>Nico: We can wait for 2012 to elect new EB member. There won't be any additional GA.</i></p> <p>Franck Urs Müller: The board members will decide internally about their duties. The Board thinks that 3 persons are enough. MC will help so that all is handled up to next GA in 2012.</p> <p><i>José Basto: From Jan to October 2012, this must be an interim board, with no counter-sign for the UIAA and no change in major decisions.</i></p> <p>George Elzière: the Board is not in charge of political decisions. Between the GA the MC will take care of political issues.</p> <p><i>Jordi Colomer: the Board will concentrate efforts on financial issues. There may not be the capacity for all issues. However the MC agrees to help.</i></p>
7.2	Election new candidate for EB
	▶ No elections.

7.3	<i>Election of Management committee (South America and General)</i>
	<p>Candidates: Pier Giorgio Oliveti, CAI and Sebastian de la Cruz , FASA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Sebastian de la Cruz (FASA) is elected in category (h) for South America. ▶ Pier Giorgio Oliveti (CAI) in the category (i) is elected unanimously.

8. UIAA Strategic Plan

8.1	<i>Update (Silvio Calvi)</i>
	<p>A special thank to the core and beta groups and a special thanks to Icksang Roh (for the survey) and Charles Giroud.</p> <p>The Survey was distributed and presented in MC in Paris. After that strategic operational objectives were drafted and the document has been distributed at the GA.</p> <p>The Strategic Plan 2012-2014 is based on resources available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Next Actions: MC will decide on which of the 24 objectives we can focus (maximum 5-6). Replies will be distributed to the MC for further steps. ▶ The federations will be asked to send their comments on the Strategic Plan proposed to the Management Committee.

9. UIAA Articles of Association amendments

9.1	<i>Art. 9e Honorary membership</i>
	<p>In last MC meeting it was discussed that the unanimity requirement was a very high criteria. The proposal is to require 90% of the votes in favour in order to be elected as Honorary member.</p>
	<p>Comments:</p> <p>George Elzière: Honorary Membership must remain exceptional. Against the proposal.</p> <p><i>Peter Farkas: agrees this should be exceptional. There are HM of various types, mountaineers and bureaucrats. We should not forget this part. This exceptionality can ruin an election by personal dislike. 90% is a convincing majority.</i></p> <p>William Putnam: what is the reason of this discussion? So far, no guidelines exist. Articles of Association have to be changed first.</p> <p><i>José Basto: The proposal for Honorary Membership must be self-evident, we don't need more guidelines. Let's keep the requirement unanimous.</i></p> <p>MC has approved these guidelines. Will be circulated shortly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A motion was presented to postpone this issue until the guidelines for

	Honorary membership, approved by the MC on 6 th October 2011, will have been circulated to the federations.
	<p>► Vote: 12 in favour, 9 abstentions, 11 against</p> <p>The motion has passed so the issue will be postponed.</p>
9.2	Art. 12g MC members: 3 representatives from the 5 biggest federations
	<p>MC is the integration of the old 'Council' and Executive Board. The number of seats was felt to be too much in favour of the Board. Besides, the system with 3 seats for the biggest 5 federations was felt to be too complicated. The change proposed would allow to go back to 5 seats for the 5 largest federations.</p> <p>Motion: to postpone the vote on changes on article 12 until the next GA meeting</p>
	<p>► Election vote: 25 in favour, 1 abstentions and 6 against</p> <p>The motion is carried (so the vote is postponed).</p>
9.2	Art. 13 (BMC proposal)
	<p>Limiting maximum term to 4 years for the President.</p> <p>New motion regarding article 13.3: MC members except for the president are eligible for re-election for two further consecutive terms.</p> <p>Second motion: all MC members</p>
	<p>► Election vote: 26 in favour, 3 abstentions and 3 against</p> <p>The motion is carried</p>

10. Membership issues

10.1	Admission of new members
	<p>General Secretary Nico de Jong presented the document with the applications that had been distributed with the meeting documents.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <p>CMLA, Czech Mountain Leader Association, Czech Republic as an Observer Member. Don't come for financial reasons. They are focused on training standards.</p> <p>Votes: in favour 26; Against 2; Abstentions 4. Motion carried.</p> <p>► CMLA is admitted to the UIAA from 1.01.2012.</p> <p>CAAL, Clube de Actividades de Ar Livre, Portugal</p> <p>Votes: For 28; Against 0; Abstentions 4. Motion carried.</p> <p>► CAAL is admitted as an Observer Member to the UIAA from 1.01.2012.</p> <p>KMAF, Kosovo mountaineering and climbing federations, Kosovo</p> <p>Votes: in favour 23; Against 3; Abstentions 6. Motion carried.</p>

	<p>► KMAF is admitted to the UIAA as a full member from 1.01.2012.</p> <p>4. NMI, Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, India Votes: in favour 22; Against 2; Abstentions 8. Motion carried. ► NMI is admitted to the UIAA as an associate member from 1.01.2012.</p>
10.2	<i>Non payment by members</i>
	<p>The following members have still not paid their membership fees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Andorra: <i>Federacio Andorrana de Muntanyisme</i>, FAM 2. Canada: <i>Ecole nationale d'escalade du Québec</i>, ENEQ 3. Cyprus: <i>Mountaineering and Climbing Federation of Cyprus</i>, KOMOAA 4. Dominican Rep.: <i>Asociacion Dominicana de Escalada y Montanismo</i>, ADEM 5. Hungary: <i>Magyar Sportturisztikai Szövetség</i>, MSTSZ 6. India: <i>Indian Mountaineering Foundation</i>, IMF 7. Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: <i>Macedonian Mountain Sport Federation</i>, MMSF 8. Luxembourg: <i>Fédération luxembourgeoise d'escalade, de randonnée sportive et d'alpinisme</i>, FLERA 9. Mexico: <i>Federación Mexicana de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada</i>, FMDME 10. Mongolia: <i>National Mountaineering Federation</i>, NMF 11. Portugal: <i>Federação Portuguesa de Montanhismo e Escalada</i>, FPME 12. Turkey: <i>Turkyie Dagcilik Federasyonu</i>, TDF 13. Observer: <i>Union internationale des associations de guides de montagne</i>, UIAGM
10.3	<i>Departure of members</i>
	none
10.4	<i>Honorary members elections</i>
	<p>Two candidates proposed: Ang Tshering Sherpa (NMA): Not accepted. Ian Mc Naught Davies (BMC): Not accepted.</p>

11. Future General Assemblies

11.1	General Assembly in October 6th 2012 in Amsterdam, Netherlands, hosted by the NKBV
	▶ Location is confirmed
11.2	General Assembly in 2013
	▶ Proposition of the SAC to organise GA in Pontresina, Switzerland accepted
11.3	Future locations after 2014
	▶ Proposition of the GA in Chile. FASA will send an invitation letter.

12. Any other business

	<p>Jordi thanked Jan Bonding and MC members for their work and put forward his confidence about the future support provided.</p> <p>Dave Jones: thanked the work of Jan Bonding, Silvio Calvi and of Mike Mortimer.</p> <p>Unanimous thank to the NMA for its generous hospitality and smooth organization of the meetings.</p>
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The Chairman, Jordi Colomer, thanked the organisers and all the delegates for their hard work and closed the meeting at 17:45.

Minute-taker Valérie Thöni

Chairman President, Jordi COLOMER

Approved by the General Assembly at its meeting in Amsterdam, Netherlands on 13th October 2012