

MINUTES

UIAA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, October 2007

M Wing, Matsumoto, Japan

6th October 2007, 08:30 – 18:00

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

Argentina	FASA	Federacion Argentina de Ski y Andinismo	Joan GARRIGOS y Toro (proxy)
Austria	VAVOE	Verband Alpiner Vereine Österreichs	Franz KASSEL
Austria	OeAV	Österreichischer Alpenverein	Franz KASSEL (proxy)
Belgium	CAB-BAC	Club Alpin Belge / Belgischer Alpenclub	Marc VAN DE WALLE
Belgium	BVSF	Vlaamse Bergsport en Spelologiefederatie	Tuur CEULEERS
Bulgaria	BCMF	Bulgarian Climbing and Mountaineering Federation	Alena CEPELKOVÁ (proxy)
Canada	ACC	Alpine Club of Canada	Cameron ROE
Chile	FEACH	Federacion de Andinismo de Chile	Joan GARRIGOS y Toro (proxy)
China	CMA	Chinese Mountaineering Association	Guowei LI
Chinese Taipei	CTAA	Chinese Taipei Alpine Association	Chang-Hsien HSIEH
Chinese Taipei	CTMA	Chinese Taipei Mountaineering Association	Chu-Hsien WENG
Croatia	HPS	Mountaineering Association of Croatia	Jan ELLEBY (proxy)
Czech Republic	CMF	Czech Mountaineering Federation	Alena CEPELKOVÁ
Denmark	DB	Dansk Bjergklub / Danish Mountain Club	Jan ELLEBY
Denmark	DCF	Danish Climbing Federation	Jan ELLEBY (proxy)
France	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpins et de Montagne	Patrick LAMARQUE
France	FFME	Fédération Française de la Montagne et de l'Escalade	Pierre YOU
Germany	DAV	Deutscher Alpenverein	Heinz RÖHLE
Great Britain	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	Mark VALLANCE
Great Britain	TAC	The Alpine Club	Ian McNAUGHT-DAVIS
Greece	EOOA	Hellenic Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing	Dimitris GEORGOULIS
Hong Kong, China	HKMU	Hong Kong Mountaineering Union	Ping-yu CHANG
Hong Kong, China	HKSCU	Hong Kong Sports Climbing Union,	Kwok Kit CHING
Hungary	MHSSz	Magyar Hegy- és Sportmászó Szövetség / Hungarian Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association	Michael PUPEZA (proxy)
India	IMF	Indian Mountaineering Foundation	N.N. VOHRA
Indonesia	FPTI	Federasi Panjat Tebing Indonesia	Abdi Nefo GINTING
Iran	I.R.IMF	I.R. Iran Mountaineering Federation	Mahmoud SHOAEI
Ireland	MCI	Mountaineering Council of Ireland	Mark VALLANCE (proxy)
Italy	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	Silvio CALVI

Italy	FA SI	Federazione Arrampicata Sportiva Italiana	Ariano AMICI
Italy	FISI	Federazione Italiana Sport Invernali	Armando MARIOTTA
Japan	JMA	Japan Mountaineering Association	Fumio TANAKA
Kazakhstan	MC FRK	Mountaineering and Climbing Federation of Republic of Kazakhstan	Tatyana SALAMAKHINA
Korea	CAC	Corean Alpine Club	Dongsik CHO
Korea	KAF	Korean Alpine Federation	Jaemin Kim
Liechtenstein	LAV	Liechtensteiner Alpenverein	Frank-Urs MÜLLER (proxy)
Mexico	FMDME	Federación Mexicana de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada, A.C.	Alfredo VELAZQUEZ
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	Marek WIERZBOWSKI
Portugal	CNM	Clube Nacional de Montanhismo S.R. Norte	José A. BASTO
Portugal	FPME	Federação Portuguesa de Montanhismo e Escalada	José A. BASTO
Romania	CAR	Clubul Alpin Roman	Michael PUPEZA
Russia	CFR	Climbing Federation of Russia	Dmitri BYCHKOV
Russia	RMF	Russian Mountaineering Federation	Andrei VOLKOV
Serbia	PSS	Mountaineering Association of Serbia - Planinarski savez Srbije	Blagoje DOBROTA
Singapore	SMF	Singapore Mountaineering Federation	Seck Hong YIP
Slovakia	SMU JAMES	Slovak Alpinist Union	Alena CEPELKOVÁ (proxy)
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
Spain	FEEC	Federació d'Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya	Antoni Joan FONTDEVILA
Spain	EMF	Euskal Mendizale Federazioa / Basque Mountaineering Federation	Arantza JAUSORO
Sweden	SKF	Svenska Klätterförbundet / Swedish Climbing Association	Jan ELLEBY (proxy)
Switzerland	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	Frank-Urs MÜLLER
Turkey	TDF	Turkiye Dacilik Federasyonu	Alaattin KARACA
USA	AAC	American Alpine Club	Mark RICHEY

Candidates for Membership

Cyprus	KOMOA	Cyprus Federation for Mountaineering and Climbing	Michalis IOANNIDES
Cyprus	KOMOA	Cyprus Federation for Mountaineering and Climbing	Pavlos GEORGIADIS

Council members

Korea	CAC	Corean Alpine Club	Chung-Hyung NAM
Russia	CFR	Climbing Federation of Russia	Yury SKURLATOV

Board and Staff

President	Mike MORTIMER
Vice-President	Jordi COLOMER
Secretary General & Treasurer	Jan BONDING
Member	Paola GIGLIOTTI
Member	Nico DE JONG
Member	Zhixin LI
Member & Editor UIAA Journal	Peter FARKAS
Honorary Vice-President	Hee-Sung MOON
Executive Director	Judith SAFFORD
Administrative Assistant	Martina AMREIN

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Access & Conservation	President	Robert PETTIGREW
Anti-Doping	President	Jordi CANALS
Expedition	President	Renato MORO
Ice Climbing Competition	President	Carlos TEIXEIRA
Mountaineering	President	Pierre HUMBLET
Safety	President	Jean-Franck CHARLET
Youth	President	Anne ARRAN

ISMC Ski Mountaineering

President	Lluís LOPEZ LEIRO
Secretary General	Josep CASTELLET
Vice-President	Pierre DOLLO
Member	David DORNIAN

Other Participants

Canada	ACC	Accompanying person to Cameron ROE	David DORNIAN
Chinese Taipei	CTAA	Accompanying person to Chang-Hsien HSIEH	Wei-Chi HUANG
Chinese Taipei	CTMA	Accompanying person to Chu Hsien WENIG	De Shiung HUANG
Chinese Taipei	CTMA	Accompanying person to Chu Hsien WENIG	I Yuan HWANG
Chinese Taipei	CTMA	Accompanying person to Chu Hsien WENIG	Cheng Hsiang HUANG
Chinese Taipei	CTMA	Accompanying person to Chu Hsien WENIG	Ching Chang CHEN
Chinese Taipei	CTMA	Accompanying person to Chu Hsien WENIG	Yung-Chih TING
Chinese Taipei	CTMA	Accompanying person to Chu Hsien WENIG	Sheng Hsiung CHEN
France	FFME	Directeur Technique National	Pierre-Henri PAILLASSON
Germany	DAV	Sport Director	Wolfgang WABEL
Greece	EOOA	Interpreter accompanying Dimitris GEORGOULIS	Aristeidis KONTOGEOORGIS
India	IMF	Vice President, Accompanying person to N.N. VOHRA	Harbhajan Singh CHAUHAN
Iran	I.R.IMF	Foreign Secretary	Homayoun BAKHTIYARI
Iran	I.R.IMF	Public Affairs	Hossien REZAEI
Italy	CAI	Accompanying person to Silvio Calvi	Paola Peila
Italy	FISI	Accompanying person to Armando Mariotta	Lorenzo CONZI
Korea	KAF	Accompanying person to Jaemin Kim	Tae-Sam KIM
Korea	KAF	Accompanying person to Jaemin Kim	Han-kyu YOO
Korea	CAC	Accompanying person to Dongsik CHO	Yu Keun BYUN
Nepal	NMA	Accompanying person to Ang Tshering SHERPA	Zimbu Zangbu SHERPA
Nepal	NMA	Accompanying person to Ang Tshering SHERPA	Deebas Bikram SHAH
Nepal	NMA	Accompanying person to Ang Tshering SHERPA	Narahari BHANDARI
Nepal	NMA	Accompanying person to Ang Tshering SHERPA	Khadananda DHAKAL
Nepal	NMA	Accompanying person to Ang Tshering SHERPA	Dinesh Hari ADHIKARI
Poland	PZA	PZA Board member	Tomasz KUGLER
Poland	PZA	Vice-President	Piotr XIESKI
Russia	RMF	Executive director	Aleksey OVCHINNIKOV
Singapore	SMF	Accompanying person to Seck Hong YIP	Anthony Wang Leng SEAH
Spain	EMF	Anti-doping commission member	Borja OSES
Spain	FEEC	Treasurer	Remigi BRESKO
Spain	FEDME	Technical Director	Lluís Giner ARNABAT
Spain	FEDME	Vice-President	Jordi PONS SANJINÉS
Spain	EMF	Accompanying person to A. Jausoro / Mountaineering commission member	Txomin URIARTE
Turkey	TDF	Accompanying person to Alaattin KARACA	Huseyin EFE
Turkey	TDF	Mountaineering Commission member	Nejat AKINCI
USA	AAC	Accompanying person to M. RICHEY	Anne-Worley BAUKNIGHT

USA	AAC	Access Commission member	Linda McMILLAN
USA		Chief Climbing Ranger, Denali National Park	Roger ROBINSON
	IFSC	International Federation of Sport Climbing, President	Marco Scolaris
	IFSC	International Federation of Sport Climbing, Secretary General	Reindert Lenselink
	IFSC	International Federation of Sport Climbing, Vice-President	Alexander Piratinsky

Member Federations Excused or Absent

Andorra	FAM	Federació Andorrana de Muntanyisme
Australia	SCA	Sport Climbing Australia Inc.
Bosnia - Herzegovina	PSBH	Mountaineering Union of Bosnia - Herzegovina
Brazil	CBME	Confederação Brasileira de Montanhismo e Escalada
Canada	FQME	Fédération Québécoise de la Montagne et de l'Escalade
Canada	ENEQ	Ecole Nationale de l'Escalade du Québec
Ecuador	FEDAN	Ecuadorian Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing Sports
Finland	FCA	Finnish Climbing Association
Georgia	MCAG	Mountaineering and Climbing Association of Georgia
Guatemala	FNAG	Federación Nacional de Andinismo de Guatemala
Hungary	MSTSZ	Magyar Sportturisztikai Szövetség
Israel	IOSC	Israeli Organization of Sport Climbing
Italy	AVS	Alpenverein Südtirol
Lithuania	LMA	Lithuanian Mountaineering Association
Luxembourg	FLERA	Fédération Luxembourgeoise d'Escalade, de Randonnée Sportive et d'Alpinisme
F.Y.R. of Macedonia	MMSF	Macedonian Mountain Sports Federation
Malaysia	PMM	Mountaineering Association of Malaysia
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.
Portugal	FCMP	Federação de Campismo e Montanhismo de Portugal / Federation of Camping and Mountaineering of Portugal
Romania	FRAE	Federatia Romana de Alpinism si Escalada / Romanian Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing
Serbia	SCFS	Sportclimbing Federation of Serbia
Slovenia	PZS	Alpine Association of Slovenia
Spain	CEC	Centre Excursionista de Catalunya
Switzerland	VAACS	Vereinigung Akademischer Alpenclubs der Schweiz
Ukraine	UMF	Ukrainian Mountaineering Federation
USA	ALAC	Alaskan Alpine Club
Venezuela	FEVME	Federación Venezolana de Montañismo y Escalada

Chair: Mike MORTIMER, President

Minutes: Judith SAFFORD, Executive Director

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1 Call to order and Welcome by the President

UIAA President Mike Mortimer opened the meeting at 9:10 and thanked the Japanese Mountaineering Association for hosting the GA. He welcomed the Federation members, Council, Commission Presidents, Board, the new member candidates from Cyprus, and special guests Tadao Kanzaki and Tomatsu Nakamura.

He excused the members not able to attend and commemorated past UIAA officers by asking the assembly to stand in silence for a moment.

The scutineers Dave Dornian, Lluís Giner, Homayoun Bakhtiyari, Wai Ming Henry, Jordi Canals and Yoshio Ogaba were appointed unanimously.

The meeting is attended by 58 representatives or proxies, of whom 44 have full voting rights. There are 75 votes for general issues and 202 votes for financial matters. Thus the voting Quora are as follows:

- **Absolute Majority for general issues: 38; for financial issues: 102**
- **Two-thirds majority for general issues: 50**

The proposed changes to the Agenda are approved with 62 votes in favour, 0 votes against, and 3 abstentions.

7. UIAA restructuring: UIAA and Olympism to be moved forward to first item

11. Information items – new item 11.7: FAO and EcoTourism

14. Any other business: Two items: Information on Waste removal in Denali National Park; AAC international climbing meet.

2 Minutes of the General Assembly held on 14 Oct 2006 in Banff

There were no remarks concerning the minutes.

Vote to approve the Minutes: For 65, Against 0, Abstentions 0

- **The Minutes were unanimously approved.**

3 Report by the President

Mike Mortimer reported on the year's events since his election in Banff one year ago: the separation of the IFSC, which was completed by April this year.

the new website as a centre for common knowledge.

a series of meetings related to the Competitive Sports and the Olympic movement and the UIAA's commitment to the Olympic Charter.

the working group formed by Silvio Calvi to draft new Statutes and reform the UIAA.

Commission reform, which presents an opportunity for those members outside Europe to participate in the UIAA.

important documents produced by the UIAA in the past related to good practice in the mountains, which the UIAA should re-examine and use to create a map of the UIAA's

future activities.

the rapid development of the safety Label with new opportunities created by the affiliation of REI, the largest outdoor retailer in the world, to the Safety Label. This will create a massive new interest in the Safety Label.

and the biggest changes, which had taken place in the head office in Bern run by Executive Director, Judith Safford.

He believed that the last years had been preoccupied with an internal struggle concerning the position of Competition climbing. This conflict was now past and the UIAA must rebuild itself. The foundations have been made.

To close he proposed as the first non-European UIAA President, that more non Europeans get involved.

Jan Bønding asked for approval of the President's Report.

In favour 65, against 0, abstentions 0.

➤ **The President's report is approved unanimously.**

4 Report by the Executive Director

Judith Safford reported with a ppt presentation on the work done by the office in the past year, including the contribution of internship students, exemplified by the EcoSport project with the Youth Commission on Environmentally sustainable event management.

5. Finance (Jan Bønding)

5.1 Accounts 2006

Jan Bønding presented the annual accounts with income and expenses and the Balance sheet. The UIAA profit and loss accounts produced a surplus in 2006 of CHF 9'398. Total capital increased accordingly to CHF 321'784. Total assets on 31.12.06 were CHF 401'655.

5.2 Recommendations by the Council to accept the accounts 2006

The Council recommended the GA to accept the accounts 2006 at its May meeting in Chamonix.

There were no questions or comments.

5.3 Auditors' Report and discharge to the Board

The Auditors' Report was read to the Assembly by Jan Bønding.

Vote to approve the Annual Accounts and discharge the Board

For 161, Against 0, Abstentions 0.

➤ **The Accounts 2006 were approved and the Board was discharged.**

5.4 Current financial position and forecast for 2007

Jan Bønding presented the current financial position. There were no questions or comments.

5.5 Presentation and approval of the Budget for 2008

Jan Bønding presented the Budget 2008 with income and expenses. The budget predicts balanced accounts for 2008.

Silvio Calvi (CAI Italy) recommended that unplanned overspending of expenses should be presented to the Council and be officially sanctioned.

Mike Mortimer confirmed that the Board is aware of the issue and will take note.

Vote to approve the Budget 2008:

For 160, Against 0, Abstentions 0.

➤ **The Budget 2008 is unanimously approved.**

6 Separation of UIAA Climbing from the UIAA and founding of IFSC

6.1 Understanding with the IFSC

Mike Mortimer reported that the separation has been completed.

6.2 IFSC Logo

The Council has recommended the IFSC to consider a more distinctive logo, which reflects the IFSC more strongly.

7. UIAA restructuring

Mike Mortimer introduced the subject recalling the decision of the GA to allow Competitive Sports units to be part of the UIAA. The UIAA is the IOC recognised International Federation, but the Competitive Sports should have sufficient autonomy to pursue their activities in the best possible way.

He reported on a separate debate on the membership of the Olympic movement. A motion relating to Olympic movement presented by the DAV must be itemed first, because if it is accepted, then the draft Statutes must be reassessed.

7.1 UIAA and the Olympic movement

Mike Mortimer reported on the discussions in the Council of the previous day, and the rejection of the DAV motions.

He reported on the VAVOe motion to postpone approving the Statutes, which was recommended by the Council by 8 votes to 7.

The Calvi WG had met that morning to discuss these results. It believed that a postponement would seriously affect its ability to move forward to the second phase of its work. The President, Mike Mortimer, reminded the Assembly that it would be very difficult to continue the Reform work of the UIAA without the support of the Calvi WG, which had done a lot of work under difficult conditions.

7.1.1 Motions from the Deutscher Alpenverein (DAV) concerning recognition by the IOC

Heinz Rohle (DAV Germany) presented the first motion.

The UIAA withdraws from the IOC, resigns from its current status with the IOC and discontinues all efforts regarding any involvement of mountaineering becoming part of the Olympic Program, and further defines its profile as a mountaineering association.

The DAV is a member of the ISFC, runs competitions and supports the Olympic movement. However it feels that the Competition Sports and Mountaineering are different core activities. The UIAA should focus on Mountaineering and not govern

Competitive Sports.

Mike Mortimer commented that if the UIAA leaves the IOC, there would be no returning. Furthermore he emphasised that many Federations receive funding because they are a part of the Olympic movement.

In the discussion there were comments from Nahrinder Vohra (IMF India), Pierre Humblet (Mountaineering Commission President), Marc Van de Walle (CAB Belgium), Fumio Tanaka (JMA Japan), Franz Kassel (VAVOe Austria) Silvio Calvi (CAI Italy), Ian McNaught Davis (TAC Great Britain), Anne Arran (Youth Commission President), Lluís Lopez (President ISMC), Chung-Hyung Nam (Council member, South Korea), Andrej Volkov (RMF Russia) Lorenzo Conzi (Accompanying person to Mr Mariotta, FISI Italy), Josep Castellet (Secretary General ISMC), Pierre You (FFME France).

Heinz Rohle proposed to withdraw the DAV motion and replace it with a modified motion.

Frank Urs Muller (SAC Switzerland) called a point of order and believed as a Swiss lawyer that the motion has been presented, and can not now be altered.

Mike Mortimer called a vote on the first DAV motion:

For 6, Against 57, Abstentions 4

➤ **The first DAV motion is rejected.**

Heinz Röhle (DAV Germany) presented the second DAV motion.

The UIAA spends no more than 10% of its total annual budget and no more than 10% of its personnel and manpower for the objective IOC/Olympic Program

Mike Mortimer presented a table of the projected income and expenditure 2008 for Competition Sports, including staff expenses at the Bern office. The Board expected that expenditure for Competition Sports in 2008 would stay below 10% of resources and could therefore accept the motion. However the Council had rejected this motion by 4 to 12 votes.

After comments by Mark Vallance (BMC Great Britain), Michael Pupeza (CAR Romania) Lorenzo Conzi (Accompanying person to Mr Mariotta, FISI Italy), Roland Magg (MCSA South Africa) and Mark Richey (AAC USA) the second motion was put to the vote.

For 7, Against 63, Abstentions 3

➤ **The second DAV motion is rejected.**

7.1.2 Letter from the FFME concerning Olympism

Not discussed.

7.1.3 Clarification by the Board

Not required after the discussion above.

The Assembly adjourned for lunch.

7.2 **Report from the Calvi Working Group and presentation of the new proposed Articles of Association**

Mike Mortimer informed that the DAV delegate had presented a new motion.

Frank Urs Muller (SAC Switzerland) explained that according to the Articles of Association and Swiss law the Agenda had been approved under item 1.5 and can not now be altered, except if the Assembly decides under Any other business by 2/3 majority to discuss and decide upon a decision item. Therefore the DAV could present its motion under Any Other Business.

Silvio Calvi (CAI, Italy) reviewed the work of the Working Group as presented in his written report. The two most important changes were the creation of the Sports units for the Competition bodies and the governing of the UIAA through the Management Committee and the Executive Board.

Various issues will be addressed by the Calvi Working Group next year, in particular the membership fees, the voting rights, reform of the Commissions and the implementation of the UIAA Court.

Franz Kassel (VAVOe Austria) explained with a ppt presentation the position of the Austrian Federation concerning the new Statutes. It objected to the merging of Executive Board and Management Committee, as the supervisory function of the Board by the current Council would be lost. It also objected to the separation of the approval process into two parts at this and at the next General Assembly. The VAVOe also had further objections related to individual items of the Statutes.

Therefore the VAVOE proposed a postponement of the approval of the new statutes to the General Assembly 2008 and that the new Articles of Association should be submitted to the vote as a whole and not in two parts.

There were comments by Frank Urs Muller (SAC Switzerland) Nahrinder Vohra (IMF India), Jordi Colomer (UIAA Vice President) Armando Mariotta (FISI Italy), Mark Vallance (BMC Great Britain) Roland Magg (MCSA South Africa) Silvio Calvi (CAI, Italy).

Thereafter the Council recommendation on the VAVOe motion, as approved the previous day was submitted to the GA.

Franz Kassel (VAVOe) and Heinz Rohle (DAV) requested a secret ballot for the vote.

The Council proposes

- **postponing the approval of the new statutes to the General Assembly of 2007 until the General Assembly 2008 and**
- **asks the Calvi WG to work on the concerns expressed today.**

For 22, Against 52, Abstentions 0

➤ **The motion is rejected.**

7.3 Discussion of the work of the Calvi Working Group

Frank Urs Muller (SAC Switzerland) presented and explained the new structure of the UIAA, with the organisational changes, and the items that are unchanged (particularly voting rights and membership fees) because these should be discussed in a next phase.

Silvio Calvi (CAI Italy) presented some modifications, which were agreed by the Calvi WG. These will be presented when the final statutes are presented in detail for approval (Item 7.5.1).

7.4 Proposals for the continued work by the Calvi Working Group

7.4.1 Membership conditions and fees

7.4.2 Members' voting rights

7.4.3 Role and functions of the Commissions

7.4.4 The implementation of the UIAA Court

These four items were presented under item 7.2 by Silvio Calvi.

7.5 Proposals received concerning Voting Rights and Representation

7.5.1 Proposal 1 from the EMF concerning voting rights

Txomin Uriarte (accompanying person to Arantza Jausoro EMF Spain) recalled that the EMF presented 2 proposals to the GA. The ideas are related to the voting rights for the current members without voting rights and would mean changes to Article 5. The EMF would be happy to join in the future work of the Calvi WG, and withdrew the submitted motion.

Silvio Calvi (CAI Italy) confirmed that Article 5 will be re-examined.

7.5.2 Proposal 2 from the EMF to examine the character of current members without voting rights

The motion was withdrawn. See the comments on the EMF proposal 1 above.

7.5.3 Proposal from the Korean council member, Chung-Hyun Nam concerning the constitution of the Management Committee

Chung-Hyun Nam (Council member South Korea) presented his arguments related to changes in the numbers and constitution of the Management Committee.

7.5.4 Recommendations from the Calvi Working Group

Presented by Silvio Calvi under 7.2 above.

7.5.5 Votes

There were no votes on the proposals received under item 7.5.

7.6 Vote

7.6.1 Approval of the new Statutes

Silvio Calvi presented the new Statutes, in comparison with the old Statutes. The Statutes were projected on the screen.

He also explained the proposed changes following the discussion in the Council meeting

and which were approved by the working group.

Mike Mortimer introduced the page by page discussion of the whole statutes, in which the Delegates were requested to make concrete proposals for amendments to the items of the Statutes. These proposed changes would then be decided by vote (simple majority). The results of these proposals on individual items are recorded in detail in Annex 1.

There were opinions expressed without concrete proposals for amendments by José Basto (CNM Portugal) and Ian McNaught Davis (TAC Great Britain).

Ian McNaught Davis (TAC Great Britain) proposed a change to 3l. This was not voted upon.

Frank Urs Muller (SAC Switzerland) proposed a change to Article 5e.
For 62, Against 0, Abstentions 6. The proposal is accepted.

Lluís Lopez (ISMC President) proposed a change to Article 5e.
For 33, Against 11, Abstentions 22. The proposal is accepted.

François Lamarque (FFCAM France) proposed a change to Article 12c.
For 18; Against 49, Abstentions 3. The proposal is rejected.

François Lamarque (FFCAM France) proposed a change to Article 12g.
For 10, Against 40, Abstentions 10 The proposal is rejected.

Chung-Hyung Nam (Council member South Korea) proposed a change to Article 12h.
For 16, Against 40, Abstentions 15. The proposal is rejected.

Alfredo Velazquez (FMDME Mexico) proposed a change to Article 12h.
For 27, Against 27, Abstentions 16. The President voted with the casting vote against the proposal. The proposal is rejected.

Franz Kassel (VAVOe Austria) expressed his concerns regarding the power of the Management committee to make recommendations on the financial issues as currently described in Article 14.

José Basto (CNM Portugal) expressed his concern regarding art 13.1

Silvio Calvi explained the procedure of election of the members of the Executive Board and Management Committee.

Mark Vallance (BMC Great Britain) proposed a motion to approve the Statutes.

Frank Urs Muller (SAC Switzerland) reminded the Assembly that a 2/3 majority is required to approve the Statutes.

Heinz Rohle (DAV Germany) seconded by Franz Kassel (VAVOe Austria) requested a secret ballot.

Mike Mortimer conducted the secret ballot on the approval of the new Articles of Association.

For 53, Against 18 Abstentions 3

➤ **The revised UIAA Articles of Association were approved.**

- 7.6.2 Continuation of the work by the Calvi Working Group
This was discussed under item 7.2.

- 7.7 Vote**
The votes were concluded under item 7.6.1.

8 Commissions' Reports

Due to the extended discussions on the Olympic movement and the new Statutes, there was no time available to present the Commissions' reports.

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- 8.1 Access and Conservation**
Not presented.

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- 8.2 Expeditions**
Not presented.

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- 8.3 Medical**
Not presented.

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- 8.4 Mountaineering**
Not presented.

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- 8.5 Mountain protection**
Not presented.

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- 8.6 Safety**
Not presented.

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- 8.7 Youth**
Not presented.

9. Competition Bodies' Reports

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- 9.1 IOC Report**
No presentation due to lack of time.

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- 9.2 Anti-Doping Activities**
Not presented.

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- 9.3 Ski Mountaineering**
Not presented.

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- 9.4 Ice Climbing**
Not presented.

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- 9.5 Discipline and Appeals**
Not presented.
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10 Membership issues

10.1 Admission of new members

Applications for Membership with full voting right:

Cyprus: Mountaineering and Climbing Federation of Cyprus KOMOA

The federation was founded in 2000 and has 250 individual members. They have paid the deposit and the statutes of the federation have been examined without comments.

→ Council proposed (supported by the Board) to accept the application.

Applications for Membership without voting right:

Austria, Ski Mountaineering Organisation for Competitions ASKIMO

Federation founded from re-organisation of Austrian Federation VAVOE. Deposit of 500 CHF paid. Article of Association have been reviewed without comments.

→ Council proposed (supported by the Board) to accept the application.

Croatia: Croatian Mountain Guides Association CMGA

The CMGA with 80 individual members has applied for membership. This application is however strongly opposed by the Croatian Mountaineering Association HPS; who claim that members of CMGA are former members of the Croatian Mountaineering Association HPS. According to UIAA Articles of Association Article 5 b) the board propose not to accept the application.

→ Council proposed (supported by the Board) that the application is not accepted.

Mike Mortimer conducted the vote on the recommendations of the Council concerning new members.

For 71 Against 0 Abstentions 0

➤ **The recommendations of the Council were accepted.**

The new members **Mountaineering and Climbing Federation of Cyprus KOMOA** and **Austrian Ski Mountaineering Organisation for Competitions ASKIMO** are admitted.

The candidate **Croatian Mountain Guides Association CMGA** is not admitted.

Name changes and mergers:

Bulgaria

The Federation of Bulgarian Alpine Clubs has been changed to Bulgarian Climbing and Mountaineering Federation, abbreviated BFKA.

Hong Kong

Sport Climbing Association of Hong Kong, China has changed its name to Hong Kong Sport Climbing Union.

10.2 Non payment by members

Jan Bønding reported that the following 10 members have not paid their membership fees in 2007.

1. Andorra Federacio Andorrana de Muntanyisme FAM
2. Australia Sport Climbing Australia Inc. SCA
3. Ecuador Ecuadorian Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing Sports FEDAN
4. Guatemala Federación Nacional de Andinismo de Guatemala FNAG
5. Israel Israel Organization of Sport Climbing IOSC
6. Malaysia Persatuan Mendaki Malaysia PMM
7. Pakistan Alpine Club of Pakistan ACP
8. Serbia Sportclimbing Federation of Serbia SCFS
9. Venezuela Federación Venezolana de Montañismo y Escalada
10. Observer Union Panamericana de Montañismo y Escalada UPAME

10.3 Exclusion of members

Jan Bønding reported that the following members have not paid their membership fees in 2006 and 2007.

- Hungary Magyar Sportturisztikai Szövetség, MSTSz
Lithuania Lithuanian Mountaineering Association LMA
Morocco Federation Royale Marocaine de Ski & Montagne FRMSM
Philippines Sport Climbing Association of the Philippines SCAPI
Romania Fédération Roumaine d'Alpinisme et d'Escalade FRAE

The Council recommended the exclusion of these federations if they have not paid their fees in full by 31.12.2007.

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- **The GA voted to exclude these federations from the UIAA if they have not paid their fees fully by 31.12.2007.**

10.4 Report of the Secretary General on the membership of the Portuguese Federations

Jan Bønding reported that the UIAA could not take position on this issue until it had been solved by the national Government authorities.

José Basto (CNM) tried to ask for an explanation about the inquiry approved by the UIAA GA 2006 in Banff towards the Camping and Mountaineering Federation of Portugal. The Chair of the GA did not allow the delegate of CNM to speak, saying José Basto was "out-of-order".

11 Information items

11.1 Website

Judith Safford gave short demonstration of the new website.

11.2 Tyrol Declaration

The subject was not discussed due to lack of time.

11.3 Everest and the Olympic torch

Zhixin Li informed that the Olympic torch representing peace and friendship will be shown on the highest mountain in the world with approval of the IOC. This should support the development of mountaineering. To assure that the flame will still burn at high altitude, scientific advisors have supported the project. The expedition will be broadcast live. The UIAA has promised support. The CMA believed that it is duty of all climbers to respect the Olympic values. The item is acclaimed with applause by the Assembly.

11.4 Questionnaires for ongoing poling of the Federations

Mike Mortimer informed that at a recent meeting the Board had made contact with students of political science from the Federal Polytechnic from Zurich. The Board hopes that support with creating surveys of the Federations will be possible in the future. The use of questionnaires will be increased in the future.

11.5 UIAA Journal

Not presented due to lack of time.

11.6 UIAA Logos and trademark issues

Not presented due to lack of time.

11.7 Work with the FAO (new item)

This item will be reported on the Website.

12 Election of Honorary members and UIAA Awards and Thanks

12.1 Proposal for Honorary membership for Jordi Pons

The motion was presented by Mark Richey of the AAC, USA. Mark Richey recounted Jordi Pons achievements in mountaineering and for its development.

12.2 Vote

Mike Mortimer asked if there were any votes against the election of Jordi Pons as a UIAA Honorary member.

- **The motion to elect Jordi Pons as an Honorary member was approved unanimously.**
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12.3 UIAA Awards for exceptional contributions to international mountaineering

The awards will be made this evening at the Gala dinner.

12.4 Motion of thanks to Claude Eckhardt for his long years of service to the UIAA

Mike Mortimer thanked Claude Eckhardt for 32 years of voluntary service in the UIAA.

He is acclaimed with applause by the Assembly.

13 Future General Assemblies

13.1 Location of the General Assembly in 2008

Mike Mortimer informed the Assembly that the Iranian Federation has assured the Board that they will be able to provide all the facilities required.

Mahmoud Shoaie (President I. R. IMF Iran) presented the proposition of the Iranian Federation. He assured that the I. R. IMF would provide the UIAA with full facilities for an enjoyable and trouble-free meeting.

13.2 Future locations after 2008

Mike Mortimer presented the dates for future General Assemblies. In 2009 the offer has been made by CNM to host the GA in Porto, Portugal. In 2010 there are two offers from FPTI in Bali and CMA in Beijing.

He also informed about the future dates for the Management Committee. In 2008 an offer has been submitted from the CAR to host the meeting in Busteni, Romania. In 2009 there is an offer from the BMC to hold the meeting in North Wales, Great Britain.

13.3 Motion from Mike Mortimer: Revision of the GA guidelines to allow the organisers to charge a registration fee

Mike Mortimer presented his motion, which he believed it would make it easier for poorer federations to host a General Assembly. He emphasised that a registration fee would be purely a cost recovery fee.

- **That the GA permit hosting federations the opportunity to recover some of their expenses through a registration fee for both Council (Management Committee) and General Assembly meetings.**
- **That this registration fee be no more than \$100.00 per participant and that this fee be a cost recovery fee, rather than a surplus fee to obtain profit from hosting such events.**

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- **The MOTION to allow a registration fees for the GA was approved.**

14 Any other business

14.1 AAC Announcement

Mark Richey informed that the AAC will host an international climbing meet lasting several days at Indian Creek, Utah, a dessert landscape with some of the best crack climbing in the world. He hoped that every country will send two young athletes, preferably a man and a woman. The AAC will cover all expenses from Denver, Colorado.

A formal invitation will follow through the UIAA.

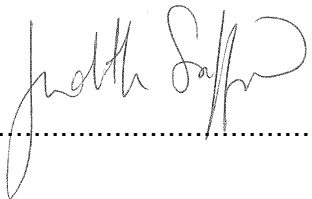
14.2 Waste management in Denali National Park

Not presented due to lack of time.

The Chairman, Mike Mortimer, thanked Fumio Tanaka and Hiroo Saso as hosts and closed the meeting at 18:50.

The presentations of the meetings are available on the UIAA Website members' area or available on request from the UIAA office. The document of the Statutes used in the discussion under item 7.6.1 is annexed to the Minutes as Annex 1.

Approved at the General Assembly in Tehran, I R. Iran on 18th October 2008

Minute-Secretary  Judith SAFFORD

Chairman  President, Mike MORTIMER