

MINUTES

UIAA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, October 2008

Hotel Laleh, Teheran, Iran

18th October 2008, 08:30 – 18:00

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

Andorra	FAM	Federacio Andorrana de Muntanyisme	Joan Garrigos y Toro (proxy)
Austria	VAVOE	Verband Alpiner Vereine Österreichs	Franz Kassel
Austria	OeAV	Österreichischer Alpenverein	Franz Kassel (proxy)
Argentina	FASA	Federacion Argentina de Ski y Andinismo	Joan Garrigos y Toro (proxy)
Belgium	CAB-BAC	Club Alpin Belge / Belgischer Alpenclub	Frits Vrijlandt (proxy)
Belgium	BVSF	Vlaamse Bergsport en Spelologiefederatie	Frits Vrijlandt (proxy)
Canada	ACC	Alpine Club of Canada	David Dornian
China	CMA	Chinese Mountaineering Association	Yongfeng Wang
Chinese Taipei	CTAA	Chinese Taipei Alpine Association	Chang-Hsien Hsieh
Chinese Taipei	CTMA	Chinese Taipei Mountaineering Association	Guan Hawang
Croatia	HPS	Mountaineering Association of Croatia	Jan Elleby (proxy)
Czech Republic	CMF	Czech Mountaineering Federation	Alena Ottova Cepelkova
Denmark	DB	Dansk Bjergklub / Danish Mountain Club	Jan Elleby
Denmark	DCF	Danish Climbing Federation	Jan Elleby
France	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpins et de Montagne	Georges Elziere
Germany	DAV	Deutscher Alpenverein	Franz Kassel (proxy)
Great Britain	TAC	The Alpine Club	Doug Scott (proxy)
Great Britain	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	Doug Scott
Greece	EOOA	Hellenic Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing	Dimitris Georgoulis
Hong Kong, China	HKMU	Hong Kong Mountaineering Union	Frederick Yu
Hungary	MHSSz	Magyar Hegy- és Sportmászó Szövetség / Hungarian Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association	Sandor Nagy
Iran	I.R.IMF	I.R. Iran Mountaineering Federation	Mamoud Shoaei
Italy	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	Silvio Calvi
Japan	JMA	Japan Mountaineering Association	Fumio Tanaka
Korea	CAC	Corean Alpine Club	Yoong chong Kim
Korea	KAF	Korean Alpine Federation	Jae Min Kim
Liechtenstein	LAV	Liechtensteiner Alpenverein	Frank-Urs Müller (proxy)
Nepal	NMA	Nepal Mountaineering Association	Zimba Zangbu 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 Kippens
Pakistan	ACP	Alpine Club of Pakistan	Fumio Tanaka (proxy)
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	Yury Skurlatov
Russia	RMF	Russian Mountaineering Federation	Andrey Volkov
Slovakia	SMU	Slovak Alpinist Union	Alena Ottova Cepelkova(proxy)
	JAMES		
South Africa	MCSA	The Mountain Club of South Africa	Roland Magg
Spain	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Joan Garrigos Toro
Spain	FEEC	Federació d'Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya	Anton 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 Dagcilik Federasyonu	Alaattin Karaca
USA	AAC	American Alpine Club	Dave Dornian (proxy)

Commission Presidents

Robert Pettigrew	ACC	Access & Conservation Commission
Patrick Lamarque	FFCAM	Mountaineering Commission (replaces Pierre Humber)
Hamid Mosaedian	I R IMF	Medical commission (replaces Buddha Basynat)
Dave Morris	BMC	Mountain Protection Commission
Anne Arran	BMC	Youth Commission

Management Committee members and candidates

Doug Scott (candidate)	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	Great Britain
Stefano Tirinzoni (candidate)	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	Italy

International Ski Mountaineering Federation ISMF

Lluís Lopez Leiro	President (until 10:30)
Pierre Dollo	Vice-President (partly present)
Josep Castellet	General Secretary (partly present)

Executive Board and Staff

Mike Mortimer	President
Jordi Colomer	Vice-President
Jan Bønding	Secretary General & Treasurer
Nico de Jong	Member
Peter Farkas	Member
Judith Safford	UIAA Executive Director
Miriam Wälti	UIAA Administrative Assistant

Honorary members and Guests

Jordi Pons	Honorary Member
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Other Participants

China	CMA	Secretary General of CMA	Kaifeng Luan
China	CMA	Interpreter of CMA	Haojie Li
Chinese Taipei	CTAA	Executive Director	Yuan-Hwang

Chinese Taipei	CTAA	Translator/Secretary	Weih-Chi Huang
Greece	EOOA	Responsible for the Sport Climbing	Theodoros Tsavdaridis
Japan	JMA	Interpreter	Hiroo Saso
Japan	JMA	Chief Director of Japan Workers Alpine Federation	Saitoh Yoshitaka
Japan	JMA	Secretary General of CMA	Takashi Kawashima
Korea	KAF	Director Ski Mountaineering	Hank Kiyu Yoo
Nepal	NMA	Secretary General	Ang Kari Sherpa
Poland	PZA	Vice-President	Piotr Morawski
Portugal	CNM	Second delegate	Jorge Oliveira
Russia	RMF	Ice Climbing Competition Commission member	Pavel Shabalin
Russia	RMF	Executive Director	Ovchinnikov Alexey
Spain	EMF	Delegate	Txomin Uriarte
Spain	EMF	Second delegate	Luis Domingo Uirarte
Switzerland	SAC	Candidate for executive Board	Rita Christen
Turkey	TDF	Vice-President	Okay Vural
Turkey	TDF	Foreign Relations Committee	Erhan Terzi
USA	AAC	Candidate for the Commission President	Linda McMillan

Excused

Zhixin Li		Executive Board Member	
Korea	CAC	Management Committee Member	Chung-Hyung Nam
Luxembourg	FLERA	Fédération Luxembourgeoise d'Escalade, de Randonnée Sportive et d'Alpinisme	Eugène Berger
Mexico	FMDME	Federacion Mexicana de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada, A.C.	
Ian Alderson	BMC	Discipline & Appeals Commission	
Carlos Teixeira	FCMP	Ice Climbing Competition Commission	
Buddha Basnyat	NMA	Medical Commission	
Jean-Franck Charlet	FFME	Safety Commission	
Pierre Humblet	CAB	Mountaineering Commission	
Robbert Leopold		Honorary member	
Pit Schubert		Honorary member (candidate)	

Member Federations Absent

Australia	SCA	Sport Climbing Australia Inc.
Austria	ASKIMO	Austrian Skimountaineering Organisation for Competitions
Bosnia - Herzegovina	PSBH	Mountaineering Union of Bosnia - Herzegovina
Brazil	CBME	Confederação Brasileira de Montanhismo e Escalada
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
Chile	FEACH	Federacion de Andinismo de Chile
Cyprus	KOMOA	Cyprus Federation for Mountaineering and Climbing
Ecuador	FEDAN	Ecuadorian Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing Sports
Finnland	FCA	Finnish Climbing Association
France	FFME	Fédération française de la montagne et de l'escalade
Georgia	MCAG	Mountaineering and Climbing Association of Georgia
Hong Kong, China	HKSCU	Hong Kong Sport Climbing Union
Hungary	MSTSZ	Magyar Sportturisztikai Szövetség
India	IMF	Indian Mountaineering Foundation

Indonesia	FPTI	Federasi Panjat Tebing Indonesia
Ireland	MCI	Mountaineering Council of Ireland
Israel	IOSC	Israeli Organization of Sport Climbing
Italy	AVS	Alpenverein Südtirol
Italy	FASI	Federazione Arrampicata Sportiva Italiana
Italy	FISI	Federazione Italiana Sport Invernali
Kazakhstan	MCFRK	Mountain and climbing Federation of Republic of Kazakhstan
Latvia	LAAV	Latvian Alpinist Association - Latvijas Alpinistu Savieniba
FYR of Macedonia	MMSF	Macedonian Mountain Sports Federation
Malaysia	PMM	Mountaineering Association of Malaysia
Monaco	CAM	Club Alpin Monégasque
Norway	NK	Norges Katreforbund / The Norwegian Climbing Federation
Portugal	FCMP	Federação de Campismo e Montanhismo de Portugal / Federation of Camping and Mountaineering of Portugal
Serbia	SCFS	Sportclimbing Federation of Serbia
Serbia	PSS	Mountaineering Association of Serbia
Singapore	SMF	Singapore Mountaineering Federation
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	Federacion Venezolana de Montañismo y de Montagne
	UIAGM *	Union Internationale des Associations de Guides de Montagne *
	UPAME	Union Panamericano de Asociaciones de Montañismo y Escalada

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1 Call to order and Welcome by the President

1.1 Welcome

Mike Mortimer opened the meeting at 9:55 and welcomed the delegates. He thanked the Iranian President and the hospitality of the hosting Iranian Federation. He informed that there was a full Agenda with strong time constraints. In order to finish the business he might have to impose time limits on speaking.

1.2 Apologies for absence

He presented apologies from Honorary Members Robb Leopold and Bill Putnam, Candidate Pit Schubert, Executive Board member Zhixin Li, the absent Commission Presidents and Management Committee members, the Federations from Luxemburg and Chile and Linda McMillan, candidate for President Mountain Protection Commission.

1.3 Information items

There were none.

1.4 Quorum and majority

Jan Bønding reported that 45 member federations were present or represented, of which 35 have full voting rights and 10 have financial voting rights. Thus there were 65 votes for General issues and 175 for Financial issues.

Therefore the majority for general issues was 33 votes and 2/3 majority (for changes to the Statutes) was 44 votes.

The majority for financial matters was 88 votes.

1.5 Changes and Approval to the Agenda

There were no changes and the Agenda was approved.

2 Minutes of the General Assembly held on 6 Oct 2007 in Matsumoto

There is a correction proposed by José Basto CNM to item 10.4.

“José Basto 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”.

With this correction the minutes were proposed for approval.

For 65, Against 0, Abstentions 0

► **The minutes were approved unanimously.**

3 Report by the President

The President reported a very busy year with limited resources. Main areas of work were the agreement with the Ski Mountaineers Competition Sport, the Calvi Working Group on UIAA Reform, and the announced departure of the German and Austrian

Federations, which required large adaptations to the changes in the revenue stream. This has been reflected in the efforts to increase revenue through the Safety Label. In the future he wished to see the UIAA working more pro-actively and more for mountaineering. Although the UIAA is committed to the Olympic family and competition sports, the UIAA will primarily work with the federations to support and development mountaineering.

There were no questions or comments.

Jan Bønding proposed the Report for approval.

There were no votes against and no abstentions.

► **The President's report was approved unanimously.**

4 Report by the Executive Director

Judith Safford presented her report emphasising personnel resources, development, and marketing and sponsoring.

There were no questions or comments.

5. Finance (Jan Bønding)

5.1 Accounts 2007

Jan Bønding presented the annual accounts with income and expenses and the Balance sheet.

There were no questions or comments.

5.2 Recommendations by the Management Committee to accept the accounts 2007

The Management Committee recommended the GA to accept the accounts 2007 in its May meeting in Busteni.

There were no questions or comments.

5.3 Auditors' Report and discharge to the Board

The recommendation to approve the accounts in the Auditors' Report was read by Jan Bønding.

Vote to approve the Annual Accounts and discharge the Board

For 175 Against 0, Abstentions 0.

► **The accounts 2007 were approved and the Board discharged unanimously.**

5.4 Current financial position and forecast for 2008

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

5.5 Election of the Auditor

Judith Safford presented the recommendation to elect an auditor.

► **The new auditor BDO Visura, Bern was elected unanimously.**

6. Founding of International Ski Mountaineering Federation (ISMF) and Application for unit membership to the UIAA

6.1 Report by UIAA Vice President for Competition bodies

Jordi Colomer informed that the Ski Mountaineers ISMF will not apply for unit membership. The Ice Climbing Commission will receive the support of the UIAA to develop this competition sport. He hoped that the UIAA will be successful in its actions.

Mike Mortimer thanked Jordi for his work.

6.2 Report on the understanding and formal Agreement with the ISMF

Mike Mortimer reported on six meetings with the new Ski Mountaineering Federation ISMF which led to an agreement which would enable the ISMF to join the UIAA as a unit member. He underlined the UIAA reporting commitments to the IOC and WADA (World Anti Doping Agency). The negotiated agreement included the condition that the ISMF would agree to the UIAA Anti Doping provisions. The document was mainly drafted by the ISMF on its conditions, with the additional conditions on IOC and WADA compliance. It was approved by the UIAA Board.

6.3 Application by the ISMF for unit membership of the UIAA

The ISMF decided in its Plenary Assembly two days ago not to apply for unit membership, and the work of two years did not produce the results that the UIAA was working towards. The first vote was 9:9. A second vote by secret ballot produced the result of 8 for and 10 against applying for unit membership. Mike Mortimer believed that this result was disappointing for the UIAA. For small nations outside Europe the new Federation will produce an added strain of resources, which is the main reason why it was not favoured by these federations.

Doug Scott (BMC) asked about the position of non competitive Ski mountaineers, and whether they might form an association to be part of the UIAA.

Dave Dornian (AAC/AAC) spoke as a small federation which organises recreational Ski Mountaineering events. He did not believe that a coherent body of representation with a separate discipline is necessary. He would like to see it inclusive, bringing mountaineers together.

John Nankervis (NZAC) stated that the ISMF was only relevant to international competition sports. Recreational Ski Mountaineers can still work within the UIAA.

Dave Morris asked whether the departure of ISMF would reduce the IOC grant.

Mike Mortimer stated that the ISMF is not a recognised federation. IOC is well informed of the situation. The IOC grants for the UIAA are not ear-marked except for 30% for Anti Doping. The UIAA is attractive to the IOC if it has a Competitive Sport. As long as the UIAA can fill in the IOC questionnaire, there will be no problem.

Lluís Lopez (ISMF) asked to make a statement. He requested to be allowed speak

without the time limit of 5 minutes. Mike Mortimer stated that this would not be possible due to time constraints. He would be asked to speak under item 12.2.

Luis Lopez stated that he did not accept to speak under these conditions and left the meeting.

7. Changes to the UIAA Articles of Association, in particular to membership fees and voting rights

Mike Mortimer introduced the work of the Calvi Working Group

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

Silvio Calvi reported on the work of the Working Group in particular the proposals concerning the distribution of voting rights and the calculation of membership fees.

7.2 Motion from Spanish Federation FEDME: Operating Principle, Members, Voting Rights

Joan Garrigos (FEDME) withdrew the motion.

Mike Mortimer assumed that the first part of the motion concerning Art. 4 with an addition on point 7 was accepted. There were no objections to this proposal.

7.3 Motion from the Basque Mountaineering Federation EMF: Article 5.1a

The motion was presented by Arantza Jausoro (EMF). She also distributed a written Justification of the Proposal.

Jordi Colomer stated that the working group had discussed this aspect in the working group. The current regulations are conform with the conventional rulings of one country and one vote.

Joan Garrigos (FEDME) stated that the Spanish Federation FEDME controls international mountaineering issues in Spain, and should vote alone on this issue.

Silvio Calvi reminded the assembly that this issue concerned other countries. It is a delicate issue at international level and he proposed that the UIAA should comply with international rulings on sovereign states (UN).

Dave Morris (MPC President) presented the football analogy which shows that countries such as Scotland and Wales are represented in international sporting organisations.

Frank Urs Müller (SAC) believed that the proposed changes will create a large disturbance to a traditional system which has developed historically.

Arantza Jausoro (EMF) reminded the assembly that she presented the proposal to support the case under the condition that the federation has full autonomy in its region.

José Basto (CNM) recalled that the UIAA lost the German and Austrian federations after the decision last year. He hopes that the EMF will not leave the UIAA.

Jordi Pons stated that only FEDME has representative powers in international issues.

The EMF is a member of the FEDME. In 2003 the EMF was accepted as a non-voting member of the UIAA. These conditions were accepted by EMF. Spanish law and UIAA rulings have not changed since then.

The EMF motion was put to a vote

For 3, Against 50, Abstentions 12

► **The EMF motion was rejected.**

7.4 Motion from the Portuguese Federation FCMP: Article 10.4 b

Mike Mortimer summarized the motion.

Vote for 0, Against 59, Abstentions 6

► **The FCMP motion was rejected.**

7.5 Discussion and vote on the proposed changes

The motions were discussion and voted individually as above.

7.6 Motion from the British Mountaineering Council BMC

Silvio Calvi informed that the Management Committee recommended that the motion be rejected.

Mark Vallance (BMC) presented the motion. He emphasised the importance of the Commissions who do the key UIAA work, supported by the office.

Frank Urs Müller (SAC) agreed with the first part of the motion. However the crucial part of the motion involves the awarding of formal status to the Commission Presidents meeting, which he felt contradiction the spirit of the new AoA. Thus he opposed the motion.

For 12, Against 38, Abstentions 9

► **The BMC motion was rejected.**

7.7 Discussion and votes on the proposed changes

Silvio Calvi proposed the motion to change the Art. 10.2 as proposed (See Annex 1).

For 59, Against 6, Abstentions 0

► **The motion was carried.**

Silvio Calvi proposed the motion to change the Art. 10.4 as proposed.

For 52, Against 6, Abstentions 7

► **The motion was carried**

Silvio Calvi proposed the motion to change the Art. 18.1.e as proposed.

For 54, Against 6, Abstentions 5

► **The motion was carried.**

Silvio Calvi proposed the motion to change the Standing Rules Art. 3 to change the calculation of the membership fees as proposed.

Roland Magg (MCSA) stated that he had stated in the discussions of the Working Group that the fees are very high for very small federations and that it will be difficult for them to become a member. Small Federations would never become a member.

Mike Mortimer replied that international organisations do not generally make exceptions in membership fees.

For 130, Against 0, Abstentions 44

► **The motion was carried.**

Silvio Calvi proposed the motion to change the final proposed changes. Art. 14, 18.4, 23, 30 Standing Rules Art. 5 as proposed.

Frank Urs Müller (SAC) asked about Art. 30 and asked it to be added to the vote.

Georges Elzière (FFCAM) asked about Art. 23.3 and requested that this be added to the vote.

Silvio Calvi proposed the motion to change the final proposed changes. Art. 14, 18.4, 23.3, 30 and the Standing Rules Art. 5 as proposed.

For 59, Against 0, Abstentions 6

► **The motion was carried.**

Silvio Calvi proposed the motion to approve the revised AoA in their totality.

For 59, Against 6, Abstentions 0

► **The motion to approve the revised Articles of Association was carried with a qualified majority.**

8. Budget for 2009

8.1 Presentation and approval of the Budget for 2009

Mike Mortimer introduced the budget. It had been approved by the Management Committee with some amendments. It is an aggressive budget, which allows the UIAA to search for other income sources and assure that the office can function effectively.

Jan Bønding presented the proposed income and expenditure for 2009.

John Nankervis (NZAC) thought that this was an important position. He asked whether the budget for the Commissions anticipates certain projects, and how these will be monitored. He wondered about the accountability of the Commissions. He also wondered whether the Access and Conservation and Mountain Protection are really separate commissions.

Mike Mortimer stated that the Commissions are in the process of reform. The UIAA is moving towards project orientated management. The aim is much greater co-ordination and accountability. The question of integration of Commissions is also a theme for

future discussions.

Hiroo Saso for Fumio Tanaka (JMA) proposed that some income be generated from advertising, particularly from the website. He wished that more information about each country could be available on the website. This would increase the attractiveness of the website. He encouraged that incentives for income generation could be made through the Federations by bringing new sponsors to the UIAA, resulting in a reduction of the federation's subscription fee to the UIAA.

Mike Mortimer asked the assembly to approve the budget 2009

For 144, Against 0, Abstentions 36

► **The motion to approve the budget 2009 was carried.**

9. Election of the Executive Board members of the Management Committee

9.1 Presentation of the candidates and procedure

Mike Mortimer presented the candidates and explained the procedure. There are four vacancies and four candidates.

Rita Christen, the new Swiss Board candidate, briefly presented herself. She is a lawyer and a certified mountain guide.

9.2 Votes

The four candidates **Jan Bønding, Nico de Jong, Silvio Calvi and Rita Christen** were all elected with no abstentions or votes against.

10. Election of the Management Committee

10.1 Presentation of the candidates and procedure

Mike Mortimer explained the procedure and the candidates presented themselves.

10.2 Votes

First round: Three representatives from the five member associations with the largest number of members.

Elected were **Frank-Urs Müller** SAC (53), **Georges Elzière** FFCAM (46), **Joan Garrigos** FEDME (35)

Second round: One Representative from each continent.

Elected were

Africa: **Roland Magg** MCSA (63)

Asia: **Homayoun Bakhtiyari** I R IMF (37)

Oceania: **John Nankervis** NZAC(45)

North America: **Mark Richey** AAC (64)

Europe: **Michael Pupeza** CAR (24)

Third round: Allocation of five remaining seats

Elected were

Fumio Tanaka JMA (61)

Dimitris Georgoulis EOOO (45)

Frits Vrijlandt NKBV (59)

Stefano Tirinzoni CAI (53)

Doug Scott BMC (48)

11. Commissions' Reports

11.1 Report on the re-organisation of the Commissions

Mike Mortimer presented the reform ideas which are moving the Commissions work towards project management. Plans are necessary to organise financial and personnel resources and co-ordinate the work.

The total sum of the UIAA is the Commissions, but they are not independent and they have to work together. The Management Committee will allot them their resources and will control that value is being received from the UIAA member federations' fees.

The Board's energies will go towards Commission reform and revenue enhancement. The UIAA Management should see that the organisation must be run as a business.

11.2 Access and Conservation

Bob Pettigrew gave his farewell speak quoting a short Persian poem by Oma.

He reported on the meeting in Kashmir and the beauty of the regions, the hospitality of the people, the neglect of the infrastructure and the potential for mountaineers. He also informed about the removal of restrictions from Huascaran National Park for UIAA member federations, which was confirmed in this year. The Argeo's Charter on sustainable development was also a high-point of recent activity.

There were no comments or questions.

Mike Mortimer thanked Bob Pettigrew for his long years of service.

11.3 Expeditions

Silvio Calvi (CAI) presented the report by Commission President Renato Moro. He reminded that Renato Moro informed in the Management Committee in Chamonix that the Commission can not continue this way and must be reformed to match changing needs. He summarised the written report.

Mike Mortimer informed that there was no President of this commission. However given the current uncertainty this can wait until the problems have been addressed.

Dave Dornian (ACC) asked whether the motion mentioned in the report is submitted for

decision. Silvio Calvi informed that the motion was not prepared in time.

Doug Scott (BMC) asked how the Commission reform should be approached. Mike Mortimer proposed that this issue be addressed at the next Management Committee meeting. It could be addressed in a Symposium. Agenda items could be put forward.

Mark Vallance (BMC) informed that he would be happy to organise it.

11.4 Medical

Hamid Mosaedian (I R IMF) reported on the work of the Medical Commission, together with their work with other related organisations. Various advice papers were updated in the recent meeting in Prague, which will be updated in the near future.

Other results from the recent meeting were the finalisation of the Mountain Medicine Diploma. It was proposed to aim for an international recognition of mountain injuries and illness.

Frank Urs Müller (SAC) read an E-mail from Swiss Commission member Urs Hefti from 4th October in which he stated *"I'm very pleased to inform you that www.theuiaa.org is perfectly set and fit all the requirements we discussed in CZ.*

Will say, it's a great pleasure to read the homepage and, very important, it takes only one "click" to go to the medical sections with all the recommendations and FAQ's (unfortunately until now there's nothing from our side filled in)."

11.5 Mountaineering

Vice-President Patrick Lamarque (FFCAM) presented his written report with a ppt. The main tasks and items for discussion were ethics (The Tyrol Declaration), techniques (work of the Training Standards Working Group, work with the Petzl Foundation, upgrading the UIAA grading difficulties system, efforts to collect accident statistics for international comparison, a TSWG Seminar at Plas Y Brenin "Training the Trainers", revising the documentation group) and regulations (LEWG).

Bob Pettigrew (A&C President) asked whether the Summit Charter had also been reviewed in the discussion. Patrick Lamarque replied that it had not.

Silvio Calvi (CAI) commented that he was disappointed with the output in some areas of the Commission and that tasks are possibly not efficiently handled, for instance when the subject of Anti Doping is discussed in the MC without consultation with the Anti Doping Commission. Furthermore he is unhappy if the Commission has a partnership with Petzl, because Partnerships should be with the UIAA.

Doug Scott (BMC) commented that traditional values have received only one reference at the meeting. He mentioned the problems of bolting. He wished for more discussion in the UIAA about the values in mountaineering, in particular related to bolting. This debate will be a central part of his work in the UIAA.

Mike Mortimer congratulated the MC, but he believed that the project work needs consolidating as too many tasks are unfinished and there is too little co-operation with other Commissions.

11.6 Mountain protection

Dave Morris informed that during 21 years on the MPC including 8 years as President the UIAA Environmental guidelines have been the guiding lines. He believed that the Environment Label has potential to guide behaviour and also generate income for the UIAA. He referred to a UN meeting that he attended in 2006 concerning Sport. He stated that the IOC is interested in Sport Federations with an environmental interest.

There were no questions or comments.

11.7 Safety

Nico de Jong and Judith Safford presented the recent changes in the Safcom. There have been first steps to reform the Commission in 2008, and ideas are being developed for the future. The recent Commission meeting was a success, where a new standard was approved by belaying devices.

There were no questions or comments.

11.8 Youth

Anne Arran presented her report with a ppt presentation. She reported on the aims and projects of the Commission in particular the events of 2008, such as the Global Youth Summit events to celebrate the Beijing Olympics. The leader training in FYR of Macedonia led by Toni Lamiche was also a high point. There was a big increase in the number of visitors to the website. There were also other events such as summiting Elbrus, or training and development and environmental activities. There has been a great increase in participation of Youth events. The Commission has also made publications and creates information resources, such as a handbook to assist the Federations to stage events.

Mike Mortimer thanked Anne and commented on the tremendous amount of work done by the Commission.

Mike Mortimer thanked all the Commissions for their work and in particular the outgoing Presidents.

12. Competition Bodies' Reports

12.1 IOC Report

Mike Mortimer had already reported on the ISMF change and the consequences for the IOC membership earlier under items 6.2 and 6.3.

12.2 ISMC Report

Lluis Lopez was not present to give his presentation (see 6.3 above).

12.3 Motion from the Italian Federation CAI

Silvio Calvi presented the motion concerning the closing of activities of international competitive Ski mountaineering. The Management Committee has approved the motion

in its meeting yesterday.

Mike Mortimer called the question.

► **The motion to close the activities of ISMC was approved with a clear majority.**

12.4 Ice Climbing

Michael Pupeza reported on the events of recent years including the World Cup and World Record event. In 2009 there will also be 3 events. There are plans to expand activities to other continents.

There were no questions or comments.

Mike Mortimer thanked him for his energy and enthusiasm.

12.5 Anti Doping activities

Nico de Jong recommended that the members read Jordi Canals report, which was uploaded recently on the website.

He reported on the current case in the ISMF at the Patrouille des glaciers race. The UIAA has taken over the case on request of the WADA, although UIAA regulations were not applied at the race. There was a lack of clarity concerning the jurisdiction of the Anti Doping Commission. The UIAA decided to take over the case to protect the reputation of the Sport, and the UIAA and ISMF name. A disciplinary process has been started.

12.6 Discipline and Appeals

This was reported under 12.5. There were no other cases to report.

13. Membership issues

13.1 Admission of new members

The Management Committee proposed the admission of the Israeli Federation **Israel Alpine Club ILAC** as the criteria have been fulfilled.

► **The admission was unanimously approved.**

13.2 Non payment by members

This was not reported, but is unchanged from the submitted meeting documents.

13.3 Exclusion of members

The Management Committee proposed that the following members should be excluded because they had not paid their membership fees in 2007 and 2008:

Guatemala Federación Nacional de Andinismo de Guatemala FNAG

Malaysia Persatuan Mendaki malaysia PMM

Serbia Sportclimbing Federation of Serbia SCFS

Venezuela Federación Venezolana de Montañismo y Escalada FEVME

► **The exclusion was unanimously approved.**

13.4 New item: Reasons for VAVOE, DAV and OEAV to cancel UIAA-membership

Franz Kassel (VAVOE) presented a ppt presentation explaining the reasons for the DAV, VAVOE and OEAV leaving the UIAA. The reasons to leave the UIAA were a difference of activities, because the Austrian Federation is mainly concerned with hiking. The VAVOE also believed that budget consolidation is necessary and that the administrative costs are too high.

However the main reason to leave is the change in the AoAs.

The VAVOE does not approve the constitution of the Management Committee, where the Executive Board has voting rights.

The VAVOE does not approve the distribution of votes according to new Statutes.

The VAVOE believed that the UIAA should work project orientated.

Mike Mortimer thanked Franz Kassel for his visit and presentation.

14. Information items

14.1 UIAA Declaration on good practise in mountaineering

The UIAA is working on revising the Tyrol Declaration.

14.2 Questionnaires for ongoing poling of the Federations

The first results of the returned questionnaires showed 38 members are NOC members and 23 UIAA members are not a member of the National Olympic Committee in their country..

14.3 Implementation of the UIAA Court (AoA Article 9a)

This will be implemented by the Board using the services of new Board member, Rita Christen.

15. Election of Honorary members and UIAA Awards and Thanks

15.1 Sir Edmund Hillary in Memorial

Jordi Pons presented a summary of UIAA Honorary member Edmund Hillary's achievements both as a mountaineer, who with Sherpa Tensing first climbing Mount Everest, and also for his support of the people of Nepal, particularly in Solo Khumbu through his projects in education and health care.

John Nankervis spoke briefly of his association with him and the funeral services earlier this year. He was a great mountaineer and a great New Zealand.

Mike Mortimer spoke a few final words honouring the deceased member.

15.2 Proposal for UIAA Honorary membership PIT SCHUBERT

Pit Schubert was excused, as he was leading a long-planned trekking in Nepal. Frits Vrijlandt (NKBV) presented the motion. It was seconded by Mark Vallance.(BMC) Mike Mortimer asked if any member was against the nomination of Pit Schubert as a honorary member.

15.3 Vote

- **Pit Schubert was unanimously elected as a UIAA honorary member.**
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15.4 UIAA Award and Thanks

These were given in the morning to Homayoun Bakhtiyari, Eghbal Aflaki, Hassan Alehi, Sadegh Aghajani, Robert Pettigrew and Dawa Steven Sherpa (accepted by his father Ang Tshering) before the Assembly began.

16. Future General Assemblies

16.1 General Assembly 2009 in Porto, Portugal , 7-10 October 2009

José Basto introduced the President of the Portuguese Alpine Club (CNM), Jorge Oliveira, who was honoured to speak to the UIAA and welcomed all the participants to Porto next year. A short film on Porto was shown.

16.2 GA 2010

There is an application from CAI in Italy, which Mike Mortimer proposed to approve. There were no objections.

16.3 GA 2011

Mike stated that the UIAA would welcome applications.

16.4 GA 2011

Mike stated that the UIAA would welcome applications.

16.5 GA 2012

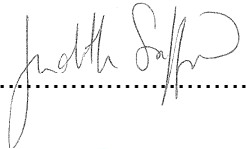
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17. Any other business

There was none.

The Chairman, Mike Mortimer, thanked the organisers and closed the meeting at 19:00.

Annex 1: Proposed AoA for Teheran

Minute-taker  Executive Director, Judith SAFFORD

Chairman  President, Mike MORTIMER

Approved by the General Assembly at its meeting in Porto, Portugal on 10th October 2009.
