

MINUTES

UIAA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Porto, Portugal

10th October 2009, 08:30 – 18:00

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

Belgium	CMBEL	Climbing & Mountaineering Belgium	Paul Verzele
Canada	ACC	Alpine Club of Canada	Cameron Roe
China	CMA	Chinese Mountaineering Association	Yongfeng Wang
Chinese Taipei	CTAA	Chinese Taipei Alpine Association	Chang-Hsien Hsieh
Chinese Taipei	CTMA	Chinese Taipei Mountaineering Association	Hank Hwang
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
Great Britain	TAC	The Alpine Club	Martin Scott
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
Iran	IRIMSCF	I.R. Iran Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation	Mahmoud Shoaie
Italy	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	Stefano Tirinzoni
Japan	JMA	Japan Mountaineering Association	Fumio Tanaka
Korea	KAF	Korean Alpine Federation	Christine Pae
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	Ragnhild Amundsen
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	Carlos Gomes
Romania	CAR	Clubul Alpin Roman	Michael Pupeza
Russia	CFR	Climbing Federation of Russia	Yury Skurlatov
Russia	RMF	Russian Mountaineering Federation	Andrei Volkov
Slovenia	PZS	Alpine Association of Slovenia	Franc Ekar
South Africa	MCSA	The Mountain Club of South Africa	David Jones

Spain	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Joan Garrigos Toro
Spain	FECC	Federació d'Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya	Daniel Planas Perpinã
Spain	EMF	Euskal Mendizale Federazioa / Basque Mountaineering Federation	Txomin Uriarte
Sweden	SKF	Svenska Klätterförbundet / Swedish Climbing Association	Christian Lund
Switzerland	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	Frank-Urs Müller
Turkey	TDF	Turkiye Dagcilik Federasyonu	Alaattin Karaca
USA	AAC	American Alpine Club	Mark Richey

Management Committee members and candidates

Georges Elziere	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpins et de Montagne	France
Dimitris Georgoulis	EOOA	Hellenic Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing	Greece
Fumio Tanaka	JMA	Japan Mountaineering Association	Japan
Frits Vrijlandt	NKBV	Royal Dutch Mountaineering and Climbing Club	Netherlands
Michael Pupeza	CAR	Clubul Alpin Roman	Romania
David Jones (candidate)	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
Stefano Tirinzoni	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	Italy

Commission Presidents

Juan Ibanez Martin	FEDME	Access Commission Vice President	Spain
Buddha Basnyat	NMA	Medical Commission	Nepal
Pierre Humblet	CMBEL	Mountaineering Commission	Belgium
Linda McMillan	AAC	Mountain Protection Commission	USA
Jean-Franck Charlet	FFCAM	Safety Commission	France
Anne Arran	BMC	Youth Commission	Great Britain
Nenad Dikic	PSS	Anti-Doping Commission	Serbia
Carlos Teixeira	ICICC	Ice Climbing Competitions	Portugal

Executive Board and Staff

Mike Mortimer	President
Jordi Colomer	Vice-President
Jan Bønding	Treasurer
Nico de Jong	Secretary General
Silvio Calvi	Member
Peter Farkas	Member
Rita Christen	Member
Judith Safford	Executive Director
Valérie Thöni	Administration Officer

Honorary members and Guests

Claude Eckhardt	FFCAM	Past UIAA General Secretary
Ian McNaught-Davis	BMC	Past UIAA President
Bill Putnam	AAC	Honorary Member
Jordi Pons	FEDME	Honorary Member
Stéphane Lozac- hmeur		Petzl Foundation

Other Participants

Bettina Geisseler	SAC	Candidate for Presidency of UIAA Court
Dr Sinisa Vujic	PSS	Serbia, Assistant to Nenad Dikic

Hiroo Saso	JMA	Japan, Assistant to Fumio Tanaka
Emanuel Oliveira	FPME	Portugal
Ersan Basar	TDF	Turkey
Marjeta Ekar	PZS	Slovenia
Karin Persson	SKF	Sweden
Wie-Chi Huang	CTAA	Chinese Taipei
Javier Antunez	EMF	Spain
Paola Peila	CAI	Italy
Anna Faja Chica	FEEC	Spain
Anna Stolbova	RMF	Russia
Theodoros Tsavdaridis	EOOA	Greece
Ang Tsering Sherpa	NMA	Nepal
Reza Zarei Todeshki	IR ISMCF	Iran
Mikaeel Morovatimahini	IR ISMCF	Iran
Véronique Hu Wie Nian	CMBEL	Belgium
Ang Kaji Sherpa	NMA	Nepal
Diwas Pokhrel	NMA	Nepal
Pavel Shabalin	RMF	Russia
David Dornian	ACC	Canada
Paul Friedman	AAC	USA

Member Federations and members Excused

Clare Bond	BMC	President Access commission
Ian Alderson	BMC	President Disciplines commission
Martin Wragg	BMC	President Appeals commission
Latvia	LA AV	Latvian Alpinist Association
Luxembourg	FLERA	Fédération Luxembourgeoise d'Escalade, de Randonnée Sportive et d'Alpinisme
Czech Republic	CMF	Czech Mountaineering Federation
USA Alaska	ALAC	Alaskan Alpine Club

Member Federations Absent

Andorra	FAM	Federacio Andorrana de Muntanyisme
Argentina	FASA	Federacion Argentina de Ski y Andinismo
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
Croatia	HPS	Mountaineering Association of Croatia
Cyprus	KOMOAA	Cyprus Federation for Mountaineering and Climbing
Ecuador	FEDAN	Ecuadorian Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing Sports
Finland	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	HKSCU	Hong Kong Sport Climbing Union	
Hungary	MHSSz	Magyar Hegy- és Sportmászó Szövetség / Hungarian Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association	
Hungary	MSTSZ	Magyar Sportturisztikai Szövetség	
India	IMF	Indian Mountaineering Foundation	
Indonesia	FPTI	Federasi Panjat Tebiong Indonesia	
Ireland	MI	Mountaineering Council of Ireland	
Israel	ILAC	The Israeli Alpine Club	
Italy	AVS	Alpenverein Südtirol	
Italy	FASI	Federazione Arrampicata Sportiva Italiana	
Italy	FISI	Federazione Italiana Sport Invernali	
Kazakhstan	MCFRK	Mountaineering and Climbing Federation of Republic of Kazakhstan	
Korea	CAC	Corean Alpine Club	
Liechtenstein	LAV	Liechtensteiner Alpenverein	
Lithuania	LMA	Lithuanian Mountaineering Association	
Macedonia	MMSF	Macedonian Mountain Sports Federation	
Mexico	FMDME	Federacion Mexicana de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada	
Monaco	CAM	Club Alpin Monégasque	
Norway	NK	Norges Klaterforbund / The Norwegian Climbing Federation	
Pakistan	ACP	Alpine Club of Pakistan	
Portugal	FCMP	Federação de Campismo e Montanhismo de Portugal / Federation of Camping and Mountaineering of Portugal	
Serbia	PSS	Mountaineering Association of Serbia / Planninarski Savez Srbije	
Singapore	SMF	Singapore Mountaineering Federation	
Slovakia	SMU	Slovak Alpinist Union	
	JAMES		
Spain	CEC	Centre Excursionista de Catalunya	
Switzerland	VAACS	Vereinigung Akademischer Alpenclubs des Schweiz	
Ukraine	UMF	Ukrainian Mountaineering Federation	
	UIAGM	Union Internationale des Associations des Guides de Montagne	Observer
	UPAME	Union Panamericana de Asociaciones de Montañismo y Escalada	Observer

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1 Call to order and Welcome by the President

1.1. Welcome

Mike Mortimer opened the meeting at 9:10 and welcomed the numerous new delegates, the Honorary members and Past President and General Secretary, observer Dr Christian Wadsack from OeAV, Stéphane Lozac-hmeur from the Petzl Foundation, the Executive Board members and the staff. He praised the beautiful surroundings of the meeting. The President of the host Portuguese Federation CNM, Jorge Gabriel Jesus Oliveira welcomed the UIAA to the city of Porto.

1.2 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence have been received from Luxembourg FLERA, the Czech Republic CMF and USA Alaska ALAC.

1.3 Information items

There were none.

1.4 Quorum and majority

Nico de Jong (General Secretary) announced that 35 members were present. The Quorum was 28 and thus the majority was 15, and 2/3 majority for changes of the Statutes was 19 for General Issues. For financial issues the Quorum is 140 and the majority is 71.

The scrutineers were named as David Dornian (Canada ACC), Hilda Aass (Norway) Véronique Hu Wie Nian (Belgium)

1.5 Changes and approval of the Agenda

Frits Vrijlandt (NKBV) proposed to approve the Agenda

► **The Agenda was approved unanimously.**

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José Basto notified that his name had been incorrectly spelt. There were no other comments.

► **After correction of the name spelling, the minutes were approved unanimously.**

3 Report by the President

Mike Mortimer spoke of the departure of DAV (Germany) and OeAV (Austria). They left for several reasons, but primarily because they felt that the UIAA was not offering value to its members, they opposed membership in the IOC and believed that the Commissions were not working effectively. He understood this position, but believed that the organisation UIAA had now changed. Project management is now the basis of the UIAA's work. The Commissions are now funded on the basis of projects approved by the Management Committee.

The IOC requested a report on the activities of the UIAA, in particular to know the

status of Ice Climbing. The IOC is reviewing the UIAA's position, and the UIAA needs the support of the member associations to contact and lobby with their NOCs (National Olympic Committees) to assure the position of mountaineering in the Olympic family.

The office is working well and is able to respond to enquiries. The work with the Safety Commission has produced good work.

His vision is that at the end of his term of 4 years he should be able to explain the value of the UIAA to the member federations. He asked the member federations to consider this question, and see how and whether the UIAA is offering value to the membership. He believed that progress has been made and the answer will be yes.

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

4 Report by the Executive Director

Judith Safford reported on the staff development, various partnerships that have been concluded or are being negotiated, and the development of the website.

5. Finance (Jan Bønding)

5.1 Accounts 2008

Jan Bønding (Treasurer) presented the annual accounts with income and expenses and the Balance sheet. The year closed with a surplus of CHF 4'291 and total assets of CHF 421'242. There were no questions or comments.

5.2 Recommendations by the Management Committee to accept the accounts 2008

The Management Committee recommended the GA to accept the accounts 2008 in its May meeting in Plas Y Brenin.

There were no questions or comments.

5.3 Auditors' Report and discharge to the Board

The Auditors' Report was reported by Jan Bønding.

Vote to approve the Annual Accounts and to discharge the Board.

For 111, Against 0, Abstentions 29.

► **The Annual Accounts and discharge of the Board were approved.**

5.4 Current financial position and forecast for 2009

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

Mike Mortimer commented that some fees outstanding were not received from members who left to join the Ski Mountaineers. The costs have been controlled in a very difficult year with revenue shortfalls due to member departures.

5.5 Presentation and approval of the Budget for 2010

Mike Mortimer informed the GA that the UIAA was running two parts of the organisation: an amateur recreational mountaineering club and an Olympic Sport Federation. To generate revenues for the world wide climbing organisation, staff time needs to be freed up. The Executive Board proposes the use of capital funds for a period of two years to allow increased resources to enable the Executive Director to go

out and generate funds.

Jan Bønding presented the 2010 budget, which planned a deficit of CHF 60'185 funded from capital reserves.

Christian Lund (Sweden SKF) asked about the change of budget income for Ice Climbing. Jan Bønding replied that this IOC grant funds had been reduced.

Judith Safford presented the revenue concept which is the basis of the budget. The main areas of future attention will be continuing the development of the Safety Label, re-launching the Environment Label, developing Ice Climbing and research on future possibilities of sponsorship.

Frank Urs Müller (Switzerland SAC) stated that the Management Committee unanimously recommended the GA to approve the proposed budget. The MC had some doubts, but was reassured by the commitment of the Board to control and review the developments and progress of development efforts.

David Dornian (Canada, ACC) asked if there are any thresholds or conditions of success. A similar attempt was made some years ago and showed the necessity to impose the clear costs and thresholds. Mike Mortimer replied that there will be bi-annual assessment and controls.

Mike Mortimer asked the assembly to approve the budget 2010.

For 120; Against 0; Abstentions 20.

► **The progressive budget 2010 is approved.**

6. The UIAA Tyrol Declaration

6.1 Presentation

Mike Mortimer presented the history of the Mountain Code and the Tyrol Declaration and the difficulties of creating a document on which a consensus through out the UIAA could be found. He reported on the review and discussion process leading up to the General Assembly and that the Management Committee had yesterday approved a revised version proposed by Doug Scott (BMC Great Britain), which differed from that distributed in the meeting papers.

John Nankervis (New Zealand NZMA) presented the background to the revisions of the document circulated for approval. He recommended that the document be approved, with a view to continuing the debate in the future and making continuous improvements of a living document in an unbroken discussion.

Mike Mortimer mentioned that there had been many discussions about the naming of the document. In particular he had discussed with both DAV and OeAV and other former participants in the discussion about the use of the name "Tyrol". He reminded that it will be a living document and will be reviewed regularly.

6.2 Discussion

Doug Scott (Great Britain BMC) supported the document and mentioned his involvement in the original document.

Pierre Humblet (Mountaineering Commission President) believed that repetitions

should be removed.

Dave Scott (South Africa MCSA) believed that some first language editing is required before the document is published.

Stefano Tirinzoni (Italy CAI) stated that in past years 15 different documents have been published by the UIAA with recommendations on various areas, which are not consistent or complete (statements on mountain culture and relationship to the environment are missing). He recommended that this long list should not be lengthened with the approval of a further document, and proposed a motion to the General Assembly that all UIAA position papers and declarations should be reviewed and consolidated into one global UIAA document called the UIAA Charter. Therefore CAI will abstain in the vote on The Tyrol Declaration.

Frank Urs Müller (Switzerland SAC) was opposed to approving the revised document. He believed that the paper has been elaborated by a new group based on a previous document called the Tyrol Declaration. Secondly he proposed that a new name be proposed UIAA Mountain Ethics Declaration.

There were further comments on the contents and name of the document from Buddha Basynat (Medical Commission President), Linda McMillan (Mountain Protection Commission President) Jordi Colomer (UIAA Vice President) José Basto (Portugal CNM), Claude Eckhardt (past UIAA Secretary General), Cameron Roe (Canada ACC), Ian McNaught-Davis (past UIAA President), Frits Vrijlandt (Netherlands NKBV) and Anne Arran (Youth Commission President).

John Nankervis (New Zealand NZAC) reviewed the proposals coming from the floor. He noted that there was much discussion on the name and proposed a new name, but with a specific reference to the heritage of the document in Tyrol. He requested approval of the document although he recognised that there are parts of the document that need to be changed.

6.3 ► Vote

Mike Mortimer proposed that approval could be done in two stages with first a decision on whether to accept the text and a second vote concerning the name.

Motion 1

To approve the text of the UIAA Tyrol Declaration (version 1) without amendments as distributed in the meeting papers.

For 10; against 15; abstentions 3

► **The motion to accept the Tyrol Declaration (version 1) without amendments is rejected.**

Motion 2

To approve the text of the UIAA Tyrol Declaration (version 2) with the amendments as approved by the Management Committee on 9th November 2009

For 20, Against 6; Abstentions 2

- ▶ **The motion to accept the Tyrol Declaration (version 2) with amendments is approved.**

Mike Mortimer introduced the discussion on the name of the Declaration.

Motion 1

The name of the document will be:

UIAA Tyrol Declaration on Mountain Ethics 2009
(amended and approved in Porto 10.10.2009)

Motion 2 SAC

The name of the document will be:

UIAA Mountain Ethics Declaration
(amended and approved in Porto 10.10.2009)

Motion 3 CNM

The name of the document will be:

UIAA Porto Declaration
(amended and approved in Porto 10.10.2009)

There were comments on the use of the words Tyrol, Mountaineering and Climbing in the Declaration by Bill Putnam (Honorary Member), Georges Elzière (France FFCAM), José Basto (Portugal CNM), John Nankervis (New Zealand NZMA), Frank Urs Müller (Switzerland SAC) and Pavel Shabalin (Russian RMF).

The three proposals were voted upon.

Round 1: In favour of Motion 1: 10 votes; Motion 2: 14; Motion 3: 2 votes

Motion 3 is eliminated.

Round 2: In favour of Motion 1: 8; Motion 2: 16; Abstentions 4

- ▶ **The document will be named UIAA Mountain Ethics Declaration**

Motion CAI

To assign to the Management Committee the task to prepare a plan for reviewing all previous documents of the UIAA.

For 22; Against 0; Abstentions 6

- ▶ **The Management Committee will prepare a plan for reviewing all previous documents of the UIAA.**

7. UIAA Commissions

7.1 Information UIAA commissions reform & project management

Silvio Calvi (Executive Board) reported on the work on project management and the changes made in the government of the Commissions.

7.2 Commissions' reports

Mike Mortimer introduced the Commission projects.

7.2.1 Access

Juan Jesús Ibanez Martin (Vice President) reported on the plans of the Access Commission, in particular the idea to create data bases, which would provide online information and resources concerning access issues (recommendations, codes of behaviour, etc.).

There were no questions or comments.

7.2.2 Medical

Buddha Basynat (President) reported on the Commissions activities, in particular the Diploma of Mountain Medicine which is certified by the UIAA in partnership with IKAR (International Commission of Mountain Emergency Medicine).

There were no questions or comments.

7.2.3 Mountaineering

Pierre Humblet (President) presented a review of the Commissions projects including the Ethics, Training Standards and Legal research.

Mike Mortimer remarked on the dedicated work of the Commission.

There were no further questions or comments.

7.2.4 Mountain Protection

Linda McMillan (President) sketched out the three main areas of change in the project work: waste management, response to climate change and supporting eco-tourism in the mountains. Re-launching the environment label is also a focus of future work in cooperation with the staff.

Mike Mortimer congratulated Linda on the new ideas.

7.2.5 Safety

Jean-Franck Charlet (President) reported on the successes of the Safety Label. The Commission is searching for members to expand its activities in Asia. In particular a Chinese delegate would be very welcome. A new standard for braking devices has been approved (manual and blocking assist). This is the first standard for this equipment in the world. Other areas are ropes testing techniques (Energy Absorption), harnesses, Karabiners, Via Ferrate, and warning and advice papers, including Accidents related to breaking bolts in tropical marine climates. He showed a film on testing.

Mike Mortimer reported that the film has been watched over 35'000 times on the UIAA YouTube channel.

There were no other questions or comments.

7.2.6 Youth

Anne Arran (Youth) reported on the extensive activities of the Commission including climbing events, world summits with environmental and cultural aspects, trekking events. The strategic plan aims to work more with regional groups. Therefore regional experts will be sought, as it is believed that this approach to Youth development will be more effective. Co-operation is planned with the Mountain Protection, Ice climbing and Anti Doping commissions. Other priorities are improved administration (Event organisers' handbook), communication (videos) and revenue generation (sponsorship).

Mike Mortimer complimented Anne on her Commissions' tremendous work There were no questions or comments.

7.2.7 Ice Climbing

Carlos Teixeira (President) reported on the past season with 4 World Cup events, a World Championship. An athletes' survey was carried out, which gave useful insights to athletes' wishes. Future plans include new climbing structures, films to explain the rules for non-English speaking and Training courses for route-setters and judges, projects in collaboration with the Youth Commission. A strategic plan for development to 2014 has been developed.

Mike Mortimer reported on the Competition in Mojstrana in Slovenia this winter. Apart from the athletes, it was impressive to see the engagement of many volunteers and the fun had by all.

There were no future questions or comments.

7.2.8 Anti-Doping

7.2.8.1 AD Commission report

Nenad Dikic (President) reported on the progress in Anti Doping testing and procedures in Ice climbing. There have been no positive tests and the UIAA is now WADA code compliant in all areas. Finally in accordance to UIAA's position supplementary oxygen will not be added to the WADA Prohibited List. Projects for 2010 include education for athletes and youth, and research of athletes.

Mike Mortimer commented that after several years of struggle, within a very short time after Nenad's election the UIAA was WADA Code compliant.

7.2.8.2 UIAA AD policy & Procedure update 2009 (vote)

► **The UIAA AD Policy & Procedure 2009 was approved unanimously.**

7.2.9 Discipline & Appeals

There were no procedures to report.

7.3 Working group report on Expedition activities

Jordi Colomer reported on the Working groups review of the UIAA Expedition activities. Members of the working groups were past Commission President Renato Moro, Frits Vrijlandt and himself. It was decided by the Management Commission is to transfer activities to the Access, Mountain Protection and Mountaineering commissions. Some advice and information should be posted on the website.

7.4 New Initiatives

Silvio Calvi reported on new initiatives to reactivate activities, which were formerly actively managed by the UIAA. An example is the Reciprocity agreement which was originally started by the UIAA.

7.4.1 Huts & trails

Particularly small federations wish for technological assistance in the construction and management of huts. Examples are energy provision or waste management in huts. To gather information, assess problems and develop specific projects a working group will be founded. The member federations are requested to co-operate by submitting requests and making information available.

7.4.2 Mountain Culture

Ideas reported by Silvio Calvi included providing links and information on museums, film festivals and other cultural events. Information sharing would be done through the website. The member federations are requested to help provide the information. A working group must be formed to examine how to proceed.

8. IOC Report

Mike Mortimer reported on the work with the IOC in the President's Report.

9. Elections

9.1 Election new candidate from African Continent to Management Committee

Mike Mortimer introduced David Jones, the nominated delegate for Africa to the Management Committee.

Mike Mortimer proposed that David Jones be elected by applause. There were no objections.

- ▶ **David Jones was elected as African member of the Management Committee by applause.**

10. UIAA Articles of Association (Amendments)

10.1 Voting rights and membership fees for Associate members

The issue can not be decided because one member is missing for the necessary 2/3 majority of full voting members to make a decision. The decision is postponed until next year.

11. UIAA Court

11.1 Introduction

Mike Mortimer explained that the new Statutes foresaw an Arbitration Court to settle conflicts within the organisation. This is part of the professionalization of the UIAA.

11.2 Election of the members of the Court

The proposed President of the Court, Bettina Geisseler (Switzerland SAC) presented herself. She read out the greeting from member Robbert Leopold (Honorary member, NKBV), who expresses his happiness and honour at being proposed as a member of the Court. Jordi Pons (Honorary member, FEDME) also accepted his nomination.

The Court members Bettina Geisseler, Robbert Leopold and Jordi Pons are proposed for election for the establishment of the Court.

For 25, Against 0; Abstentions 3

- ▶ **The Court members Bettina Geisseler, Robbert Leopold and Jordi Pons are elected to the UIAA Court.**

12. Membership issues

12.1 Admission of new members

Nico de Jong announced two applications for full membership

Dominican Republic: Asociación Dominicana de Escalada y Montañismo

Mongolia: Mongolian Mountaineering and Climbing Federation

He informed that the submitted documents and procedure are judged to be correct.

Mike Mortimer proposed to admit Asociación Dominicana de Escalada y Montañismo to full membership of the UIAA.

For 23; Against 0; Abstentions 5

- ▶ **Asociación Dominicana de Escalada y Montañismo is admitted to the UIAA from 1.01.2010.**

Mike Mortimer proposed to admit National Mountaineering Federation of Mongolia to full membership of the UIAA.

Fumio Tanaka (Japan, JMA) asked whether it was the same organisation as that excluded previously from the UIAA. Nico de Jong replied that it was difficult to tell, and that he had no evidence that it was.

Jordi Colomer felt that much could change in an organisation and that the past was no reason to reject the application now.

For 21; Against 0; Abstentions 7

- ▶ **National Mountaineering Federation of Mongolia is admitted to the UIAA from 1.01.2010.**

Nico de Jong announced two applications for associate membership

Iran: Anjomane Kohnavardan Iran (translated as Alpine Club of Iran)

The full member has been consulted in accordance with the regulations.

Mikaeel Morovati (I R Iran, I R IMF) expressed the reservations of the current member. He believed that organisation is not an Alpine Club and not recognised as a sports organisation in Iran.

Mike Mortimer proposed that the Federation should be invited to come to the GA in 2010 and state its case.

Mike Mortimer asked the GA whether the Alpine Club of Iran should be admitted to the UIAA in 2010.

For 0; Against 22; Abstentions 6

- ▶ **The application is rejected.**

It was apparent that there was no support to admit the Federation at this stage and the Alpine Club of Iran will be invited to attend the GA in Bormio to state its case.

Turkey: Zirve Dagcilik ZD

The full member has been consulted in accordance with the regulations.

Ersan Basar (TDF, Turkey) stated that his federation is opposed to admitting this organisation, as the organisation does not have international representation rights under the Turkish system.

Mike Mortimer proposed that the Federation should be invited to come to the GA in 2010 and state its case.

Mike Mortimer asked the GA whether the Zirve Dagcilik should be admitted to the UIAA.

For 0; Against 22; Abstentions 6

► **The application is rejected.**

It was apparent that there was no support to admit the Federation at this stage and the Club Zirve Dagcilik will be invited to attend the GA in Bormio to state its case.

12.2 Non payment by members

Nico de Jong announced that the following members had still not paid their membership fees.

Brazil, Confederação Brasileira de Montanhismo e Escalada, CBME

Hungary, Magyar Sportturisztikai Szövetség MSTSZ

12.3 Exclusion of members

Nico de Jong announced that the following members were proposed for exclusion if they did not pay their fees by 31st December 2009.

Chile Federación de Andinismo de Chile FEACH

Ecuador Ecuadorian Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing Sports FEDAN

France Fédération Française de la Montagne et de l'Escalade FFME

Indonesia Federasi Panjat Tebing Indonesia FPTI

Kazakhstan Mountaineering and Climbing Federation of Republic of Kazakhstan MCFRK

Mike Mortimer asked if the non paying federations to be excluded at 31st December 2009 if they have not paid their

For 26, Against 0; Abstentions 2

► **The above mentioned member federations will be excluded from the UIAA from 31st December if they do not pay their members before this date.**

Furthermore Nico de Jong informed that three members have given notice to leave the UIAA.

Italy Federazione Italiana Sport Invernali FISI

Austria Austrian Skimountaineering Organisation for Competitions ASKIMO

Singapore Singapore Mountaineering Federation SMF

13. UIAA Solidarity Fund: new regulations

13.1 Introduction

Nico de Jong announced the new proposal for the regulation of the Solidarity Fund to pay for the travel expenses of Commission members in exceptional financial circumstances.

13.2 Discussion

Anne Arran believed that it might be embarrassing to make an application and the time lines for approval from the Management Committee might be impractical to plan Commission members' travel.

13.3 Vote

Mike Mortimer proposed that the Solidarity Fund regulations be approved.
In favour 21; Against 0; Abstentions 7

► **The new Solidarity Fund regulations are approved.**

14. Miscellaneous information items

14.1 UIAA Training Standards

Mike Mortimer informed that the Training Standards are highly in demand and expanding beyond the capacities of the volunteers to run it. There will be a meeting in the next months to decide on procedure to reform the Training Standards.

A report will be submitted at the next General Assembly.

15. Future General Assemblies

15.1 Location of the General Assembly in 2010

Stefano Tirinzoni presented next years' location in Bormio, Italy.

15.2 Future locations after 2010

Nico de Jong announced that two Federations have requested to carry out a General Assembly.

2011: October 5-8: Nepal Mountaineering Association NMA, in Kathmandu, Nepal. 2011 is Nepal Tourism Year.

2012: October 3-6: Royal Dutch Mountaineering and Climbing Club, NKBV, in Amsterdam, Netherlands. 2012 is the 110th Anniversary of the NKBV.

Motion 1:

To provisionally accept the proposal of the NMA to organise the GA of 2011 in Kathmandu, Nepal and to give the final decision to the Management Committee after a detailed proposal has been received.

Motion 2

To provisionally accept the proposal of the NKBV to organise the GA of 2012 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands and to give the final decision to the Management

Committee after a detailed proposal has been received.

▶ **Both motions are unanimously approved.**

17. Any other business

17.1 Presentation of FEEC (Spain)

The new President of Federació d'Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya FEEC, Daniel Planas Perpinã introduced himself and stated his satisfaction with the meeting in Porto.

17.2 Presentation of KAF (Korea)

The Director for International Relations of the Korean Alpine Federation KAF, Christina Pae, introduced herself as the first visit to the UIAA GA and stated that she was very impressed.

17.3 Thanks from FPME

Carlos Gomes, President FPME, thanked all those attending and especially the CNM

Mike Mortimer believed that this meeting would be remembered as the meeting where the UIAA would start moving forward. UIAA has approved a new Declaration of Ethics, it has discussed many important issues and seen the developments in the Commissions. He thanked the staff and the Executive Board.

The Chairman, Mike Mortimer, thanked the organisers and all the delegates for their hard work and closed the meeting at 17:45.

Minute-taker Executive Director, Judith SAFFORD

Chairman President, Mike MORTIMER

Approved by the General Assembly at its meeting in Bormio, Italy on