



International Federation of Sport Climbing

Plenary Assembly of the IFSC June 21st 2008 Imst Austria MINUTES

National Federation Members present or represented

AUSTRALIA	SCA	<i>proxy</i> James Maguire
AUSTRIA	OWK	Eugen Burtscher
BELARUS	BAF	<i>proxy</i> Dmitry Bychkov
BELGIUM	CAB/BAC	<i>delegate</i> Tuur Ceuleers
BELGIUM	VBSF	Tuur Ceuleers
CANADA	ACC	David Dornian
CHINA	CMA	Li Zhixin
CHINESE TAIPEI	CTAA	Wei Chi Huang
ECUADOR	FEDAN	<i>proxy</i> Venezuela
FRANCE	FFME	Pierre Henri Paillason
GERMANY	DAV	Wolfgang Wabel
GREAT BRITAIN	BMC	Graeme Alderson
GREECE	HFMCU	Maya Fourioti
HONG KONG*	HKMU	Frederick Yu
HONG KONG*	HKSCU	Ching Kwok Kit
INDONESIA	FTPI	<i>proxy</i> Anthony Seah
IRAN	I.R. IMF	Homayoun Bakhtyari
ITALY	FASI	Ariano Amici
JAPAN	JMA	Toru Kobinata
KAZAKHSTAN	MCFRK	<i>proxy</i> Ariano Amici
KIRGIZ REPUBLIC	FMRICK	<i>proxy</i> James Maguire
KOREA	KAF	Kim Jaewook
LATVIA	LAA	<i>proxy</i> Ariano Amici
LUXEMBOURG	FLERA	Daniel Keiser
MEXICO	FMEM	Alfredo Velzquez Iñiguez
NETHERLANDS	NKBV	Dick Van Vegchelen
NEW ZEALAND	NZSF	James Maguire
PERU	FEPADI	Sandro G. Escoavil
PORTUGAL**	FPME	José A. Barros Basto
RUSSIA	CFR	Dmitry Bychkov
SINGAPORE	SMF	Anthony Seah
SLOVAKIA	JAMES	Tomas Greksak
SPAIN	FEDME	Joan Garrigos y Toro
SWITZERLAND	SAC	Leo Condrau
THAILAND	SCAT	<i>proxy</i> Anthony Seah
TURKEY	TDF	Murat Salim Seren
USA	USA Climbing	Anne-Worley Moelter
UZBEKISTAN	FMCU	<i>proxy</i> Dmitry Bychkov
VENEZUELA	FEVED	Pablo Hilewski

*Hong Kong federations HKMU and HKSCU share one vote for Hong Kong

** Portugal federation FPME has been granted by the Assembly the vote for Portugal. FCMP was present.



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Asian Council	Li Zhixin
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CHINA	CMA	Li Guo Wei, Ding Xianghua
PORTUGAL	FCMP	Carlos Teiveire
RUSSIA	CFR	Yuri Skurlatov

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1. Welcome to the National Federations.

The Assembly opens with the welcome by the Mayor of Imst to the IFSC Plenary Assembly. Imst will continue to support sport climbing, and wishes all the best for the Plenary Assembly. The IFSC President thanks the Mayor and declares that Imst is a guarantee of good events: support from institutions: this is very important to this sport.

2. Appointment of the scrutineers.

Proposal to appoint Giner, Dornian, Alderson

No objections.

3. Members present and voting rights

The Assembly has the necessary quorum (32 votes) for statute changes.

Apart from statutes revision, all other issues require a simple majority.

The President thanks IFSC partners, TOP 30 and Walltopia, for the first time attending a IFSC Plenary Assembly.

4. Minutes Matsumoto

Comments: none received

<p>Vote on approval of Minutes Matsumoto:</p> <p>In favor: 32</p> <p>Against: none</p> <p>Abstained: none</p> <p>Unanimously Approved</p>

5. Membership

a. Portugal.

The President explains that the MC has sent out a proposal to change the right to vote, which has been split between the 2 member federations (FCMP and FPME), and give full voting rights to the FPME.

FCMP protests against what it defines a manipulation of the decisions taken by the Assembly itself. FPME replies that the most important question is who represents the sport by organizing events and supporting climbers. FPME further states they are fighting for recognition from their NOC.

FCMP is willing to accept the decision of PA, but reminds that insofar the legal representative is FCMP, also according to the Portuguese Olympic Committee.

The president explains clearly the vote, reminding NFs that by voting YES, the Assembly will give full voting right to FPME; if they vote NO, the situation will remain the same (split vote).



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Vote on giving full voting right to FPME:

In favor: 22
 Against: 2
 Abstained: 10

Approved

b. One country one member system

The President explains the principle was voted in the last PA, but that – for historical reasons – IFSC byelaws allow the presence of more than one per country.

It has been already voted that this situation must be amended before the end of 2009, and the statutes will change accordingly. Where exceptions exist, the relevant National Federations are discussing the possible solutions. IFSC GS Reindert Lenselink introduces the double membership issues.

HONG KONG

Frederik Yu (HKMU) illustrates the situation in Hong Kong, saying that the Federations will possibly merge in 2009. Yu adds he is honored to participate in the discussion and thanks RL for his help.

BELGIUM

Tuurs Ceuleers (CAB/BAC) explains they are reshaping the organization. There are friendly relationships between the 2 federations, who share the same ideals and goals, and this is the last time Belgium has 2 representatives.

SPAIN

RL states that it is clear that FEDME is the only Federation in Spain, and that the Basque Federation is going to quit the IFSC.

AUSTRIA

Solved

Updating the attendance, quorum and presence

c. Members and membership review

The President relates that IOC has been insisting on the quality of the Federations members, not only on their number, and that they are paying more and more attention to the actual sport involvement of NFs. IFSC is also accordingly reviewing the membership issue, and wants to help NFs to move in the direction of sport.

The President states that one key to future development is the presence of athletes in the organization, not only at the international level, but also at the national one.

Jerome Meyer, president of the Athlete Commission, is present in the Assembly, and he reminds that for the IOC the AC is a must within the organization, and that athletes must be represented and have right to vote in NFs too, at the highest level in the organization.



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Consequently NOCs will examine closer the NFs' activity. The President once more highlights that it is a requirement that all NFs start working on the project of having the athletes at the heart of their activity and organization.

d. Africa and new members

The President reports that at the moment the IFSC includes 72 NFs. As Africa is the continent where IFSC is weakest, the MC has decided to invest part of the Golden Project revenues there. Actual federations members in Africa:

South Africa
Cameroon

Pierre-Henri Paillason (FFME) illustrates the situation in Cameroun, where Mr. Engamba (advisor of the Federation – ASME) has asked for help. PP explains they are a sport federation, and that they would like to learn on practice and competitions. The first mission is aimed at evaluating what can be done. If possible some routes will be equipped outdoor. PHP will also see if it is possible to start some bouldering indoor on artificial walls.

The President adds that IFSC is going to meet its partners to see what is possible to provide Africa with, in terms of structures. Potentialities are very high, but IFSC doesn't have sufficient resources, that is why it may ask the partners' help. IFSC also tried to apply to the IOC Solidarity program, but it was told it is only accessible by Olympic federations.

e. Enforcement of article 10

The President explains that the decision can only be enforced by the PA. According also to the recommendation of the MC, the PA should vote again to enforce such measure.

The IFSC Treasurer reminds that the outcome of the measure approved in Matsumoto was that a lot of NFs paid, in order to allow climbers to compete; he suggests the PA votes again to enforce the same decision on countries that have not paid their debts to IFSC.

The President says that IFSC can accept that NFs may have financial problems, but strongly suggest that they get in contact with the Treasurer, in all such cases. FCMP protests that they have been long listed in the list of debtors, but that they have paid all their debts and that FPME hasn't.

The President reminds that the PA is not voting on suspension from membership, but only on suspension from participation in events. He further apologizes in case IFSC has made some mistakes, and to all those who are listed while they should' t be; but the point is to decide if to apply again the statutes.

Vote on enforcement of Article 10, with regard to exclusion from participation to competitions [Statutory vote (2/3)]

In favor: 29

Against : 0

Abstained: 2

Approved



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6. State of the art

a. Contributions and countries

The President shows statistics regarding the IFSC life. Presentations of the actual participation of athletes in international events, split by continents.

The President comments that IFSC results to be a Eurocentric Federation, as $\frac{3}{4}$ of its income actually comes from Europe; going further into the details, it is clear that only a few countries are supporting all IFSC activities. The organization is new, and although there is some development in Asia, there are huge gaps. IFSC will soon have to decide what to do to help countries that don't seem able to promote sport by themselves. There are good signs, but they are not enough (i.e. Vail).

The President adds that probably IFSC will have to choose whether to ask non European Federations to invest more in IFSC or if to invest more in Europe to generate revenues.

IFSC has to think seriously about new financing solutions, and development strategies.

b. IOC recognition

The President remarks that, despite the many people who discouraged us, in the end IFSC managed to achieve its goal, the Olympic recognition. Much more must be done, anyway, to actually be welcomed in the Olympic family.

c. Future strategies

The President states that there are 2 key points in future strategies with regard to IOC recognition.

- WADA code compliance
It is a take it or leave it. Renato Nicolai (President of the Anti-doping Commission) is already working on modifications of IFSC own Anti-doping regulations to comply with the 2009 code. The MC will approve the changes made by the AD Commission, but the PA should first vote on compliance with the WADA Anti-doping Code 2009.
- Anti-doping implementation and registered testing pool (RTP)
IFSC already has selected a RTP, but has to implement it to comply with WADA. The ADAM system now allows for more flexibility in entering the data. During Sport Accord the board realized that IOC is paying attention to IFSC, but IFSC has to be proactive and go in the right direction.

7. Headquarters and new staff

- Venue
The venue opened on June 14th, and the Office will soon be made available by the Municipality. In long terms, two options are open; one is the Museo della Montagna, at Monte dei Capuccini, the other is the building close to the venue.
- Staff
Introduction of the new staff, and their speech of presentation to the Assembly.

COFFEE BREAK



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After the break, the President apologizes to FCMP, as debts for Portugal have to be reconducted to FCMP. Apologies also to Venezuela.

AC representative Jerome Meyer asks to change the agenda and discuss immediately the Grindelwald issue before confronting the Statutes revision.

This was agreed by the Members.

8. Calendar

a. Grindelwald cancellation

The President explains that, after being notified (see the document attached) the cancellation of the World Championship by SAC, unable to organize the event, the board started investigating alternative possibilities. It first consulted FFME (candidate before the vote that decided for Grindelwald) and ended up asking CMA to change the 2009 Qinghai WC event to the WCH. The Chinese option was taken because the lack of time and because they would organize all the 3 events in 2009. CMA is willing and able to organize the World Championship 2009, subject to 2 requests:

- Technical support, a thing which is not new to the IFSC.
- Change in dates, anticipated from the end of July to the end of June.

The President relates the MC long discussed the issue on the previous day and finally agreed to propose the PA to elect Qinghai as host city to WCH 2009, from June 30th to July 5th. The Event Commission has already started thinking about the necessary changes in the calendar.

The President asks for comments, there is none, then proceeds with the vote.

Vote to change location and elect Xining, Qinghai, as host city to WCH 2009 in the above mentioned dates:

In favor: 32
Against: none
Abstained: 3

Approved

The MC has asked SAC to bear some of the cost of the WCH in Qinghai. Although IFSC understands the NFs' position, it assigns competitions under the responsibility of NFs, and holds them as responsible. Then IFSC President gave the floor to SAC, for communication to PA.

Leo Condrau (SAC) explains that the cancellation was a big shock for the Federation itself, as the competition was one of the big goals for 2009. He apologizes to the French, and to all, saying SAC tried to do what was possible and that everything happened in a very short term. He also thanks the Chinese for taking over, and guarantees the best support from SAC, which will see what it can do.

9. Structure review

a. Strategy and basis for improvement

The President comments that IFSC is in the post UIAA development phase, the structure hasn't changed since then and it may not fit sport climbing anymore. The



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Board and MC have been investigating what other IFs are doing, and have also consulted the IOC in that regard.

In 2009 there will be the elections, and it would be wise to improve the statutes before that, to make the vote with the new structure.

Presentation of the document and its basic concepts as per SLIDE (see Slides, p. 24)

For efficiency reasons, the Management Committee has been simplified, and the continental representatives have been included in the executive body. In the new structure the continental councils will have more power, but there must be one representative for each continent.

There will be only one executive body, instead of the actual two.

The executive board will be new also in its constitution. The MC will disappear and what is now called executive board will be enlarged, to comprise the following:

1 President

3 Vice-presidents

1 Secretary general

5 continental representatives

1 athlete representative

All the above mentioned will be elected, by the PA, except the Continental Councils Reps and the Athletes rep.

In case the continental council does not exist it has no representative, that is why the European Federations are reuniting in the next days to create the council.

As for the function of board members, there is no description in the statutes. But the President reminds that the vote is on accepting the concept; if the Assembly accepts, in the next month the MC's task will be that of creating job descriptions for the executive board roles.

The President also illustrates that the Sport department has been conceived to satisfy the need for a technical body to work in an efficient and coordinated way.

There is a slight difference in terms of wording between draft statutes and slides, which is due to the fact that documents were sent to the Assembly 1 month ago, and the MC finalized the proposal yesterday. The Sport department is better described, but basically the same as in the document NFs have received.

Head of the Sport department will be the Vice-president for Sports/Events, who is the responsible of event coordination.

The roles of the other board members will be roughly as follows:

Vice President/Treasurer and finances: not only accounting, but also operating in the development of sport

Vice president/Communication and Media

General Secretary: membership, members etc.

The statutes do not describe the steering committee as a body; they just mention it once as a working group taking care of daily business and supervising the office, but with no political power.

The President proposes to discuss the principles, and if they are approved, the Assembly will go through the Statutes and vote on them.

Open discussion



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S.G. Escoavil (FEPADI) remarks that the South American council should be kept separate from the NA council; the President answers that the councils will not be abolished, but that all the Americas will have one representative to IFSC.

D. Dornian (ACC) asks which bodies will be involved in the elections, and how, and how continental council representatives will be elected in the new structure. The President answers that Councils must be created within IFSC approved Statutes, and that the Pan-American council issue will require a lot of work and communication to be solved.

PH. Paillasson (FFME) thanks the board for the work they have done to create IFSC, but does not agree with the project of structure change. A vote on it would be premature. FFME also doesn't agree with the cancellation of MC, which acts as a filter and a guarantee by meeting twice a year, while the PA only meets once a year. Even if FFME doesn't agree with deletion of MC, it agrees with the other changes. The President explains that the project is not new. According to the lawyer the structure proposed is legal, and could be useful to a small organization like IFSC. The proposal has been voted by the MC, and whether NFs should like it or not, discussion is welcome.

J. B. Basto (FPME) believes that if communication is frequent and clear through the web, and information is well done and spread (i.e. board minutes made available to all members) everyone can control what the Executive Board does.

PhP believes that face to face discussion is better for important subjects. Additionally, a big board such as that foreseen means higher expenses for its members to meet.

Luis Giner (FEDME) shares FFME's point of view.

M. Fourioti (HFMCU) points out that the changes should come for the bottom, instead of being imposed top-down. The first step should be the approval of the Continental Councils Statutes.

The President answers that the project comes from a precise request of some NFs during the PA 2007. He emphasizes that decision is up to NFs, but that NFs should also give feedbacks when asked about documents sent by the MC, to help the executive board know what they want.

T. Ceuleers (CAB/BAC) agrees that it may be too early, and says it may be better to further investigate on the consequences of this structure at continental level and lower.

DD agrees more time is needed to play out different scenarios, and to prepare the best possible job description. Before voting on this, ideas should be clear, but ACC believes the PA can still vote on the principle.

J. Maguire (Oceania council) appreciates the structure and thinks it is very good, but asks that in case the continental council does not exist, the PA appoint the representative for the council.

The President agrees that a problem could exist if no Continental Council has been created, but doesn't share the idea that the President (of the Continental Council) could be appointed by the PA.



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Wolfgang Wabel (DAV) on behalf of the MC and of the working group, asks to accept the structure in principle. The sport department is meant to improve the quality of events, and this is the core of IFSC innovation.

It is crucial to find the correct timeline to start this structure.

PhP points out that FFME is only against the deletion of MC, but doesn't want to paralyze the IFSC, and approves all the rest (i.e. sport department).

HK reminds that early next year there will be a vote, and the whole board must be elected again. 31st December is the deadline for candidatures and it is necessary to know which are the available posts in IFSC structure.

D. Bychkov (CFR) agrees with DAV in supporting the structure and confirms the trust in the board and MC for their good job, i.e. IOC recognition. But Europe has a real problem, because it doesn't have a council. Wouldn't it be better to wait?

A Seah (SMF) agrees with the principle, but thinks at least 4 continental councils should exist. The President suggests a motion could be proposed on that, as there is no valid council at the moment.

H. Bakhtyari (IRI MF) thinks the Assembly shouldn't proceed, as no council exists. IRI presents an official motion, to delay the vote on principle structure to PA 2009.

The president points out that, if the motion is approved, the board and MC will be elected according to the current statutes. For 4 years, unless the Assembly decides otherwise, or changes the statutes.

Official motion to delay the vote on principle structure to PA 2009:

Vote:

In favor: 6

Against: 28

Abstained: 2

Not approved

The President announces the vote on principle structure, as per slide. PhP asks that the vote on Sport department and New Structure be split in two, and the President agrees.

First vote

Vote on the elimination of the MC and the new board composition and on the proposed structure in principle:

In favor: 34

Against: 2

Abstained: 1

Approved



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Second vote

Vote on the creation of the sport department:

UNANIMOUSLY approved

AS proposes a motion to adopt the structure in 2009, provided at least 4 continental councils with a recognized structures exist and have elected their representatives. Deadline: December 31st. The motion is postponed after the vote on the structure.

JBB proposes to elect the continental representatives in Torino, on the day before the PA, but AS replies that the deadline should be earlier to allow councils to express a candidate to the board.

As Oceania has a proposal for a statutory modification, J. Maguire asks to postpone the discussion, and the President agrees to do so. Next issue will be Finances.

10. Finances and growth

The President reminds that, if the PA goes for a new structure, the budget will have to change accordingly.

a. 2007 financial reports and audit

The Treasurer explains that many Federations have paid their outstanding debts this year, thanks to the enforcement of articles 17 and 10. This has improved the financial situation of IFSC.

Financial statements as per SLIDE (see p. 36)

Andrea Barabino (Auditor) recommends that the PA approves the financial statement.

Vote on the approval of balance 2007:

In favor: 32

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Unanimously Approved

The President remarks that Andrea Barabino deserves IFSC's special thanks as he is offering a lot of services for free.

b. 2008 finances and Golden Member

The President confesses the board was disappointed, as it expected involvement from more federations. The ones involved are those already contributing to $\frac{3}{4}$ of IFSC budget. The President hopes that other Federations will join in the future, as the destination of the money is clear, too. It is not only a financial question, but one of priorities as well. The question is: are you a real sport federation? If so, you should contribute to sport promotion.



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The President thanks the federations who helped most in 2008:

CMA
FFME
FASI
MCFRK
CFR
FEDME
DAV

c. Fee system for 2009 and beyond

See SLIDES (see p. 41, 42)

Most of the changes have been already discussed, and don't need to be voted again.

Vote on fee system for 2009 and beyond as per slide

In favor: 36
Against: 0
Abstained: 1

Approved

d. Reimbursement

No comments.

Changes in the reimbursements are unanimously approved

e. Budget 2009

See Slide p. 44

The Treasurer explains the budget, commenting that if the structure changes the budget will have to change accordingly.

The President remarks that even if it may not be pleasant to present a budget with a deficit, it is necessary to allow for growth and development.

Vote on budget 2009 as per slide:

In favor: 36
Against: 0
Abstained: 0

Unanimously approved

LUNCH BREAK



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11. Structure review and statutes

Motion on the structure to be delayed after the Assembly has gone through the statutes. Statutes will be examined page per page, and then the PA will vote on final approval of the whole document.

The proposed document was approved, with the following amendments and clarifications:

Motion on Art. 16 by DAV:

On behalf of SAC, DAV, OWK

Motion by DAV to make a change in the Statutes with regard to the voting rights: 1, 2 or 3 votes depending on the number of licenses each Federation has.

Votes should be connected to the activity and support NFs give to the IFSC.

The President argues that the voting right is the core of IFSC; even if IFSC supports the IOC principle, it recognizes that it might bring a sort of unfairness. The MC wants to find a system better reflecting the actual involvement of NFs, but the issue should be further investigated. Then MC will therefore consider the possible options to submit to the PA in the next assembly.

No comment.

Withdrawal of the motion

Motion on Art. 23 by NZ

Motion to amend part of the article as per Slide (see p. 29).

The board should be must be at full components. To maintain its integrity, and representativity. Who is elected as CC representative by the PA must actively promote the interest of the continent.

The President argues that if the representative does not come from the Continental Council but is elected by the PA, the CC might lose control. Besides, Anthony's motion works in the same direction as the motion proposed by NZ.

<p>Vote on amendment to Art.23 as per slide (to be accepted: 2/3 votes):</p> <p>In favor: 18 Against:10 Abstained: 8</p> <p>Not accepted</p>
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CAB/BAC expresses some doubts as to what is defined as council; they comment that things are being established from the top down, not allowing for greater freedom at bottom level.

The President clarifies that councils should comply with IFSC statutes and criteria, and their statutes must be approved by IFSC. WW further states that statutes are crucial, and that continental representational bodies should have the same structure as IFSC. If



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organizations differ as to their structure (i.e. legal or non legal entities) it becomes a great mess.

DD highlights again that Continental Councils are part of IFSC, not separate creations.

WW points out that Art.23 is different in wording from the document sent out before the PA, and that the document voted should be the same. The President clarifies that the changes were meant to clarify and illustrate the meaning.

Motion to adapt Art. 23 to the document sent out in preparation of the PA, by DAV.

Vote on the rewording of the red lines as follows:

Vice-President – Events/Sports

Vice-President – Treasurer/Finances

Vice-President – Communication/IT, Media & Communication

General Secretary/IFSC

In favor: 33

Against: 3

Abstained: 1

Accepted

The Board will proceed to the rewording of Art. 23

Motion on Art. 24 by SAC, DAV and OWK to change terms of mandate of the board members.

WW explains that terms should be fixed to allow new people to work and to allow change. The Secretary General explains that the present status is derived from the experience of other IFs; it is often necessary to have the time to build a network of contacts, which is easily destroyed by too rapid turnovers. The IFSC received from IOC the advise to make itself well known in the family. In any case board members can be removed by the PA's vote at any time.

The President adds that he is not personally concerned, but that young people, athletes, who could want to contribute to the managing of the IFSC would be then obliged to stop very early.

One further consideration is that, being board members all volunteers, it is not easy to find people to fill the posts.

HFMCU and FEPADI share the same opinion of the board.

SAC argues that if one person can be elected only for a limited period of time, such person is forced to look for new people, and will have to take care of who can follow up.

Anthony Seah – as Asia Council secretary – adds that networking requires a lot of time, and it cannot be done with a term. Power lies in the PA.



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Motion on Art.24, to change the terms of mandate of board members

Vote on the motion:

In favor: 3

Against: 30

Abstained: 4

Not accepted

Art 25.

As the structure changes, tasks must be rewritten.

2 articles have been put together, uniting the tasks of MC and Board.

Art.26

Takes into account the potential risk of this kind of organization, so it sets 3 meetings every year.

Motion by FEDME to change the wording and add that the Executive board will meet **at least** 3 times every year.

Vote on motion on Art.26 by FEDME:

In favor: 26

Against: 2

Abstained: 2

Accepted

Art.27

Introduces the steering committee, which is not an institutional body, but is meant to deal with the daily business.

As J. B.Basto (FPME) asks to specify who is in the steering committee, the President answers that the MC (or board?) will prepare a job description for the next meeting to satisfy the requirements of the Assembly.

Art.28

Transferring of power to the Executive board.

Art. 30

In case of death of the President, the executive board will be entitled to appoint a substitute.

Art.31

Cancellation of the 2 councils and creation of the Pan-American council.

Motion to amend Art.31 by New Zealand

Art. 31 will specify that continental councils must create within their structure an Athlete Commission as per slide (see slide p. 30).



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Vote on motion:

In favor: 36

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Unanimously approved

Art.44

Will disappear automatically when the PA elects the new board.

The President suggests voting on the Statutes, before going into the bye-laws. The reason for the double vote is that the two votes require different majorities; usually the statutes require a 2/3 majority, while the bye-laws don't. J. B. Basto adds that bye-laws are temporary.

Vote on statutes as amended during the assembly, and as per slides:

In favor: 32

Against: 0

Abstained: 4

New statutes approved

Bye-laws proposal review

Bye-law to article 8 must be updated with regard to the former shared vote of Portugal. Following the decision to give the full vote to FPME, this article must be automatically updated and therefore there is no need to hold a vote.

Vote to approve bye-laws as presented:

In favor: 36

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Unanimously approved

Motion by Singapore on implementation of the structure

According to the general feeling of the Assembly, the President states that the vote will require a 2/3 majority.



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Motion by Singapore to adopt the new structure subject to condition that at least 4 continental council exist and their representatives have been elected.

Vote (2/3 majority):

In favor: 36

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Unanimously approved

The President congratulates the Assembly for the well balanced structure it has chosen.

12. Calendar, Events, Competition

The president starts apologizing to the athletes for the many cancellations occurred during the first part of the year. As agreed in the MC, the dates for Moscow have been changed upon request of the organizers, and consequently also the Brno issue has been reopened (Brno event linked to a trade show) after the MC had rejected their request to change date.

a. Belgrade Cancellation

HK explains the reasons for Belgrade cancellation, and the previous mediation work that had been done to ensure that the Serbians could solve their problems, and also to guarantee the event. The routesetter assessed that organizing the competition was impossible, and he and HK immediately tried to stop climbers from travelling to Serbia. The decision was theirs.

SCFC representative reads the letter explaining the failure in organizing the competition.

The President specifies that the competition was cancelled by IFSC, not by SCFS (IFSC will claim some money). From this experience, IFSC has learnt it has to find better guarantees for competitions, and consequently, in the next weeks, the MC will work to create new guidelines.

Yesterday the MC has met with the representative of a new organization that asked to become IFSC member. The President hopes that if the Serbians work together and solve their problems as one association, Federations will forget what has happened soon.

Graeme Alderson comments that by reading the letter he understands it was no emergency problem, but a thing that could have been foreseen. In case organizers have problems, IFSC should be advised to prevent bigger problems to NFs and athletes.

b. City election process

The MC proposes to postpone the election of the city host to the World Championship 2011 to February 2009.



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Vote to delay election of the city host to the World Championship 2011 to

February 2009:

In favor: 33

Against: 1

Abstained: 3

Approved

c. European championship 2010

The MC proposes to leave the decision to the European Council

Unanimously approved

d. Youth World Championship 2010 – Edinburgh, August.

Graeme Alderson explains he will be personally involved, and that BMC has a long history of running good events. The PA can trust the BMC to organize a good event. The President presents a request from the board. Everybody is pleased to go back there, but Edinburgh is really expensive; the board therefore recommends BMC to try and find the cheapest possible accommodations. GA ensures they will do it.

Vote on Edinburgh 2010:

In favor: 36

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Unanimously approved

e. Calendar 2009

WW illustrates the 2009 calendar. Due to cancellation of Grindelwald the calendar had to be reshaped. The MC was not able to present the final version to the Assembly, but WW ensures it will be well balanced between disciplines. WW thanks all NFs for applying and contributing.

The President adds it is in the interest of the athletes, as the competitions will be better spread over the year, and Meyer confirms this option is welcome by the AC. As for the deadline for 2011, WW reports that the issue has to be discussed, but that probably the MC will stick to the past deadline, otherwise organizers might have problems in arranging candidatures and planning the competitions. The President repeats the issue will be clarified in the upcoming weeks.

f. Participants in the World Games

Changes in the calendar will affect the participants list and the MC still hasn't set new criteria.

g. Organizers' handbook



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h. Speed world project and licenses

Licenses will be open from 1 July 2008. The fee is 2000 euro for the first year, 1000 for the following 2 (3 year contract). The IFSC interest is to have climbing walls spread around the world, not to make money.

The President invites European federations to have a better consideration for speed, and invest more in it.

i. Speed relay

The President explains that during its meeting in Torino (April 2008) the MC discussed a potential new disciplines, Dyno, which was not approved, and a new event, the Speed Relay, which was approved to be submitted to the PA. A vote is needed to approve it. Let's hear first the Athletes' Representative's opinion on the subject.

J. Meyer says the PA should pay attention not only to climbing itself, but also to the values involved in each new discipline. It is important to keep the spirit and the values. If we go for it, help us to do it well.

The President says the board is happy and supportive.

A short presentation video is shown.

[IRI has left and given the proxy to Venezuela]

Vote on introduction of speed relay:

In favor: 31

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Unanimously Approved

13. Continental councils – reports on activities and budget

The President says that from the next time, no presentation will be accepted during the meeting but those submitted beforehand.

a. CICELA (Rodolfo Dominguez)

Rodolfo reports that there is more communication with Cuba and Dominican Republic.

The Council now has a new structure, and it organizes courses for regional judges etc. The new venue for qualification for the World Games in Venezuela is 90% completed. The President asks when Cuba will join, and Rodolfo explains they have climbers, but they have problems with the government and visas.

b. NACC (Anne Worley Moelter)

AWM explains that the current structure is working towards the formation of the Pan-American council; the help of the board is needed for the new structure implementation.



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The NACC will hold a NAC Championship, and there is the possibility of a Pan-American championship.

AWM thanks for the help given to organize the BWC in Vail, the first in almost 20 years.

The President comments that the board has been in constant contact with AW, and this demonstrated how much they cared for the event; the city of Vail itself has shown great interest in the event. IFSC is glad for it. Two NOC representatives were there, showing they are seriously considering what NAA is doing and the sport itself.

c. OCC (James Maguire)

JM says the council is fairly strong; with 4 members, 2 countries, we keep the council small. Elections will be held during the YW Championship.

OCC hoped for a Oceania Youth Championship but wasn't able to organize it in 2008, so will work to organize it in 2009.

OCC is also looking forward to YWCh; the President remarks it is the first time IFSC goes to Australia for the YWCh; in 2008, IFSC finally holds events on the five continents.

d. ACC (Anthony Seah)

AS reports there have been small structure changes. The Council has approved new statutes and increased the number of vice presidents: Asia West, Central, East, South East, Training and Competition.

The reason is political: these positions help negotiating in each vice-president's home region.

Central Asia is very important, it includes countries which were formerly part of USSR, and which need help to develop. Asian Youth Championship will take place in Japan; next year it will be organized in KAZ, and ACC is happy about it. The Asian Championship is going back to Korea, and hopefully sport climbing will be a demo sport in Asian Games.

Competitions and meetings have been planned to be more and more coordinated with IFSC, and soon a link will be created to IFSC website.

For the Asian Federations ACC is looking for funding, and for sponsors to help.

ACC is investing in a timing device for speed, and also developing apprenticeship programs for routesetters; it will get organizers to pay subsidies and nominate 3 substitute routesetters to learn from international routesetters during official events.

AS reports that Asia will continue developing dyno, and hopes IFSC will follow.

After a question from the President, Mr. Li adds that climbing could be a demo sport in the Asian games 2010, but ACC is waiting for confirmation from the Asian Olympic Council.



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14. Independent commission reporting

a. Anti-doping

Vote to amend IFSC regulation to comply with the WADA AD code 2009

In favor: 37

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Unanimously Approved

b. Appeals commission

Appointment of Jose Manuel Meirim

Vote on appointment:

In favor: 35

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Approved

c. Athletes commission

JM reports the activity of the Commission, and explains that IFSC is now being considered as an entity to talk with, instead of an enemy. Internally, the members are discussing, communicating, and motivated to work even if some are off discussion. The Commission is playing its role, evaluating the events and trying to progress together.

J. Meyer is presently working with EC and RC, and is not alone anymore in doing the job.

He further adds that what has happened in Belgrade means IFSC has to find solutions to prevent this things from happening, and also asks Federations to take into account the athletes within their structure, otherwise they will soon or later loose them.

WW remarks that the AC has made many steps forward in the last years, as they have contributed a lot to the work of EC and RC.

The President adds that the MC has also decided to proceed further in this direction; each technical commission must comprise a representative of the athletes.

d. Medical Commission reporting by Francesco Coscia

e. Para-climbing Commission reporting by Alexander Piratinskyi

The President adds that he and RL have met the IPC General Secretary in Sport Accord, and are planning an official meeting with them soon.

Ratification of membership of Para-climbing commission



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Piratinskiy Alexander (RUS)
 Amici Ariano (ITA)
 Togni Alessandro (ITA)
 Toru Kobinata (JPN)
 Virt Vladimir (BLR)

15. Technical commission reporting

- a. Officials
 - i. New rules for officials
 - ii. 2008 international and regional courses
 - iii. New judges and routesetters
 - iv. 2009 course and seminars

16. IT&website

In the last months IFSC has left Digital Rock and have completed a successful migration. A new IT projects advisor has been appointed to help in IT works, Gian Paolo Scialpi, climber and National Judge in Italy. The open question is whether to go on with Egroupware or not: GPS with other experts are making an analysis to decide.

17. Partners, promotions and visibility

- a. Broadcasting and webcasting offers
 - i. Bloc Digital
 - ii. GAISF: the offer is very good, but they ask to provide continual footage, to present on a constant basis, and this depends on collaboration by NFs. The Board hopes they will support.
 - iii. FFME proposal on the European Championship: they are investing a lot of money, and are offering to NFs the possibility of buying the pictures for a small sum.

The President comments that without the help of NFs, IFSC will never evolve. Out of 72 members, how many have the IFSC logo on the home page? Less than 10. It doesn't cost anything, but if NFs cannot even support this way, what about the bigger issues? IFSC must create a corporate identity which it doesn't have now.

If people are not ready to prioritize sport, it may be better to follow the same line as the UIAA.

It is a challenge for the future, and for what we will create for our children.

18. Plenary assembly meetings

- a. Plenary assembly 2009
 The board confirms it will be held in Torino, on February 28
- b. 2010
 We have the candidature of Bali, supported by a video.
 End of February to early march



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Vote on FPTI proposal to host PA 2010 in Bali:

In favor: 34

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Unanimously approved

19. Any other business

New Zealand Sport Climbing federation has changed its name to: Climbing New Zealand

The President closes the meeting at 16:50.