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In the Chair......Mr David MONKS, FAI President

Registered participants to the FAI 116th General Conference 2022

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Colombia (COL)Mr Ricardo OSPINA
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Estonia (EST)Mr Urmas USKA
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Libya (LBA)Mr Loai ALGITELY
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Mongolia (MGL)Ms Tuul CHOGSOMJAV
Netherlands (NED)



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New Zealand (NZL)	Mr Robert HENDERSON
Philippines (PHI)	Mr Oscar MAPUA
Poland (POL)	Mr Jerzy MAKULA
Portugal (POR)	Mr Joaquim LAMBIZA
Qatar (QAT)	Mr Hazaa AL-ATTEYA
Romania (ROU)	Mr Geroge ROTARU
South Africa (RSA)	Mr Robert SKINNER
Serbia (SRB)	Mr Zeljko OVUKA
Switzerland (SUI)	Mr Yves BURKHARDT
Slovakia (SVK)	Mr Miroslav GÁBOR
Sweden (SWE)	Mrs Ann-Sophie TERSMEDEN
Thailand (THA)	Mr Veerayuth DIDYASARIN
Tunisia (TUN)	Mr Maher ATTAR
Turkey (TUR)	Ms Burçin KARATAŞ
USA (USA)	Mr Gregory PRINCIPATO
Vietnam (VIE)	Mr Quoc Tuan DANG

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Iran (IRI)	Mr Hamid REIHANI
Malaysia (MAS)	Mr Nurhaqimy ISMAIL
Ukraine (UKR)	Mr Yuriy YAKOVLYEV

FAI ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

None

FAI TEMPORARY MEMBERS

None

FAI AFFILIATE MEMBERS

OSTIV (Intern. Scientific and Technical Soaring O.) Mr Rolf RADESPIEL

PROXIES

None

FAI MEMBERS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

NAC Hong Kong, China



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FAI Executive Director Mr Eric MOZER

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FAI Executive Director Mrs Marina VIGORITO

FAI Executive Director Mr Graeme WINDSOR

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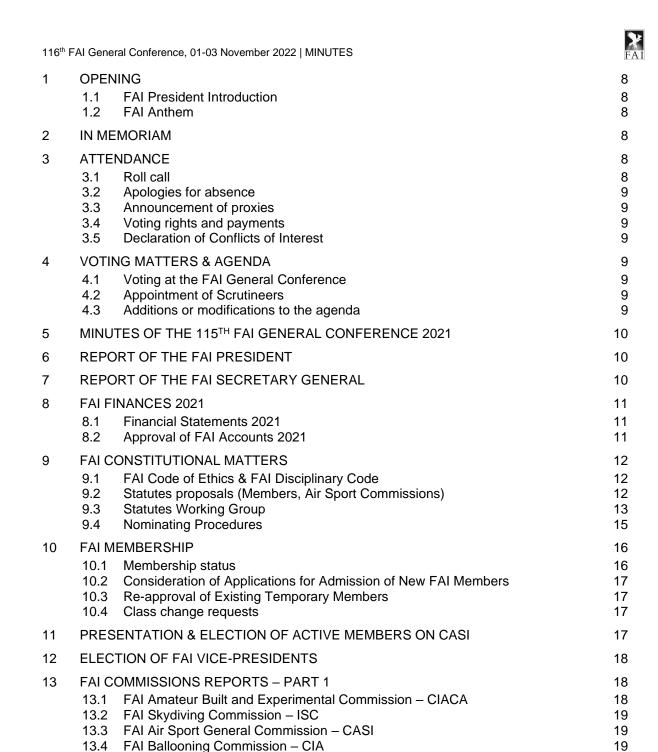
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FAI COMPANIONS OF HONOUR

FAI SECRETARIAT



13.5 FAI Aeromodelling Commission – CIAM

13.9 FAI General Aviation Commission - GAC

FAI GLIDING COMMISSION - IGC

FINANCIAL SITUATION CURRENT YEAR (2022)

FAI Memberships Fee 2023

FAI Budget 2023

FAI Microlight and Paramotor Commission – CIMA

FAI Hang Gliding and Paragliding Commission - CIVL

FAI Medical and Physiological Commission - CIMP

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2023

FAI Environmental Commission, FAI Education Commission

FAI Astronautic Record Commission - ICARE

13.6 FAI Rotorcraft Commission - CIG

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1 OPENING

1.1 FAI PRESIDENT INTRODUCTION

The FAI President, David MONKS, welcomed all participants and expressed regret that the GC is held online and not in People's Republic of China as originally planned, but cancelled due to the pandemic.

Delegates were reminded of the etiquette for the Zoom meeting.

1.2 FAI ANTHEM

The FAI President asked the attendees to observe the FAI anthem.

2 IN MEMORIAM

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-2-ppt-In-Memoriam

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of members of our community who had passed away since the 115th General Conference, and who will be greatly missed.

- Baptiste VIGNES (FRA)
- Francisco MATA (ESP)
- Wolfgang MÜTHER (GER)
- Tor JOHANNESSEN (NOR)
- Olavi A. RAUTIO (FIN)
- Natalija STEFANOVIC (SRB)
- John ROAKE (NZL)
- Samir IABIB (EGY)
- Tom POBEREZNY (USA)
- John Louis GAILLARD (RSA)
- George Alfred "Peter" LLOYD (AUS)
- Alois ROPPERT (AUT)
- Karel URBAN (CZE)
- James MCDIVITT (USA)
- Jan BEM (CZE)
- John BALLANTYNE (USA)
- Dietrich MATESCHITZ (AUT)

3 ATTENDANCE

The FAI President explained several housekeeping points to ensure smooth running of the GC and said the conference would be conducted on the basic principles of debate listed in "Roberts Rule of Order".

3.1 ROLL CALL

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-3-ppt-attendance

The FAI Secretary General conducted the roll call (see pages 2-3 for names).



3.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

One apology received from Hong Kong.

3.3 ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-3.3 Proxy-Form

None submitted.

3.4 VOTING RIGHTS AND PAYMENTS

72 Members in good standing, 8 Associates, 2 Temporary, 1 OSTIV

12 Members not in good standing for GC2022 and therefore unable to participate in voting.

3.5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 VOTING MATTERS & AGENDA

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-4-ppt-voting-matters-majorities

4.1 VOTING AT THE FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-4.1.1-FAI-electionrunner-legal-counsel (from GC 2020)

FAI Secretary General confirmed the Swiss legal situation for online voting at conferences for 2022.

FAI IT Manager introduced the voting procedures and detailed how quorum and majorities are established.

A test vote was performed for delegates to familiarise themselves with the procedure in advance.

The President explained that for most votes, the question is asked in the negative, with a show of hands for all those responding in the negative to the question put forward. An electronic vote held in the event of more than a third of hands raised. A secret vote request will be conducted electronically.

4.2 APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-4.1.2-Update-on-legal-situation

In accordance with procedures outlined in 2020 and 2021, the use of 'electionrunner' renders the appointment of scrutineers unnecessary due to the safety measure provided by the system.

4.3 ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

No requests for modification/addition were received, except from the President who requested the removal of 9.3.7 (policies and procedure FAI awards). The President said his reason for this request is that further information is required to support the proposal in the form of the accompanying By Law changes required which would clearly explain the intention of the proposal, the President understands there is currently some misunderstanding of this.

Modification was approved.



5 MINUTES OF THE 115TH FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE 2021

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-5.0-ppt-minutes-GC-2021

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-5.1-Minutes-of-the-115th-FAI-General-Conference-2021

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-5.2-Minutes-amendment-USA

FAI-GC-2021-Minutes-v1.1-approved-2022-11-01

Minutes 2021 were published on 25 February 2022. A request for correction was received from NAC USA on 4 April 2022 which clarified Greg PRINCIPATO'S statement during a discussion on the FAI Ethics and Disciplinary Code.

Minutes of GC 2021 with the requested amendment were approved.

6 REPORT OF THE FAI PRESIDENT

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-6.0-FAI-P-report-2022-LIVE

The President presented his report and thanked everyone for their contribution and support for FAI in 2022.

The President recapped on the objectives jointly agreed at the 2021 GC - 1) creating financial stability & seeking financial efficiency; 2) building trust and enhancing communication between the different bodies of FAI and 3) restoring administrative and financial governance. He concluded the joint efforts are yielding. As a non-profit organisation, FAI needs to be able to cover its operational costs with the membership fees. All other income is fluctuating and subject to unforeseen circumstances as has been experienced during the Covid pandemic and furthermore during the conflict in Ukraine. Now after 3 years results an assessment can be made as to the level of financial commitment the membership is required to make in order for the objective of membership subscription covering the cost of the organisations administrative costs.

For FAI, 2023 will continue to be a year of Operational Optimisation.

The President thanked a very dedicated Executive Board who have continued to achieve an incredible amount on Zoom with no in person meetings, the Commissions all of whom dedicate an amazing amount of their free time to the international governance of our sports, the delegates and officials who attend and support competitions and the Secretary General for guiding his team through 2022.

7 REPORT OF THE FAI SECRETARY GENERAL

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-7.0-ppt-FAI-SG-report

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-7.1-FAI-Championships-Winners-for-2022 (additional info year-end)

The Secretary General presented his report, commencing with reference to the current situation at FAI including the budget cuts and financial streamlining that have taken place since 2020.

A review of the financial achievements was put forward, leading to a summary of IT projects which are being implemented and are helping to achieve efficiency both operationally and financially. These include payhub for online payments, expense claims, online record claims and a delegate management tool. Provision for these and other ongoing IT projects is made within the 2023 budget. Other ongoing administrative projects include Standard Operating Procedure documents, updating the Organiser Agreement and addressing Travel/Medical Insurance for officials.

FAI Secretariat continues to include a dedicated Communications Manager and the report outlined the benefits to Members for marketing and promotion of their events and air sports with encouragement to utilise this FAI service, which will soon benefit from a new online/social media guidance policy. The presentation also included updated annual comparisons of events and record applications, noting that competitions remain European-/Northern Hemisphere-centred. FAI has continued its Anti-Doping commitments, with Kamila VOKOUN HAJKOVA taking the helm as Anti-Doping Manager (replacing Ségolène ROUILLON who left FAI in Aug 2022) and hosting a series of Fly Clean webinars.



8 FAI FINANCES 2021

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-8.0-ppt-FAI-Finances-2021

FAI Finance Director introduced the report on 2021 FAI Finances, explaining that issues highlighted in previous auditor's management letters have been cleared and approved, with no new issues identified.

8.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2021

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-8.1.1-Report-Auditor-Financial-Statements-2021

The financial results for 2021 were presented by the Secretary General. There is a slow return to a 'normal' FAI calendar of events and travel. Comparison was made to 2020 in which governmental payroll support and the sale of FAI shares at significant increase from the original cost showed a high income, despite covid dramatically reducing the competition calendar. He pointed at some of the substantial 'one-off' effects explaining the overall positive result.

The 2021 balance sheet was explained, and the overall special reserves 2013-2021 per Commission were presented as audited and annexed. A table to compare income and expenses/results revealed the difference between the approved 2021 budget and actual figures, with expenses significantly lower than anticipated due to competitions and personnel costs. Revenue from membership and competition was, however, lower than predicted in the budget. The income statement was then compared to previous years' results.

The President stated he believed it was now very clear that financial governance had been restored. It had taken many hours of work which have been very worthwhile and of benefit to the organisation, all reporting is now accurate and in real time.

CIAM President, Antonis PAPADOPOULOS, queried the topic of special reserves, expressing that there was some confusion over what this is and how it can be used. The President responded that this legacy item requires addressing in the future with the Executive Board for clarification.

8.2 APPROVAL OF FAI ACCOUNTS 2021

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-8.1.2-Management-letter-Financial-Statements

FAI Accounts 2021 were approved, and the FAI Executive Board were discharged.

End of Day 1

(end 1448 UTC = 1548 CET)



02 November 2022 (Wednesday)

The President welcomed the conference delegates to Day 2 of the 2022 GC. He hoped the delegates had watched the Online Awards Video the previous evening. The President extended his congratulations to the award recipients.

FAI Secretary General conducted roll call.

9 FAI CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

9.1 FAI CODE OF ETHICS & FAI DISCIPLINARY CODE

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-9.1.1-FAI-Code-of-Ethics-v8.1

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-9.1.2-FAI-Disciplinary-Code-v7.0

At the GC2021 it was voted that the Code of Ethics should be updated and separated into two documents: a Code of Ethics and a Disciplinary Code, with a first edition to be published on 01 Jan 2022 with the target implementation date of 01 Jan 2023.

The President introduced the topic to 2022 GC delegates, reporting that following their discussions, the Executive Board recommended further work on this matter to be discussed during the next year. It was advised, therefore, that the latest version of the new Code of Ethics be withdrawn from vote until revised, and the existing Code of Ethics (Version 1.0 October 2003) continued to be used in the interim period.

FAI Code of Ethics withdrawn by the chair.

Antonis PAPADOPOULOS, CIAM and CASI President, expressed disappointment about the withdrawal of this version of the Ethics Code to be voted on, pointing out that the document is dynamic and can be regularly revised, and that the aim of the document is to help provide clarity in evaluating and investigating matters, and using the current documents is challenging due to conflicting procedures. The new document as it stands is more useful than the previous version, and therefore still valuable as a reference, despite being subject to potential revision in the future.

Greg PRINCIPATO, USA, offered support for the project and appreciated that there was room for improvement in the Code of Ethics over the next year.

Jean-Claude WEBER, Luxembourg, queried the references between the two documents (Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Code), asking whether withdrawing the new Code of Ethics would affect the Disciplinary Code due to the cross references between the documents. Antonis PAPADOPOULOS clarified that there is a current Code of Ethics which dates to 2003 – not so modern but still in existence, and therefore useful.

Observer Mary Anne STEVENS, Canada, speaking with permission from the Canadian delegate, suggested that the Disciplinary Code could provide for conciliation matters, at some point in the process, to be discussed (at the first review if possible). At present the Code goes from allegation to investigation to disciplinary. Perhaps it could (where possible, and according to the circumstances) include conciliation. Antonis PAPADOPOULOS noted this point about a dynamic document and welcomed future input from Mary Anne due to her FAI experience.

Vote: The FAI Disciplinary Code approved for implementation on 1 January 2023.

The President thanked FAI Deputy President, Eric Mozer and Patrick Naegeli for their work on the Code of Ethics project. Antonis PAPADOPOULOS thanked those involved in working on this matter, including Bruno DELOR, France, and welcomed ongoing communication and input for the project.

9.2 STATUTES PROPOSALS (MEMBERS, AIR SPORT COMMISSIONS)

No proposals from members were put forward. An Air Sport Commission joint proposal was put forward.

Observer Mary Anne STEVENS, Canada, requested an update on the matter raised by Spain in 2021, referring to the emphasis upon founder members within FAI. This matter has not been followed up during the course of the year. (See 2021 GC Annex 9.2.2 Proposal NAC-ESP).

This will be referred to the Statutes Working Group.



9.3 STATUTES WORKING GROUP

Introduced by Chair of FAI Statutes Working Group, Gillian RAYNER thanked Gail BRADLEY, Peter ERIKSEN and Patrick PAUWELS for their work, mentioning that one group member chose not to contribute to the work of the 'Statutes and By-Laws Working Group'.

The FAI General Conference was asked to consider proposals for changes to the FAI Statutes and vote on these proposals.

The proposals mentioned in articles 9.3.1 -9.3.9 were presented by the chair of the SWG, Gillian RAYNER.

9.3.1 FAI Terms and Condition of the FAI Statutes

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-9.3.1-Terms-and-definitions-of-the-FAI-Statutes

GC adopted the proposal.

9.3.2 Enforcement Standards

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-9.3.2-Enforcement-standards

Review of paragraph 2.9 of the FAI Statutes following introduction of the FAI Disciplinary Code. Edits were put forward to reduce existing content and refer users to the new documents, where they would find further detail on the processes involved, rather than repeating it in the Statutes. The terms Disciplinary Code and Code of Ethics to be alphabetically listed.

Query from Observer Mary Anne STEVENS, Canada, regarding the possibility of the text being moved from GC to CASI. Jean Michel FOBE, Belgium, introduced discussion over the laws to be referred to in 2.9.3., whether civil law (only) or criminal and civil (joint). Past President Bob HENDERSON felt it important not to rush into rewording if there were unanticipated consequences. Stephen SZIKORA, Canada, expressed reluctance to make further changes to be more specific.

GC adopted the proposal.

9.3.3 FAI General Conference

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-9.3.3-General-Conference

Proposal to change text of paragraph 3.3. of the Statutes regarding the 'default' of FAI GC being held in the country of FAI headquarters unless there is a timely and successful bid to host elsewhere, or that circumstances require an online meeting, the aim being to avoid last-minute bids.

Stephen SZIKORA enquired as to whether the EB had discussed potential hybrid (simultaneous online and in-person) meetings. The President responded his concern is that diluting attendance would reduce the viability for an organiser to hold an in-person conference.

GC adopted the proposal.

9.3.4 Statute 5.2.3.2.4. and 5.2.3.4.5

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-9.3.4-Statute-5.2.3.2.4-and-5.2.3.4.5

Removal of obsolete statute 5.2.3.2.4 and renumbering of statute 5.2.3.4.5 regarding International Appeal Tribunals and subsequent renumbering.

GC adopted the proposal.

9.3.5 Deadline Nomination Executive Directors

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-9.3.5-Deadline-nomination-Executive-Directors

Referring to statute 6.2.2.1 regarding Executive Director nominations. Change proposed to reduce the time for Executive Director nominations from three months to 45 days prior to GC to reflect the use of email to send nominations.

GC adopted the proposal.



9.3.6 Non-payment of FAI dues and consequences

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-9.3.6-Non-payment-of-FAI-dues-and-consequences

Proposal to change statutes 7.4 and removal of text in By-Laws 2.4.1 regarding the consequences of non-payment of dues as stipulated. The existing wording outlines the penalties relating to late payment, but also points at mitigation measures already in place. Proposal to add wording regarding the rights of athletes whose NAC has not either paid or negotiated alternate payment terms, and further to allow events already in the calendar to proceed as planned, to avoid competitors losing out financially due to travel expenses. Today, only the payment requirement until up to 14 calendar days prior to the General Conference is in place and will else result in removing voting rights only for the GC.

Stephane MALBOS, CIVL, posed a question regarding how interested parties, such as a Commission, would be informed as to the rights status of a member. The Secretary General confirmed the FAI Secretariat is responsible for the communication of this information when critical to events. Stephane MALBOS remarked that those holding sporting licences could be affected by a NAC losing membership, having already outlaid travel costs to competitions. He suggested that athletes could have, for example, a 60-day grace period after the suspension so that they are not negatively affected by losing rights.

Yves BURKHART, Switzerland, agreed with Stephane MALBOS' point. Jean-Claude WEBER, Luxembourg, also agreed and suggested that perhaps affected athletes could obtain an FAI Licence to replace their national one. Stephane MALBOS noted that this would not be possible according to current Statutes. Past President Bob HENDERSON also raised two proof-reading issues.

The President pointed out that the objective of this Statute change was to encourage NACs to negotiate other terms of settlement, if so needed, but primarily to ensure financial stability for FAI by payment terms being followed as per Statutes and in time. Athletes would be treated as possible, and that the aim was to open communication with NACs.

Stephane MALBOS highlighted the importance of communicating to athletes that their sporting licence was at risk because of the NAC failing payment. Stephen SZIKORA, Canada, noted that the issue affecting pilots' travel plans would not be solved as they could easily remain unaware that the NAC was in danger of suspension, despite a 60-day grace period, and thus adding this clause to the Statutes would not improve matters, practically, for the athletes. On the other hand, a benefit of this would be that the athletes would then put pressure on the NAC to negotiate payment which would be of benefit to FAI. Stephane MALBOS pointed out that communication between FAI and the sporting licence holder could take place via the database.

Scott NEUMANN, ICARE VP, remarked that different athletes would be affected differently by losing the sporting licence, e.g., for space records. He also queried how long the sporting licences last. The President confirmed that NACs having not paid or negotiated other terms of settlement had all their sporting licences cancelled. The Secretary General pointed out that this clause would help encourage NACs to use the solutions already in place in the Statutes. FAI has an efficient dunning process in place to follow-up on late payments of NACs. Loosening the terms of the proposal to protect pilots would lead to further work and administrative cost on FAI.

GC adopted the proposal with one vote against.

9.3.7 Policies and Procedure FAI Awards

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-9.3.7-Policies-and-procedure-FAI-awards

Statute Change Proposal withdrawn by the Chair with approval of the GC.

9.3.8 FAI Past Presidents Diploma

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-9.3.8-FAI-Past-Presidents-Diploma

Correcting an error in cross-referencing between the Statutes and By-laws.

GC adopted the proposal.



9.3.9 Sporting Licence

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-9.3.9-Sporting-Licence

Joint proposal by FAI Executive Board and FAI Commission Presidents' Group to remove from Statute 2.4.3.1 that FAI active members have a right to exercise sporting powers (including the issue of sporting licences) and move the text to the responsibilities and obligations section. The objective is to remove the possibility of this being seen as optional.

A remark from Stephen SZIKORA, Canada, pointed out that in Canada individuals could request a sporting licence but find themselves ineligible due to not being a member of a national sporting organisation. Problems have arisen in that sometimes an organisation does not exist for the sport in which the athlete wishes to participate. Stephen SZIKORA queried who decided upon eligibility of an athlete, whether it was FAI or the NAC, stating that it would be preferable for the organisation and financial structure in air sports for the responsibility to be with the NAC, rather than people being allowed to be granted a sporting licence by FAI simply by being a resident of the relevant country.

Gillian RAYNER, ISC, responded that the criteria were outlined in the General section – locally, NACs can make it obligatory to go through the NAC system to obtain an FAI Sporting License. The President confirmed that NACs were able to refuse sporting licences. (Section 3 FAI Sporting Code, General Section). Art GREENFIELD, USA, concurred that national citizen or resident being the sole criteria would mean that USA would vote against approving this proposal, USA would prefer eligibility to include being member of a national organisation.

Bruno DELOR, France, confirmed that in France sporting licences were refused to applicants who were not affiliated to a sporting organisation/federation, pointing out that there were no FAI rules to contradict this. He highlighted that insurance is usually integrated within membership, which is important to sporting licence requirements.

Stephane MALBOS confirmed that the intention of this Statute change was not to change the application process, but to clarify that Members are obliged to issue sporting licences according to their criteria, not simply that they have the right to issue them, so this Statute change would support any potential issues on the very few occasions when NACs refuse sporting licences without apparent reason. Stephen SZIKORA wondered whether there was a dispute mechanism to resolve any potential problems between sporting licence applicants and NACs. It was confirmed by the Secretary General that a Board of Inquiry process addressed such matters. (2.9.2.2.1 of the Statutes).

GC adopted the proposal.

FAI Statute 1.4.3: Unless otherwise agreed at the time of decision, changes of the Statutes shall become effective on January 1st following the General Conference that approved them. The changes to the FAI Statutes will, therefore, become effective on 01 January 2023.

The President thanked Gillian Rayner and those involved in working on the Statutes changes-proposals.

9.4 NOMINATING PROCEDURES

The President stated the General Conference is the FAI Supreme Authority and, therefore, has the power to settle matters at will. In other words, the Conference can make decisions immediately upon request.

The President made a proposal to request a departure from Statute 6.2.2.1 which require members to inform the FAI Secretariat not less than three months before the General Conference of the name, professional, aeronautical background and qualifications of the individuals being nominated for the office of FAI Executive Director.

The reason for this is because there are 7 nominations of which 6 are valid. The President understands there are reasons for the failure to comply with this Statute but believes it is so rare to get the quality of individuals that we have for nomination, it would be an injustice to the Organisation not to have them all in the voting pool.

Rob HUGHES, GBR, received clarification that this was a vote for the 2022 GC only.

GC agreed to the proposal of the FAI President to deviate from the Statute 6.2.2.1. for the election process in the GC 2022.



10 FAI MEMBERSHIP

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-10.0-FAI-membership-report-v1 (28Oct2022)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-10.0-FAI-membership-report-v2 (02Nov2022)

10.1 **MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

Presented by the Secretary General and reminded that the payment of membership fees is essential to the running of FAI and the constitutional functionality of the GC with regards to voting rights.

These members are officially listed as facing suspension on 01 Jan 2023, as of 2 Nov 2022 not having yet paid the 2022 membership fees:

- Belarus (BLR)
- Bosnia Herzegovina (BIH)
- Bulgaria (BUL)
- Chinese Taipei (TPE)
- Cuba (CUB)
- Ecuador (ECU)
- Iran (IRI)
- Malaysia (MAS)
- Russia (RUS)
- Ukraine (UKR)

These countries still have the option to pay by 31 Dec 2022 and retain membership.

As of 2021, two countries are currently suspended due to non-payment: Bahrain and Nepal.

Yves BURKHARDT, Switzerland, proposed that Ukraine be exempt from this requirement based on sportsmanship, possibly that other countries could help to contribute to the fees on behalf of Ukraine. Past President, Bob HENDERSON wished to also discuss the Ukrainian matter. Gillian RAYNER, ISC, supported this proposal, and raised the point that Belarus and Russia, who are currently suspended by FAI due to the conflict, have not paid for a different reason. The President responded that their suspension as of 28 February 2022 will continue as it is an FAI decision. Greg PRINCIPATO, USA, remarked that the USA has issue with Belarus separately. The Secretary General confirmed that communication has been ongoing with the Ukrainian member to discuss other terms of settlement and, therefore, correctly following Statute guidelines, but that suspension is automatic according to the constitution. Stephen SZIKORA, Canada, also raised the discussion that others could help to fund the membership fee for Ukraine. The topic of Ukraine was tabled until after the vote.

GC voted to terminate the membership of Bahrain and Nepal from 01 January 2023, unless fees are paid for 2021 and 2022 by 31 December 2022.

Discussion returned to the topic of Ukraine. Stephen SZIKORA, Canada, recorded that communication would open with his NAC regarding the assistance of Ukraine, and it was requested by The President that discussions could take place regarding this matter outside the General Conference. Ann-Sophie TERSMEDEN, Sweden, confirmed Swedish support for Canada's proposition. Antonis PAPADOPOULOS, CIAM, also supported this movement, but queried whether an official decision from the General Conference would be required in case of any protest by other NACs about the participation of Ukraine in competition events. The Secretary General noted expressed support from Canada, France (Bruno DELOR) and Sweden and confirmed that the organisation of these terms should take place outside of the GC.

An action point was raised that other FAI members in support of Stephen SZIKORAS' proposal were requested to email the Secretary General following the meeting who would connect those members.



10.2 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION OF NEW FAI MEMBERS

Application from Pakistan Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association. FAI Executive Board had dealt with the application and awarded preliminary recognition for the application in Class 10. The Secretary General confirmed that Pakistan has paid the membership fees for 2022.

GC vote to approve the application.

10.3 RE-APPROVAL OF EXISTING TEMPORARY MEMBERS

Re-approval of existing temporary membership for Laos and Paraguay.

GC voted for the re-approval of Temporary membership.

Antonis Papadopoulos, CASI, wished to make a statement about the temporary membership situation, suggesting that the issue of defining the time limit for this temporary status should be an issue for the EB. The Secretary General confirmed that this has been and should continue to be discussed as an issue, as Paraguay is certainly active, as confirmed by Gillian Rayner, ISC, although on a low-level. **Note is hereby made for addition of this topic to the next FAI Executive Board meeting agenda.**

10.4 CLASS CHANGE REQUESTS

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-10.4.1-communication-Greece

Greece (GRE), active member, requested a change of class from class 9 to 10. Nikos MAKRAKIS, Greece, explained that the class change-request is due to a reduced number of athletes and financial difficulty leading to the request, affirming Greece's wish to remain in good standing.

GC approved the change of Membership Class from class 9 to class 10.

11 PRESENTATION & ELECTION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS ON CASI

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-A.GREENFIELD (USA)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-A.MOORE (ESP)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-A.TERSMEDEN (SWE)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-A.TOMASI (ITA)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-C.AYMAT (ESP)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-G.HILL (AUS)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-G.PRINCIPATO (USA)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-J.DODAL (CZE)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-N.PIDOKRAJT (SWE)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-R.MORAVCOVA (CZE)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-R.WILSON (AUS)

The representatives of the following countries were elected in 2020 and their two year-term is ending in 2022:

• AUS, CZE, ESP, SWE, USA.

These countries are required to stand-down in GC 2022.

The representatives of the following countries were elected in 2021 and their two year-term is ending in 2023:

BRA, FRA, GBR, GER, HKG, SUI.

AUS, CZE, ESP, ITA, SWE, and USA expressed their intention to stand for election to the five vacant CASI posts.

Antonis Papadopoulos, CASI, reminded applicants that successful candidates were required to make a year-long commitment to the role.



FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11.0-CASI-elections

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-Voting-Results-Electionrunner

GC elected:

- Australia (AUS) (Representative) Grahame HILL (Alternate) Ruth WILSON
- Czech Republic (CZE) (Representative) Jiri DODAL (Alternate) Radka MORAVCOVA
- Spain (ESP) (Representative) Alejandra MOORE (Alternate) Carles AYMAT
- Sweden (SWE) (Representative) Ann-Sophie TERSMEDEN (Alternate) Narit PIDOKRAJT
- United States of America (USA) (Representative) A.W. GREENFIELD (Alternate) Greg PRINCIPATO

Italy (ITA) Representative, Mr Andrea TOMASI, was not elected.

12 ELECTION OF FAI VICE-PRESIDENTS

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-12-FAI-Vice-Presidents (2022-09-30)

According to FAI Statute 6.3, the list of nominated FAI Vice Presidents was submitted to the GC for election by a simple majority vote.

GC delegates were invited to elect the proposed members.

FAI Vice Presidents were elected.

13 FAI COMMISSIONS REPORTS - PART 1

FAI Commission Presidents presented their annual reports; each was followed by a Q&A session.

13.1 FAI AMATEUR BUILT AND EXPERIMENTAL COMMISSION - CIACA

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-13.1-CIACA-Report

Presented by Alfons HUBMANN, CIACA President.

Projects:

- Events: including the Electrifly-In at Bern Airport (SUI).
- New projects and developments: new power sources, zero-fuel aircraft, advanced materials, supersonic flights, autonomous flight systems.
- The CIACA Logo has been renewed, includes symbols for hydrogen and electricity.
- Newsletter established and distributed to all Members of FAI.

Challenges and Solutions:

- Seeking Experimental & Amateur Built Aircraft competitions e.g., at the next World Air Games.
- Encouraging next generation: seeking opportunities for events for 'young eagles'
- Endeavour to improve communication with delegates to exchange activity and knowledge.
- FAI CIACA Office working on more active marketing with social media, newsletters etc.

Future plans:

- Plenary meeting April 2023 at AERO23.
- Various Fly-ins and Electrifly-in, Grenchen SUI.
- Open to opportunities for ecological activities/competitions.
- Seeking support and exchange from delegates and NACs aiming for wider communication.



13.2 FAI SKYDIVING COMMISSION - ISC

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-13.2-ISC-Report

Presented by Gillian RAYNER, ISC President.

Projects:

- 2022 Plenary Meeting held in Romania in hybrid format (in-person and online).
- Indoor and outdoor world championships were held.
- The World Games, Birmingham, Alabama, USA (thanks extended to those involved).

Challenges and Solutions:

- The World Games Positive feedback from athletes and organisers. Need to analyse ROI and improve financial and operational structures to support such an event in the future. Challenges with meeting deadlines from various parties, e.g., Swiss Timing. Also lack of visibility in media, particularly television.
- Finance ISC estimates using up reserves by 2029. Need to increase income to continue ISC's work and ensure financial stability.
- FAI recognised organisations awaiting decision on Commission Recognised Organisations following EB withdrawal of MoUs.
- Records ISC no longer pays for stand-alone Continental Records in competitions.
- Travel insurance check cover duplications and Commission financing.

Future plans:

• The 2023 ISC Plenary in Malmö, Sweden

13.3 FAI AIR SPORT GENERAL COMMISSION - CASI

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-13.3-CASI-Report

Presented by Antonis PAPADOPOULOS, CASI President.

Projects:

- Disciplinary Code Coordinator Bruno DELOR
- Five appeals in 2022. Helped by IAT members.

Future plans:

- FAI Sporting Code General Section Coordinator Stephane MALBOS. Edits will be presented to the CASI Plenary for approval.
- · Working on Guidelines with CIMP.

13.4 FAI BALLOONING COMMISSION - CIA

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-13.4-CIA-Report

Presented by Mark SULLIVAN, CIA President.

Projects:

- Plenary held in Rome well attended and productive to meet in person. Was also streamed live.
- All Cat-1 events were held as planned. Positive for future events.

Challenges and Solutions:

- Increasing costs in supply chains.
- Difficult to find organisers.
- Investment in new technologies will be financially beneficial in the future.



Future plans:

2023 CIA Plenary meeting in Switzerland.

13.5 FAI AEROMODELLING COMMISSION - CIAM

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-13.5-CIAM-Report

Presented by Antonis PAPADOPOULOS, CIAM President.

Projects:

- All Cat-1 events were held except one.
- Cat-2 events also held.
- The World Games, USA drone racing held at TWG for first time. Important to continue, if IWGA wishes. Work with FAI to address various issues for future.
- Open Forum about UAVs.
- Judges Training.
- IT and Education projects (Rookie project to encourage younger generations).
- Online meetings.

Challenges and Solutions:

- New database for events archive, from 1954 onwards including winners, teams participating.
- Reduced numbers of participants compared to pre-Covid, as well as other issues, e.g., cost.

Future plans:

- 2022 December meeting of CIAM extended bureau will analyse issues involved in reduced participation in competitions. Results will be shared.
- 2023 CIAM Plenary planned in Switzerland, but to be confirmed.
- Moving forward with events database.
- CIAM Legends Medal.
- Bidding for FAI World Drone Racing Championships. WDRC 2022 awarded to South Korea, experienced organisers, scheduled October 2023.
- Drone Soccer, coordinated by Bruno DELOR. Exciting new sport, progress towards Cat-1.
 Links with USA, incl hopes for demonstration at GC2023. Dedicated FAI mini site for this sport.

Comment from Yves Burkhardt, SUI, thanks for the Rookie project, working well in Switzerland.

Thanks, extended to FAI, EB and Commission Presidents for cooperation and communication, and to CIAM participants.

13.6 FAI ROTORCRAFT COMMISSION - CIG

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-13.6-CIG-Report

Presented by Jacques BERLO, CIG President.

Search and rescue, military, transport, surveillance, rapid interventions. Helicopters are part of daily life.

Projects:

- German helicopter club video of German Open Helicopter Championship in July 2022.
- Jean Boulet record anniversary celebrated.

Challenges:

Only local competitions. Need to reignite enthusiasm of pilots to improve skills.



13.7 FAI MICROLIGHT AND PARAMOTOR COMMISSION - CIMA

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-13.7-CIMA-Report

Presented by Wolfgang LINTL, CIMA President.

Projects:

- · Classic Paramotor Championships Brazil.
- Microlight World Championships and World Paramotor Slalom Championships Czech Republic.

Challenges:

- · Participant numbers reduced since Covid.
- Facing lack of support from Members to put forward delegates and officials to help in the Commission. Lack of funding for travel expenses an issue.

Future:

- CIMA migrating mini website to FAI server environment.
- IT discussions about tracking system for media-friendly events and microlight e-flight competition.
- Continuing with building relationship with Oman, hoping they apply for FAI membership.
- Lack of response from NACs to join the Commission, especially Ireland, Indonesia, and UAE.
- Plenary 2022 in two weeks in Lausanne.

13.8 FAI AEROBATIC COMMISSION - CIVA

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-13.8-CIVA-Report

Presented by Nick BUCKENHAM, CIVA President

Projects:

- Cat-1 events took place Poland, France, and Romania in a very good new airfield (one was combined with another competition due to lack of numbers).
- Congratulations to 2022 champions. Multi-title holder Ferenc Toth agreed to stand down to give new competitors a chance.
- Plenary in Lausanne 2022 in person, a positive.

Challenges:

- Around 30% down in numbers, leading to financial difficulties. Hoping for improvements with Covid and Russia/Belarus situations.
- Elite sport due to costs.

Future:

- A strong social media presence, used by teams for reports and photographs.
- Lithuania and Las Vegas events for 2023. Unlimited EU in Italy.
- Thanks to FAI.

Question from Hubertus von Samson, GER NAC: possible future aerobatic commission in Germany, what are the challenges. Nick responded that UK extensive judging training offer resources. CIVA happy to help.



13.9 FAI GENERAL AVIATION COMMISSION - GAC

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-13.9-GAC-Report

Presented by Hans SCHWEBEL, GAC President.

Despite being one of the smaller air sports Commissions within FAI, competitions in Rally Flying, Precision Flying, ANR, Long Range Air Race.

Projects:

- Cat-1 events took place. WPFC in France.
- Plenary November 2021.
- Thanks to Visa-Matti Leinikki (FAI) and Frank Eckard (GAC) for assistance with migrating website to FAI.

Challenges:

Coordinating two FAI World Championships in one year.

Future:

- WRFC in France August 2023.
- Communication with FAI is good and continues to improve.

End of Day 2

(End 1535 UTC = 1635 CET)



03 November 2022 (Thursday)

The President welcomed the delegates to Day 3 of the General conference.

The Secretary General conducted the roll call.

14 FAI COMMISSIONS REPORTS - PART

14.1 FAI HANG GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING COMMISSION - CIVL

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-14.1-CIVL-Report

Presented by Stephane MALBOS, CIVL President.

Projects:

- Plenary hybrid March: 18 people present with 49 online (positive and to be repeated in this way).
- World Championship Hang-Gliding, European Championships in Hang-Gliding, Paragliding Cross-Country, and Accuracy, 1 Asian Championship in Paragliding Accuracy, 1 Pan-American Championship in Paragliding Cross-Country, 330 + Cat-2 events = thriving.
- Investment in 170 live trackers for events, building new scoring system for XC, target and wind measuring for Accuracy.
- The event management system project was delivered in 2022, in phase 2 of development. https://civlcomps.org/. Free for organisers, designed and built by Noosphere (adaptable for other Commissions by 2023).
- Investment member of staff Elena Filonova.
- Communications reach growing and building future of sport.

Challenges:

- Kosovo an ongoing issue with countries that do not recognise Kosovo. Complaints ensued.
- Reserves showing a loss for 2022 but want to raise event sanction fees to be decided at next plenary to enable rebuilding of reserves.

Question from Hubertus von Samson, DAeC, regarding numbers for social media reach. Stephane confirmed that the statistics in the presentation represented the pages opened. With Elena Filonova's help CIVL will share further detail for interested parties.

14.2 FAI ASTRONAUTIC RECORD COMMISSION - ICARE

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-14.2-ICARE-Report

Presented by Scott NEUMANN, Vice President, on behalf of Henrik ÅKERSTEDT, ICARE President.

Projects:

- Two meetings in 2022 online.
- Focus to recognise records and make awards.
- Human spaceflight picking up momentum with a lot of development: 149 launches, 3 commercial enterprises. Commercial transport to ISS is regular, with two private flights.
- Two 2022 awards
- "Gagarin Gold Medal", Crew of SpaceX Demo-2 mission and
- "Komarov Diploma" for Inspiration 4, the first all-civilian mission to orbit.

Challenges:

Sporting Code becoming outdated, requires revision for modern space exploration.



 Retaining and respecting legacy of old spaceflight medals, as well as anticipating new developments.

Future:

- Sporting Code being worked on.
- Definition of the boundary of space (100km), FAI-definition of so-called Karman Line, needs clarification – ref. Blue Origin and Virgin Galactic.

14.3 FAI GLIDING COMMISSION - IGC

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-14.3-IGC-Report

Presented by Peter ERIKSEN, IGC President

Projects:

- Full program of Cat-1 events held.
- Tracking system has been a valuable tool.
- MoU signed with external provider to increase Virtual Gliding Competitions
- Women's Worlds included STEM participation with commercial and educational partners, extending reach.
- 2022 Plenary online. IGC Bureau met 8 times, 6 online.

Challenges:

• Limited participation by overseas pilots – all Cat-1 events in Europe (Covid, travel uncertainty and costs, unrest in Europe).

Future:

- Plenary 2023, Copenhagen, March.
- Focus on Safety Plenary combined with Safety Workshop covering risk assessment and safety initiatives.
- 3 Cat-1 events planned: Australia, Italy, Spain. Three continentals.
- Development of IGC Tracking System for live tracking/scoring positive for media.
- Development of 'electric gliding', address technology for gliders, tugs, winches to facilitate requirements from NACs.

Thanks, extended to Commission Presidents for Communication and to FAI Secretariat.

14.4 FAI MEDICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL COMMISSION - CIMP

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-14.4-CIMP-Report

Presented by Marja OSINGA – MEEK, CIMP President

Projects:

- CIMP Centenary 2022
- Presentation of CIMP at ICAM Conference.
- Recruitment presentation of CIMP members, active pilots/athletes, and medical specialists from aviation/space backgrounds. NACs to encourage CIMP delegates to participate and put forward new delegates.
- Recent topics: Covid-19, Anti-Doping and TUE, Gender issues, Aeromedical Risk, Rulemaking.

Future:

- Emergency planning.
- Webinars Anti-Doping.



- New rulemaking.
- Diabetic medicines.
- Human factors in winch launching (gliding and other air sports).
- Accident statistics.
- New 'Dr Peter Saundby Diploma': persons/groups making contributions to flight safety, sport pilot performance.

End of reports submitted to General Conference.

14.5 FAI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION, FAI EDUCATION COMMISSION

The President informed of two resignations of the Commission Presidents received prior to the General Conference: Pierre DUVAL (Environmental Commission) and Alan TWIGG (Education Commission). Succession plan is in place for the Environmental Commission.

15 FINANCIAL SITUATION CURRENT YEAR (2022)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-15-ppt-Financial-Situation-on-30-Sep-2022

Presentation by FAI Finance Director and The Secretary General on the financial situation of the current year up to 30 September.

This is a non-statutory report, provided for information. Annex 15 was provided for detail.

The shortfall in income as predicted in 2022's budget was compensated for by savings in administration and overhead costs. Commissions overspent is slightly favourable versus budget. Thanks were extended to Commission Treasurers for their cooperation.

Yves BURKHARDT, Switzerland NAC asked a question regarding FAI's mitigation of the reported problems with Credit Suisse Bank. The Secretary General explained that the risk was generally reported as minimal since FAI is not exposed to the investment banking at CS. Nonetheless, on recommendation of the Finance Director, the Executive Board agreed for a sum of 400,000CHF to be transferred to an alternative bank. FAI remains exposed with a 6-digit figure still with Credit Suisse, and the situation is being monitored closely. The Finance Director added an explanation that Credit Suisse is part of an international banking group, and the Swiss part of this group is in a more positive shape overall.

16 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2023

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-16-Audit-services-to-FAI-2022-BDO-Lausanne-sig-sig

Proposal by the FAI Executive Board to appoint the FAI auditor BDO for the 'Financial Year 2023', and audit to be conducted in 2024.

Approval of BDO as FAI Financial Auditors for the financial year 2023.

17 FAI BUDGET 2023

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-17.0-ppt-FAI-Budget-proposal-2023

Addressing agenda items 17.1 and 17.2 were merged since its impacts influenced each other.

17.1 FAI MEMBERSHIPS FEE 2023

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-17.1-FAI-membership-fees-scale-2023_proposal

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-17.1-FAI-membership-fees-scale-2023_approved

The President informed the Conference that the last increase of membership fees approved by a General Conference was 10% in 2019. At the same time the class changes reduced membership revenue, thus effectively cancelling out the increase. In the same year, the General Conference supported the proposal of The Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom to extensively modify the proposed FAI budget and remove some 300,000 CHF revenue increases and 350,000 CHF cuts in



proposed expenditure. The President advised whilst cost cutting has been achieved and administrative costs are within the available membership revenue and commercial revenue, it is not sustainable. The current global economic climate and high inflation does not assist. It was noted the inflation rate in Switzerland is uniquely much lower than other countries. A membership fee increase is, therefore, budgeted for in 2023.

The Secretary General referred to FAI's annual expenditure reduced by 1.5m CHF since 2019, which represents an outstanding result. However, membership fees must support objectives for the future. Income has reduced over the previous 20 years. FAI Expenditure is now stable and predictable.

FAI Finance Director highlighted the FAI's various IT investments which are improving automation for administration and allowing to reduce costs.

Three proposals were presented for the increase of membership fees. 18% raise would provide a stable, low-risk financial scenario with no need for commercial income which presents a risk and is unreliable but would represent a significant rise. Analysis was provided of potential issues with suspended member payments. An option of an increase of 13% would create a break-even situation allowing for potential issues with suspended member payments and is presented in the proposed budget.

Jean-Claude WEBER, Luxembourg, thanked The Secretary General for the explanations and wondered whether inflation uncertainty has been considered. The Secretary General responded that Switzerland is relatively stable but that forecasted inflation of 2.5% has been accounted for in the budget.

Greg PRINCIPATO, USA, expressed appreciation for the detailed presentation and remarked that although a raise of 6-8% had been anticipated, 13% would be difficult to address with colleagues, especially as the NAC is experiencing financial pressures from corporate income instability and membership reductions as well as rising inflation. He stated that corporate income probably needed to be pursued by FAI and wondered whether the 13% could be spread out over a longer period.

Bruno DELOR, France, was not in favour of such an increase, as it would probably be off-putting for future membership, remarking that members were often wishing to lower their class to pay less. The Aeromodelling Federation in France recently decreased membership by 20 percent.

Alejandra MOORE, Spain, raised a question regarding Commission effects – these were not included in the income considerations for the budget. She also queried the sale of shares in relation to budget; The Secretary General explained about the value of these share investments, accounted for at historical acquisition cost, which were all sold at market value and how this released so-called hidden reserves.

Stephen SZIKORA, Canada, was appreciative of the consideration that has gone into the budget, and supported the proposed raise of 13%, which he felt was not extraordinary when compared to lower but more regular increases in line with inflation. He suggested FAI could implement more severe consequences for non-payment. Aside from this issue, he confirmed a commitment of 1,000 CHF from Canada to contribute to Ukraine's membership (see point 10.1 above). The Secretary General confirmed several similar messages from other members had been received by the FAI Secretariat.

Nikos MAKRAKIS, Greece, pointed out that either costs had to be cut or membership increased. Increasing the fees will not help with the problem of members reducing their class membership. The Secretary General referred Nikos MAKRAKIS to the annexes which have been available in the cloud for further detail on the current situation. He added that FAI is to review the membership scheme and reiterated the significant cost savings already integrated in the budget proposal.

Hubertus von SAMSON, GER NAC (DAeC), appreciated the hard work and successful cost cutting of FAI. He shared information about a workshop that was recently held at DAeC about the relative adjustment of fees, mentioning that perhaps it is easier to pass smaller (but higher %) NAC membership fees onto individual members.

Rob HUGHES, UK. The NAC has discussed this matter previously; adding that the NAC is facing similar membership problems. He highlighted a comparison with the 'normal' spending pattern of FAI, when costs went up each year. FAI needs to recognise that membership is shrinking, the answer is not to take more money from fewer people. A raise of 13% is seen as too high in the NAC and suggested a membership survey for feedback.

Wolfgang LINTL, CIMA, also remarked that increasing fees would probably result in further class reductions. Commission joins with DAeC to not vote for this raise.

The President reminded delegates that class changes remain a GC voting matter. The GC can approve or not the proposed changes of class. If class is downgraded, the effect is that the rest of the membership will have to pay more to compensate the loss of membership income. He understood the proposal of a 13% increase from the GC delegates was generally not well received and asked delegates



to consider a spread in the increase over 2 years with show of hands. The proposal of 13% would cover a risk position and a budget shortfall. A positive reaction was received. The President reminded the Conference of the objectives jointly subscribed to by the 2020 GC, one of them being working towards the administrative costs of FAI being covered by the membership subscriptions and not reliant upon sponsorship or commercial revenue. It is achievable with an 18% increase, proposing that the 'ideal' FAI increase of 18% could be spread over 3 years.

Hubertus von SAMSON, DAeC, agreed that this could be a solution and wondered whether any commercial revenue was a hope for the future, and whether the reserves could be used to supplement the income. The President replied that budgeting the reserves could support the membership through the fee increase period but reiterated that an increase to the membership fee must be addressed to resolve this ongoing issue of the Organisation being underfunded.

Greg PRINCIPATO, USA, requested actual figures on this, but these will need to be discussed first. He offered support for 18% spread over three years, in principle.

Proposal put forward by the Chair for delegates to vote on the membership subscription of FAI raised by 6% annually over 3 years plus the Swiss Consumer Price Index for the subsequent two years.

Stephen SZIKORA, Canada, requested clarity that this referred to 6% plus CPI, but for 2023 it would be 6% increase only, The President added that CPI would be discussed for 2024.

Bruno DELOR, France, wished for presentation of a written proposal for clarity.

Hubertus von SAMSON, DAeC, suggested that it may be worth considering that going forward on a fee scale, perhaps only a certain percentage increase would be subject to CPI.

Eric MOZER, FAI Deputy President, stated a proposer and a seconder was required to debate the motion.

Jean Claude WEBER, Luxembourg, agreed to the proposal, and asked whether any efforts were being made for commercial revenue. The President confirmed that this was not currently a focus, but that FAI was working on the Third-Party Agreement to clarify agreements which would be of benefit for such partnerships in the future. Jean Claude WEBER proposed that records and archives could be an area for development.

Past President, Bob HENDERSON supported the new proposal, expressing interest in changing the membership model to support a better risk management. The President responded that this was what FAI will be working towards.

The proposal for the scale of membership fees was presented on the screen:

- increase of 6% per class for 2023
- increase of a further 6% per class plus Consumer Price Index (CPI) Switzerland for 2024
- increase of a further 6% per class plus CPI SUI for 2025

Antonis PAPADOPOULOS, CASI, verified that increase is cumulative, not based on increasing from the original 2022 rate each time. Hubertus von SAMSON, GER NAC, wished to know if the CPI would be capped. The President said FAI would take the CPI into consideration on an annual basis considering the effect of CPI on the FAI budget. Stephane MALBOS, CIVL, shared the fact that there are plans to raise the sanction fee per event for CIVL competitions from 2€ to 3-4€, to help budgeting. Stephane MALBOS offered support for FAI to continue to find ways to meet budgets, also highlighting FAI is vital to running fair competitions.

GC approved the Scale of Membership Fees for 2023 as presented (4 votes against).

17.2 FAI BUDGET 2023

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-17.2.2-FAI-budget-2023 (narrative v 2022-09-30) - (update 2022-10-04)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-17.2.1.a-FAI-Budget-2023-OVERALL_proposal

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-17.2.1.b-FAI-Budget-2023-FAI ADMIN_proposal

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-17.2.1.c-FAI-Budget-2023-COMMISSIONS_proposal

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-17.2.1.d-FAI-Budget-2023-NET RESULTS_proposal

The FAI Finance Director and The Secretary General presented the Draft Budget for 2023.



The "Time to rebuild" mission is in place: FAI has stabilised financially over the last two years, now is the time to look to the future. The clarity of accounting creates a positive basis from which to proceed.

Note was made to FAI's reduced expenditure since 2019 of 1.5m CHF, which represents an outstanding result. However, membership fees must support objectives for the future. FAI Expenditure is now stable and predictable.

The earlier approved membership subscription increase was integrated into the budget and presented to the delegates. Ms Alejandra MOORE, Spain, offered ideas on how to cover shortcomings and avoid using reserves, to be discussed with FAI.

The GC 2022 approved the presented budget for the year 2023 by a show of hands with the increase as approved before.

Post GC2022 updated annexes:

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-17.2.1.a-FAI-Budget-2023-OVERALL_approved

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-17.2.1.b-FAI-Budget-2023-FAI ADMIN_approved

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-17.2.1.c-FAI-Budget-2023-COMMISSIONS approved

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-17.2.1.d-FAI-Budget-2023-NET RESULTS_approved

The President extended his thanks to the delegates for their support of the budget 2023.

18 APPOINTMENT OF FAI COMPANION(S) OF HONOUR

The President stated, once again, there were no nominations received for FAI Companion of Honour.

No vote necessary.

19 ELECTION OF FAI PRESIDENT

The President stood down from being the chair of the GC 2022 for this agenda item. The Secretary General conducted the formalities.

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-19-ppt-FAI-President

19.1 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Current FAI President, David MONKS, expressed to stand for re-election for FAI President.

No other nominations were received.

19.2 PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Text of the speech will be provided as annex 19.2 "GC 2022 President Roadmap".

David MONKS presented his objectives to the membership, which covered continued financial stability for a sustainable future, as well as investment into technology and a proactive attitude to supporting diversity. The annexed text of the speech outlines more details.

19.3 ELECTION OF THE FAI PRESIDENT

Secret ballot according to FAI Statute 6.1.1.2.

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-Voting-Results-Electionrunner

David MONKS re-elected as FAI President for a two year-term.

20 FAI EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-20-ppt-FAI-Executive-Directors



20.1 NOMINATION

Nominations followed FAI Statute 6.2.2.1. with the decision of GC 2022 as per agenda item 9.4.

Nominations sorted by IOC-code according to citizenship:

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-20.1.1-Graeme-WINDSOR (nominated by AUS)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-20.1.2-Patrick-NAEGELI (nominated by GBR)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-20.1.3-Andy-CHAU (nominated by THA)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-20.1.4-Pankul-MATHUR (nominated by IND)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-20.1.5-Agust-GUDMUNDSSON (nominated by ISL)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-20.1.6-Marina-VIGORITO (nominated by ITA)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-20.1.7-Eric-MOZER (nominated by USA)

Candidates presented themselves to General Conference.

Gillian RAYNER, Chair of Statutes Working Group, pointed at FAI Statute 6.2.1.7 and asked the candidates for clarification on their current roles in any elected office of the board of an FAI Member.

Nominated candidates replied individually and all confirmed they meet the obligations as laid down in FAI Statute 6.2.1.7

20.2 ELECTION OF THE FAI EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The election process followed FAI Statute 6.2.2.2.

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-Voting-Results-Electionrunner

Six Executive Directors were elected for a two-year term:

- Graeme WINDSOR (AUS)
- Patrick NAEGELI (GBR)
- Andy CHAU (HKG)
- Agust GUDMUNDSSON (ISL)
- Marina VIGORITO (ITA)
- Eric MOZER (USA)

21 FUTURE GENERAL CONFERENCES

21.1 FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE 2023

The President informed General Conference delegates the General Conference 2023 will be held in Dayton, Ohio, USA, and invited Greg Principato from the National Aeronautical Association of America to share his presentation with the GC.

Greg Principato, USA, summarised plans for the GC2023, further introducing some of the aviation related museums that will be available for delegates, as well as points of interest for spare time visits.

Planned schedule:

- Dayton, Ohio, USA
- General Conference sessions 26 Oct (Thursday) and 27 Oct (Friday) 2023
- Tuesday and Wednesday (24-25 Oct 2023) planned for Commission/group meetings.

Confirmation of the event, time and venue will be communicated in an official notice in accordance with FAI Statute 3.6.1.1.1.



21.2 FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024

FAI-GC-2022-ppt-21.2-Future-General-Conferences_Lausanne

The GC has agreed in Statute to make Lausanne the default location of the FAI General Conference if there is no successful bid received for 2024.

The President introduced the new Membership Manager, Kamila VOKOUN HAJKOVA. She presented the options to stage the 2024 General Conference in Lausanne (according to the approved change to FAI Statute chapter 3.3, see agenda item 9.3.3 above). She presented a comparison of accommodation costs from previous conferences.

No other bid has so far been put forward, but bids will be accepted via the usual procedures as laid down in FAI Statutes chapter 3.3.

22 CLOSING

22.1 CLOSING REMARKS

The President made the closing address:

I would like to start by thanking you all for a very constructive and fruitful General Conference.

The main function of the General Conference is:

- For the EB to share its activities and achievements of 2022 with the members
- For the administration (EB) to take the directions from the members.
- To conclude and approve on the topics raised by the members.

This General Conference has shown all of us that FAI is a true collaboration in the management of FAI.

It has been a pleasure to see our joint endeavours have resulted in what we set out to do: regain financial governance, restore administrative governance, and improve communication between all bodies of FAI.

The main messages of this Conference are:

- The Financial Director and Secretary General have shown the FAI finances of 2022 are managed despite the global influence affecting the Organisation.
- Matching the balance between operating costs and the membership subscription fees is key
 to assist in good cash flow management and we need your assistance for that. Paying your
 subscriptions on time will help FAI to realise the basis for the budget 2023, that is based on
 the membership covering the operating costs.
- Sustainability of FAI is now our focus.

At this point in time, 2023 is heading towards a normal sporting calendar despite the challenges that remain. However, FAI is prepared.

In my second year as President of FAI, I have continued to be impressed by the dedication and the loyalty to FAI of all of you.

I would like to applaud:

- the Commissions and all the volunteers associated with them.
- the Commission President's Group for their tireless efforts to support this administration.
- the Executive Board who supports and guide the whole Organisation.
- and last but not least the Secretary General and his team. They have shown that FAI is administratively in good hands and prepared for the forthcoming year.

I am looking forward to another successful year and to report back to you at the next GC, which will be an opportunity to meet once again. Ordinarily, I would wish you a safe journey home, I'm sure you appreciate the sentiment.

Looking forward to seeing you in Dayton, Ohio, next year.



Thank you again.

Alvaro de ORLEANS BORBON, Spain, made a statement thanking FAI for his 2022 FAI Silver Medal which he will wear to honour all those who give time and energy to FAI air sports.

Antonis PAPADOPOULOS, CASI, requested last minute nominations for CASI bureau ahead of the upcoming CASI plenary meeting.

22.2 FAI ANTHEM

The FAI anthem was played, and the President formally closed the 2022 FAI General Conference.

End 116th FAI General Conference

(End 1550 UTC = 1650 CET)



23 ANNEXES

All listed annexes are provided through the dedicated cloud-space. See access credentials at the end of this document.

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FAI-GC-2022-Annex-4.0-ppt-voting-matters-majorities

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-4.1.1-FAI-electionrunner-legal-counsel (from GC 2020)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-4.1.2-Update-on-legal-situation

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-5.0-ppt-minutes-GC-2021

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-5.1-Minutes-of-the-115th-FAI-General-Conference-2021

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FAI-GC-2022-Annex-7.1-FAI-Championships-Winners-for-2022 (additional info year-end)

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FAI-GC-2022-Annex-9.3.5-Deadline-nomination-Executive-Directors

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FAI-GC-2022-Annex-9.3.7-Policies-and-procedure-FAI-awards

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FAI-GC-2022-Annex-9.3.9-Sporting-Licence

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-10.0-FAI-membership-report-v1 (28Oct2022)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-10.0-FAI-membership-report-v2 (02Nov2022)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-10.4.1-communication-Greece

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11.0-CASI-elections

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-A.GREENFIELD (USA)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-A.MOORE (ESP)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-A.TERSMEDEN (SWE)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-A.TOMASI (ITA)

FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-C.AYMAT (ESP)



- FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-G.HILL (AUS)
- FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-G.PRINCIPATO (USA)
- FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-J.DODAL (CZE)
- FAI-GC-2022-Annex-11-N.PIDOKRAJT (SWE)
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- FAI-GC-2022-Annex-17.2.1.d-FAI-Budget-2023-NET RESULTS_approved
- FAI-GC-2022-Annex-17.2.2-FAI-budget-2023 (narrative v 2022-09-30) (update 2022-10-04)
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