IFSM General Assembly Meeting

Prague, Thursday 11th September 2014

Minutes

Subject to approval by the Executive Committee and the General Assembly

- 1. The President declared the meeting open.
- 2. Apologies and Admission of Observers (President)

No apologies were received. The General Assembly approved the admission of candidates for election to the Executive Board as observers to the General Assembly

3. The President presented the Minutes of the General Assembly at IMC16 2010, Rio de Janeiro.

These were approved by the General Assembly.

4. The President proposed the appointment of Tellers (Nominees: Lewys Jones and Sibylle Schilling; both Young Scientist Awardees).

These were approved by the General Assembly.

- 5. President's Remarks. The President summarised recent IFSM activity for the General Assembly
- 6. The General Secretary proposed the following changes to membership (all effective 1 January 2015)

a) Admission of Associate Members. None

b) Admission of Full Members Cuba to Group I

c) Changes to level of membership Korea Group I to Group III

Spain Group II to Group III

UK Group III to Group IV

d) Cessation of Membership. None

These changes to membership were approved by the General Assembly

The President then introduced a proposal summarised below related to the introduction of provisional members

Provisional Members

I would like to propose that the Executive Committee be given the authority to provisionally admit new members at the meeting of the Executive Committee that takes place between IMCs (next in 2016). The new members would be admitted provisionally as Group 1 and would pay dues starting January 1 after admission.

Their membership could then be confirmed by the General Assembly at the next meeting of the General Assembly but they would already then be group I members and could have a Delegate at that General Assembly - rather than have to wait another 4 years before having a vote.

For example, Greece has said it would like to join IFSM. As the rules stand at present, it could become a member in 2019 and have its first vote in 2022

This proposal was approved by the General Assembly.

- 7. Paevl Hozak presented a Preliminary Report on the 2014 IMC18 in Prague to the General Assembly
- 8 IFSM Finances
 - a) The General Secretary presented a Financial Report (2010-2013) and Financial Projections (2013-2017) to the General assembly
 - b) Paul Fischione presented a Financial Analysis of the current IFSM accounts to the General Assembly.
 - c) Dues. No changes were proposed
- 9. Review of past Regional Meetings.

Reviews of recent Regional Meetings were presented to the General Assembly

- a) CAPSM Meeting 2012 (Perth, Australia) (review of any issues arising) (The General Secretary)
- b) EMS Meeting 2012 (Manchester, UK) (review of any issues arising) (Joachim Mayer)
- c) CIASEM 2011 (Merida, Mexico) (review of any issues arising) (Gema Gonzales)
- d) CIASEM 2013 (Colombia) (review of any issues arising) (Gema Gonzales)
- 10. Reports on Forthcoming Meetings

Reports on forthcoming meetings were presented to the General Assembly

- a) CAPSM Meeting 2016 (Phuket, Thailand) (Ze Zhang)
- b) EMS Meeting 2016 (Lyon, France) (Thierry Epicier)
- c) CIASEM 2015 (Caracas, Venezuela) (Gema Gonzales)
- d) CIASEM 2017 (Decided in 2015) (Gema Gonzales)
- 11. Review of the Procedures Manual.

Peter Ingram and Paul Fischione reported on the current status of the Procedures manual to the general Assembly.

12. Selection of the Site for IMC19.

The President introduced the three bids for hosting IMC19 (China, Korea, Australia)

- a) The three candidates were invited to make 10minute presentations outlining their bid to the general Assembly.
- b) The General Assembly held a ballot to determine the site for IMC19 the results of which were: China-18; Australia-42; Korea-9.

Australia was accordingly approved by the general assembly as the host for IMC19

13. Elections.

The President summarised the vacant positions on the Executive Board

a) President

1 unopposed candidate was presented to the General Assembly: Kazuo Furuya who was duly elected for a four year term. Professor Ohno introduced the incoming President.

b) Treasurer 1 vacancy for an 8 year term.

3 candidates were presented were presented to the General Assembly: Paul Fischione (USA), Angus Kirkland (UK), Thomas Gemming (Germany).

The General Assembly held a ballot the results of which were: Fischione-52; Kirkland-10; Gemming-7.

Paul Fischione was therefore duly elected as Treasurer.

c) General Secretary 1 vacancy for a 4 year term.

2 candidates were presented were presented to the General Assembly: Angus Kirkland (UK), Thomas Gemming (Germany).

The General Assembly held a ballot the results of which were: Kirkland-39; Gemming-29.

Angus Kirkland was therefore duly elected as General Secretary.

d) Executive Committee 4 vacancies for 8 year terms.

4 unopposed candidates were presented to the General Assembly: Pavel Hozak (Czech Republic), John Mansfield (USA), Syo Matsumura (Japan), Paul Midgley (UK).

These candidates were duly elected to the Executive Board

e) Affirmation of the Trade Member (elected 2014 by the Trade group, ICMA).

Debbie Stokes was elected as the Trade Member on the Executive Board following the election of Paul Fischione to the office of Treasurer.

14. Reports from Member Societies.

None received

15. Any other Business (President)

The president thanked outgoing members of Executive Committee Members: Christian Colliex (France, Vice-President), Brendan Griffin (Australia, General Secretary) and outgoing members of the Executive Board Paul Fischione (Trade), Pavel Hozak (IMC18), Peter Ingram (USA), Ueli Aebi (Switzerland), Alan Craven (UK).

17. Closing Remarks

The President welcomed Simon Ringer as the New Member of the Executive Board representing IMC19.