



## FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

### BALLOONING COMMISSION - CIA

**2022 CIA Jury Board ZOOM Meeting  
Wednesday March 15, 2023, at 08:30**

### Meeting Report

#### **1. Roll call, apologies for absence.**

The meeting was a ZOOM session because a majority of JB members are unable to physically join the meeting.

Chairman	Jean Claude Weber	(LUX)	JWE	present
Members:	Hans Åkerstedt	(SWE)	HA	absent
	Hiromori Soejima	(JPN)	Hiropon	present
	Les Purfield	(GBR)	LPP	excused
	John Grubbstrom	(SWE)	JG	present

#### **2. Confirmed Event Juries 2023.**

The 66<sup>th</sup> Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett event planned in Sion / Switzerland having been cancelled by the organisers (they decided "to send back the sanction to the CIA"), the CIA Bureau re-opened the bidding process on January 10 and approved the following replacement event on February 25. The Jury proposed by the organisers was approved by the CIA Bureau on February 28 as follows:

##### **66th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett, Albuquerque (NM) / USA**

**5th -14th October 2023**

- Pres.: Garry Lockyer (Canada) on site
- Member: John Davis (USA) on site
- Member: Luc Van Geyte (Belgium) remote

##### **5th FAI Women WHABC 2023, Northam (AUS)**

**02<sup>nd</sup> – 09<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

- Pres.: Debbie Spaeth (USA).
- Member: Hiromi Furukawa (JPN).
- Member: Ruth Wilson (AUS).

##### **6th FAI Junior WHABC 2023, Grudziadz, Poland**

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

- Pres.: John Grubström (SWE)
- Member: Paolo Oggioni (ITA)
- Member: Sandor Hidas (HUN)

**Note: The Canadian CIA delegate has confirmed to the JB chairman that the 2023 North American HABC in St. Jean-sur-Richelieu in Canada has been cancelled by the event organiser.**

### 3. Nomination, confirmation and selection of event juries 2024.

**67<sup>th</sup> Gordon Bennett, Germany**                      2024    *Nominations welcome but not yet required.*

**25th FAI WHABC 2024, Szeged, Hungary**    **8th – 14th September 2024**

- Pres.:            Lindsay Muir (GBR)
- Member:        Bengt Stener (SWE)
- Member:        David Gleed (CAN)
- Stand-in:       Moniek Vande Velde (BEL) only in case of necessary replacement

Having received no Jury nominations from the organisers, the Jury Board had to select the Jury in accordance with the Jury Handbook rule stating that

*If the organisers fail to propose any event Jury Members or if they fail to provide the proposed Jury Members' written acceptance confirmations, the Jury Board shall select the Jury President and/or Jury Members from the CIA Approved Jurors list from all eligible juror levels, according to their qualifications, their experience, their availability and the number of Juries they served on during the previous two years.*

*The CIA Jury Board shall recommend the selected Jury and alternate Jury Members (if any) for appointment to the CIA Plenary.*

### 4. New Juror and regrading applications

**MAURY SULLIVAN (USA)    Intermediate Level**

Maury Sullivan's upgrading application for Intermediate Level was received and discussed during the ZOOM JB meeting on Dec. 22, 2022. It appears that Maury passed the tests but did not show protest hearing experience on his application. On January 4<sup>th</sup> Debbie Spaeth confirmed that Maury has had some Jury experience in the US Nationals.

The upgrading request was approved.

**SAKATA Shigeo (JPN)        Entry Level**

Was requested on December 24, 2022 to provide his Application Form with the corrected required information and the signature of the CIA delegate from Japan. He is re-applying without any new Test. Had been deleted from the CIA Approved Jurors List earlier in 2022 for not replying to the JB's request to declare wishing to remain active.

The Entry Level application was rejected due to the fact that no signed application was received by the CIA JB.

**Lindsay Muir (UK)            Senior Level**

The request dated 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 shows that Lindsay passed all the required tests (3 & 4) and that she meets all experience requirements.

The upgrading request was approved.

### Juror resignations

Alex Nagorski	CAN	resigned after 30 years of service
Les PURFIELD	GBR	resigned after 30 years of service
Johan Fürstner	AUT	resigned after 22 years of service

**These Jurors have to be commended for their services to the ballooning community.**

### 5. Juror experience criteria

In view of the growing recruiting problems, the lack of events and the lack of events with protests, the JB will consider to eventually update the criteria in order to adapt the experience requirement to allow for other kinds of experience to be considered. Discussion during the year.

### 6. Cancellation vs Termination issue

The Jury Handbook will be updated to take into account the new SC GS provisions in respect of stopping and terminating an event. As the decision to cancel (previously “terminate”) the event no longer rests with the event jury, it is suggested to adapt and update the JHB accordingly.

#### **Jury Handbook: 3.1. THE FUNCTIONS OF THE JURY DURING THE EVENT**

##### **Sporting Codes and rules and regulations**

*The President of the Jury has the right to require the organizers to abide by the FAI Sporting Code and the published rules and regulations for the event. If the organizers fail to do so, the **President has the right to stop** the event until a Jury Meeting has considered the situation. The **Jury has the right to terminate** the event if the organizers fail to abide by the FAI Sporting Code or the published rules and regulations.*

The GS (version 2023) does not mention **terminating an event** but deals now with issues of **cancellation** for reasons of Force Majeure in 4.9.1, **cancellation** before the event in 4.9.2.1, and **cancellation** during the event in 4.9.2.2.

It is to be noted that the new GS version (2023) now also deals with **suspension or cancellation before the event** (not explicitly covered in the previous versions of the SC GS).

During the event, the **Jury President** has the right to require the organiser to abide by the FAI Sporting Code and the published rules and regulations for the event (as is in the JHB) and, if the organiser fails to do so, the **Jury** has the power to **interrupt** the event (JHB states that the **President**, not the **Jury**, has the right to **stop** the event). If the situation remains unsatisfactory, the **Jury** has the right to request the **cancellation** of the event (contrary to the JHB, the Jury no longer has the right to **terminate** the event). The decision to **cancel the event** is now taken by the FAI EB or its representative after consultation of the concerned NAC and ASC.

#### ***Sporting Code – General Section: 4.9 SUSPENSION, CANCELLATION OF EVENTS***

##### ***4.9.1 Force Majeure***

*At any time, an event may be **suspended or cancelled** for reasons of force majeure.*

*The occurrences that could not be anticipated and which are beyond the reasonable control and spheres of responsibility of either the Organiser of an FAI Event or the FAI (or replace by any of the parties of an FAI Organiser Agreement). Such occurrences include but are not limited any abnormally inclement weather, flood, lightening, storm, fire, explosion, earthquake, subsidence, epidemic or pandemic or other natural physical disaster, war, military operations, riot, strike, terrorist action, civil commotion and any regulation or ruling of any relevant government, court or competent national or international authority and others events or occurrences of similar nature and impact, which objectively prevent the staging of the Event or the parties to perform their obligations.*

#### **4.9.2 First Category Events**

##### **4.9.2.1 Before the Event**

*The event may be **cancelled by the FAI** at any time before the date of event for reason of*

- Persistent breach by the organiser, in the preparation of the event, to the undertakings given in the bid and/or failure to abide by the FAI regulations as well as reasonable directives or instructions*
- Significant risk to the safety of the participants*
- Incapacity of the organisers to establish and maintain financial viability*
- Any other situation in which the safe and appropriate conduct of the event is no longer objectively warranted.*
- The organiser shall be given a reasonable deadline to remedy the situation prior to cancellation.*
- Should a cancellation be considered upon suggestion of the ASC, then the ASC President shall inform the FAI Secretary General. The issue may be forwarded to the FAI Executive Board.*
- The decision to cancel is taken by the Executive Board and is always made in consultation with the ASC concerned.*
- If a decision is made to cancel the event, the entry fees is returned in accordance with FAI Sporting Code General Section.*
- A cancellation of the event is deemed to be a cancellation of the Organiser Agreement by the FAI.*

##### **4.9.2.2 During the Event**

*In addition to being the chairman at jury meetings, the Jury President has the right to require the organiser to abide by the FAI Sporting Code and the published rules and regulations for the event. **If the organiser fails to do so, the president of the jury has the power to interrupt the event until the situation has been reviewed by the jury. If the situation remains unsatisfactory, the jury has the right to request the cancellation of the event and give advice on the return of the entry fees. The decision to cancel the event and to return or not the entry fees is taken by the Executive Board or its representative after consultation of the concerned NAC and ASC.***

**7. Jury reports.**

<u>2021 Cat 1 Events</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Debriefing</u>	<u>Protests</u>
<b>65<sup>th</sup> Gordon Bennett 2022</b>	Yes	Yes	None
<b>24<sup>th</sup> WHABC 2022</b>	Yes	Yes	None

Jury Reports and Event Debriefings for both events have been published on the CIA webpage.

The JB decided that the edited EVENT DEBRIEFING REPORTS should be published with the Jury Reports.

**8. Action on recommendations in Jury Reports.**

JB chair requested the CIA Secretary on Dec. 24, 2022, to forward the Jury Reports and Event Debriefing Reports for the two events above to the following SCs and WGs for consideration and action:

- RSC and AA, AX, S1, Scoring WGs
- NTSC
- EDS
- CIA Event Organiser Support Subcommittee
- CIA Competitor Subcommittee

No comments were received, and the JB assumes that the documents have been received by the various addressees.

**9. Changes in rules.**

Jurors will be advised of the changes in the Sporting Code, MERs, IRs, FAI Statutes and By-Laws shortly after the CIA Plenary Meeting Minutes have been published.

**10. Jury Handbook update and discussion.**

The JHB will be updated to take into account the Sporting Code GS and S1 modifications.

A reference to the FAI DISCIPLINARY CODE will be introduced into the Jury Handbook.

**11. Update of CIA jurors lists.**

The 2023 CIA Jurors list is attached.

**12. AOB**

**13. Next meeting.**

The next JB Meeting will be a ZOOM Meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 13:00 UTC

**14. Jury Board members 2023**

Suggested JB composition:

Chairman	Jean Claude Weber (LUX)	Jury Reports
Members:	Debbie Spaeth (USA)	Statistics: Jurors & Events
	Hiromori Soejima (JPN)	Communication : Jurors & CIA
	Garry Lockyer (Canada)	Jurors Testing
	John Grubbstrom (SWE)	Jury Handbook & Rules

Hans Akerstedt and Les Purfield have resigned from the JB and are to be commended for their long-time and highly competent contributions.

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JWE March 15, 2023