



CIVL 2022 PLENARY – ANNEXE 6B
REPORT ON THE COMMISSION PRESIDENTS' GROUP

The Commission Presidents' Group (CPG) has met without discontinuity at least since 1987. The format of these meetings has changed along the years.

- In the 1980s, Commissions are called Committee and meet once a year with representatives of the Council (FAI President, First Vice-President, Treasurer General, Director General...).
- In 1990, the Committees become Air Sport Commissions (ASC).
- In 1992, the Council becomes the Executive Board (EB).
- In 2001, the meetings take part twice a year iso once: just before General Conference, as usual, and mid-year one.

The CPG keeps convening with a few representatives of the EB. Reports of these meetings are included in the General Conference agenda; issues raised and proposals made are discussed.

- In 2006, the EB sees the necessity of better defining the “relationship between Central FAI and the Commissions”. The CPG meetings change format and now involve the whole EB.

The now very complete minutes also reflect a change of mind: the EB is defining the issues and the Commission Presidents are “informed” or “invited to comment”.

This drift has no statutory base: at no point the statutes define the CPG as including the EB. The CPG is just chaired by the FAI President. The CPG responsibilities do not include hearing the EB, but are so defined

- Consider the work and matters of common interest of the various Commissions
- Create areas of common policy on sporting matters
- Review proposed and past expenditure of FAI funds derived from air sport events
- Present to the General Conference appropriate advice or recommendations
- Put forward matters for the Executive Board to make decision or recommendations.

The new CPG meetings format goes on until October 2020, when then FAI President, Bob Henderson, decides to chair a CPG meeting as described in the statutes to discuss issues raised by the Commission Presidents: a positive move in these confrontational times.

In December 2020, the new FAI President, David Monk, decides to hold monthly CPG meetings on the same statutory base. A dedicated Basecamp Project is implemented. Exchanges are many (500+). Meeting agendas and records of discussion are established by the Commission Presidents with the FAI President input. Some of the issues discussed...

Statutes appraisal

The CPG was asked its input on the EB-lead current project.

FAI Working Groups

Updates were done on the work of Working Groups dedicated to the Statutes, General Section of the Sporting Code, Ethic and Disciplinary Code, Organiser Agreement. The CPG participated in some of their work.

Issues with NAC

Specific difficulties met here and there were exchanged. The main issues were: lack of communication; Sporting Licences not issued; membership fees not paid and the consequences on our events as described in the FAI rules (NAC not in good standing, NAC suspended). These are complex and long-standing issues that the FAI poorly adapted rules fail to solve. It is urgent to address these issues with hard work and imaginative minds.

Finances

Commission Presidents and Financial Secretaries participated in the reorganisation of the ASC finances process and presentation. The CPG is supportive of the outcome as it makes everybody's life easier.

The CPG understands that building back the ASC cash reserve will take time.

Insurances for Officials

In 2019, a travel insurance for elected FAI officials was implemented. The CPG requested a similar insurance for officials sent by ASC in their events. The negotiation with the broker was successful. The new insurance will be implemented on January 1, 2022. It should be financed by the ASC.

Covid 19

The CPG discussed the consequences of the pandemic on FAI events and what the FAI could do. The NAC and organisers were deemed to be in the best position to deal with the peculiarities of each nation. The Medical Commission, CIMP, came up with general recommendations.

FAI and ASC Websites

The current FAI website does not answer all ASC needs. Each ASC has looked for its own solutions, some finding them within the FAI website frame, some outside. The content and organisation of the FAI part is also questioned. A Working Group has been implemented without real results except identify the issues and proposing some solutions. An ongoing work.

World Air Games

In January 2020, the CPG stated that the first step to new WAG would be to evaluate the past ones. The evaluation is ongoing. The FAI archives are researched. It will include political, technical and financial analysis.

Records

How to get the ASC better involved in the FAI ratification process? An ongoing discussion.

CPG Reports

The FAI archives have been researched the CPG reports since 1987 grouped in one place. An ongoing work as we have to go further back in time.