



FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE
AIR SPORT GENERAL COMMISSION
COMMISSION AÉRONAUTIQUE SPORTIVE INTERNATIONALE (CASI)

AGENDA FOR THE PLENARY MEETING TO BE HELD
AT THE OLYMPIC MUSEUM, LAUSANNE
STARTING AT 0900 HOURS ON SUNDAY 25 JANUARY 2004

1. Roll call of Delegates, those present, apologies, proxy votes, declarations of conflicts of interest.
2. Departed friends.
3. Minutes of the last plenary meeting at Dubrovnik
 - 3.1 Accuracy
 - 3.2 Matters arising from the minutes (those not covered by agenda items below)
4. Minutes of the CASI Bureau meeting at Krakow
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5. Report and discussion on activities during the year and decisions taken (CASI President for decisions on records, other Bureau members for other information).
6. Report on meetings of Commission Presidents Group (CPG) at Friedrichshafen, Krakow and Lausanne, as far as matters affecting CASI are concerned (CASI President and other delegates who are ASC Presidents).
7. Dates of future CASI Plenary meetings. The CASI Bureau meeting at Krakow recommended a return to the previous schedule where the annual CASI Plenary was held during the General Conference period and a short CASI Plenary was held after the GC to elect the new Bureau and deal with any outstanding business. Discussion invited, decision needed.
8. Possible new types of air sport activities.
 - 8.1 Kite Surfing (Olivier Burghelle). See also the pictures in the minutes of the Krakow CASI meeting.
 - 8.2 Para-wings, IPC requested to report. See also the pictures in the minutes of the Krakow CASI meeting.
9. Sporting Code General Section. Details, Annex A. *Please have access to a current GS for this agenda item. Note that this item includes doping and WADA matters.*
10. Statutes and By-Laws, aspects relevant to CASI and Sporting matters. Details, Annex B. *Note that this item includes the relation between the CPG and CASI and wording on the dates of future CASI Plenary meetings.*
11. Jury matters. Including the Jury Member's handbook, editor's report (J-C Weber) and any suggestions.
12. CASI web pages. Please view the CASI web pages on <http://www.fai.org> before this item. CASI is listed on page one as one of the ASCs and the web pages then follow on clicking CASI in the list.
13. Any other business (AOB). Where possible, please give items to the Secretary before the meeting. AOB items received before travelling will be circulated by the secretary by email.
14. Date and place of next meetings.
15. Election of the CASI Bureau for the next year.

ANNEXES

- A. Suggested amendments for the Sporting Code GS 2004. Item 9 refers.
- B. Statutes and By-Laws, CASI and Sporting Aspects. Item 10 refers.

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ANNEX A TO THE AGENDA
FOR THE CASI PLENARY MEETING 25 JANUARY 2004 IN LAUSANNE

SPORTING CODE GENERAL SECTION - YEAR 2004 EDITION

The following proposed amendments and discussion points have been brought to the notice of the Secretary up to 26 November 2003. They are listed in the order of the GS in three sections, important and policy matters, terminology and more minor proposals and smaller administrative matters and corrections of wording. It is expected that attenders at the meeting will have access to a current GS for this item.

It has been suggested that GS 2004 should take effect on 1 March 2004. Secretariat advice is requested on a practical timescale to incorporate amendments.

SECTION 1 - GS 2004 - Important and policy proposals

Para : Proposal : Reason

1.3.1 NAC responsibilities. An addition to 1.3.1 has been requested by an NAC to clarify the scope of NAC activities. This is as a result of some difficulties with their Government Ministry of Sport and the lack of mention of wider NAC activities in the General Section. For instance, add the words: "NACs must conform to the provisions of the various sections of the Sporting Code for events and performances that are covered by the Sporting Code. They may also organise other events and approve other performances in their area of responsibility where these are not specified in the relevant Sporting Code. In any such other events and performances, the rules of the FAI Sporting Code should be followed wherever possible. If this is not possible because of the nature of the event or performance, the spirit of the FAI Sporting Code shall be followed wherever possible."

2.2.1.1 to 2.2.1.17. FAI Classes and Sub-Classes. A separate CASI agenda item addresses new activities and any GS changes depend on CASI discussion and decision. Issues raised include Kite Surfing and Para-wings (Felix Baumgartner flight in July 2003).

3.15.1.1 Force Majeure. The present wording "general strike, storm or earthquake" is not comprehensive and there is no statement of principle, just an assumption that people know what Force Majeure means in the context of FAI. It has been suggested that a general statement should be made first, followed by more examples than presently listed. It would be better placed in the Glossary rather than the main body, in which case 3.15.1.1 could be deleted and the Glossary entry referred to in 3.15.1. See below under "Glossary".

3.12.4 Entry fees. It has been suggested by an NAC that the absolute minimum fee for entry should be defined. For instance, a new para "3.12.4. Minimum Entry Fee. For every FAI event the organiser shall define the amount of the minimum entry fee. That is, the fee that is essential for an entry to be accepted less the extra fees that are not mandatory for entry such as for on-site accommodation and meals, visits, social events, banquet etc."

4.2.3 Observer presence. The present wording covers only presence at time-critical events such as start and finish lines. Supervising observers also have a responsibility for the collation, checking and submitting of paperwork to the authority that is to validate the performance. The following re-wording has been suggested, which also replaces "he" with non-gender-specific

words: "An Official Observer may only certify a event that is critical in terms of time or place if the Observer is present at the event. However, such an event may be certified if the Observer arrives soon afterwards and there is no doubt about the event, if possible consulting other witnesses who were there at the time. Supervising Official Observers who certify that FAI and ASC procedures were followed and that paperwork is in order, need not be present at the events described therein."

6.1.2 World record preceded by National record. Two suggestions have been made. (1) adds another specific exception, (2) is wording stating the principle and trying to take present and any future exceptions into account, so that if another exception comes up in the future, this para will not have to be changed again.

Alternative 1: 6.2.1: "To be eligible as a World Record, the performance must have been recognised as a National record by the NAC concerned, except for international team performances in Class G (Parachutes - Largest Formation Record), and for all performances in Class K (Spacecraft) and P (Aerospacecraft). In any case the FAI rules have to be fulfilled."

Alternative 2: 6.2.1: "To be eligible as a World Record the NAC putting forward the claim to FAI (6.4.1) must certify that all relevant FAI rules and procedures were fulfilled. In addition, the performance must have been recognised as a National record by the NAC concerned, where the rules and procedures of the NAC for that record are compatible with those for the world record concerned. It is recognised that exceptions exist, for instance records with multi-national crew. These should be covered in the Sporting Code of the relevant ASC. See also 6.4.1 below."

6.4.1. Records by multi-national teams. The second alternative separates the team case from that of individual claims rather than trying deal with both in the same sentence.

Alternative 1: "The NAC which issued the FAI Sporting Licence of any person attempting a world record or, in cases of team attempts, the NAC that issued FAI sporting licences to the largest number of team members (the Organising NAC), is responsible for certifying that person's or that team's attempt as a national record (subject to the exceptions mentioned in 6.1.2. above) and for submitting the World Record claim dossier to FAI regardless of where the record attempt took place."

Alternative 2: "The NAC which issued the FAI Sporting Licence of any person attempting a world record (the Organising NAC), is responsible for certifying that person's attempt as a National Record (where required under 6.1.2) and for submitting the World Record claim dossier to FAI regardless of where the record attempt took place. For team records, the NAC submitting the claim to FAI should be the NAC that issued FAI sporting licences to the largest number of team members, unless, by agreement with another NAC that also had members in the team, such other NAC is willing to submit the claim".

7.2 Performance increase for records. This was left over from the last Plenary. The following addition has been suggested: "Measurements derived from recorded fixes from Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) are highly accurate in both time and latitude and longitude, as long as a consistent Geodetic Datum such as WGS84 is used for all. Where margins are not defined by an ASC the following should be used:

"Duration margin - 1% or 5 minutes (1 minute where recorded GNSS times are used), whichever is the least.

Distance margin - 1% or 10 km (5 km for distance derived from recorded GNSS fixes), whichever is the least.

Speed margin - 1% in speed or 5 minutes (1 minute where recorded GNSS times are used) in the time between start and finish, whichever is the least.

Altitude margin - 2% for aneroid sensors, 1% for temperature-corrected electronic sensors".

7.3.1.1. Distances on the earth's surface. At present this states: "for FAI distance calculations, the earth model used may either be the WGS84 ellipsoid or a sphere of radius 6371 km exactly". It has been suggested that as the ellipsoid is very close to the true shape of the earth and the sphere is an approximation, the sphere be phased out in favour of the ellipsoid. Air Sport Presidents are invited to state the current position (ellipsoid or sphere) for their area of activity, and discussion is invited.

Also, to allow for competitions, the following addition to 7.3.1.1 has been suggested: "For competitions, all distances must be calculated in the same way. Although official FAI distance is preferred, competition distances may be calculated by other methods approved by the Air Sport Commission concerned. However, if competition performances are to be recognised by FAI (such as for World and other records), official FAI distance must be used for the performance calculation and validation."

7.3.1.2 Time and speed. Presently this only addresses time and there is no mention of GPS. Suggested revision: "Measurement of time may be by clocks, chronometers, the accurate time that is part of a recorded GNSS fix, or other time recording equipment approved by the relevant FAI Air Sport Commission. Calculation of speed shall be by dividing the appropriate distance by elapsed time, overall distance being derived from Latitudes and Longitudes (7.1) using the same Earth model for all legs of a course (7.3.1.1)."

7.3.1.5 Altitude. Add: "Where the relevant ASC decides to use pressure altitudes as the figures for the performance concerned, the transformation of recorded pressures into standard altitudes shall use the ICAO International Standard Atmosphere. The FAI office has a copy of ICAO pressure altitude table 7588 for consultation if required".

7.4 Accuracy of measurement. There is presently no overall policy statement about accuracy, calculations and "rounding" of figures. The following has been suggested: "Calculations shall take place using the most accurate figures available from the measuring system or sensor used. Any "rounding" of figures shall only be made, if required, at the end of the calculation process."

A7.3. Free (undeclared) flights. New para: "A7.3 Free Course. A course selected by the pilot after flight for the purpose of submitting a claim. *Where such "free flights" are allowed by the relevant ASC, this enables a pilot while in flight to exploit the weather and other conditions to maximise the Performance that can be claimed*".

A8.4 Start Lines. Two alternatives.

Alternative 1: Add: "or, for start lines longer than 1 km, from the point of crossing the line". Reason: longer start lines are now available through the use of GPS recording rather than visual observation, also with GPS fix recording the exact point of crossing can now be established easily.

Alternative 2: A simpler alternative would be to change to "the point of crossing the line" rather than the centre of the line. A similar change to A8.4 should also be made in A12.4 for Finish Lines.

GLOSSARY. Add the following:

"Force Majeure - this is a French term which in FAI refers to major factors out of the control of the organisers that make it impossible or extremely difficult to hold the event concerned in the manner that it should be held. In the FAI context it includes war, insurrection, civil disturbance, terrorism, industrial action (strikes), severe storm damage, earthquake, etc., but not weather unfavourable to competition tasks".

"Good standing - An FAI member in good standing is one that has fulfilled its obligations to FAI. Obligations are listed in FAI Statute 2.4.2.2." Reason: it is understood that this is the case, but at the moment it does not seem to be clearly stated in Statutes, By-laws or the GS.

SECTION 2 - GS 2004 - Terminology and more minor proposals

Page/para : Proposal : Reason

3.1, several sub paras. Terminology. The word "participant" is used, but there is no FAI definition of this word. Should it be "entrant", for which there is a definition in 3.2.1? Paras affected are 3.1.1, 3.1.3, 3.1.4, 3.1.5.1, 3.1.6 and 3.1.7. If there is a difference between a participant and an entrant, this should be made clear in a definition here or in the Glossary.

3.2.1. Last word, change "applicants" to "entrants". Reason, consistency with the rest of the para which is about entrants.

3.11.2 on doping. As pointed out at the Krakow General Conference, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has replaced the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the world authority on doping in sport. The Secretary General is producing a new stand-alone document based on WADA rules called "FAI Anti-Doping Rules" that will be discussed by the FAI Medical Commission (CIMP) and others before finalisation. Meanwhile the following changes to the GS have been proposed either by the Secretary General or the Secretary of CIMP:

3.11.2.1. Add a new first sentence giving the overall FAI position before the detail that follows: "The FAI, in common with other sporting Federations, supports the measures taken by the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) to prevent misuse of drugs, malpractice and cheating."

3.11.2.2. Delete "International Olympic Committee (IOC)" and substitute "World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)"

3.11.2.3. Delete "IOC" and substitute "WADA".

3.11.2.4. Delete all and substitute: "Doping Control procedures shall be implemented in accordance with the FAI Anti-Doping Rules (published separately)."

3.11.2.6. Delete in toto (*The new FAI Anti-Doping Rules will contain details about doping controls*).

3.11.2.7 and 8. Either re-number the following two sub-paras, or incorporate their contents in

the new FAI Anti-Doping document. Advice from CIMP and the Secretary General invited.

4-1, para 4.2.4.2 on witnesses. Instead of "addresses" to read: "names, addresses and other contact details (so that they can be contacted later by the validating authority if this proves necessary)".

4.3.2.6.1. Attendance at Jury Meetings. Last sentence, replace "Claimant" by "those persons directly and/or personally affected". Reason: there may not be a "Claimant", also other persons may have their reputations affected.

7.1 Units, add at the end: "Latitude and Longitude - Degrees, Minutes and Decimal Minutes, referenced to the WGS84 Geodetic Datum"

Glossary

Add: WADA - World Anti Doping Agency. Its mission is to promote and co-ordinate the fight against doping in sport in all forms, at international level. FAI and the IOC (qv) accept WADA procedures and rules. The WADA HQ is in Montreal, Canada, and it has an office in Lausanne. The FAI Medical Commission CIMP (qv) is the main FAI contact on doping and medical matters with such organisations. See <http://www.wada-ama.org>

SECTION 2 - GS 2004 - administrative corrections and minor drafting proposals

Para : Proposal : Reason

(i) First column of table, add: "to 1996 Version". Reason: this is not mentioned anywhere at the moment and was the basis for the present version of the GS.

(vi) Last sentence about Annex B, delete. Reason: Annex B was deleted many years ago, so it seems a waste of words.

1.2.2. Last line, "Sports" should be "Sport". Also, the words in brackets to read: "(initials in French, CASI, see the Glossary)". Reason: otherwise the connection between the title given in Statutes "Air Sport General Commission " and the commonly used French version will not be clear.

Page 1-2, table. The line for Sporting Code 12 (UAV), last column "Vehicle" to read "Vehicles", plurals are used elsewhere in the table.

3.16.2.1. Replace the second sentence with: "The results of any FAI air sport event shall be given without delay to the organising NAC, all competitors and the NACs they represent. Printed results sheets shall be made available to those present at the end of the event".

4.2.6. Title should be in Capital Letters for consistency with the others.

4.3.2.1, International Juries. Suggest cross-references added and clarification of which Sporting Code is referred to. To read: " either Representative (4.3.2.2) or Nominated (4.3.2.3). The relevant sections of the Sporting Code of the ASC concerned shall state ..."

4.3.2.2, Representative Jury. Change "governing" to "relevant to" ("governing" is a rather ambitious term for the function of the ASC in a championship and the organisers might not agree!). Also, change "pertinent" to "relevant" for consistency with the other paras.

4.3.2.4. Jury President. The last two sentences are not about the President and should be transferred to the end of 4.3.2.1. Also, the last words to read: " ... that entry fees be returned, partially returned, or not."

4.3.2.5. Jury Members. First sentence after "Codes", add "(General Section and the relevant Specialist Section(s))", reason, clarification. Second sentence to end: " .. from FAI, if its procedures are relevant to the ASC concerned.", reason, better English.

4.3.2.6.2. Recording of Jury Evidence. Line 2, add "Jury" before "President", reason, clarification.

4.3.3.1. The last words to read: "in the relevant section of the Sporting Code." Reason: same terminology as in 4.3.2.

4.3.4.1.1. Second sentence, delete "Technical". Reason: What is a "Technical Official" compared to the more general term "Official". Another solution would be to have "Technical and other Officials", but this is more words.

5.1.3, second sentence, delete the second and third commas, not necessary. Would now read " ... a complaint may be made by the competitor or through the team leader to the Event Director".

6.8.1, add "where required by 6.1.2", factual correction.

6.8.2, A change is needed because the present reference to National records is not always so, see the exceptions in 6.1.2. The second long sentence might be better replaced by several shorter ones each dealing with one of the points: "The file must be submitted by the organising NAC and must be received by the FAI Secretariat within 120 days of the attempt unless an extension is granted. This must be after the record was recognised first as a National Record, if this applies in accordance with 6.1.2. An extension to the 120 days may be granted by the CASI President, having taken advice from the relevant ASC President about any factors that may have made it difficult to submit the file in the normal timescale."

7.1, line on time, replace "UT" with "UT or UTC". Reason, fact. The definitions are already in the Glossary, UT is local time and UTC is what used to be called Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and is used by the GPS system for highly accurate times of fixes.

8.1.2, Sporting Licences. Amend to avoid gender: "The sporting licence shall be signed by the holder. In doing so, the holder certifies knowledge and understanding of the relevant sections of the FAI Sporting Code and agrees to abide by their provisions."

8.1.3.6.1, representation. Amend second sentence to avoid gender: " .. multiple nationality, the person .. "

9.1, Appeals. Add: ", detail being discussed by the CASI Bureau, decisions resting with the CASI President". Reason, not stated at present, the less precise term "CASI" being used.

9.4. Appeals, replace "CASI" by "the CASI Bureau and CASI President (9.1)". Also, delete second full stop (period) at the end of this para.

9.4.2. Decisions. First word, replace "The" by "Any". Last sentence, replace "CASI" by "the CASI Bureau and CASI President (9.1)".

10.1, amendments. Better wording, no policy change: "The General Section is maintained and amended by the FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI). Each of the numbered Sections of the Sporting Code (1.4) is maintained and amended by the appropriate FAI Air Sport Commission."

Annex A. Header to be spelt out in full: "ANNEX A TO THE GENERAL SECTION OF THE FAI SPORTING CODE".

Annex A, paragraph references. Currently these omit the "A". To avoid ambiguity with paragraphs in the main sections, the "A" should be added. Paragraphs affected include A1, A6.1, A6.2, A6.3, A9.1b.

A5, uncompleted flight. Change "excepting" to "except", better English.

A9.1b, replace last sentence by: "For presence in an Observation Zone, see A13.3". Reason, shorter, avoids duplication with A13.3.

Glossary

Section headed "Other Documents". After "FAI Distance Calculations" add: "assuming a Spherical Earth Model". Factual correction.

Aeronautics, replace "the earth's surface", by "Mean Sea Level (MSL) or other zero-altitude datum from the earth model used (GS 7.3.1.1)". Reason: the surface of the earth extends from below sea level to about 9000m and is not a consistent "zero datum". If this is agreed, add: "The zero-altitude datum may be Mean Sea Level (MSL) or the surface of the WGS84 ellipsoid, depending on the measurement system used. The WGS84 ellipsoid surface varies from MSL by +65m to -102m."

FAI Sphere. Add at the beginning "This is an approximation, the WGS84 Ellipsoid is a more accurate earth model (GS7.3.1.1)." Also, second sentence from the end, add after "Calculations": "for a Spherical Earth Model".

Add: Galileo - "The future European GNSS system, equivalent to the Russian GLONASS and the US GPS satellite navigation systems."

Geodetic Datum, top of Glossary page 3, change "G" to "Geodetic Datum". Factual correction.

GNSS, to read: "... such as the European Galileo, Russian GLONASS and US GPS systems."

GPS, delete the duplicated line in the PDF version.

Add: IOC - International Olympic Committee, headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Space, replace "the earth's surface" by what was agreed for Aeronautics above.

Add: WAG 3.1.7 wording: "WAG - World Air Games. An international sporting event involving several FAI air sports at the same time, see GS3.1.7".

Wording - add previous words about the use of "should", missing from the PDF version.

Add: WP, Waypoint. A generic term for either a start, turn or finish point claimed as part of a flight performance.

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ANNEX B TO THE AGENDA
FOR THE CASI PLENARY MEETING 25 JANUARY 2004 IN LAUSANNE

CASI AND SPORTING ASPECTS OF FAI STATUTES AND BY-LAWS

The following proposed amendments and discussion points have been brought to the notice of the CASI Secretary up to 26 November 2003. They are listed in the order first of Statutes and then By-laws. CASI and Sporting points are the main content, but at the end of each section some non-CASI points are made, mainly on details of wording that have been raised.

The FAI Executive Board is now responsible for the FAI Constitution consisting of Statutes and By-laws, the old FAI Statutes Committee no longer existing.

For the CASI Plenary, it is expected that attenders at the meeting will have access to current Statutes and By-laws for this item. The Secretary will have copies for reference if necessary.

Those items that are agreed by CASI will go forward to the Secretary General for the attention of the Executive Board.

STATUTES

Terms and Definitions

Aeronautics and Astronautics.

"The earth=s surface" is an inexact datum to use because it varies from below sea level to an altitude of some 9000m. It has been suggested that the word "altitude" is used instead. More precise lower datums can then be defined in the General Section of the Sporting Code. These would include mean sea level or the surface of the WGS84 ellipsoid depending on the measurement system used.

FAI Air Sport Commission.

There is no current provision for CASI in this definition, suggest add: " .. or, in the case of the Air Sport General Commission, the General Section of the Sporting Code and other general matters of co-ordination across air sports."

FAI Sporting Code

Presently, this duplicates and could conflict with what follows under "Sporting Code". Suggest shorten to: "See Sporting Code". If necessary, clarify the latter rather than have material in two different places.

Statutes or General Section?

Several definitions in Statutes might be better only placed in the General Section. Statutes are the highest level part of the FAI Constitution and it has been suggested that they should not deal with detail that is covered elsewhere unless high level FAI policy or strategy is involved. This might include the following: FAI Continental Championship, FAI Event, FAI International Sporting Event, International Appeals Tribunal, Residency.

Good Standing

A definition would be useful so that this frequently-used wording is clearly understood. Similarly

with "Obligations to FAI". The following has been suggested: "Good standing - An FAI member in good standing is one that has fulfilled its obligations to FAI. Obligations are listed in FAI Statute 2.4.2.2." The latter sentence could also be used on page (iii) as a definition of "Obligations" which would also be useful.

1.8.2 Sporting Powers

This gives Sporting Powers to the Executive Board but not to FAI Active Members (NACs), which seems to be an anomaly. Suggest: "Sporting Powers are administered by the FAI Air Sport Commissions and FAI Active Members (NACs)."

5.5.1.1 and 5.6.1 refer to FAI Air Sport General Commission.

5.6.1.3 suggest add "Executive Board" before "the General Conference". CASI can presumably make recommendations to the EB as well as direct to the GC which normally only meets annually.

5.6.1.5 has rather cumbersome English, suggest: "in the event of an Appeal against a decision relating to a sporting dispute, if there is a possible case for the appeal, establish an International Appeals Tribunal."

5.6.3 on the Air Sport Commissions

5.6.3.3 on Gliding states: "all matters (except aerobatic competition) relating to gliding." However, this does not seem to allow for Hang- and Para-gliding which are administered by CIVL, not IGC. Suggest: "all matters relating to gliding except those administered by other FAI Commissions." This seems to be a correct statement of policy, but to make it absolutely clear the following could be added: ", such as Aerobatic Competitions, Hang- and Para-Gliding". The view of the Presidents of CIVL and IGC is requested. This has been raised before but the anomaly still exists.

5.6.4 Commission Presidents' Group (CPG).

Since CPG membership overlaps with CASI and constitutes 50% of CASI membership, it is suggested that the relationship between the CPG and CASI be discussed and established more closely. For instance:

5.6.4.1.1 and 5.6.4.1.2 seem to overlap with CASI responsibilities and it would be desirable if these were allocated more exactly between the CPG and/or CASI. The present wording is: "consider the work and matters of common interest of the various Commissions" and "create areas of common policy on sporting matters for General Conference determination". It is suggested that CASI responsibilities include "matters of common interest" and "common policy on Sporting matters". Discussion is invited.

5.6.4.2 states that the President of FAI chairs CPG meetings. However, there is no mention of a Secretary, or procedures for the agenda and minutes of CPG meetings. The lack of minutes was commented on during the Krakow General Conference. It has been suggested that administrative procedures for the CPG should be defined. Rather than invent special procedures, the existing Commission procedures could be used. For instance: 5.6.4.2, add: "and a Secretary shall be elected from within the members. General procedures including the production of agendas and minutes shall follow the same procedures as for the Commissions (By-laws section 5)." The last sentence could be in a separate 5.6.4.3 in order to separate officials from procedures.

Non-CASI points

Statutes cover page

Why does it say: "approved by the FAI General Conference 28-29 September 2000". There is no amendment page, so should it not say "approved by the FAI General Conference 11-12 October 2002".

Terms and definitions

General Conference. It does not say what the GC is, or give a cross-reference. Suggest add: "See chapter 3".

Plurality vote. This does not seem to read quite right, suggest: "In a vote of more than two alternatives, where the decision is in favour of the largest number of votes cast for any of the alternatives."

1.7 FAI Flag and Logo. These did not print out from the version of Statutes available on the web page.

1.12.3 (A). Should this be 1.12.3.1 ?

2.4.2.2.6. The word "respective" appears to be redundant.

2.6.2.1 Suggest the last words should be: "approved by the Executive Board and confirmed by the next General Conference". This allows for actions between the annual GCs.

BY-LAWS

Cover page. Same comment as for cover page of Statutes.

4.3 Executive Board agendas. The "Presidents of Commissions Group" is mentioned, but not the Air Sport Commissions or FAI Active members. A small point, but the former should be the "Commission Presidents' Group" to be consistent with the terminology used in Statutes. Suggest re-word to: "It shall include matters referred to the Executive Board by the General Conference, the Commission Presidents' Group, the Air Sport Commissions, Active and Associate Members (see 4.8) as well as ... "

5.2.3 on CASI Bureau members, says: "Their terms of office shall correspond to the FAI Year ending with the Annual General Conference and without regard to the actual date of their election." With CASI Plenary meetings in January, it still seems essential to continue to elect the Bureau at the end of the General Conference, or in accordance with 5.2.3 there will be no Bureau between the General Conference and the January CASI Plenary. This anomaly could be resolved by more flexible wording, such as: "Their terms of office shall start immediately after election and continue until the next election."

5.5.4 This states that this para was deleted in 1993. A failure to close up the numbers for 10 years gives the appearance of bad housekeeping, particularly in these days of word processing and the availability of documents through web pages. There are other examples of blank paras that

should also be reviewed.

5.6.3, location of Commission meetings. Two points have been raised:

(1) The larger Commissions do not normally meet at Avenue Mon-Repos 24 but at nearby locations normally arranged by the FAI Secretariat such as the Olympic Museum. Suggest re-word: "Commissions shall normally meet at or in the general location of FAI Headquarters, as arranged by the FAI Secretariat". This has been raised before and is a factual point, but no change has been made.

(2) If CASI decides to have the option of a Plenary during the General Conference period, the re-wording that was proposed for this By-law in 2002 will have to be resurrected. Such as by adding to the first sentence: " .. except the Air Sport General Commission which may meet before the General Conference and at the same location". The use of "may" is permissive and allows meetings as required.

Non-CASI points

4.7 Executive Board minutes. Unless sensitive or confidential matters are involved, presumably EB minutes are available to FAI Members and ASCs. It has been suggested that this should be spelt out rather than the present wording "as directed by the FAI President" which does not give the impression of "open government". Also, there seems to be little about the EB on the web pages except a list and pictures of members, would more details on its Terms of Reference and how it operates be appropriate?

Chapter 12, awards. Many awards are named after distinguished individuals. The "History" paragraph for some awards has a brief description and dates of the individual's achievement. However, in several cases this is not done and it has been suggested that it should be. This is both for reasons of standard presentation but also because an individual famous in one discipline may not be as well known to the general sport aviation community, or to the general public. It is suggested that the ASC concerned should be asked to draft a few words describing the individual's main achievements and relevant dates, with a view to adding these words to the award description.

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