117th FAI Annual General Conference

Minutes

Thursday, 26 October 2023
To
Friday, 27 October 2023
Daily from
09:00 to 17:00 local time
In the Chair................................................................. Mr David MONKS, FAI President

**Participants to the FAI 117th General Conference 2023**

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None

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None

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Bulgaria (BUL) ............................................................ Poland (POL)
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FAI Hang Gliding & Paragliding Commission (CIVL) ... Mr Bill HUGHES
FAI Gliding Commission (IGC) ............................... Mr Rick SHEPPE
FAI Skydiving Commission (ISC) ............................ Ms Gillian RAYNER

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FAI Medico-Physiological Commission (CIMP) ....... Dr Thomas DREKONJA
FAI Environmental Commission (EnvC) ................. Mr Jeff ZALTMAN
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FAI Members and Commissions Relations Manager ...... Ms Kamila VOKOUN HAJKOVA
Apologies to the FAI 117th General Conference 2023

NAC Argentina (ARG)
NAC Chile (CHI)
NAC Cyprus (CYP)
NAC Ecuador (ECU)
NAC Egypt (EGY)
NAC Guatemala (GUA)
NAC Iran (IRI)
NAC Ireland (IRL)
NAC Iraq (IRQ)
NAC Israel (ISR)
NAC Kazakhstan (KAZ)
NAC Laos (LAO)
NAC Mongolia (MGL)
NAC North Macedonia (MKD)
NAC Sant Marino (SMR)
NAC Chinese Taipei (TPE)
NAC Ukraine (UKR)
NAC Venezuela (VEN)

FAI Executive Director
Ms Marina VIGORITO

FAI Executive Director
Mr Graeme WINDSOR

FAI Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft Commission (CIACA)
Mr Alfons HUBMANN

FAI Astronautic Records Commission (ICARE)
Mr Scott NEUMANN

FAI Aerobatics Commission (CIVA)
Mr Nicolas BUCKENHAM
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1 OPENING

1.1 FAI PRESIDENT’S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
The FAI President welcomed all participants to the 117th FAI General Conference, the first opportunity in over 4 years for the Conference to meet together in order to address FAI business. Housekeeping points were explained to delegates.

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

2 IN MEMORIAM

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of members of our community who had passed away since the 116th General Conference, and who will be greatly missed.

- Horace HAGEN (USA)
- Joe KITTINGER (USA)
- Cosette MAST (FAI Secretariat)
- Roland SCHULER (SUI)
- Manfred ECHTER (GER)
- R. Walter CUNNINGHAM (USA)
- Neil ROBERTSON (GBR)
- Josef STARKBAUM (AUT)
- Sandor KATONA (HUN)
- Dan MORAND (SUI)
- Berthold MUNZ (GER)
- Hamish HARDING (GBR)
- Sandor VEGH (HUN)
- Peter GREGORY (GBR)
- Dewey REINHARD (USA)
- Daniel Sebastian CZITAN (HUN)
- Bela GURALY (HUN)
- Richard IONATA (USA)
- Karl-Ludwig BUSEMEYER (GER)
3 ATTENDANCE

3.1 ROLL CALL
Annexes:
Rolcall Day 1 Session 1 (2023-10-26)
Rolcall Day 1 Session 2 (2023-10-26)
Rolcall Day 2 Session 1 (2023-10.27)
The FAI Secretary General conducted the roll calls. (see page 2 for names).

3.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
FAI Secretary General read out the apologies for absence (see page 5 for details).

3.3 ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES
FAI-GC-2023-annex-03.3_Proxy-Form
FAI Secretary General read out the proxies (see page 3 for details)
Proxies are also recorded in the annexes listed under item 3.1 above.

3.4 VOTING RIGHTS AND PAYMENTS

3.4.1 FAI Members as of October 26, 2023
Active members  83, in good standing 78
Suspended members 2 (RUS - not paid, BLR - paid)
Not in good standing 3 (BIH, CUB, PAK)
Total Associate members 8, all in good standing
Total Temporary members 2, all in good standing

3.4.2 Attendees of the 117th FAI General Conference with voting rights
Active Members Present  32 (191 votes)
Proxies 10 (35 votes)
Affiliate Members OSTIV 1 (1 vote)
Air Sports Commission 9 (36 votes).
Total number of voters 52
Total number of votes 262

Majorities (all eligible voters)
Majorities: Absolute 132
Majorities: Two thirds 175

Majorities (Active Members)
Absolute Active Members 114
Two thirds Active Members 151
3.5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
The FAI President requested that anyone with conflict of interest declare it at this stage.
None were declared.

4 VOTING MATTERS & AGENDA

FAI-GC-2023-annex-04-Majorities
The FAI IT Manager explained the voting procedures, detailing how the quorum and majorities would be established.
The voting process for the elections taking place was explained. For the CASI elections six candidates had to be selected for a valid vote.
There was a brief test of the electronic system ‘electionrunner’, with which delegates are now familiar.

4.1 VOTING AT THE FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE

The FAI Secretary General confirmed the Swiss legal situation for online voting at conferences 2020-2022 and the tool ‘electionrunner’ in place for these GCs.
The FAI IT Manager explained the voting process for the elections taking place detailing how the quorum and majorities would be established. For the CASI elections six candidates had to be selected for a valid vote.
A test vote was performed for delegates to familiarise themselves with the procedure in advance.
The FAI President explained that for most votes, the question would be asked in the negative, with a show of hands for all those responding in the negative to the question put forward. An electronic vote will be held in the event of more than a third of hands being raised. Any secret vote request will be conducted electronically.

4.2 APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS
The use of ‘electionrunner’ renders the appointment of scrutineers unnecessary except for show-of-hands votes. Three scrutineers who do not hold voting rights were appointed for this task:
Jeff ZALTMAN (EnvC), Thomas DREKONJA (CIMP), Mary Anne STEVENS (Aero Club of Canada).
Note: Unless stated in the minutes that the electronic system ‘electionrunner’ was used to conduct a secret ballot, all votes were taken by ‘show of hands’.

4.3 ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA
The FAI President requested a change of order to items in the agenda, proposing a relocation of item 14.2.1 to after item 8.2, and 14.2.2 to before or during item 13.0.
The President conducted the vote by a show of hands, and since no one asked for a formal vote and a significant majority of the delegates present indicated support, the motion was considered to have passed.
Motion was approved.
Mary Anne STEVENS (CAN) proposed for addition:
If agenda item 9.3.2.9 (new Statute 5.4.3) was accepted, the formation of an Awards Advisory Group would be implemented with immediate effect. Point seconded by Bob HENDERSON (NZL).
The President conducted the vote by a show of hands, and since no one asked for a formal vote and a significant majority of the delegates present indicated support, the motion was considered to have passed.

**Motion was approved.**

The agenda was adopted as the meeting agenda.

### 5 MINUTES OF THE 116TH FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE 2022

FAI-GC-2023-annex-05.1-Minutes-GC -2022-v1.0_15-June-2023  
FAI-GC-2022-Minutes-v1.0-approved-2023-10-26

The Minutes of the FAI General Conference 2022 were distributed on 15th June 2023. No corrections were requested.

The President conducted the vote by a show of hands, and since no one asked for a formal vote and a significant majority of the delegates present indicated support, the motion was considered to have passed.

**Minutes of FAI General Conference 2022 were approved.**

### 6 REPORT OF THE FAI PRESIDENT

FAI-GC-2023-annex-06-FAI-President-report

The FAI President presented his report, commencing by expressing thanks to those involved with making contributions to FAI’s work during the year.

His reported on the results of FAI’s 2023-2024 strategy focusing on the joint effort needed to work towards financial stability matching income from membership subscriptions to administrative operational costs of the Organisation and referred to the 2022 General Conference agreement to increase subscription by 6% plus CPR for the following two years.

The successful effects of constitutional changes in 2022 introducing the withdrawing of membership rights for late payment of subscriptions.

FAI’s continued drive towards financial efficiency.

Work with the Commissions and Executive Board establishing a clear management and financial strategy for the administration of future large events such as World Air Games.

New insights in E - Sports with current development in drone sports and virtual gliding competitions.

The impact of the global economic instability and conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East continue to be felt by FAI and Members and has affected membership income.

His optimism for 2024 as the Competition Calendar returns to normal and the need to be careful not to get distracted from the primary objectives we subscribed to of international sporting governance, establishing records and make awards to those who achieve in the field of international sporting aviation. The continued need for the membership to meet its agreed commitments to the Organisation.

And finally, The FAI President spoke of the many volunteers involved in FAI who he thanked for their time and input. He thanked the Executive Board and Commissions, Delegates, event support teams, the FAI Secretary General and FAI Secretariat.

### 7 REPORT OF THE FAI SECRETARY GENERAL

FAI-GC-2023-annex-07-ppt-FAI-SG-report

The FAI Secretary General presented his annual report, thanking delegates who approved budgets which has meant that investments and streamlining could take place to the benefit of FAI workflows.

Items reported on included (refer to the annex for the full presentation): a common price list as requested by FAI By-Laws has been compiled for users with input from Commissions; a travel insurance policy continues to be in place and will cover Commission appointed official’s travel requirements.
IT investments in 2022 and 2023 have successfully supported streamlining workflows to lower fixed and overhead costs, improving operations and administration. IT challenges, in terms of security/data handling, are addressed by the FAI IT Manager. Delegates were assured that support with any major technical server issues requiring FAI Secretariat assistance is available on a 24/7 basis.

The FAI calendar increased slightly in number of events and participation from 2022 and post COVID. A Northern Hemisphere bias remains. The World Games 2022 featured two air sports with 120 participants. For 2025 the Games will be fossil fuel free, and drone racing will be included. Other air sports requiring altitude is not possible at the destination in Chengdu (CHN) and cannot be included due to restrictions over using ‘green energy’. The Games are a huge positive for media exposure for the sports included.

The part time (60%) Communications role within FAI (fulfilled by Faustine CARRERA) complements the Commissions’ communications. A social media policy is available to guide FAI representatives using FAI and Commissions’ official channels. An update will be considered with input from stakeholders in 2024.

FAI’s dedicated and experienced FAI Anti-Doping Manager (Kamila VOKOUN HAJKOVA) fulfils WADA compliance requirements despite air sports being comparatively low profile related to ‘adverse analytical findings’. Education and raising awareness are a focus, supported by CIMP through online workshops. Mental health and TUEs are included as topics, and Commissions. Members and others are welcome to attend such webinars. FAI also implemented a whistleblowing policy on anti-doping violations.

The FAI Finance Manager is due to depart the team in the coming weeks to commence maternity leave and will not return. Her replacement will be recruited in due course.

Igor ERZEN (NAC SLO) commented that reports from FAI President and FAI Secretary General could be published in advance to enable delegates to read them in preparation for participating in the GC. The FAI Secretary General responded that this was a pertinent remark and pointed out that the last-minute preparation of these reports allowed information to be up to date, and act to complement other reports available in the cloud.

Mr Erzen also requested information on anti-doping testing and violations. It was confirmed that there were no violations from the tests performed in and out of competition and in accordance with WADA requirements.

8 FAI FINANCES 2022

The FAI Finance Director introduced the 2022 FAI Finances. Workflow improvements and IT investments have streamlined administrative costs. Monthly financial reporting enables detailed analysis and comparison via the new FAI accounting system. These improved workflows continue to flow through to FAI Commissions. As a non-profit organisation of this size, the full audit is not required but is committed to by FAI according to FAI Statutes. Processes have already lowered audit costs and aided workflow. Points from 2021 that were brought up by the auditors were resolved and there are no recommendations for 2022.

8.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2022

FAI-GC-2023-annex-08.1.1-FAI-Auditor-Report -2022 -sig-sig
FAI-GC-2023-annex-08.1.2-ppt FAI Finances 2022

The financial results for 2022 were presented by the FAI Secretary General. These display context from the previous four years for comparison. Receivables are tightly monitored with monthly age-analysis and under control, and FAI pays invoices extremely promptly (evidenced by regular analysis).

Income increased from a commercial agreement with an air race organiser. Reductions in expenditures were marked from competitions and operating costs. The structures and strategies which have recently been put in place have yielded financial benefits.

Detail was provided on those Commissions which do not receive income from sanction fees and are financed by membership fees out of the central admin-budget. Financial monitoring is performed by the FAI EB and communication is regular. Monthly reporting and reviews are provided for Commissions which allow for further analysis and planning.
Rob HUGHES (GBR) echoed sentiments from SLO that it would have been helpful to see the report in advance. The FAI Secretary General responded that the audited report was provided ahead of the meeting and today’s report is explanatory and not introducing new facts.

Antonis PAPADOPOULOS (CIAM) addressed the running balance in the monthly report to Commissions to be removed and corrected.

8.2 APPROVAL OF FAI ACCOUNTS 2022

The President conducted the vote by a show of hands, and since no one asked for a formal vote and a significant majority of the delegates present indicated support, the motion was considered to have passed.

FAI Accounts 2022 were approved, and the FAI Executive Board were discharged for the Financial Year 2022.

Keynote speech (agenda item 14.2.1)

(Agenda item moved from original schedule according to the approval under agenda item 4.3 above.)

Amy SPOWART (NAC USA) introduced James VIOLA, President and CEO of the Helicopter Association International (HAI), to speak on membership cultivation.

Mr VIOLA referenced the history and trajectory of vertical aviation organisations in the USA and shared his views on strategies for providing value proposition for membership organisations. Through advocacy towards government and public bodies, structured internal and external communications, education, and building networks through events and expos, he suggested that opportunity arises for people to build their careers via sharing and gaining expertise in the industry. The knock-on effect of relevant and innovative developments in the aeronautics industry due to this advocacy will, he estimates, create a solid foundation to lead the industry into an era of advanced air mobility.

Mr VIOLA outlined the scale of HAI organisation to delegates following a question from Bob HENDERSON (NZL) and mentioned that encouraging a younger workforce in aviation is priority for organisations, as is environmental impact and insurance.

End of morning session Day 1

Start of afternoon session Day 1

The FAI IT Manager updated the delegates on a change in voting numbers.

See agenda item 3.1 above for the established attendance and votes.

9 FAI CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

9.1 FAI CODE OF ETHICS & FAI DISCIPLINARY CODE

FAI-GC-2023-annex-09.1-FAI-Code-of-Ethics-v8.3

The FAI President introduced the FAI Code of Ethics. At the GC2022, it was voted that the existing FAI Code of Ethics be separated into two documents: a Code of Ethics and a Disciplinary Code. The proposed publication on 01 Jan 2023 and implementation on 01 Jan 2023 was postponed as agreed at the GC2022. The working group comprised of the FAI Deputy President Eric MOZER, FAI Executive Director Patrick NAEGELI, Alicia HIRZEL, and Greg PRINCIPATO, former President of NAA.

The FAI Deputy President urged delegates to vote for implementation 01 January 2024 and underlined the importance of the document becoming effective to implement the confidential reporting mechanism to support FAI stakeholders at all levels, including athletes.

Antonis PAPADOPOULOS (CIAM/CASI) expressed his backing and gratitude over the project as situations covered by the document are likely to be raised soon. He raised a query over which body in FAI would be responsible for governance of the document and offered CASI support if required. The
FAI Deputy President replied that it had been proposed that the Executive Board hold responsibility. Mr PADADOPoulos also remarked that the current proposed version did not contain a procedure in the event of a breach of the Code of Ethics.

Greg PRINCIPATO (USA) remarked that the shortcomings in the Code of Ethics that he had raised during GC2022 had been addressed, commenting that this version focused more on protecting people and not FAI as an organisation. He raised a query over how the confidential reporting mechanism would work. The FAI Deputy President responded that alongside the FAI Secretary General some specialist exterior agencies had been consulted for advice. Key elements of the process are:

- any supposed violation should be confidentially reported to an entity and
- the accused entity must have their rights preserved.

Given the scope of FAI’s requirement, exterior agencies are extremely cost intensive, so the initial plan is to develop an internal reporting mechanism which maintains the integrity of both parties.

Mr PRINCIPATO suggested that collaboration with NACs and other experts within the FAI network be integrated into the development process to ensure clarity and transparency.

The FAI Deputy President confirmed that the structure of the confidential reporting mechanism would be built in collaboration with members.

Greg PRINCIPATO raised a point that reviewing inconsistencies in FAI Statutes should be a provision of the Code of Ethics, giving an example about FAI presidential involvement with NACs which is restricted for other EB members.

The FAI President clarified that he is the Chairman of The Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom, in line with FAI Statutes which state he can perform both functions, but not represent GBR at an FAI event such as the General Conference. He confirmed that a change to this situation would indeed require a modification of the FAI Statutes. Mr PRINCIPATO expressed that he felt this matter would be appropriate for discussion as a statute change.

The FAI Secretary General stated that service providers for whistleblowing functionalities and legal advice are numerous and costly but that there is a public, media and legal expectation that a confidential reporting mechanism is in place. Major sports federations can pay expensive service providers to avoid costly court cases. He clarified for delegates that should EB or the FAI President be subject of an inquiry then the matter is to be raised at a General Conference. He reminded delegates that the Disciplinary Code contains information on the processes required because of a report.

Serafina OGONCYK MAKOWSKA, (representative NAC POL) queried the status of two suspended countries – Russia and Belarus – asking whether FAI is accepting membership fees from either nation and awarding pilots/athletes, which constituted an ethical issue.

The FAI President responded that this issue would be raised later in the agenda under item 10.1.1.

Delegates voted in favour of the proposed FAI Code of Ethics 2023 for implementation as of 01 January 2024.

### 9.2 STATUTES PROPOSALS (MEMBERS, AIR SPORT COMMISSIONS)

No proposals from Active or Associate Members were put forward.

No proposals from Air Sport Commissions were put forward.

### 9.3 PERMANENT WORKING GROUPS, COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES

#### 9.3.1 Commission Presidents Group

FAI-GC-2023-annex-09.3.1-CPG-Report

The FAI President presented his report. He spoke on the functionality and topics covered during the regular meetings of the Commission Presidents Group. During 2023 subjects discussed included the need for balanced budgets (covered later in the GC agenda), a World Air Games delivery management structure and general operational procedures. Matters discussed are fed back to the EB.
In 2022, new Commission Presidents were welcomed: Thomas DREKONJA (CIMP), Serafina OGONCZYK MAKOWSKA (CIG) and Bill HUGHES (CIVL).

The FAI President expressed his gratitude to the Group and is very much looking forward to the continued collaboration and would like to take this opportunity to express his gratitude for the continued support the Commission Presidents offer not only him but FAI as a whole and he looks forward to the coming year.

9.3.2 Statutes and By-Laws Working Group

Gillian RAYNER (ISC/Chairman of the of the Statutes and By-Laws Working Group) introduced the proposals which for 2023 cover mostly housekeeping matters and two other more detailed matters.

The following proposals were presented:

For following items 9.3.2.1 to 9.3.2.8 and 9.3.2.10:

The President conducted the vote by a show of hands, and since no one asked for a formal vote and a significant majority of the delegates present indicated support, the motion was considered to have passed.

9.3.2.1 Statutes Terms and definitions – Sporting Code

FAI-GC-2023-annex-09.3.2.1-Statutes-definitions-SC-housekeeping

To change the word ‘specific’ to ‘specialised’ for consistency in definitions.

The Statutes change proposal was accepted.

9.3.2.2 Statutes Terms and Definitions – Sporting Licence

FAI-GC-2023-annex-09.3.2.2-Statutes-definitions-SL-housekeeping

Removal of the phrase ‘of a standard type’ regarding Sporting Licences.

The Statutes change proposal was accepted.

9.3.2.3 Statute 1.10.1 (housekeeping): Correction of an error in cross-referencing

FAI-GC-2023-annex-09.3.2.3-Statute-1-10-1-housekeeping

To correct the cross-referencing error ‘5.2.3.2.5’ to become ‘5.2.3.2.4’

The Statutes change proposal was accepted.

9.3.2.4 Statute 2.2.6.2 (change): Temporary Membership

FAI-GC-2023-annex-09.3.2.4-Statute-2-2-6-2-temporary-membership

A Statute change proposal to limit the terms of temporary membership was put forward by the FAI President to encourage members not to remain under temporary membership status for long durations but to move to active or associate membership. The proposal is for temporary membership to cease on the 31 December of the third year after which temporary membership expires and may not be renewed under temporary status, but instead as associate or active membership. This change would impact the two current temporary members, Paraguay (temporary member since 2003) and Laos (temporary member since 2013).

Mary Anne STEVENS, (CAN), asked whether a temporary member may have a pause in membership of one year and then return as a temporary member, as this was not clear from the proposed wording of the Statute. She also enquired as to when the start of the three years would commence for the two existing temporary members.

The Chairman of the Statutes and By-Laws Working Group responded that for Paraguay and Laos, the three years would commence as from the adoption of the Statute change, i.e. from 01 Jan 2024.
Bob HENDERSON (NZL) suggested a text edit to delete the final phrase from the proposed wording as he felt it became redundant. The FAI President responded and put forward voting for the original proposed text.

The Statutes change proposal was accepted.

9.3.2.5 Statute 2.3 (housekeeping): withdrawal of a proposal

No annex provided. FAI’s member in Spain submitted the proposal for a new Statute (2.3.2.3) in 2021. The Board of RFAE decided to withdraw that proposal in a mail dated 19 Jun 2023, and asked to remove the topic from the agenda for the 2023 FAI General Conference.

For information.

9.3.2.6 Statute 3-4-1-4 Budget Housekeeping

Wording change proposed by the FAI Secretary General: ‘income’ refers to ‘budget’. There are two occurrences in the Statutes to be changed.

Bill HUGHES (CIVL): Not against the approval but suggested that going forward, delegates give the Statutes and By-Laws Working Group permission to change typos independently in future.

Without voting, the GC expressed its general consent to this suggested process in the future.

The Statutes change proposal was accepted.

9.3.2.7 Statute 5-2-3-7 Housekeeping

Following the approval of the Statutes change in 2022, an error in the cross referencing has to be fixed: movement in Statutes 5.2.3.2.8 to 5.2.3.2.7 and should now point at 5.2.3.2.6.1

The Statutes change proposal was accepted.

9.3.2.8 Statute 5.4.2 (housekeeping): SWG, clarification of SWG objectives/ToR

Changes to establish Terms of Reference for Statutes and By-Laws Working Group.

5.4.2.1.1 Add ‘terms of reference apply’ as they were not previously indicated.

5.4.2.2 omission of ‘its task is’.

The Statutes change proposal was accepted.

9.3.2.9 Statute 5.4.3 (new): Establishment of Awards Advisory Group in FAI Statutes

This proposal from the Awards Advisory Group (AAG) would change the way awards are managed and approved. The Awards Advisory Group does not have to exist, according to Statutes, but it may exist, and currently does. The AAG’s remit includes examining awards nominations and, if appropriate, proposing amendments. AAG recommendations may include creation, abolition and restructuring of FAI General Awards.

The AAG’s Counsel currently goes to Vice Presidents for approval but this Statute change proposes to re-allocate the task to the Executive Board.

Mary Anne STEVENS (CAN) had some questions of the intention of the Statute and the terms of reference for the AAG. She suggested if this comes in to force it should be effective immediately.
Gillian RAYNER altered the wording of the proposal to reflect the request of Mary Anne Stevens (CAN). Art GREENFIELD (NAC USA) requested clarification that this proposal would remove the vote from the Vice Presidents on General Awards and transfer it to the Executive Board. This was confirmed.

Rob HUGHES (NAC GBR) said he was uncomfortable about this as he thinks the AAG is a good and useful group. He is pleased to take the advice of those with long experience of FAI examining the awards and whether they fit and are suitable. He thinks this should remain a member’s decision rather than the Executive Board.

Mary Anne STEVENS (CAN) remarked that there would be implications for the Statutes, which was confirmed by The Chairman of the Statutes and By-Laws Working Group and The FAI President who pointed out that further changes to By-Laws, Statutes and Terms of Reference would follow next year if the proposal was accepted.

The FAI President advised that in or around 2000 when the Executive Board was formed, Vice Presidents relinquished all executive powers to the newly formed Executive Board. This task of voting on general awards had been retained by the Vice Presidents. The FAI President explained that it was Max BISHOP, FAI Companion of Honour and current chair of AAG, who proposed this transfer of the executive function from Vice Presidents (with no executive powers) to the Executive Board and to answer the comment of the task being retained by the members, the Executive Board has been nominated and voted for by the members to do the members’ work.

Amy SPOWART (USA) urged other delegates not to approve the proposition to withdraw the function from the Vice Presidents, remarking that it was a missed opportunity for key stakeholders to feel valued, be involved and listened to.

A secret vote was conducted:

**FAI-GC-2023-annex-ElectionRunner-Results**

222 total votes cast of 265 total number of votes present. 78 yes, 137 no, 7 abstain.

**The Statutes change proposal was not accepted due to not reaching a two-thirds majority.**

9.3.2.10 **Statute 7.4.5 (housekeeping): Correction of an error in cross referencing**

**FAI-GC-2023-annex-09.3.2.10-Statute-7-4-5-housekeeping**

Cross reference error from 2018 change. 2.8 to 2.9.

**The Statutes change proposal was accepted.**

9.3.3 **Statutes and By-Laws Working Group (Election)**

*Results Election-Runner FAIGC2023*

The FAI President nominated:

Chair Gillian RAYNER with members:

Patrick PAUWELS (Gliding Community and Treasurer experience for IGC),

Peter ERIKSEN (Current IGC President),

Alexandra MOORE (CIVA Commission from Spain, Women in Sports in NAC)

Martin SOULSBY (GBR, former GBR Skydiving Chair).

Additional nomination from Stephen Szikora (CAN) for Mary Anne STEVENS (CAN), previously member of the Statutes and By-Laws Working Group.

Guido GUIDI (ITA) nominated himself as a new candidate, with NAC experience in general air sports.

Greg PRINCIPATO (USA) asked whether the Statute change required to address conflicting regulations pertaining to NAC involvement by EB and FAI President would be addressed by The Chairman of the Statutes and By-Laws Working Group and the new Statutes and By-Laws Working Group.

The Chairman of the Statutes and By-Laws Working Group responded to provide the procedural requirements for this proposal, according to the FAI Statutes.
A secret vote was conducted:
FAI-GC-2023-annex-ElectionRunner-Results

The members elected are:
Alexandra MOORE, Peter ERIKSEN, Mary Anne STEVENS, Patrick PAUWELS. Gillian RAYNER was confirmed as Chairman for 2024.

10 FAI MEMBERSHIP
FAI-GC-2023-annex-10.0-FAI-membership-report-v3

The FAI Secretary General shared the membership report and pointed at the removal of rights for non-payment and consequently, suspension for the forthcoming year.

GC 2022 decisions stipulate a rights removal if dues are not paid by March 31st or agreements for other terms of agreed. In its first year of introduction of this tougher rule, the EB agreed to adopt a flexible approach for this transitional year to allow NACs to adapt to the new terms but will adopt a more rigid stance for 2024. During the year, eight reminders for non-payments were sent but overall, the new ruling yielded financial benefits to FAI through prompter payments which allow for forward planning and execution of the budget strategy.

The FAI Secretary General reiterated the importance of open communication by FAI Members regarding difficulties meeting payment terms, reminding delegates to email him directly with any concerns which are then dealt with by the EB according to FAI Statutes.

Igor ERZEN (SLO) queried the difference between reminders and communication and when does the Secretariat advise that members are not in good standing. The FAI Secretary General explained that some emails are informal and offer information on procedures and upcoming deadlines, and others were formal reminders, but this year was the first year of this new Statutes and a relaxed approach was taken in order for all members to adjust. There is a process in place to advise on Members who have not met their financial obligations and the website will also be updated. The FAI Secretary General 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 and Membership status.

At time of GC2023, four countries had not met payment terms:

- Russia
- Bosnia-Herzegovina (despite agreement with EB for deviation of payments, but plan to pay week 30th October 2023.)
- Cuba
- Pakistan

Singapore was late in paying despite an EB delay agreement, but payment has now been made.

10.1.1 Conflict in the Ukraine
FAI-GC-2023-annex-10.1.1-2022-02-28-FAI-statement-on-the-situation-in-Ukraine-and-decisions-taken

The FAI President introduced the topic and advised NAC BLR paid the FAI membership fee, whereas NAC RUS has not paid for 2022 or 2023.

On February 28, 2022, the FAI Executive Board published a decision to "suspend the members of Russia and Belarus with immediate effect, thereby removing all rights listed in FAI Statutes 2.4.2.1."

The situation has not changed since this decision, and the Executive Board is proposing to maintain this decision.

Igor ERZEN (SLO) asked whether the FAI will adhere to the current decision of the International Olympic Committee regarding the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes at FAI events under the neutral flag.

The FAI President clarified that, under the current situation, no, because they are suspended members of the FAI.
Serafina OGONCYK MAKOWSKA (on behalf of NAC POL) asked for clarification on an athlete’s right to obtain an FAI sporting license when affiliated with a suspended member.

The FAI Secretary General clarified that there is no possibility for such an athlete to obtain an FAI issued sporting license according to FAI Sporting Code General Section 3.3.2.

Serafina OGONCYK MAKOWSKA (on behalf of NAC POL) inquired about why the FAI accepts the payment of membership fees from suspended members.

The FAI Secretary General clarified that the EB decision of suspension is not related to payment, and obligations to pay the fee still apply until the member is expelled. He also mentioned that the relationship with NAC BLR continues, and in case the suspension is lifted, they will return immediately to the fold, unlike NAC RUS, who have not paid.

Serafina OGONCYK MAKOWSKA (on behalf of NAC POL) inquired why Russian/USSR citizens are mentioned in the bulletin for the FAI Awards Ceremony.

The FAI Secretary General clarified that the scheme was introduced by CIAM to recognise multiple World-Championship wins, all of these happened at a time where RUS, respectively USSR, was a member in good standing. However, due to the current consequences of the NAC RUS suspension, the awards are being kept in the FAI office until the situation changes and the Secretariat is advised to execute on decisions of the GC, EB and CIAM.

Stephen SZIKORA (NAC CAN) commented on the issue of the expulsion of FAI members in general. He concluded by suggesting that, in the case of NAC RUS, maintaining suspension is preferable to expulsion, as the latter would result in financial and membership losses for the FAI and the potential inclusion of Russian individuals under the FAI flag.

Zeljko OVUKO (NAC SRB) commented on the issue of suspension, suggesting that there should be rules in place to determine the basis on which a member could be suspended. It should not be the IOC giving orders to FAI on whom to suspend.

The FAI President clarified that the decision was not based on IOC decision or recommendations; it was made to protect athletes and maintain the integrity of the FAI.

Poland requested a vote by secret ballot.

A secret vote was conducted:

FAI-GC-2023-annex-ElectionRunner-Results

The Motion: Does the membership wish to continue the Suspension of Members Russia and Belarus.

228 total votes cast of 228 total number of votes present. 187 yes, 17 no, 24 abstain.

The Motion was approved.

10.1.2 Members facing suspension
The FAI Statute 7.4.4 requires that on 31st December the four countries listed above will be suspended unless payment is received in advance of this date.

10.1.3 Members facing expulsion
According to FAI Statutes 3.4.1.6/7.4.5 a member may be expelled for a prolonged delay in payment of membership dues. The EB did not recommend any members for expulsion.

No action.

10.2 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION OF NEW FAI MEMBERS
No complete applications received during 2023.

For information.
10.3 **RE-APPROVAL OF EXISTING TEMPORARY MEMBERS**

Delegates voted for the approval of temporary membership for Laos (LAO) (temporary member for 10 years) and Paraguay (PAR) (temporary member for 20 years).

Following the statutory changes in item 9.3.2.4 of the GC2023, the terms of temporary membership renewal will change for the future and these two countries now have three years in which to become active or associate members.

The President conducted the vote by a show of hands, and since no one asked for a formal vote and a significant majority of the delegates present indicated support, the motion was considered to have passed.

**Re-approval of PAR and LAO as FAI Temporary Member.**

10.4 **CLASS CHANGE REQUESTS**

Class change requests were made by Slovenia (delegate present) and Ukraine (no delegate present). Slovenia made a formal request for a change from class 8 to class 10. Ukraine requested a class change from 7 to 10.

The President conducted the vote by a show of hands, and since no one asked for a formal vote and a significant majority of the delegates present indicated support, the motion was considered to have passed.

**Approval of class changes for SLO and UKR for 1 January 2024.**

11 **ELECTION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS ON CASI**

The election of members to the FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI) follows FAI Statute chapter 5.2.3.2. The representatives of the following countries were elected in 2021 and their two year-term is ending in 2023: FRA, GBR, GER, HKG, SUI

These countries are required to stand-down in GC 2023.

The representatives of the following countries were elected in 2022 and their two year-term is ending in 2024: AUS, CZE, ESP, SWE, USA.

BEL, BRA, BUL, FRA, GBR, GER, IND, ITA, LUX expressed their intention to stand for election to the six vacant CASI posts.

A secret vote in two rounds was conducted:

*FAI-GC-2023-annex-ElectionRunner-Results*

**GC elected for a two-year term (2024-2025)**

- BEL
- BRA
- FRA
- GBR
- GER
- ITA
12 ELECTION OF FAI VICE-PRESIDENTS

FAI-GC-2023-annex-12-FAI-Vice-Presidents v2

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 all together in one vote.

The President conducted the vote by a show of hands, and since no one asked for a formal vote and a significant majority of the delegates present indicated support, the motion was considered to have passed.

FAI Vice Presidents were elected.

Keynote speech (agenda item 14.2.2)

(Agenda item moved from original schedule according to the approval under agenda item 4.3 above.)

According to FAI Statute 3.6.1.2, USA NAC had submitted this proposal for inclusion on the agenda of the GC: “FAI to address Worldwide Aviation Sustainability”.

Amy SPOWART, (NAC USA) spoke on the importance of the topic and why USA NAC asked for this item to be addressed. She introduced the speakers of this session:

- Mr James DARCY and Mr Miguel IURMENDI

In their co-moderation, they pointed at sustainability in aviation which to them is not at all a boring subject. Thinking of a space glider flying to 90 000 feet or electric aircraft setting a world altitude record. Sustainability in sport aviation is coming. Now we have the change to shape the future in aviation.

The research done by the eVTOL startups is going to be adopted by commercial aviation and sport aviation.

Recent major developments, for example “The Perlan project” are noteworthy. The experience from the project is hard to transfer into commercial aviation but it proves that an air vehicle can be much more efficient than currently thought. Perlan was not an air sport endeavour, but more are flying test and research platform. Some outcomes of the project are a new type of re-breather and research-output addressing flutter-issues. Also, atmospheric wave systems (studied as part of the Perlan project) can be used by airliners to save fuel.

Electric general aviation aircraft is already a reality even though manufacturers are seen to be overly optimistic about certification timelines. Regulatory environment, infrastructure and cultural acceptance must be in place before electric flying can have any impact on different elements of society. This is especially true for the autonomous flight.

They closed in stating that it does not matter how many innovative gadgets a quad copter has, it needs these to be successful and seen relevant on the marketplace.

GC-attendees welcomed the keynote and appreciated the thoughts offered.
27 October 2023 (Friday)

A roll call was conducted by the FAI Secretary General.
See agenda item 3.1 above for the established attendance and votes.

13 FAI COMMISSIONS REPORTS

13.1 FAI AIR SPORT GENERAL COMMISSION - CASI
Presented by Antonis PAPADOPOULOS, President

Communications: Note that effective discussions were held via Basecamp, followed up by Zoom meetings.

Projects:

Sporting Code General Section: ongoing revision from previous year. The tribunal recommendations enabled revision and jury guidelines.

Creation of bidding guideline for Cat 1 Event Organisation.

Appeals – two appeals. Highlighted importance of checking responsibilities of jury members and officials. High costs should be noted: 15000CMF fee and lawyer.

Casualty guidelines revision 2024 alongside CIMP.

Training for jurors.

Bob HENDERSON (NZL) urged the delegates to make sure they educate their officials in how to manage and process complaints and protests. Poorly trained officials can result in an appeal being heard in the court of arbitration for sport and this can be very costly for FAI.

13.2 FAI BALLOONING COMMISSION - CIA
FAI-GC-2023-annex-13.2-FAI-commission-report-CIA
Presented by Sanne HAARHUIS, Secretary

Projects:

No European Hot Air Balloon Championships but World Womens’ Championships and World Junior Hot Air Balloon Championships were held in 2023. WWHABC in Australia well organised.

Technology – the Balloon Live loggers have delivered a return on investment which is reinvested into the future development. Watchmefly app with scoring system, targeting tool and result management has been used, it also proved very positive for recreational flights as well as improving communications. Aim to integrate into event registration. Substantial income vs the expenditure from the system.

Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett from Albuquerque NM successful. Over 50,000 people attending the launch.

Challenges and Solutions:

Fewer bids for Cat 1 events (as in other Commissions)

Positive work from press, media relations working group. Junior event had a commentator (a past World Champion) making videos to explain and share news via social channels.
Future:

Significant effort to promote visibility of sport.
2024: Gordon Bennett Race in Germany and World Hot Air Balloon Championships in Hungary.
Plenary meeting to be held in March 2024 (CZE or SUI).

13.3 **FAI GENERAL AVIATION COMMISSION – GAC**  
*FAI-GC-2023-annex-13.3-FAI-commission-report-GAC*
Presented by Hans SCHWEBEL, President.

**Projects:**

- Regular meetings: first meeting in Lausanne in 3 years, with 38 attendees.
- Tracking development – investigation into systems.
- Two World Rally Flying Championships in past years and one Cat 2 event. Events were successful with new participants.

**Challenges:**

- Cancellation by Poland of World Precision Flying Championships for geopolitical reasons (Ukraine border).

**Future:**

- Cat 1 events and a Cat 2 event in 2024.
- 2025 plenary in Italy confirmed.
- Plenaries 2026 and 2027 TBC.
- Next Plenary Meeting March 2024, Portugal.

13.4 **FAI GLIDING COMMISSION – IGC**  
*FAI-GC-2023-annex-13.4-FAI-commission-report-IGC*
Presented by Rick SHEPPE, Vice President (Peter ERIKSEN unable to attend)

**Projects:**

- 2023 Plenary Copenhagen, bureau election, safety workshop with OSTIV.
- Increase of sanction fees.
- 4 Cat-1 events held plus one to come later 2023.
- Scientific safety analysis programme with OSTIV including a software tool to analyse flight traces to identify pilots who fly too close to other pilots.
- New IGC trackers owned by the commission have improved public awareness (live leaderboard despite staggered start times). Contributes to search and rescue capabilities.
- New Virtual Gliding e-sport successful. Will become part of the FAI Cat-1 calendar.

**Challenges:**

- Ongoing training for organisers, jury, stewards to keep quality standard of IGC Cat-1 events.

**Future:**

13.5 FAI ROTORCRAFT COMMISSION – CIG
FAI-GC-2023-annex-13.5-FAI-commission-report-CIG
Presented by Serafina OGOŃCZYK-MĄKOWSKA, President.

Challenges:
Severe impact of Russia-Ukraine war and Belarus: lack of jury and pilots available for competition.
Czech NAC removing appointed CIG-delegate generating issues in CIG bureau.

Projects:
Some events planned to be held in Poland and Germany
Training of judges to boost possibilities for future events

Future:
NAC support requested with CIG Commission sports and events.
2024 – Championships/heli races (some TBC): Germany, Poland Switzerland, Czech.

13.6 FAI SKYDIVING COMMISSION – ISC
FAI-GC-2023-annex-13.6-FAI-commission-report-ISC
Presented by Gillian RAYNER, President.

Projects
5 Cat-1 Events: (some rescheduled) in Slovenia, Czech Republic, Italy, Norway and USA.

Challenges:
A lot of juggling to be in sync with ISC-calendar and 3 force majeure situations in 4 years.
Challenge of sufficient event bids.
Israel supposed to be hosting in 2024 but removed due to conflict.
Lack of Belarus/Russian athletes impacting on finances (number of participants), quality of competition and youth involvement.
Question of liability for professional drop zones staging FAI sanctioned events.
The World Games. Fun for athletes but questionable for sport overall with limited publicity.
No ISC involvement in 2025 due to TWG 2025 planned to be fossil-fuel-free.
Commission Presidents Group meetings – requested more takeaways/action points in future.

Future:
All events covered for 2024 (except para ski)
No bids for 2025. Possible Mondial bid for 2026 TBC.

13.7 FAI AEROMODELLING COMMISSION – CIAM
FAI-GC-2023-annex-13.7-FAI-commission-report-CIAM
Presented by Antonis PAPADOPOULOS, President

Projects:
Recovering calendar post Covid. Successful year: 14 Cat 1 events. 360 Cat 2s.
E-sports concept being pushed to introduce people to our community. FAI must be proactive to maintain our leadership in this area.
Plenary 2024 possibly not in Lausanne for cost. But Bureau meeting Dec 2023 will be in Lausanne.

Vital judges' training has been successful via Zoom.

Creating CIAM’s Legacy (useful to other commissions): New award CIAM Legends for those with World Championship titles for 3+ times. Dating to 1951, ca. 900 world champions in total, with 58 awarded. Plus, all historical events records to be available online.

2023 FAI Space Modelling, in Austin Texas successful, particularly female participation.

2023 FAI World Drone Racing Championships in Korea benefitted from local government support.

Support from FAI Communications: template for promotion of CIAM events.

Future:

2024 many events, 13/14 Cat-1s plus lots of Cat-2 events.

Preparing database for population with events statistics.

New venture: Zoom ‘Meet the Champion’ interviews: encourage next generations.

Bruno DELOR presented Drone Sports. Aim to clearly place FAI at the forefront of e-sports. Possibility of Olympic e-sport games?

- e-Drone Racing: Many competitive young drone racing participants train on simulators. Drawing the gaming community into drone racing. 1st FAI e-drone racing cup. Sub-event of WDRC.
- Drone Soccer: Team sport. Easy to set up and good for livestream/broadcast. 2024 development of World Cup and Grand Final. Launch bid for grand final in 2025.

Thanks, extended to Greg PYZALKA, FAI-appointed Competition Manager, for his on-site support during The World Games 2022 in Birmingham, AL, USA.

Bob HENDERSON NZL questioned how the e-drone sports were funded. Antonis answered currently it is only a modification to an existing platform but in the future, they will try attracting sponsors for funding.

13.8 FAI AEROBATIC COMMISSION – CIVA

FAI-GC-2023-annex-13.8-FAI-commission-report-CIVA

A written document was provided. No further presentation. Note CIVA President’s apologies.

13.9 FAI ASTRONAUTIC RECORDS COMMISSION – ICARE

FAI-GC-2023-annex-13.9-FAI-commission-report-ICARE

Video-Presentation by Scott NEUMANN, Commission President.

Projects:

- Much deserved VM Komarov Diploma for Samantha Cristoforetti.
- Tactical discussion about the Karman Line boundary to give a more scientific value. Ongoing work.
- Major rewriting of section 8 of the FAI sporting code to make it more relevant to new developments in space flight whilst recognising legacy. Phased project. Current focus is on framework in consultation with ICARE expert panel.
- ‘Milestones to the stars’ – grand challenges identified to inspire and recognise special moments e.g., First person to lunar south pole, human landing on Mars, visit to an asteroid.
13.10 FAI HANG GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING COMMISSION – CIVL
FAI-GC-2023-annex-13.10-FAI-commission-report-CIVL
Presented by Bill HUGHES, President.

Projects:

2023 Plenary in Portugal well attended with 50+ present.
Technology: Air Score new system successful. Adoption increasing of new event management system.
Boost participation. Increase social media presence.
Increased sanction fees for first time in a long time.
3 Cat-1 events: Paragliding XC: 149 pilots, 57 countries. Hang gliding: 131 pilots, 25 countries. Accuracy: 130 pilots, 45 countries. More or less break even.
Cat 2: 135 XC (yields highest income), Hang Gliding 54, Accuracy, 50. Accro 6 events (pleased to see increase).
Successful development in Brazil, China and Korea. This latter enjoys government & newspaper support.

Challenges:

Monitoring and adapting to trends: Hike & Fly rankings, submarine style harness working group, Paragliding Sport class for non-competition wings.
Inconsistencies in the Cat-1 event success. To resolve this by giving the Commission Steward power to intervene if quality standards are not being met.

Future:

Hike and Fly world ranking launch in 2024.
CIVL happy to share resources with other commissions/NAC organisations.

13.11 FAI MICROLIGHT AND PARAMOTOR COMMISSION – CIMA
FAI-GC-2023-annex-13.11-FAI-commission-report-CIMA
Presented by Wolfgang LiINTL, President.

Projects:

See annexe.

Challenges:

Unsuccessful attempts to contact ‘silent’ delegates. Potential for FAI support?
Feeling within Commission that there is a lack of clarity over strategic vision for FAI.
Lack of national federations willing to organise championships.
Question over EB discussion about Commissions financing FAI Secretariat costs?

Question from Amy SPOWART (USA): Clarification on Commission budgets going towards FAI central office expenses and how the EB and Commissions could work better together?

WL: Read in EB Minutes that there was conversation on how to fund FAI and was concerned at a reference to Commissions paying for office services. He was unsure how this was supported by the EB or even a consideration or potentially misinterpreted as he did not fully understand the conversation. Observations on EB and Commissions working together – positive recent meeting (two days ago) should be repeated but felt the in-person meeting with the EB should have happened some time ago.

The FAI President offered to answer any questions the CIMA President may have on the minutes of the Executive Board Meetings that he did not understand.
Post meeting note: This was the first opportunity for the EB and the CPG to meet in person since COVID and since COVID there have been budgetary constraints for travel to in person meetings.

13.12 FAI AMATEUR-BUILT AND EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT COMMISSION – CIACA
FAI-GC-2023-annex-13.12-FAI-commission-report-CIACA
A written document was provided. No further presentation. Note CIACA President’s apologies.

13.13 FAI MEDICAL PHYSIOLOGICAL TECHNICAL COMMISSION – CIMP
FAI-GC-2023-annex-13.13-FAI-commission-report-CIMP
Presented by Thomas DREKONJA, President

Projects:

- 2022 Centenary. Special event in Paris FRA with wonderful people in attendance.
- Bureau elected in June. Moving forward with new experience and motivation.
- EASA Medical experts’ group meeting every two months in Cologne, Germany. Having a CIMP seat at the table is significant.
- Anti-doping panel active, esp for TUEs to help athletes compete.
- FAI Secretariat support appreciated for successful webinars (100+ people + 40k downloads).
- 3 CIMP members presented at the Intl Civil Aviation Medical Meeting. Accidents in Alpine Flying, Human Factors in Air Sports.

Future:

- 2024: Fairness and inclusion policy.
- TUE support continuation.
- Sharing best practices with commissions.

Question: Knowledge on nicotine and caffeine added to monitored drugs? Thomas DREKONJA will refer to Greg MCCARTHY for information and report back.

13.14 FAI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – ENVC
FAI-GC-2023-annex-13.14-FAI-commission-report-EnvC
Presented by Jeff ZALTMAN, President

Projects:

- Limited activity in recent years. Excited to be ‘back in action’.
- Plenary – productive brainstorm: review internal policies, develop FAI-wide strategy, methodologies to lower carbon footprint, waste, noise pollution, damage to planet.
- Awareness aerospace/Carbon emissions facts. Separate air sport from civil aviation.

Future:

- Structure: update delegates list and build inclusive database.
- Recruitment of a Secretary.
- Internal audit to collect info/achievements to date.
- Use for publicity.
- Update environmental code of conduct.
13.15 FAI EDUCATION COMMISSION – EDUC


Presented by Roland PRE, President

Projects:

June 2023 two new delegates

Challenges:

Young people have less interest in aviation: ‘aviation bashing’ and partly because 11+ year-olds have other interests.

Spreading positive messages of air sports: peace, fraternity, innovation, extending horizons, fair play, excellence, friendship, responsibility.

Engage primary educators to communicate values of aeronautics.

Future:

Paper plane challenge/educational project.

Recommendation that all commissions have an Education Sub-committee to focus on primary schools. (Like CIAM has done).

Align with IOC strategy to communicate values of sport.

14 AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTED

(Statutes 3.6.1.1.2)

A comment made by Greg PRINCIPATO (USA) regarding yesterday’s discussion on the code of ethics resulted in the FAI Deputy President making a statement.

Currently, the FAI Constitution does not require the FAI President upon election to relinquish other elected roles unlike the requirement for other elected Executive Board Members.

According to Greg Principato (NAC USA,) this appears to be a flaw in the FAI Statutes. The FAI Deputy President proposed the Statutes and By-Laws Working Group be tasked to review this and make recommendations by 2024 General Conference.

This action satisfied the requests of Greg Principato (USA).

14.1 AIR SPORT COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM PROPOSALS

None submitted.

14.2 ACTIVE OR ASSOCIATE MEMBER AGENDA ITEM PROPOSALS

Addressed during GC2023 day 1 as keynote speech. See above.

15 FINANCIAL SITUATION CURRENT YEAR (2023)

FAI-GC-2023-annex-15-ppt-Financial-Situation-on-30-Sep-2023

The FAI Secretary General started by referring to the day one agenda item 8.1 and the comments offered by the CIAM President. He pointed at the fact the monthly reports to all Commissions, which have been in place since the beginning of 2021, are correct and show accumulated figures of the year. Previous year’s results are reported via the audit report.

The FAI Secretary General presented this non-statutory reporting item, outlining the points showed in the annex document, to highlight that the report detail helps to manage budgeting and forecasting. He requested feedback from the delegates as to the level of reporting they were happy to receive on this item. He could reduce the level of detail, but he believes it is a useful report and a good opportunity to report on the year end forecast.
Good news in that the report shows that financial results should break even at the end of the year. The increased Commission event income is due to rescheduling of postponed events to 2023. Constant monitoring and updating year-end estimates are established processes.

16   APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2024

FAI-GC-2023-annex-16-Audit-services-to-FAI-2023-BDO-Lausanne-sig-sig

According to FAI Statute 7.5.1, the accounts must be audited. Proposal by the FAI Executive Board to appoint the FAI auditor BDO. Igor ERZEN (SLO) asked whether research into alternative auditors had been conducted. The FAI Secretary General confirmed that research had been conducted and the EB considered that continuing with BDO was deemed to be the best option in terms of the established background. The cost had been reduced from 57,000 CHF to 16,000 CHF for the 2024 audit.

The President conducted the vote by a show of hands, and since no one asked for a formal vote and a significant majority of the delegates present indicated support, the motion was considered to have passed.

GC approval of BDO as FAI Financial Auditors for the financial year 2024.

17   FAI BUDGET 2024

17.1   FAI MEMBERSHIPS FEE 2024

FAI-GC-2023-annex-17.1-FAI-membership-fees-scale-2024

FAI-GC-2023-annex-17.1-FAI-membership-fees-scale-2024_APPROVED

The FAI Secretary General presented the proposal for the FAI Membership Fees 2024. He pointed at the discussions and decision at the GC 2022 which agreed upon a 6% increase plus CPI for the years 2023 and 2024. Note was made that the consumer price index (CPI) in Switzerland is very low (2%). Membership class changes build up to shortfalls which need to be considered. Referring to Annex-17.2.2-FAI-budget-2024 he explained a peak in administrative costs for one-off IT-activities and also highlighted the change in income due to a commercial contract explaining the risk position of the commercial income and that the CHF 190 000.00 profit would be a loss CHF 117 000.00 if the commercial income is not realised.

Bob HENDERSON (NZL) advised he had corporate knowledge of the commercial agreement and was surprised it was still being realised. He requested clarity on the probability of the commercial revenue continuing to be realised. The FAI Secretary General confirmed that financially this is a valid, signed contract for an Air Race series and progress on the arrangement is set to continue as planned within the boundaries of this contract. Financial obligations are met until today as required. Alexandra MOORE (ESP) asked the question in order to understand the risk if this is one agreement with one counter party or a series of agreements. And based on her aerobatics insights that this contract captures an air race series. It was confirmed it is one contract.

Igor ERZEN (SLO) queried some points, wondering whether fees could not be raised, and costs be cut further. The FAI Secretary General explained that he does not see new opportunities for further cutbacks in admin budgets after four years of harsh budget reductions. He also remarked that if the commercial agreement should not be honoured in 2024, then budget matters must be addressed but there is the reassurance of the contract. He highlighted that Secretariat expenses remained on similar reduced levels to the previous years.

Amy SPOWART (USA) requested clarification on the significant IT expenses. The FAI Secretary General explained the IT costs were not just Secretariat costs but also Commission combined IT costs. He complimented the Commissions who invested in IT with a sound business case. He explained the need for some one-off costs for IT regarding security and value to the Organisation, investments that were already introduced and voted for in the previous GC, pointing out that these investments continue to support efficiency gains across all the Commissions and the Secretariat. Without such investments, reduced expense levels will not be able to be delivered.

Stephen SZIKORA (CAN) congratulated the FAI Secretary General, the FAI Executive Board and the entire team at FAI for the work done in terms of where the Organisation has been taken in terms of
budgeting and in communication on financial matters to the General Conference is phenomenal. He supported the proposed membership fees increase agreed last year as well as the endeavour to de-risk the Organisation from the need for commercial revenues and as the group agreed to get to a position where we had stable revenues to meet stable expenses and any commercial revenue, we are able to obtain would be surplus for future improvements and future investments. He fully supports the budget being presented and the proposal for the increase because we are not at the point agreed upon last year to match expenses with membership fees without the reliance upon commercial revenue. We still don’t have stable secure finances to cover our base costs. He agrees with the proposed increases from last year and believes the Organisation will be in a good position going forward. He further commented on the effect of low CPI in Switzerland, it has an effect on exchange rates but in an international organisation we cannot consider those effects and has to be managed at NAC level.

Greg PRINCIPATO (USA) proposed a motion to freeze membership fees at current level. He has discussed with a lot of the members in the room that there is a very strong feeling the member value proposition and strategy and budget do not support or warrant any increase right now given the pressure we are all under. Bruno DELOR (FRA) seconded the motion.

The FAI Secretary General stated that he would not support the proposal. He will not agree to pay staff less and cut back on the expenditure that we have. After 4 years costs are at a minimum. If is this is the message he has to take back, be ready for consequences. CPI is the minimum he can work with.

Bob HENDERSON (NZL) referred to the CIMA Commission Presidents report on the question of the funds that are sitting available for the Commissions to use might be used to fund activities in the centre office? The current EB has put forward a strategy to fund the Secretariat from membership subscriptions. This implies that members accept that the funding they give provides baseline support for Commissions to do the front-facing work, remarking that funding cutbacks have wide implications which ultimately come back on the athletes.

Stephen SZIKORA (CAN) opposed the motion put forward by USA, Canada disagrees with the motion proposed by the USA. He feels it will be putting the Organisation back in the same position we were in not that long ago of being entirely reliant on the commercial funding. It is prudent management by the EB and the General Conference should approve the fee increase that has been originally proposed by the EB to make sure we are solid and then revisit the position of the commercial revenue in 2024.

Amy SPOWART (USA) appreciated Canada’s thoughts, appreciates what Canada said and appreciates the budget is sound, and while it makes good business sense for FAI, her members are unhappy and so we need to take this action to keep her entity thriving and growing. The NAA is going to suffer with this increase, and she understands from other NACs that their athlete members are unhappy as well. She urged the conference to vote for a freeze for this until we can ensure that our NACs are solid, and our members are happy. She cannot say she is sorry for the big effect their proposal will make. The USA NAC will have to make drastic changes if our air sport members start finding other avenues for their competition.

The FAI Secretary General insisted that the consequences of this proposal would be felt immediately if this was supported, explaining that the FAI Secretariat team members work tirelessly with limited resources with no recognition (down to 50% versus 2019). He commented on the constant scrutiny the Secretariat is under. He also gave examples of disproportionately high expenses from some Commissions, pointing out that some Commissions had raised sanction fees, even up to 50%. He also remarked that his personal income was significantly lower than several previous FAI Secretary Generals’ salaries.

Bruno DELOR (FRA) – revised his position on membership fee increase, stating that considering the discussion, a CPI 2% increase was acceptable as he expressed concern that staff would not get their pay rise.

Salvator HAIM (BRA) – warned against freezing CPIs, pointing out that extreme CPI inflation caused almost 50% of businesses to fail in Brazil in recent decades. He confirmed his support for keeping the CPI increase in force.

Greg PRINCIPATO (USA) – followed France’s changed position of accepting the 2% CPI but wished to freeze the rest of the membership fee increases.

The FAI President clarified that if members wanted a larger increase than 2% for CPI they should vote against this motion.
A secret vote was conducted:

FAI-GC-2023-annex-ElectionRunner-Results

The Motion to increase the FAI Membership Fees 2024 by 2% only to cover Swiss CPI.

252 total votes cast of 260 total number of votes present. 172 yes, 77 no, 3 abstain.

*The Motion was approved.*

Amy SPOWART (USA) remained unclear about Commission budgets and why these budgets would be unaffected by the vote on the scale of subscriptions, wondering why it would only be the operations budget that would be affected with reductions when the Secretariat is the one thing that is keeping everything moving.

Gillian RAYNER, (ISC/Chairman of The Statutes and By Laws Working Group) addressed Amy SPOWART (USA) explaining that ISC is run as a tight ship, with no spending on new smartphones or excessive travel, and explained that sanction fees of 150 CHF per entrant pay judges, jury, and strictly necessary Commission President travel. She specified that there is zero ‘spare’ money and that all income in ISC is accounted for with necessary budget spent on communications and IT, also pointing out that most Commission work is voluntary, to serve the delegates.

The FAI Secretary General also responded to the question of Amy SPOWART (USA), explaining the cost for operations reflect inefficiencies because best practice is not implemented consistently within FAI. He urged delegates to recall that there has been a major turnaround in financial efficiency, which may have gone unnoticed by stakeholders, giving the example of 250,000 CHF per year spent on running the financial operations, with a full cost of up to 100 CHF per invoice. He expressed hope that the discussion finally would result in a shift towards working efficiently, in cooperation, introducing common and best practice workflow interfaces between Commissions and the Secretariat as much as reasonably possible.

Zeljko OVKJA (SRB) suggested class changes should be +/- 1 class each year, with larger jumps not permitted which could help forward planning. The FAI Secretary General reaffirmed that discussing membership scaling is vital going forward.

Bill HUGHES (CIVL) echoed the stance of Gillian RAYNER (ISC), wondering if attendees realised what a precarious position FAI is in, with Commissions being run by volunteers. He thanked all volunteers at the Commissions.

Stephen SZIKORA (CAN) commented on the importance to the Organisation of the work of the Commissions and reminded the Conference that the members collect the money from their members in order to make the work possible and is all coming from the athletes. He imagines most of the members are all volunteers.

Amy SPOWART (USA) pointed out that NACs also collect from individuals/athletes to raise funds to give to FAI to spend on Commissions/Secretariat and noted that many NAC representatives are also volunteers.

Amy SPOWART (USA) also expressed gratitude, appreciating that clear communication, and working together is what the USA want.

The FAI President thanked attendees for participating and sharing honest views which are better in person than via video call.
17.2  **FAI BUDGET 2024**

*FAI-GC-2023-annex-17.2.1.a-FAI-Budget-2024-OVERALL*

*FAI-GC-2023-annex-17.2.1.b-FAI-Budget-2024-FAI ADMIN*

*FAI-GC-2023-annex-17.2.1.c-FAI-Budget-2024-COMMISSIONS OVERALL*

*FAI-GC-2023-annex-17.2.1.d-FAI-Budget-2024-COMMISSIONS DETAILED*

*FAI-GC-2023-annex-17.2.1.e-FAI-Budget-2024-NET RESULT*

*FAI-GC-2023-annex-17.2.2-FAI-budget-2024 (explanatory notes v 2023-09-22)*

The FAI Finance Director and the FAI Secretary General presented the Draft Budget for 2024.

A secret vote was conducted:

*FAI-GC-2023-annex-ElectionRunner-Results*

The Motion to approve the budget with a 2% increase as decided under agenda item 17.1.

250 total votes cast of 260 total number of votes present. 227 yes, 21 no, 2 abstain.

*The FAI Budget 2024 was approved.*

The FAI Secretary General outlined the impact of the decision made.

Rebecca HANSEN (NOR) saluted FAI’s efforts towards efficiency and shared her perspective from the Norwegian Federation membership model, suggesting that EB could investigate ways of restructuring the model for optimum efficiency.

18  **APPOINTMENT OF FAI COMPANION(S) OF HONOUR**

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

*No vote necessary.*
19  FUTURE GENERAL CONFERENCES

19.1 FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024

FAI-GC-2023-annex-19-ppt-future-GC_KSA
FAI-GC-2023-annex-19-ppt-future-GC_SUI (extract 12)

The FAI Secretary General introduced the representative from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia who presented the bid to host the FAI General Conference 2024 in Riyadh.

The presentation included information on the General Conference and further activities around the GC like workshops, speakers, tourist visits and entertainment, including an air show coinciding with the GC. The FAI Awards would be held as part of the air show opening ceremony. Weather, travel and accommodation options were shown to be agreeable for attending delegates.

The package cost was presented at $595 per head to include catering and various activities besides the General Conference, which would run from the Sunday to Friday and include the extra meetings for CASI etc. as well as Commission Presidents and Executive Board and staff travel costs.

The FAI Secretary General presented a comparative table to show anticipated costs for a default GC in Lausanne, should the bid from Saudi Arabia not be approved, stating that the hosting would be on a more budget basis with catering not provided, and travel and accommodation probably like the Saudi offer. He added that the Saudi Arabia bid was backed up by the payment of a deposit.

Vote to accept bid for hosting GC2024 from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was approved.

19.2 FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE 2025 AND FUTURE

The FAI Secretary General confirmed that future General Conferences are open for bids, with details to be provided up on request in early 2024.

20  CLOSING

Mary Anne STEVENS (CAN) requested a commitment from EB and the FAI President to hold a meeting with NAC Presidents in the first quarter of 2024, to cover all pertinent topics which would be provided a month in advance.

The FAI President supports the idea.

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

Amy SPOWART and Greg PRINCIPATO from hosts NAA joined The FAI President on stage, to be thanked for their hosting of the FAI 2023 General Conference.

20.1 CLOSING REMARKS

FAI-GC-2023-annex-20-FAI-President-Closing-Remarks

The FAI President addressed the General Conference with his closing remarks.

In closing the General Conference, The FAI President thanked delegates for a constructive and fruitful General Conference which ‘had its moments’. He remarked that face-to-face meetings had been greatly missed, this was the first since 2019, giving the opportunity to collaborate. There are many conversations to be had and they must be had before the next GC to avoid a disconnect between the constituent parts of the Organisation. Summarising FAI’s purpose and objectives, he remarked that he was pleased to see results of the improved financial and administrative governance managed despite global influences. He said it was encouraging to see Commissions returning to a normal level of activity and are identifying E-Sports.

The FAI President said he continued to be impressed by the dedication and the loyalty to FAI from all the stakeholders and volunteers. He also took the opportunity to applaud all Commissions and their volunteers; the Commission Presidents’ group; the Executive Board and the support from the
Secretariat team both those in Dayton and those who remained in Lausanne supporting the Organisation on a daily basis.

The FAI President closed his address by adding his last observation that he does not believe there is another Organisation on the planet that has the resource, knowledge or understanding of air sports as FAI has within its membership.

20.2 **FAI ANTHEM**

The FAI anthem was played, and the FAI President formally closed the 2023 FAI General Conference.

End

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21 ANNEXES

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

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List of FAI Championships Winners for 2023

1. ICARE (explanatory notes v 2023)
2. CIVA
3. CIAM
4. ISC
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**List of Delegates of Commissions**

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Aerobatics - www.fai.org/page/civa-delegates
Aeromodelling - www.fai.org/page/ciam-delegates
Amateur-built and Experimental Aircraft - www.fai.org/page/ciaca-delegates
Astronautic Records - www.fai.org/page/icare-delegates
Balloonning - www.fai.org/page/cia-delegates
General Aviation - www.fai.org/page/gac-delegates
Gliding - www.fai.org/page/igc-delegates
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Skydiving - www.fai.org/page/isc-delegates
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