

# IAG International General Assembly

## LOS ANGELES

7<sup>th</sup> June 2002

### MINUTES

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed delegates, prospective members and observers.

#### 1. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the Moscow Assembly were proposed, seconded and duly adopted as drafted.

#### 2. Committee's annual report and Financial Report

The Chairman gave a brief general report on developments during the year. The Treasurer introduced the audited accounts and reported that a healthy surplus had been rebuilt due to increased member subscriptions and tight control of expenses.

The Auditor's report was proposed, seconded and duly adopted.

#### 3. Membership Matters

Prospective members and observers were asked to leave, which they did. The Chairman then introduced the topic of the four prospective new members recommended for ratification by the Committee. Notice had already been given of a debate on the possible admission of Radcliffes Le Brasseur, and therefore the question of ratification of the three other prospective members was addressed first.

Buccioli Lacombe de Goes (lawyers, Sao Paolo)  
Sanchez DeVanny Eseverri SC (lawyers, Mexico City)  
Tributo (consultants in tax and accounting, Belo Horizonte)

were proposed, seconded, and duly ratified as members of IAG.

The Chairman then introduced the background to the Committee's recommendation of Radcliffes Le Brasseur. He announced that a working party would be established to review the procedure on admissions generally, and asked that therefore the debate in LA should restrict itself to the immediate question. He encouraged members to express their views candidly. Thirteen members spoke, expressing a variety of views on all sides of the issue, in favour and against the Committee's recommendation. Two members spoke in favour of deferring a decision further, and the question of a possible deferral was put to a show of hands, which showed the Assembly strongly in favour of dealing with the matter immediately. A secret ballot was then held, and a substantial majority were in favour of the admission of Radcliffes Le Brasseur, who accordingly were duly ratified as members of IAG.

#### 4. EEIGs report

A brief report was given on the EEIGs, outlining recent developments and current prospects, and mentioning that the EEIGs' board of management were considering a business plan for the future, on which they would be consulting with the Committee of IAG.

## 5. Committee elections

The Chairman reported the very recent resignation of Mathias Schroder from the Committee (due to resignation from his firm). He explained that, as it had been impossible to provide notice of this in time for new candidates to be nominated, the current Committee felt it would be best to fill only the two places expected to be available initially. The remaining (8<sup>th</sup>) place would be the subject of an extraordinary election at the following meeting, which would allow a German-speaking candidate, or candidates, to be nominated and to stand alongside any others who wished.

The Assembly then heard presentations by the five candidates as follows:

Chris Allegaert  
Nick Burnett (read on his behalf by Nicholas Cook)  
Simon Dix (read on his behalf by Christopher Whitamore)  
Ettienne Laurent  
Vasilli Rudomino

and proceeded to an election by secret ballot.

In the interim, the Assembly covered informal business, which included specialist group breakout sessions, a host firm presentation, presentations by the Associates invited to LA on the basis of their written submissions on 'IAG 2007', and presentations from both observer firms.

The assembly returned to formal business. It was announced that the two candidates who had gained the most votes were Vasilli Rudomino and Chris Allegaert, and they were accordingly elected to the two open committee positions.

There had been no further nominations for the officer posts falling vacant, and the following existing Committee members were therefore elected unopposed to those posts:

Chairman: Arthur Bailey

Vice Chairman: Peter van der Mersch

Secretary: Birger Gunnard

The Chairman then announced that HTG had withdrawn their candidature for the post of Auditor, and that therefore Ettienne Laurent was re-elected to that post unopposed. He congratulated and thanked all those who had been elected, and gave special thanks to Helmut Neudorfer, the retiring Vice Chairman, for his hard work, support and wise advice.

Arthur Bailey then proposed a vote of thanks to Charles Flint for all his successful hard work as Chairman, in which the Assembly heartily concurred.

With thanks to our hosts and to all who attended, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.