

Minutes of the 68th Assembly of Delegates

October 22nd, 2016 at Bulgaria Hall, Hotel Samokov, Borovets, Bulgaria

1. The President's welcome address

In the name of the ICAR Executive Board the ICAR President welcomes shortly after 16:00 all attendees to the 68th ICAR Assembly of Delegates at Bulgaria Hall, Hotel Samokov in Borovets, Bulgaria. A special welcome goes to the ICAR Honorary President Toni Grab and the ICAR Honorary Members Dr Hermann Brugger, Felix Meier and Nils Farlund.

The invitation with the agenda and all available documentation was published on our website (and e-mailed to all member organizations) one month before this assembly, according to our bylaws.

In remembrance of all mountain rescuers who lost their lives, the ICAR President asks for a moment of silence, while known rescuers are displayed with their names on the screen (see presentation).

2. Roll call, appointing the officers

There are 34 A- and 24 B-members present. The Assembly of Delegates has a total of 92 votes. The absolute majority stands at 47 votes.

Drs Natalie Hölzl (BExMED), Òscar López (DEPEIS-GRM), Zlatko Becić (HGSS) and Alexandre Kottmann (SGGM) are appointed and confirmed to count the votes. Tom Spycher (ICAR Office) will take down the minutes.

Excused absences:

- Danilo Škerbinek, ICAR Honorary Member
- Reinhold Dörflinger, ICAR Honorary Member
- Louis Salzmann, ICAR Honorary Member
- Rosaria Heeb, ICAR Treasurer
- Arthur Rohregger, ICAR Auditor 1
- Jürgen Negele, ICAR Auditor 2
- Karl Klassen, AC Avalanche Canada
- Peter Zimmer, LSARNZ Land SAR New Zealand

The ICAR President informs about two additional agenda requests that have been received:

- The nomination of Markus Hölzl of BRD-AVS (IT) & BWB (DE) as a new ICAR Treasurer > topic 13.1
- The motion that the ICAR Executive Board shall review the current ICAR membership categories and present a proposal at the next ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2017 in Andorra > topic 6

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves the admission of both additional agenda requests.

3. Minutes of the 67th Assembly of Delegates 2015 in Killarney, Ireland

The assembly accepts the minutes written by Tom Spycher (ICAR Office) unanimously without any amendments.



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4. President's Annual Report

The ICAR President Franz Stämpfli reports: The ICAR Executive Board met for four meetings. One in January and one in August, both in Zurich Switzerland, plus two in October here in Borovets Bulgaria.

In January the main topics were:

- Publications of the ICAR Technical Commissions
- Continuation of the video and media coverage by Topograph Media, thank you Rick and Matt Lorenz
- ICAR trademark registration (name and logo) & ICAR Collective Trademark Regulation
- New ICAR partnership category "Manufacturers and Retail/Service Providers"

At the August meeting we worked on:

- New ICAR membership applications
- The congress planning and finances
- The new ICAR-BOA recommendation "Process Recommendation"
- The future organization structure

Here in Borovets we:

- passed the new organization structure of the ICAR Executive Board, which groups into Technical Board and Administrative Board.
- met with the Dog-Handlers to evaluate their position in the new organization structure

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates accepts the President's Annual Report unanimously.

The responsible Chairmen of each Commission have established their annual reports 2016 which were included in the documentation of the agenda/invitation to this assembly:



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The ICAR President thanks the Commission- and Sub-Commission Chairmen for their much appreciated efforts.

5. Finances

5.1. Income statement and balance sheet 2015

Income Statement			
ICAR 2015			
	EUR	EUR	
Expenses			
Office and administration	€	52'584.78	
Representation (Internet, Marketing)	€	11'568.40	
Board expenses	€	23'645.04	
Commissions	€	3'136.34	
Honorary Members	€	200.00	
Expenses Sponsors Convention	€	13'000.00	
Bank Interest and expenses	€	316.57	
Write-Off	€	773.17	
Income			
Member fees	€		38'400.00
Sponsors (M, C, S, O)	€		71'000.00
Internet links	€		750.00
other Sponsors	€		773.17
Capital income	€		397.32
exchange difference	€		2'493.44
Total	€	105'224.30	€ 113'813.93
Net profit 2015	€	8'589.63	
Total	€	113'813.93	€ 113'813.93

Balance			
ICAR 2015			
Balance per 31.12.2015			
	EUR		
Assets			
Cash	€	24.25	
Bank Accounts	€	67'696.73	
Bonds	€	36'363.64	
Receivables	€	4'963.53	
Liabilities			
Capital	€		92'074.11
Credits	€		1'785.90
Congress Equalization Fund	€		6'598.51
Net Profit	€		8'589.63
Total	€	109'048.15	€ 109'048.15
ICAR Treasury, Rosaria Heeb Eschen, February 12th 2016			

Due to the absence of the ICAR Treasurer Rosaria Heeb, the ICAR Vice-President Dan Halvorsen presents the Treasury Report 2015 on her behalf:

The ICAR finances remain healthy. A portion of the capital remains invested in the fixed income securities (40'000 CHF) seeing as the assets surpass the short term capital requirements.

The Income Statement shows now on the expenses side the full amount of our Office and administration costs, which are supported by 25'000 EUR of "Sponsoring" on the income side. This is a not budgeted aberration.

Due to a received payment of 1'785.90 EUR by mistake the balance shows on the passive side a credit position, which has an influence on the total assets.

Received invoices of total 1'913.40 CHF, which ICAR should not have paid the result is also influenced. However, this amount will return in 2016.

The 2015 calendar year closed with a **profit of 8,589.63 EUR**. This profit can be traced back to the lower commission expenses required by the commission presidents. And on the other side the "exchange difference" due to the strong Swiss franc.

Assets have expanded in comparison with last year's 98,672.64 EUR to **109,048.15 EUR** for 2015. Eschen, February 12th, 2016, Rosaria Heeb, ICAR Treasurer.

5.2. Auditor's report 2015

Auditor Report for the Fiscal Year 2015

The auditors have checked the correctness of the fiscal year 2015 with the following findings:

- The fiscal year 2015 closed with a **profit of EUR 8,589.63**.
- Assets have increased from EUR 98,672.64 to 109,048.15 compared to the previous year.
- Bookkeeping and accounting were executed conscientiously and precisely by Rosaria Heeb
- Open questions in the technical area were clarified in detail.
- Receipts were audited at random and the respective, correct entries identified.

We petition the Assembly of Delegates to approve the fiscal year 2015 accounting and to discharge the treasurer as well as the entire executive committee. A thank you is to be given to the treasurer, Rosaria Heeb, for her work and service.

Eschen, 02/12/2016

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Arthur Rohregger

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Jürgen Negele

5.3. Acceptance of annual accounts 2015 and relieving the treasury

The annual accounts and discharges of the ICAR Treasurer and the ICAR Executive Board are unanimously approved.

5.4. Membership payments 2016

All membership fees 2016 have been paid, thank you.

6. Admission of new Members (> type)

Dr John Ellerton, Assessor of the ICAR Executive Board (membership working group) explains:

The ICAR Executive Board sees that more and more organizations recognize ICAR's place in mountain rescue, and wish to join our family. We view this in a positive light and yet at the same time have concerns. We feel that the current statutes may not be reflecting the current situation as issues of commercialization; focus and exclusivity are increasing being raised. ICAR's purpose is defined as the 'worldwide open platform for the exchange of mountain rescue knowledge' and its main task is "the exchange of experience between the practitioners in mountain rescue".

The ICAR Executive Board intends to revise the membership categories and present these to the Assembly of Delegates in Andorra. Inputs from any member who wishes to express views on the future membership categories are most welcome.

He asks the delegates to vote that this is acceptable: Unanimously accepted.

Membership applications have been received from 13 prospective new members. These have been analyzed by the Assessors and they all fulfill the entry criteria set out in the ICAR statutes:

- 2 organizations have been approved by the ICAR Executive Board for type C membership.
- 5 prospective B members and 3 prospective A member organizations have received no objections. The ICAR Executive Board presents to the ICAR Assembly of Delegates that they accept these prospective members into the ICAR family.
- 2 prospective B members have received objections from an existing ICAR member organization. These remain unresolved. The ICAR Executive Board presents these prospective members to the ICAR Assembly of Delegates for a decision. The letters of objection have been made available to you with the agenda/invitation to this assembly. Further inputs from the floor will be invited before the delegates vote.
- 1 A member is transferring its membership to a new organization. This has been delayed one year.

6.1. MAPMR – Macedonian Association for Protection and Mountain Rescue in Inaccessible Terrain Asclepius > C (Info)

The ICAR Executive Board informs the ICAR Assembly of Delegates about its approval for C-type membership. The MAPMR Delegation (Dr Aleksandar Manolev) briefly presents its organization.

6.2. SBO – Svenska Bergsguideorganisationen > C (Info)

The ICAR Executive Board informs the ICAR Assembly of Delegates about its approval for C-type membership. The SBO Delegation (Mikael Amlert, Marten Johansson) briefly presents its organization.

6.3. ASBG – Asociation Sociocultural Bombeiros de Galicia > B

The ASBG Delegation (Miguel Ángel Pazos Veiga, María Canabal Regueira, Mariña Paradela Vázquez) briefly presents its organization. The majority of the ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves B-type membership (6 abstentions).

6.4. CAA – Canadian Avalanche Association > B

The CAA Delegation (Kyle Hale) briefly presents its organization. The majority of the ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves B-type membership (2 abstentions).

6.5. CARDA – Canadian Avalanche Rescue Dog Association > B

The CARDA Delegation (Jennifer Coulter) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves B-type membership unanimously.

6.6. MG – Manuel Genswein > B

Manuel Genswein briefly presents his organization.

Two supportive (KZGDA, WSL-SLF) and two non-supportive (ARS, SAC) comments were received from Switzerland. The ICAR Executive Board acknowledges the objections concerning single person companies applying for B membership and the potential for conflicts of interest that could arise from admitting commercial companies. The statutes do not exclude such organizations from applying. While having due regard to the concerns, the ICAR Executive Board still felt it was appropriate to present the application to the delegates for a decision.



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Representatives of NRK (NO) and ÖBRD (AT) present their comments to the assembly. The ÖBRD (AT) delegation decides not to participate in the vote.

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates decides with 29 votes in favor, 31 votes against and 26 abstentions to reject the membership application of MG – Manuel Genswein.

6.7. NARG – Norske Alpine Redningsgrupper > B

The NARG Delegation (Stein Falsen Møller, Jan Gunnar Hole, Odd Staurset) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves B-type membership unanimously.

6.8. RCS – Red Cross of Serbia > B (depending on resolving of open issue)

The RCS Delegation (Ranko Demirovic) briefly presents its organization.

One objection (GSSS) was received from Serbia. The ICAR Executive Board acknowledges the grounds for objecting including alleged lack of consultation and resources, the lack of need for a second mountain rescue organization and the different focus of the organization in humanitarian and disaster management. The ICAR Executive Board has been reassured that the Serbian Red Cross has the highest regard to the current mountain rescue service and will not develop a mountain rescue service. However, the ICAR Executive Board reaffirms that the Serbian Red Cross meets the criteria to become a B member. Therefore, the ICAR Executive Board felt it was appropriate to present the application to the delegates for a decision.



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Representatives of GSSS (RS), NRK (NO) and HGSS (HR) present their comments to the assembly.

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates decides with 27 votes in favor, 22 votes against and 35 abstentions to accept the membership application of RCS – Red Cross of Serbia.

6.9. SAS – Silverton Avalanche School > B

The SAS Delegation (Laila Bryant Foster) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves B-type membership unanimously.

6.10. KARA – Korean Alpine Rescue Association > A

The KARA Delegation (Hunmoo Jang, Mikyoung Kim) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves A-type membership unanimously.

6.11. SMA – Swedish Maritime Administration > A

The SMA Delegation (Christian Schulz, Andreas Hördegård) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves A-type membership with 60 votes in favor, 2 votes against and 16 abstentions.

6.12. TCSAR – Teton County Search and Rescue > A

The TCSAR Delegation (Tim Ciocarlan, Cody Lockhart) briefly presents its organization. The majority of the ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves A-type membership (2 abstentions).

6.13. GSSFBIH – Gorska Služba Spašavanja Federacije Bosne i Hercegovine > A

The membership application of GSSFBIH – Gorska Služba Spašavanja Federacije Bosne i Hercegovine is postponed to 2017.

7. Expulsion of Members

None.

8. ICAR Convention 2017 in Andorra

Venue and dates have already been approved at the last ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2015 in Ireland. Due to major festivities in neighboring Spain (congesting the roads to/from Andorra) on the previously planned dates, the venue needs to be postponed by 1 week to these new dates:

- Tue 17 Oct 17 > Arrival
- Wed **18 Oct 17 > Practical Day**
- Thu **19 Oct 17 > Congress**
- Fri **20 Oct 17 > Congress**
- Sat **21 Oct 17 > Congress (incl. ICAR AoD)**
- Sun 22 Oct 17 > Departure

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves the new dates unanimously.

9. General topic 2017

There are two proposals:

- The Multi Agency Incident - Cooperating together for the Casualty > gets 41 votes
- **Rescue from Big Walls** > wins with 49 votes

10. Venue 2018: Chamonix, France

ANENA, ENSA, FFME and GSM (all FR) have jointly applied to organize the ICAR Convention 2018 in Chamonix, France. Dates (no collision with ISSW in Innsbruck AT, October 7-12, 2018):

- Tue 16 Oct 18 > Arrival
- Wed **17 Oct 18 > Congress**
- Thu **18 Oct 18 > Congress**
- Fri **19 Oct 18 > Practical Day**
- Sat **20 Oct 18 > Congress (incl. ICAR AoD)**
- Sun 21 Oct 18 > Departure

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves the venue and dates unanimously.

The organizers plan to move the practical day to Friday, still respecting the maximum registration cost ceiling of EUR 700 per attendee (based on double room occupancy), even though the main convention stay will consequently be extended by one day.

A group picture of the French delegation with a promotional banner is made. This will be used to support the efforts of the local organizers.

11. Venue 2019: Zakopane, Poland

TOPR (PL) has applied to organize the ICAR Convention 2019 in Zakopane, Poland.



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The majority of the ICAR Assembly of Delegates (2 abstentions) approves the venue in October 2019.

12. Venue 2020: Thessaloniki, Greece

HRT (GR) has applied to organize the ICAR Convention 2020 in Thessaloniki, Greece.



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The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves the venue in October 2020 unanimously.

13. Elections

With 2016 being an ordinary election year, the following organizational bodies need to be re-elected for the next 4-year term (2016 - 2020), as per our bylaws.

13.1. ICAR Executive Board

The majority of the ICAR Assembly of Delegates (2 abstentions) re-elects:

- ICAR Vice-President: Dan Halvorsen (NRK) Norway
- TER Chairman: Gebhard Barbisch (ÖBRD) Austria
- AVA Chairman: Dominique Létang (ANENA) France
- AIR Chairman: Patrick Fauchère (OCVS) Switzerland
- MED Chairman: Fidel Elsensohn (ÖGAHM) Austria
- ICAR Assessor: Claude Jacot (ENSA, FFME, GSM) France
- ICAR Assessor: Dušan Polajnar (GRZS) Slovenia
- ICAR Assessor: John Ellerton (MREW) UK
- ICAR Assessor: Dan F. Hourihan (MRA) USA

As the current ICAR Treasurer Rosaria Heeb is not available for re-election, the ICAR Executive Board called for new candidates. Ernst Winkler (BRD-AVS, South Tyrol Italy) jointly with BWB Germany presents the nomination of Markus Hölzl as new ICAR Treasurer:

Markus Hölzl
Born 28.April 1975 in Meran, South Tyrol (Italy)

Training and Education:

- Office administration clerk
- Paramedic (White Cross, Italy / Bavarian Red Cross)

since November 2016:
Full time manager of the Bergwacht office in Oberstdorf, Germany

- Active Member of Mountain Rescue in South Tyrol since 1993
- Active Member of the Mountain Rescue Station in Meran (South Tyrol)
 - Executive committee 2001 – 2014
 - Vice president for 6 years during this period
- Since 2014 active Member of the Bavarian Mountain Rescue Service (Bergwacht Bayern)
- Voluntary work as paramedic since 1995 (White Cross, Italy)

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates elects Markus Hölzl (BRD-AVS) South Tyrol Italy & (BWB) Germany as ICAR Treasurer unanimously.

The majority of the ICAR Assembly of Delegates (2 abstentions) re-elects:

- ICAR President: Franz Stämpfli (ARS) Switzerland

13.2. ICAR Auditors

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates re-elects unanimously:

- ICAR Auditor 1: Arthur Rohregger (ÖBRD) Austria
- ICAR Auditor 2: Jürgen Negele (BRL) Liechtenstein

14. BOA-REC0006 Process Recommendation

The ICAR Executive Board informs the delegates that it has approved the document “BOA-REC0006 Process Recommendation” defining how new ICAR Recommendations shall be established. The document has been made available to the delegates with the invitation/agenda to this assembly.



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15. Budget 2017

Due to the absence of the ICAR Treasurer Rosaria Heeb, the ICAR Vice-President Dan Halvorsen presents the Budget 2017 on her behalf:

Budget		
ICAR 2017		
Expenses		
Bank Interest and expenses	€	400.00
Office and administration	€	53'000.00
Representation (Internet, Marketing)	€	5'000.00
Board expenses	€	25'000.00
Commissions	€	12'000.00
Expenses Sponsors Convention	€	16'000.00
Income		
Member fees	€	43'600.00
Sponsors	€	40'000.00
Office Sponsor	€	25'000.00
Manufactures	€	6'000.00
Internet links	€	600.00
Capital income	€	200.00
Total	€	111'400.00
Net profit 2017	€	4'000.00
Total	€	115'400.00
Eschen, 26.08.2016		
Rosaria Heeb, Treasurer		
		

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates accepts the Budget 2017 unanimously.

16. Miscellaneous

Dr. Hermann Brugger (EURAC) South Tyrol, Italy states: Many countries are not present at the annual ICAR convention, type-C membership should be considered for them.

The Secretary Tom Spycher (ICAR Office) informs/reminds the delegates:

Since 2015 we have our new website:

www.alpine-rescue.org

~~www.icar-cisa.org~~

Please adapt your links to us or replace old shortcuts on your desktop.

Thank you!

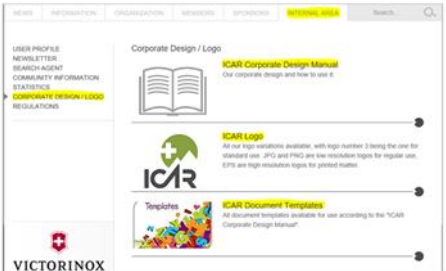
Since 2015 we have our new logo.



Many of your websites still show our old logo, please adapt them.

Thank you!

Our corporate design manual, the new logo and ICAR document templates are available to you in the internal area of our website:



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Please add office@alpine-rescue.org to the positive list in your e-mail application and check that our e-mails do not land in your spam folder.

Keep your contacts in our databases up-to-date. Send us an e-mail when your contacts or your website locator (URL) changes.

ID and password to access the internal area of our website can be requested via office@alpine-rescue.org (members only).

Thank you!

17. Closing remarks of the President

The ICAR President Franz Stämpfli thanks the Organizing Committee of the Mountain Rescue Service at the Bulgarian Red Cross and all the volunteers for the organization of ICAR 2016 in Borovets, Bulgaria and closes the 68th ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2016 at 18:30.

Annexes:

- 68th ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2016: Invitation mail, Agenda, Presentation (incl. Video-clip KARA).
- 67th ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2015: Minutes.
- Annual Reports 2016 of the ICAR Commission Presidents: AIR, TER, AVA, MED.
- MG Same Country Member Consultation: Objections ARS, SAC.
- RCS Same Country Member Consultation: Objection GSSS.
- TOPR Application: ICAR 2019 Zakopane, Poland.
- HRT Application: ICAR 2020 Thessaloniki, Greece.
- 20160829-BOA-REC0006 Process Recommendation.

These minutes and all annexes are available on our website under > Information > Minutes:

<http://www.alpine-rescue.org/xCMS5/WebObjects/nexus5.woa/wa/icar?menuid=1069&rubricid=257&articleid=13174>

Borovets, Bulgaria / October 22nd, 2016

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Franz Stämpfli
ICAR President

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Tom Spycher
Secretary, ICAR Office

