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**64. Delegiertenversammlung  
64<sup>ème</sup> Assemblée des délégués  
64<sup>th</sup> Assembly of delegates**

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Krynica, Poland**

## **MINUTES**

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### **1. Welcome**

President Gerold Biner welcomes the delegates to the 64th Assembly of Delegates. He is asking the delegates to stand in memory of mountain rescuers who have passed away this past year; especially the former member of the ICAR Executive Committee Emmanuel Schmutz.

Excused for the assembly are:

- Hans-Jürg Etter
- Reinhard Dörflinger
- Pierre Blanc
- Dr. Urs Wieget

A special welcome goes to the honorary members:

- Nils Farlund
- Louis Salzmann
- Toni Grab
- Michael Swangard

There are 3 amendments to today's agenda:

- Item 6: Acceptance and exclusion of B and C members.  
The following items are added:
  - 6.7 University of Saragossa CUEMUM (university specialization courses in mountain emergency medicine), B member
  - 6.8 Society of Mountain Medicine Canada, B member
- Item 7: Elections.  
Since there are elections pending for board members, the following item is added:
  - 7.0 Reelection of current members of the executive committee and commissions.

No requests to speak. The Assembly of Delegates approves the new agenda.

## 2. Roll Call, Appointing Office

There are 31 A and 15 B members represented at the Assembly. The Assembly has a total of 77 votes.

Hans-Martin Henny and Volker Lischke are appointed to count the votes.

Fabienne Jelk will take down the minutes.

The Assembly approves of this process by show of voting card unanimously.

## 3. Minutes of the 63rd Assembly of Delegates in Are (S) in 2011

The minutes of the 63rd Assembly of Delegates was available within a useful period of time and was published on the ICAR home page.

Request to speak from Per Olov Wikberg:

Change under item 12 Miscellaneous: Not a safety forum is to be established but a prevention task force. Replacement of the word "safety forum" with "prevention group".

This change is unanimously approved.

## 4. Annual Reports of the President and Commission Chairmen

### 4.1 Information from the Commission Presidents

The responsible persons of each commission presented their reports in plenum earlier this afternoon. There are no requests to speak regarding these reports.

### 4.2 Reconnaissance USA 2014

Dan Hourihan shows a video about Lake Tahoe and the resort. Meanwhile we have a bid from the resort, which is less than 500 Euro. Taken out of the bid was lunch for the whole week since there are a lot of restaurants available in the area. Proposed is a voucher system; this costs \$45 more for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The dates were moved; the conference will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the practical meeting on Monday. Checkout is on Friday. Arrival date is October 4.

The practical meeting will be held in avalanche rescue.

Questions: None.

The costs for the congress were already extensively documented on ICAR's home page as well as at the beginning of the congress. In order to give the MRA organizers some certainty regarding planning, the Assembly is asked whether or not they approve of Lake Tahoe as place of venue for the ICAR Congress 2014.

The Assembly votes to hold the congress 2014 in Lake Tahoe with 3 abstentions and no votes against.

#### 4.3 ICAR Office

After Caroline Irniger, who was present as secretary last year in Are for ICAR, left Air Zermatt the president took over the office work. Due to the workload, this is not possible in the long run. Therefore, the executive committee decided at a meeting in January to look for a professional solution. ARS (Alpine Rescue Switzerland) then offered to take over the ICAR office. The tasks and costs associated with the office were accepted by both the executive committee of ICAR and the board of trustees of ARS.

Felix Meier shows the tasks and costs associated with the office as well as the addendum to ARS' contract which lists the tasks. The workload is roughly 30%. The costs are shared with ARS, 50:50.

No questions.

The Assembly approves this proposal.

#### 4.4 Project Application WEB-based ICAR Avalanche Accident Database

Gebhard Barbisch needs one contact person who is authorized to enter data for each country.

The costs are going to be about 1000 Euro.

Gebhard Barbisch presents access to the internal area on the ICAR web site and how the person who is authorized to enter data has to proceed. Gerold Biner asks the members to let Gebhard Barbisch know who they are authorizing.

#### 4.5 Honorary Members

No recommendations from the plenum.

The executive committee has decided to recommend the 4 departing committee members as new honorary members:

- Bruno Jelk
- Danilo Skerbinek
- Felix Meier
- Heini Malue

The Assembly approves unanimously.

### 5. Finances

#### 5.1 Balance Sheet 2011

Felix Meier presents the income statement. Two items should be emphasized: The high costs for office and management as well as the CHF 10,000 which were approved for supporting the training in Nepal. The result is a loss of 9,734.53 Euro.

No questions.

ICAR is liquid. Part of ICAR's own resources was invested in bonds. Cyprus is no longer a member since they have not paid their dues in 2 years.

No questions.

## 5.2 Auditor's Report, Otto Möslang

The auditors received all the necessary documents. The audit was done in accordance with the regulations. The auditors recommend approval.

## 5.3 Approval of the Annual Accounts 2011 and Discharge of Treasurer

The Assembly approves the annual accounts 2011 and discharge of the treasurer unanimously.

## 5.4 Budget 2013

The budget includes costs for the ICAR Office which will amount to about 50,000 Euro. ARS will pay for half, 25,000 Euro, and so 25,000 Euro will come out of ICAR's accounts. The contract with ARS stipulates that after one year the expenditure will be examined and adapted. Expenses incurred through the executive committee will be reduced since part of the tasks will be taken over by the office.

The year results in a loss of 17,700 Euro. Because of ICAR's good asset position, this is currently affordable. However, perhaps there should be consideration for increasing member dues medium-term.

Questions:

- Anton Preindl, Alpenverein Südtirol, would like the data again on the expenses of the office.

Felix Meier: Annually the costs are 50,000 Euro. ICAR will bear 25,000 Euro. Budgeted are 30,000. The 5,000 Euro extra are for projected expenditures of the executive committee members.

The budget is approved unanimously.

## 5.5 Status of Member Payments 2012

Felix Meier reads the list of members who have not yet paid:

- Irish Mountain Rescue Association
- Mountaineering Union of Bosnia
- Parks Canada
- Canadian Ski Guide Institute / Canadian Ski Patrol System
- 061 Aragon
- Sappeurs-Pompiers de Catalunya
- Federation Francaise de la Monagne et de l'Escalade

## 6. Acceptance and Exclusion of New B and C Members

### 6.1 Norwegian Search and Rescue Dogs, Member B

A short presentation about the organization follows by Mats Hjelle. The Assembly approves the acceptance unanimously.

### 6.2 Swedish Mountain Safety Council, Member B

A short presentation about the organization follows by Per Olov Wikberg. The Assembly approves the acceptance unanimously.

### 6.3 Seilbahnen Schweiz (Funiculars Switzerland), Member B

A short presentation follows by Gartori Fulvio. The Assembly approves the acceptance unanimously.

### 6.4 Bomberos de Asturias, Spain, Member C

According to the statutes, C members are accepted by the executive committee, which has already approved this application.

### 6.5 Hospital of Puigcerda, Spain, Member C

The executive committee has already approved this application according to the statutes.

### 6.6 Exclusion of 061 Aragon, Spain,

The Assembly approves the exclusion of this member unanimously.

### 6.7 University of Saragossa CUEMUM (university specialization courses in mountain emergency medicine), Member B

A short presentation follows by Maria Antonia Nerin MD. The Assembly approves the acceptance unanimously.

### 6.8 Society of Mountain Medicine Canada, Member B

A short presentation follows by David Watson MD. The Assembly approves the acceptance unanimously.

## 7. Elections

### 7.1 Reelection of Current Board Members

The following board members are up for reelection:

- Dan Halvorsen, assessor and vice president
- Patrick Fauchère, president air rescue commission
- Dr. Fidel Elsensohn, president medical commission
- Dominique Létang, president avalanche rescue commission
- Claude Jacot, assessor
- Gerold Biner, president

No requests to speak.

The Assembly approves the reelection of the above-named board members unanimously.

### 7.2 Election of a President Terrestrial Rescue Commission

The executive committee decided in a meeting in August to recommend Gebhard Barbisch as Bruno Jelk's successor. The written application of the ÖBRD is here. The members were informed about the recommendation through the home page.

The Assembly has no other recommendations.

The Assembly approves the election of Gebhard Barbisch with one abstention.

### 7.3 Election for Replacing Danilo Skerbinek, Assessor

The executive committee decided in a meeting in August to recommend Dusan Polajnar of Slovenia as successor. The written application from Gorska reševalna zveza Slovenije is here. The members were informed about this recommendation through the home page.

Counterproposal from GOPR, Poland: Andrzej Brzezinski

Andrzej Brzezinski is introduced to the Assembly by a colleague.

The Slovenian candidate is asked if he wants to introduce himself or be introduced by a colleague as well. Dusan Polajnar introduces himself.

No other recommendations, remarks, or questions.

Vote:

Dusan Polajnar: 41 Votes  
 Andrej Brzezinski: 26 Votes  
 Abstentions: 7 Votes

Dusan Polajnar is elected.

### 7.4 Election for Replacing Heini Malue, Assessor

The executive committee decided at a meeting in August to recommend Thomas Griesbeck from Germany as successor. The written application from Bergwacht Bayern is here. The members were informed about the recommendation through the home page.

Thomas Griesbeck introduces himself.

No other recommendations.

The Assembly approves the election unanimously.

### 7.5 Election of a Treasurer

The executive committee decided at a meeting in August to recommend Rosaria Heeb from Liechtenstein as successor of Felix Meier. The written application from the Liechtensteinischen Bergrettung is here. The members were informed about the recommendation through the home page.

Rosaria Heeb could not travel to Poland. She is introduced by Norbert Gantner.

No other recommendations.

The Assembly approves the election unanimously.

### 7.6 Election for Replacing Gebhard Barbisch, Assessor

The executive committee wanted to recommend an Anglo-Saxon for the vacant seat of assessor. No recommendations were submitted.

Recommendation from the plenum: John Ellerton

No other nominations.

John Ellerton is elected with 10 abstentions.

## 8. Place of Venue: USA 2014, Great Britain 2015

The USA has already been discussed. Great Britain declined for 2015. Since the executive committee had decided last year that places of venue had to be determined 2 years ahead of time, there needs to be an organizer for 2015 by the end of this year.

No proposals from the plenum.

The members are asked to inquire with their respective officials if they would be willing to organize the congress 2015.

## 9. Emphasis 2013

The emphasis for 2013 is „Mountain Rescue – Helicopter Interface”

No other proposals.

## 10. ICAR Kongress 2013 in Croatia

A representative introduces the place of venue and shows a film.

## 11. Miscellaneous

The ICAR flag is given to the colleague from Croatia. The congress in Croatia will be held from October 15 through October 20, 2013.

Peter Zimmer, SAR New Zealand, thanks the organizers of the congress in Krynica for a flawless organization.

Gerold Biner thanks the organizers in Krynica as well for the excellent organization of this year's congress.

Gebhard Barbisch thanks Bruno Jelk again for the productive work and achievements of the past years.

Bruno Jelk thanks everyone for the support he received in the past years, and also thanks the organizers in Poland.

## 12. Closing Words by the President

Gerold Biner thanks the interpreters who have done an excellent job, and also the technician.

Krynica, October 6, 2012

Gerold Biner, President ICAR

Fabienne Jelk, Minutes

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