

Minutes of the 66th Assembly of Delegates

October 9, 2014 at Harveys Resort, South Lake Tahoe, USA

1. President's Welcome Address

In the name of the Executive Board the President welcomes all attendees to the 66th Assembly of Delegates. A special welcome goes to the Honorary President Toni Grab.

In remembrance of all mountain rescuers who lost their lives, the President asks for a moment of silence (this year at the beginning of the Gala Diner).

The invitation was e-mailed to all members on September 5, 2014 and at the same time also published on the ICAR website according to the bylaws.

The following Honorary Members have apologized for participation:

- Dörflinger Reinhold
- Etter Hansjürg
- Faarlund Nils
- Malue Heini
- Salzmann Louis
- Schori Martin
- Skerbinek Danilo
- Wiget Urs

2. Roll call, appointing the office

There are 29 A- and 15 B-members present. The Assembly of Delegates has a total of 73 votes. The absolute majority stands at 37 votes.

Günther Sumann and Karlheinz Burtscher are appointed and confirmed to count the votes. Tom Spycher (ICAR Office) will take down the minutes.

The Assembly of Delegates agrees to add the substitute election for the ICAR Assessor Thomas Griesbeck and, should Patrick Fauchère get elected as ICAR President, the substitute election for the Air Rescue Commission President, as providently proposed by the Air Rescue Commission, on agenda item 8 Elections.

Regarding the substitute election for the ICAR Assessor, the President informs, that he has received three candidatures: Blaise Agresti (GSM, France), Dan Hourihan (MRA, USA) and Nik Klever (BWB, Germany). There are no other spontaneous nominations (last possible moment for propositions as per our bylaws 4.2.3).

The President thanks Thomas Griesbeck for his efforts.

3. Minutes of the 65th Assembly of Delegates 2013 in Bol, Island of Brac, Croatia

The Assembly accepts the minutes written by Pascale Hosennen (ICAR Office) without any amendments.

4. President's and Commission Chairmen's annual report

The responsible Chairmen of each Commission presented their reports in the plenum earlier this afternoon (see annexes). The President thanks the Commission- and Sub-Commission Chairmen for their efforts.

The Executive Committee (ICAR Board) met for four meetings, one each in January and August, and two in October. After Sanja von Wartburg left her position, Pascale Hosennen has been working in the ICAR Office since September 1, 2013. Unfortunately she also left our office shortly after the Board Meeting in January 2014. In the person of Tom Spycher, an experienced rescue coordinator at Rega, a new office staff could be found to work for the ICAR Office since June this year. Tom was very helpful and thanks to the great support from ARS and Rega, we are today where we had planned to be last year. Upon the January Board Meeting 3 different groups worked on the following topics (all of them issues of last year's motion from our Austrian friends):

- New logo, redesign of our website and a new domain name (URL).
- Mission statement
- ICAR Futura

Next year we will visit Norway as a possible venue for the ICAR Convention 2017.

The President represented ICAR at the following major events:

- April 2014: Search and Rescue Europe in Copenhagen, Denmark.
- May 2014: ISMM International Society for Mountain Medicine, World Congress in Bolzano, Italy. The topic was Nepal.
- August 2014: EAA Air Venue in Oshkosh, USA.

5. Finances

Rosaria Heeb (Treasury) presents and explains the following financial documents:

5.1. Income statement and balance sheet 2013

Income Statement as of Dec. 31, 2013

EUR		Budget	
Expenses			
Bank Interests and expenses	€ 269.79	€ 300.00	
Office and Administration	€ 10'800.00	€ 30'000.00	
Translation Convention	€ 23'106.03	€ 20'000.00	
Representation (Internet, Video)	€ 3'144.59	€ 1'000.00	
Expenses Board	€ 18'828.75	€ 20'000.00	
Expenses Commissions	€ 4'156.64	€ 12'000.00	
Expenses Sponsors Convention	€ 9'600.00	€ 12'000.00	
Expenses Honorary Members / Gifts	€ 563.34	€ -	
Exchange Rate Differences	€ 383.34	€ -	
Income			Budget
Membership fees		€ 38'400.00	€ 36'800.00
Sponsors		€ 38'800.00	€ 38'800.00
Capital income		€ 979.12	€ 2'000.00
Total	€ 70'852.48	€ 95'300.00	€ 78'179.12
Net Profit	€ 7'326.64	€ -17'700.00	
Total	€ 78'179.12	€ 78'179.12	

5.2. Auditor's report

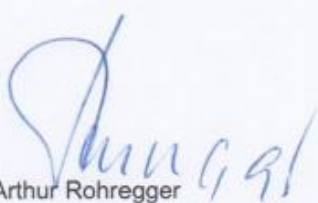
**Bericht der Revisoren
über das Rechnungsjahr 2013**


Die Revisoren haben das Finanzjahr 2013 überprüft und festgestellt:

- Das Jahr 2013 schließt mit einem **Gewinn** von EUR 7'326.64 ab. Darin ist eine Forderung auf Rückerstattung bei der ARS in Höhe von 15.000 € plus 8 % MWST also 16.200,-- € enthalten, welche bis heute noch eingegangen ist. Remark Treasury
- Das Vermögen ist gegenüber dem Vorjahr von 127'417.19 auf 135'143.83 angewachsen. „nicht“
- Die Buchhaltung wurde von Fr. Rosaria Heeb gewissenhaft und exakt geführt.
- Offene Fragen im formalen Bereich wurden eingehend geklärt.
- Die Belege wurden stichprobenweise kontrolliert und die ordnungsgemäße Verbuchung festgestellt.

Wir stellen den Antrag an die Delegiertenversammlung das Rechnungsergebnis 2013 zu genehmigen und die Kassierin Rosaria Heeb zu entlasten.

Eschen, den 17.1.2014


Arthur Rohregger


Jürgen Negele

5.3. Acceptance of annual accounts 2013 and relieving the treasury

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

5.4. Budget for 2015

Budget 2015		
	EUR	EUR
Expenses		
Bank Interest and expenses	€ 300.00	
Office and administration	€ 25'000.00	
Representation (Internet)	€ 3'000.00	
Board expenses	€ 20'000.00	
Commissions	€ 12'000.00	
Contribution to congress for sponsors	€ 14'000.00	
Income		
Member fees		€ 38'000.00
Sponsors		€ 42'000.00
Internet links		€ 600.00
Capital income		€ 1'000.00
Total	€ 74'300.00	€ 81'600.00
Net profit 2015	€ 7'300.00	
Total	€ 81'600.00	€ 81'600.00

Rosaria Heeb explains, that € 22'000.00 (cost for interpreters at the ICAR convention) have been skipped by the ICAR Board, in order to avoid an increase of membership fees this year. Bruno Jelk does not like the fact, that there will no longer be interpreters at ICAR conventions. The President explains, that this does not automatically mean, that there will no longer be interpreters at ICAR conventions, they just won't be on the ICAR budget.

The majority of the ICAR Delegates approves the budget, 2 votes are against.

5.5. Membership payments 2014

The following organizations have not yet paid their annual fees:

- DGPEIS-GRAE Bombers de la Generalitat de Catalunya (Spain) > open 2013/2014
- PSBIH Planinarski savez Bosne i Hercegovin (Bosnia and Herzegovina) > open 2014
- GRM Bombers d'Andorra (Andorra) > open 2014
- GSM Groupe de Secours en Montagne / ANMSM Association Nationale des Maires des Stations de Montagne (France) > open 2014
- PC Parks Canada (Canada) > open 2014
- WBR Wasatch Backcountry Rescue (USA) > open 2014

6. Admission of new Members

The following organizations all have applied for a B-Membership. A working group of the ICAR Board has verified all applications and recommends all of them to be approved. A delegation of each candidate organization is present.

6.1. ARA Flugrettungs GmbH / Notarzthubschrauber RK2 (Austria)

Michael Schweiger presents his organization (see annexes).
The ICAR Delegates approve the admission as a B-Member.

6.2. KCPS Kananaskis Country Public Safety / Alberta Parks (Canada)

Jeremy Mackenzie presents his organization (see annexes).
The ICAR Delegates approve the admission as a B-Member.

6.3. PEAK Emergency Response Training (Canada)

Jeff Burko presents his organization (see annexes).
The ICAR Delegates approve the admission as a B-Member.

7. Expulsion of Members

The ICAR Delegates expulse the DGPEIS-GRAE Bombers de la Generalitat de Catalunya (Spain), because of two unpaid annual fees from 2013 and 2014 (as per ICAR bylaws).

8. Elections

8.1. Substitute election Gerold Biner ICAR President

The two candidatures (published well in time on our website & brief speech) are getting votes as follows:

- Patrick Fauchère (KWRO/OCVS, Switzerland) gets 34 votes
- Franz Stämpfli (ARS, Switzerland) wins with 38 votes (1 above the absolute majority)

8.2. Substitute election Thomas Griesbeck ICAR Assessor

The three candidatures (some published on our website & brief speech) are getting votes as follows:

- Nik Kleeever (BWB, Germany) gets 11 votes
- Blaise Agresti (GSM, France) gets 22 votes
- Dan Hourihan (MRA, USA) wins with 38 votes (1 above the absolute majority)

9. ICAR Convention 2015 in Ireland

Chris England (MRI, Ireland) presents www.icar-2015.com (see annexes). The ICAR Delegates did already approve the venue in Ireland at the last meeting. Now also the exact dates for ICAR 2015 are approved by the ICAR Delegates.

Venue: **The Brehon Hotel & Convention Centre, Killarney**

Dates:	October 13, 2015	Arrival (Tue)
	October 14, 2015	Pre-conference day (Wed)
	October 15-17, 2015	Congress (Thu-Sat)
	October 18, 2015	Departure (Sun)



10. General topic 2015

The ICAR Delegates approve the following general topic for 2015:

- **Decision Making / Human Factors**

11. Venue 2016: Bulgaria

Felix Meier and Tom Spycher visited Bulgaria on behalf of the ICAR Board on June 25-27, 2014. They propose Borovets as an ideal location.

Venue: **The Samorov Hotel, Borovets**

Dates:	October 18, 2016	Arrival (Tue)
	October 19, 2016	Pre-conference day (Wed)
	October 20-22, 2016	Congress (Thu-Sat)
	October 23, 2016	Departure (Sun)

The ICAR Delegates approve venue and dates for ICAR 2016 in Bulgaria. There is no date conflict with the International Snow Science Workshop in Breckinridge CO (USA) taking place October 3-7, 2016.

12. Venue 2017: Norway

The Norwegian Red Cross offers to organize the ICAR 2017 convention in Norway.

However, due to the generally higher cost of living in Norway, the Norwegian Red Cross can only organize the convention if we raise the fee for the convention attendance (4 nights) per person in a double occupancy to € 600.00.

The majority of ICAR Delegates accepts the raise in cost for ICAR 2017 in Norway, 10 Delegates vote against.

The President explains that sooner or later a raise in cost for ICAR conventions is unavoidable, since we haven't made an increase for several years now.

13. Status on the proposition of the ÖBRD

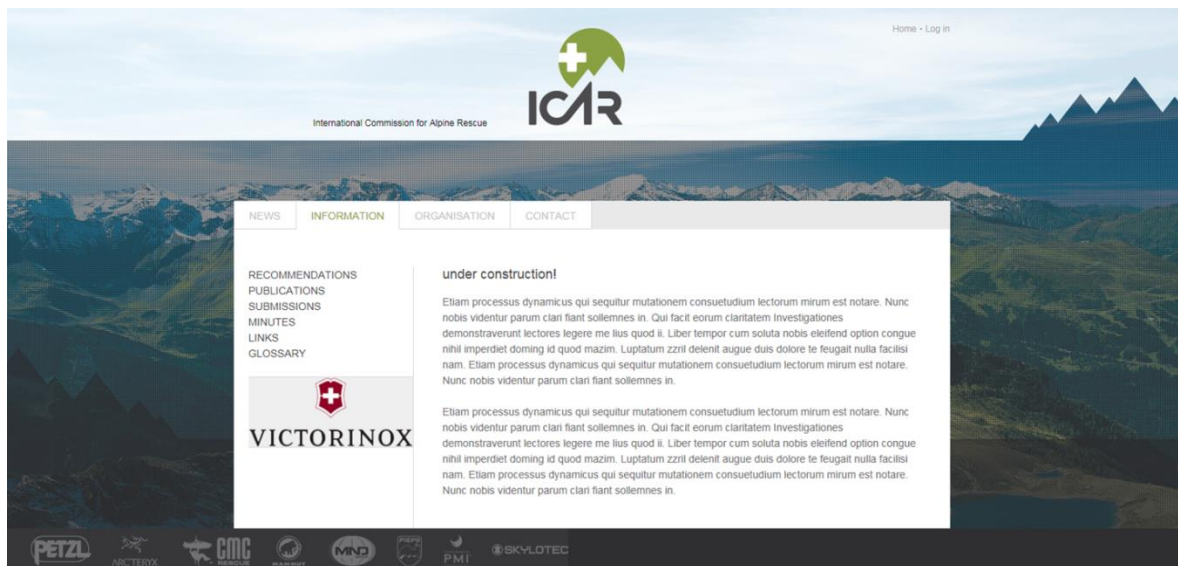
The basic document on the issues from the Austrian Mountain Rescue Organization (ÖBRD Lindenberg, motion 2013) builds up on the Futura 2010 documents. There have been various working groups and discussions during two board meetings. A course of action and the core competence based strategy was finalized in a working group. The report will be published on our website after the convention.

The ICAR Board wants to inform the Assembly of Delegates about his decisions:

- **Mission statement** (short version): "ICAR provides a platform for mountain rescue and related organizations to disseminate knowledge with the prime goal of improving mountain rescue services and their safety. It is an independent, worldwide organization that respects its members and promotes international cooperation." > Full version already published on ICAR website.
- **New logo:**



- **New domain name:** www.alpine-rescue.org
- **Redesign website:** new, user friendlier structure.



All member organizations will be informed, as soon as the new logo (and its correct use) is definitely released. The move of the entire content from the old website www.ikar-cisa.org to the brand new one www.alpine-rescue.org will take some time. Until further notice, please continue to use the old website.

14. Miscellaneous

Bruno Jelk proposes Honorary Membership for Gerold Biner. The majority of the ICAR Delegates does not follow Dan Halvorsen's recommendation on behalf of the ICAR Board not to opt for an Honorary Membership and approves the proposal.

Handover of the ICAR flag: Dan Hourihan (MRA, USA) gives the ICAR flag to Chris England (MRI, Ireland).

15. Closing remarks of the President

Gerold Biner thanks David Clark (President of the MRA), Dan Hourihan and the entire MRA team for the organization of ICAR 2014 in South Lake Tahoe USA and closes with the short movie: "Faszination Fliegen – lonely looking sky" (see annexes).

Enclosures:

- ICAR_Air_Rescue_Commission_Report_2014.pdf
- ICAR_Air_Rescue_Commission_Presidents_Annual_Report_2014.pdf
- ICAR_Avalanche_Rescue_Annual_Report_2014.pdf
- ICAR_Medical_Commission_Annual_Report_2014.pdf
- ICAR_Terrestrial_Rescue_Annual_Report_2014.pdf
- ICAR_Sub-Com_Prevention_Annual_Report_2014.pdf
- ICAR_Sub-Com_Dog-Handlers_Meeting_Protocol_2014.pdf
- New_member_ARA_Flugrettungs_GmbH_Michael_Schweiger.pdf
- New_member_KCPS_Kananaskis_Country_Jeremy_Mackenzie.pdf
- New_member_PEAK_Emergency_Response_Training_Jeff_Burko.pdf
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