

Minutes of the 67th Assembly of Delegates

October 17, 2015 at Brehon Conference Center, Killarney, Ireland

1. The Presidents welcome address

In the name of the Executive Board the President welcomes all attendees to the 67th Assembly of Delegates. A special welcome goes to the Honorary President Toni Grab and the Honorary Members Louis Salzmann, Felix Meier, Bruno Jelk, Nils Farlund.

The invitation was e-mailed to all members on September 18th, 2015 and the day before published on the ICAR website, according to our bylaws.

In remembrance of all mountain rescuers who lost their lives, the 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 28 A- and 20 B-members present. The Assembly of Delegates has a total of 76 votes. The absolute majority stands at 39 votes.

Pam Hourihan, Gabriele Stamegna, Martin Gurdet and Volker Lischke are appointed and confirmed to count the votes. Tom Spycher (ICAR Office) will take down the minutes.

The following Honorary Member has apologized for participation:

- Škerbinek Danilo

3. Minutes of the 66th Assembly of Delegates 2014 in South Lake Tahoe, NV, USA

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

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

The ICAR Executive Board met for four meetings, one each in January and August in Zurich, and two in October here in Ireland:

- In January 2015 the main topics were: Constituting the ICAR Executive Board, membership categories, the ICAR Sub-Commission Prevention, future conventions and the ICAR Mission Statement.
- In August 2015 the main topics were: ICAR membership applications, convention planning, and finances.

In March 2015 an ICAR Expert Delegation (ICAR Vice-President Dan Halvorsen with Pascal Zufferey from our member OCVS) visited China to support the local organization CMA Chinese Mountaineering Association.

In June 2015 a reconnaissance trip for the ICAR 2017 convention was undertaken to Andorra.

The ICAR Executive Board worked on its participation at SAREXPO in Chile, which then unfortunately got cancelled and is now postponed to Spring 2016 in Cannes, France.

The responsible Chairmen of each Commission presented their annual reports in the plenum earlier this afternoon (see annexes).

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

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates accepts all annual reports unanimously.

5. Finances

5.1. Income statement and balance sheet 2014



Income Statement as of Dec. 31, 2014				
EUR				
Expenses			Budget	
Bank interests and expenses	€ 523.71	€	300.00	
Office and Administration	€ 27'080.25	€	30'000.00	
Translation Convention	€ 29'939.07	€	25'000.00	
Representation (Internet, Video)	€ 5'458.51	€	1'000.00	
Expenses Board	€ 29'978.71	€	30'000.00	
Expenses Commissions	€ 6'906.79	€	12'000.00	
Expenses Sponsors Convention	€ 10'100.00	€	12'000.00	
Expenses Honorary Members / Gifts	€ 600.00	€	-	
Depreciation	€ 1.58	€	-	
Extraordinary expense	€ 2'850.00			
Income			Budget	
Membership fees	€ 38'400.00		€ 36'800.00	
Sponsors	€ 38'100.00		€ 38'800.00	
Capital income	€ 794.83		€ 2'000.00	
Exchange Rate Differences	€ 42.76			
Extraordinary income	€ 29.84			
Total	€ 113'438.62	€	110'300.00	€ 77'367.43 € 77'600.00
Net Loss	€ -36'071.19	€	-32'700.00	
Total	€ 77'367.43	€	110'300.00	€ 77'367.43 € 77'600.00

Eschen, January 6th, 2015
Rosaria Heeb
Treasurer

Balance per 31.12.2014	
EUR	
Aktiven	
Cash	€ 24.25
Bank Accounts	€ 63724.28
Bonds	€ 33'168.77
Receivables (Withholding Tax & Membership Dues)	€ 1755.34
Passiven	
Capital	€ 128'145.32
Congress Equalization Fund	€ 6598.51
Net Loss	€ -36071.19
Total	€ 98'672.64 € 98'672.64

Eschen, January, 17th 2014
Rosaria Heeb
Kassiererin

5.2. Auditor's report

Bericht der Revisoren über das Rechnungsjahr 2014	
Die Revisoren haben das Finanzjahr 2014 überprüft und festgestellt:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Das Jahr 2014 schließt mit einem Verlust von EUR 36'071.19 ab. • Das Vermögen ist gegenüber dem Vorjahr von EUR 135'143.83 auf EUR 98'672.64 gesunken. • 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 2014 zu genehmigen und die Kassierin Rosaria Heeb zu entlasten.	
Eschen, den 19.02.2015	
 Arthur Schregger	 Jürgen Negele

5.3. Acceptance of annual accounts 2014 and relieving the treasury

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

5.4. Membership payments 2015

The following organizations have not yet paid their annual fees:

- GSM Groupe de Secours en Montagne
- ICE-SAR Icelandic Association for Search and Rescue
- SBS Seilbahnen Schweiz

6. Admission of new members

The following organizations all have applied for ICAR Membership. A working group of the ICAR Executive Board has verified all applications and recommends all of them to be approved. Only 2 out of the 13 ICAR Membership Applications got objections of ICAR Member Organizations of the same country.

6.1. UIAA - International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation

The ICAR Executive Board informs the ICAR Assembly of Delegates about its approval for C-type membership. The UIAA Delegation shortly presents its organization.

6.2. AC - Avalanche Canada

The ICAR Executive Board informs the ICAR Assembly of Delegates about its approval for C-type membership. The AC Delegation briefly presents its organization.

6.3. ACNA - Associació per al Coneixement de la Neu i les Allaus

The ICAR Executive Board informs the ICAR Assembly of Delegates about its approval for C-type membership. The ACNA Delegation briefly presents its organization.

6.4. ASV - Alpine SAR Victoria

The ICAR Executive Board informs the ICAR Assembly of Delegates about its approval for C-type membership. The ASV Delegation briefly presents its organization.

6.5. BExMed - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Berg- und Expeditionsmedizin

The BExMed Delegation briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves B-type membership unanimously.

6.6. CHUV - Emergency Service of the University Hospital of Lausanne

The CHUV Delegation briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves B-type membership unanimously.

6.7. FIPS - Fédération Internationale des Patrouilles de Ski

The FIPS Delegation briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves B-type membership unanimously.

6.8. NF - Norsk Folkehjelp

The NF Delegation briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves B-type membership unanimously.

6.9. NFS - Norwegian Society for Mountain Medicine

The NFS Delegation briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves B-type membership unanimously.

6.10. BMRS - Bulgarian Mountain Rescue Service

The BMRS Delegation briefly presents its organization. There is objection to this membership application by the current ICAR member BRC Bulgarian Red Cross (see objection document in the presentation). The ICAR Assembly of Delegates initially approves A-type membership with 25 votes in favor, 11 votes against and 40 abstentions.

Greg Zenruffinen (OCVS) is not happy with the information given to the ICAR Assembly of Delegates prior to the above vote and formally requests more details and then a repetition of the vote. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates accepts Greg's come back request with 48 votes in favor, 7 votes against and 11 abstentions.

The working group of the ICAR Executive Board then explains why the condition of at least 5-year activity as per ICAR recommendation 20111022-BOA-REC0005 has been waived for this organization, like for others; where ICAR has been dealing for many years with their representatives or where representatives of this organization have been attending ICAR conventions or ICAR commission meetings for many years. The BRC objection towards BMRS A-type membership is a national problem, not a question for ICAR.

With no further questions being raised, the vote on the BMRS membership application is repeated. This time the ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves A-type membership with 31 votes in favor, 12 votes against and 33 abstentions.

6.11. CMA - Chinese Mountaineering Association

The CMA Delegation briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves A-type membership unanimously.

6.12. GSSuBIH - Savez gorskih službi spašavanja u Bosni i Hercegovini

The GSSuBIH Delegation briefly presents its organization. There is objection to this membership application by the current ICAR member PSBIH Planinarski savez Bosne i Hercegovine (see objection document in the presentation). The ICAR Assembly of Delegates however approves A-type membership with 46 votes in favor, no votes against and 30 abstentions.

6.13. JMGA - Japan Mountain Guides Association

The JMGA Delegation briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves A-type membership unanimously.

7. Expulsion of Members

None.

8. Change of bylaws (new membership category «Manufacturers»)

Contrary to the information on the agenda, there is no change of our statutes planned. Dan Hourihan explains to the ICAR Assembly of Delegates, that the ICAR Executive Board has decided to amend our partnership regulation instead, creating a new sponsorship category for Manufacturers and Retail/Service Providers. The current limitation on the maximum amount of sponsors per sponsorship level (as per ICAR Partnership Regulation chapter 2.2) shall be amended (increased).

9. Budget 2016

Budget		
ICAR 2016		
	EUR	EUR
Expenses		
Bank Interest and expenses	€ 400.00	
Office and administration	€ 28'000.00	
Representation (Internet, Marketing)	€ 15'000.00	
Board expenses	€ 25'000.00	
Commissions	€ 12'000.00	
Expenses Sponsors Convention	€ 18'000.00	
Income		
<i>Member fees</i>		€ 37'600.00
Sponsors		€ 46'000.00
<i>Manufactures</i>		€ 20'000.00
Internet links		€ 600.00
Capital income		€ 200.00
Total	€ 98'400.00	€ 104'400.00
Net profit 2016	€ 6'000.00	
Total	€ 104'400.00	€ 104'400.00
Zurich, 28.08.2015		
Rosaria Heeb, Treasurer		
		

Rosaria Heeb (Treasury) explains the budget, which also includes some funds for giveaways with our new logo.

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves the proposed budget unanimously.

9.1. Membership fee category «Manufacturers»

Not applicable (as per explanation under chapter 8 above).

10. ICAR Convention fees

Raise the upper limit for ICAR convention fees from EUR 500 to EUR 700 per participant for meals and accommodation, based on double room occupancy:

- including 4 overnights
- including the 4 ICAR Interpreters (being contracted and budgeted by the annual congress organizers)
- without airport transfers
- without optional practical day

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves the proposed raise with 61 votes in favor, 8 votes against and 7 abstentions.

11. ICAR Convention 2016

There have been organizational changes in Bulgaria since the vote of the ICAR Assembly of Delegates last year. Kiril Rusev, the former President of the Bulgarian Mountain Rescue (PSS, under BRC Bulgarian Red Cross) no longer is with that organization, instead he is now joining the ICAR community with his new organization BMRS Bulgarian Mountain Rescue Service (see chapter 6.10. above). The Bulgarian Mountain Rescue, still under the BRC Bulgarian Red Cross, now has a new management which still wants to organize our next convention. A promotional video on the destination is presented.

Dates:

- Tue 18 Oct 16 > Arrival (afternoon/evening)
- Wed 19 Oct 16 > Practical Day
- Thu 20 Oct 16 > Congress
- Fri 21 Oct 16 > Congress
- Sat 22 Oct 16 > Congress (incl. ICAR AoD)
- Sun 23 Oct 16 > Departure (morning)

The ICAR Executive Board has checked the status of the preparation planning of the Bulgarian Mountain Rescue under the BRC, had intensive talks with them, evaluated alternatives or the cancellation of the ICAR 2016 convention and comes to the conclusion that the ICAR 2016 convention can still be held in Borovets, Bulgaria. The majority of the ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves that.

12. General topic 2016

Search Function / Improving the Search before the Rescue.

13. Venue 2017: Andorra

After the withdrawal of the Norwegian Red Cross (NRK) for ICAR 2017 in Norway due to local budget and cost reasons, the Bombers d'Andorra (DEPEIS-GRM) fortunately were able to step in. A reconnaissance trip has already taken place. The proposed location Soldeu in Andorra meets our requirements. A promotional video on the destination is presented.

Dates:

- Tue 10 Oct 17 > Arrival (afternoon/evening)
- Wed 11 Oct 17 > Practical Day
- Thu 12 Oct 17 > Congress
- Fri 13 Oct 17 > Congress
- Sat 14 Oct 17 > Congress (incl. ICAR AoD)
- Sun 15 Oct 17 > Departure (morning)

The ICAR Executive Board proposes to go to Andorra in 2017. The majority of the ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves that.

14. Venue 2018

France.

15. Re-Elections 2016 (optional)

Not applicable (as we will have an ICAR Assembly of Delegates in 2016).

15.1. ICAR Executive Board

Not applicable (as we will have an ICAR Assembly of Delegates in 2016).

15.2. Auditors

Not applicable (as we will have an ICAR Assembly of Delegates in 2016).

16. Budget 2017 (optional)

Not applicable (as we will have an ICAR Assembly of Delegates in 2016).

17. Miscellaneous

The Avalanche Rescue Commission informs about its new Vice-President: Joe Obad.

Handover of the ICAR Flag from Chris England (MRI, Ireland) to the Delegation of the Bulgarian Mountain Rescue under the Bulgarian Red Cross (BRC, Bulgaria).

18. Closing remarks of the President

Franz Stämpfli thanks Chris England and the entire MRI team for the organization of ICAR 2015 in Killarney, Ireland and closes the 2015 ICAR Assembly of Delegates.

Annexes:

- ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2015 Presentation
- Annual Reports of the Commission Presidents AIR, AVA, MED, TER and the Sub-Commission Presidents DOG, PRE.