

Minutes of the 71st Assembly of Delegates

October 12th, 2019 / 16:00 at Nosalowy Dwór Resort, Room Rysy 1-4 in Zakopane, Poland

1. The President's welcome address

In the name of the ICAR Executive Board the ICAR President welcomes all attendees at 16:15 to the 71st ICAR Assembly of Delegates at Nosalowy Dwór Resort in Zakopane, Poland and thanks the local organizing committee for all efforts setting up this year's convention.

The ICAR President personally welcomes the Honorary President Toni Grab and the Honorary Members Dr Hermann Brugger, Nils Farlund, Felix Meier and Dr Ken Zafren.

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.



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Due to maximum daily working time restrictions, also this year's assembly will take place without our ICAR Interpreter team. Most of the presentation is trilingual, a few slides are in one language only. Should you need translation assistance for a specific slide, then please ask (raise your hand) when it's displayed.

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).



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2. Roll call, appointing the officers

We have present:

- 33 A-members with 4 votes each = 132 votes
- 20 B1-members with 2 votes each = 40 votes
- 11 B2-members with 1 vote each = 11 votes

The assembly has a total of 183 votes. The absolute majority (50% + 1 of total available votes) stands at 92 votes.



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Accounting for the votes: The ICAR President proposes Ernst Winkler (BRD-AVS), Andres Bardill (ARS), Océane Vibert (France) and Richard Delaney (NSW-SES). The ICAR Assembly of Delegates accepts.

The proposed meeting agenda is accepted without any additional last-minute requests.

Tom Spycher (ICAR Office) will take down the minutes.

Excused absences:

- Patrick Fauchère (ICAR Honorary Member)
- Louis Salzmann (ICAR Honorary Member)
- Reinhold Dörflinger (ICAR Honorary Member)
- Peider Ratti (KZGDA, Switzerland)

3. Minutes of the 70th Assembly of Delegates 2018 in Chamonix, France

The minutes have been published on our website (in the minutes section) and have been e-mailed to all ICAR member organizations. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates accepts the minutes without any comments or amendments.



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4. President's Annual Report

Franz Stämpfli reports: The ICAR Executive Board met for three meetings; in January and in August at Zurich-Airport, Switzerland and in October here in Zakopane, Poland.

Topics of the ICAR Executive Board meetings were:

- First meeting of the new AIR President Charley Shimanski and his Vice-President Renaud Guillermet.
- Update of the ICAR Guidelines for Convention Organizers and the ICAR Guidelines for Presentations.
- Future Conventions 2021 in Austria, 2022 in Switzerland and 2023 in South Tyrol/Italy.
- Site inspection for ICAR 2021 in Reichenau an der Rax & Vösendorf, Austria.
- MountainSafety.Info: UIAGM, UIAA, SLF & ICAR basically agreed on the legal entity, but the organization needs to be controlled by these 4 members. This is still the actual situation. We say yes, but we don't want a new big organization.
- Short discussion on the Himalaya issue (big accidents), belongs to UIAA.
- ICAR Commission internal Regulations: The ICAR Bylaws and the ICAR Organization Rules are also the basic commission rules, describing how they work. When creating any further regulations, content collision should be avoided. MED & AIR further developed this issue upon this convention.
- Commission meetings with growing number of attendees (discussion in the commissions).
- Convention Program for this ICAR 2019 Convention in Zakopane, Poland.
- ICAR Association & Congress App.

- ICAR Website.
- Upcoming ordinary 4-year election period in 2020: Claude Jacot (Assessor) and Dominique Létang (AVA Commission President) will retire.
- Finances (Annual Report 2018, Audit 2018, Budget 2020).

The responsible Chairmen of each Commission have established their annual reports 2019, 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.

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

5. Finances

5.1 Income statement and balance sheet 2018

The ICAR Treasurer Markus Hölzl presents the annual financial report 2018:

Expenses 2018

Expenses	€uro	Budget 2018
Bank interests and expenses	210,83 €	400,00 €
Tax	65,42 €	- €
Office and Administration *	26.925,00 €	53.000,00 €
Representation (Homepage, Video, etc.)	13.713,07 €	13.000,00 €
Expenses Board	26.118,48 €	25.000,00 €
Expenses Commissions	8.662,85 €	12.000,00 €
Various issues	387,36 €	
Expenses Convention	17.314,41 €	16.000,00 €
Totale expenses:	93.397,42 €	119.400,00 €
Sponsoring Swiss Alpine Rescue -25.000.-		

Income 2018

Incomes	€uro	Budget 2018
Membership fees	60.606,74 €	62.900,00 €
Partner	55.534,32 €	52.450,00 €
Office sponsor	- €	25.000,00 €
Capital income	186,92 €	180,00 €
Exchange rate differences	1.812,56 €	- €
	118.140,54 €	140.530,00 €

Profit and loss account 2018

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Exchange rate differences	1.812,56 €	- €
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Balance per December 31st, 2018

Assets	€uro	€uro
Bank account EURO	132.352,44 €	
Bank account CHF	33.674,00 €	
Liabilities	€uro	€uro
Capital		126.351,65 €
Congress Equalization Fund		6.598,51 €
MedCom Fund		8.333,16 €
Net Profit		24.743,12 €
Total :	166.026,44 €	166.026,44 €

Markus Hölzl also informs about the 3 new ICAR Partners:

- Centum Research & Technology S.L. / Lifeseeker (Spain)
- My ICE Info AB / twICEme (Sweden)
- Rocksnake GmbH & Co KG (Austria)



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5.2 Auditor's report 2018

The ICAR Auditors Arthur Rohregger (ÖBRD) and Jürgen Negele (BRL) have checked the correctness of the accounting for the fiscal year 2018.



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5.3 Acceptance of annual accounts 2018 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 2019

Yellow card (1st unpaid year):

- BPA **Bomberos del Principado de Asturias** >C >EUR 200
- CSGI **Canadian Ski Guide Institute** >B1 >EUR 500
- CMH **Centre Médical Hélicopté** >B1 >EUR 500
- CMA **Chinese Mountaineering Association** >A >EUR 1'000
- FIPS **Fédération Internationale des Patrouilles de Ski** >B1 >EUR 500
- GSM **Groupe de Secours en Montagne** >A >EUR 1'000
- HDC **Hospital de Cerdanya** >C >EUR 200
- HRA **Himalayan Rescue Association** >C >EUR 200
- KARA **Korean Alpine Rescue Association** >A >EUR 1'000
- PSBIH **Planinarski savez Bosne i Hercegovine** > A >EUR 1'000

Red card (2nd consecutive unpaid year):

- WSAR **Wilderness Search and Rescue Association South Africa** >C >EUR 200

6. Admission of new Members (> type)

6.1 GREMM – Grupo de Rescate Médico en Montaña (> C)

The ICAR Executive Board informs the ICAR Assembly of Delegates about its approval for type C membership. The GREMM Delegation (Nicolás MENA REYES) briefly presents its organization.

6.2 GRIMM – Groupe d'Intervention Médicale en Montagne (> C)

The ICAR Executive Board informs the ICAR Assembly of Delegates about its approval for type C membership. The GRIMM Delegation (Dr Nils HOLTHOF) briefly presents its organization.

6.3 JR – Jandarmeria Română (> C)

Following the objection received from ANSMR, clarifying talks took place with both organizations.



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Unfortunately, no consensus has yet been found. Further checks and clarifications are needed. Consequently, the membership application is postponed.

6.4 KSAR – Kilimanjaro SAR (> C)

The ICAR Executive Board informs the ICAR Assembly of Delegates about its approval for type C membership. Nobody of KSAR is present.

6.5 SMX – SiriusMedX (> C)

The ICAR Executive Board informs the ICAR Assembly of Delegates about its approval for type C membership. Nobody of SMX is present.

6.6 KOMOAAP – Cyprus Mountaineering Federation (> B2)

The KOMOAAP Delegation (Nicolas CRAWSHAW) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves type B2 membership unanimously.

6.7 PHSB – Polizeihubschrauberstaffel Bayern (> B2)

The PHSB Delegation (Thomas RENNER & Alexander POELL) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves type B2 membership unanimously.

6.8 BMRA – Braemar Mountain Rescue Association (> B1)

The BMRA Delegation (Steve TEALE) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves type B1 membership unanimously.

6.9 DEE-AAD – Dept. of Environment & Energy / Australian Antarctic Division (> B1)

Nobody of the DEE-AAD organization is present. Consequently, the membership application vote cannot take place and is postponed to a future year.

6.10 GC-GRAE – Generalitat de Catalunya / Bombers GRAE (> B1)

The GC-GRAE Delegation (Alfons ESTERLICH & Benet BECH DE CAREDA) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves type B1 membership unanimously.

6.11 NSR – North Shore Rescue (> B1)

The NSR Delegation (Mike DANKS) briefly presents its organization. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves type B1 membership unanimously.

7. Expulsion of Members

As defined in the ICAR Bylaws, the ICAR Executive Board recommends to the ICAR Assembly of Delegates to expulse the type C member WSAR Wilderness Search and Rescue Association South Africa for two consecutive unpaid annual membership fees (EUR 200 for 2018 plus EUR 200 for 2019).

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates expulses WSAR unanimously.

8. ICAR Convention 2020 in Thessaloniki, Greece

8.1 Organizing Committee

A delegation of the HRT Organizing Committee for ICAR 2020 in Thessaloniki, Greece (Nektarios PARMAKIS & George MALAMAS) is present and called to the podium to introduce themselves to the audience. George MALAMAS of the HRT Organizing Committee presents:

- ICAR 2020 Greece Promo Video
- ICAR 2020 Thessaloniki Greece



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9. General topic 2020

There are 3 suggestions available to vote on:

- Mental and Physical Elements of Mountain Rescue > gets 43 votes
- From Classical to Modern Mountain Rescue > gets 12 votes
- Risk Assessment in Mountain Rescue Operations > gets 129 votes

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates selects “Risk Assessment in Mountain Rescue Operations” as general topic for the 2020 ICAR Convention.

10. ICAR Convention 2021 in Vösendorf / Reichenau an der Rax, Austria

The destination has already been approved at the ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2017 in Andorra. A delegation of the ICAR Executive Board and ICAR Office has visited the proposed locations and has found matching and good infrastructure, besides a highly motivated local organizing committee of ÖBRD. More details will follow upon next year’s ICAR Assembly of Delegates.

10.1 Dates

Proposed dates for ICAR 2021 in Vösendorf / Reichenau an der Rax, Austria:

Tue 26 Oct 21 > Arrival
Wed 27 Oct 21 > **Practical Day (optional)**
Thu 28 Oct 21 > **Congress**
Fri 29 Oct 21 > **Congress**
Sat 30 Oct 21 > **Congress (including ICAR Assembly of Delegates)**
Sun 31 Oct 21 > Departure

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves the proposed dates unanimously.

11. Venue 2023: South-Tyrol, Italy

BRD-AVS (IT) has applied to organize the ICAR Convention 2023 in South-Tyrol/Italy.



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The ICAR Assembly of Delegates approves the BRD-AVS application for the South-Tyrol/Italy venue in October 2023 unanimously.

12. Statuts/Bylaws

Our current ICAR Bylaws (article 4.3.2) require interpretation clarification. The ICAR Delegates are asked to vote on 2 options.



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Odd Staurset (NARG) recommends option 1. Felix Meier (ICAR Honorary Member) explains the original spirit of the bylaws and recommends option 2. The 2/3 majority for bylaws updates is 122. The ICAR Assembly of Delegates decides as follows: Option 1 gets 35 votes and option 2 wins with 140 votes:

“4.3.2 In case of a substitution election during the 4-year term of office, the new member serves for the remainder of the duration of their predecessors. This member can be re-elected twice, which means the term of office commenced is one of the three maximum possible 4-year terms.”

13. Budget 2020

The ICAR Treasurer Markus Hölzl presents the budget 2020:



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The ICAR Assembly of Delegates accepts the budget 2020 unanimously.

14. ICAR Recommendations

The draft of the proposed ICAR Recommendation was enclosed to the invitation.

14.1 Revision MED-REC0032

John Ellerton (MED) explains that there have not been any changes made during the commission meetings during this convention for the drafted revision:

- MED-REC0032 Managing Moderate and Severe Pain in Mountain Rescue



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The ICAR Assembly of Delegates accepts MED-REC0032 unanimously.

15. 'ICAR Digital' Project

The ICAR Executive Board asks the ICAR Delegates for an investment credit of EUR 30'000 for the development of a new web presence. Priority is to be given to the operating system. The architecture is to be left in its current design, with the same structure as the current website. Annual costs of EUR 5'000 are to be budgeted for maintenance and license fees. ICAR office, in its function as webmaster, takes responsibility for the operation of the website and the continued update of its content, under the editorial supervision of the ICAR Executive Board.



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Gebhard Barbisch collects feedback and requests/desires for that project on behalf of the ICAR Executive Board online via Survey Monkey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/23KX7GD>

The ICAR Assembly of Delegates accepts the above request of the ICAR Executive Board for the “ICAR Digital” Project” unanimously.

16. Miscellaneous

No issue.

17. Closing remarks of the President

The ICAR President Franz Stämpfli thanks the Polish Organizing Committee and all involved volunteers for the organization of ICAR 2019 in Zakopane, Poland. He further acknowledges the much-appreciated support of ICAR Partners, local sponsors and exhibitors; plus, all the valuable efforts of the hotel resort and its staff, the interpreters, the technicians and all the ICAR trainers, board-members and office staff.

He reminds all ICAR Member Organizations, that for next year’s ordinary elections in October in Thessaloniki Greece, three positions are open and ICAR Member Organizations are invited to submit their nominations latest 3 months before the next ICAR Assembly of Delegates for:

- ICAR Vice-President
- ICAR Avalanche Rescue Commission President
- ICAR Assessor in the Executive Board

Then he closes the 71st ICAR Assembly of Delegates 2019.

These minutes (and all mentioned documentation) is available online via our website: <http://www.alpine-rescue.org/xCMS5/WebObjects/nexus5.woa/wa/icar?menuid=1069&rubricid=257&articleid=17039>

Zakopane, Poland / October 12th, 2019

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Franz Stämpfli
ICAR President

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ICAR Treasurer

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Tom Spycher
Secretary, ICAR Office