

**Minutes of the WMA General Assembly 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 Sacramento, USA.**

**Location: HOLIDAY INN CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL, 300 J Street, Sacramento, California, USA 95814.**

Meeting commenced at 09.00

**PRESENT:**

**WMA Council**

**Stan Perkins, AUS, President; Vesa Lappalainen, FIN, Executive Vice President; Serge Beckers, BEL, Vice-President Stadia; Brian Keaveney, CAN, Vice President Non-Stadia; Selma Türkkal, TUR, Women's Representative; Jean Edmond, MRI, Africa Representative; Hari Chandra, SIN, Asia Representative; Dieter Massin, GER, Europe Representative; Lynne Schickert, AUS, Oceania Representative; Sandy Pashkin, USA, North & Central America & Caribbean Representative; Jorge Luis Manrique, PER, South America Representative and Winston Thomas, GBR, Secretary.**

**Apologies: Cesar Moreno-Bravo.**

**Delegates**

In accordance with section 4.2.5 of the WMA Constitution, the WMA Affiliates listed below, by region, gave proper notice of their delegates, totaling 120, who in turn had automatic voting rights. Once again several of these delegates arrived late at the registration desk, which caused some problems that needed resolving.

**- Africa (7):**

Algeria (1), Egypt (1), Mauritius (1), Cameroon (1), Senegal (1), South Africa (2)

**- Asia (10):**

China PR (1), Hong Kong (1), India (3), Iran (1), Japan (2), Phillipines (1), Singapore (1), Sri Lanka (1),

**- Europe (67):**

Armenia (1), Austria (2), Belgium (1), Bulgaria (1), Czech Republic (3), Denmark (2), Estonia (3), Finland (5), France (5), Germany (5), Gt Britain & Northern Ireland (5), Hungary (2), Ireland (1), Italy (5), Latvia (2), Netherlands (3), Norway (2), Poland (2), Portugal (2), Romania (1), Russia (1) Spain (5), Sweden (3), Switzerland (2), Turkey (1) Ukraine (2),

**- North and Central America & the Caribbean (17):**

Canada (3), Costa Rico (1), Jamaica (1) Mexico (4), Puerto Rico (2), Trinidad & Tobago (1), USA (5).

**- Oceania (9):**

Australia (5), Fiji (1), French Polynesia (1) New Zealand 2),

**- South America (10):**

Argentina (1), Bolivia (1), Brazil (2), Chile (2), Colombia (2), Paraguay (1) Uruguay (1).

(Note: there were 119 delegates plus 12 Council members registered at the beginning of the General Assembly; one additional delegate registered after the first ballots) giving a total of 132 votes.

**Guests:**

**Organising Committee WMA 2012 Championships, Jyväskylä, Finland**

**Organising Committee WMA 2013 Championships, Porto Alegre, Brazil**

**Bid Teams for WMA 2014 Indoor championships from:**

Budapest, Hungary and Valencia, Spain.

**Bid Teams for WMA 2015 and 2016 Stadia Championships from:**

Bydgoszcz and Torun, Poland. Lyon, France, Perth, Australia.

**Former members of WMA. Al Sheahen, David and Linda Pain.**

1. **Opening of the General Assembly**

The President (Chairman) opened the meeting and welcomed the delegates, bidders and guests, as well as other attendees. President outlined the meeting procedures.

2. **Certification of the proper calling of the General Assembly**

President explained the calling of the General Assembly and that meeting was properly called.

3. **Election of two (2) scrutineers for the minutes**

Marilyn Mitchell (USA) and Bob Schickert (AUS) were put forward and were certified as the scrutineers for the minutes.

4. **Election of 4 persons to count the votes**

Three persons were nominated from the floor:

Larry Kemp (CAN), Don Chambers (AUS) and Lauren Vargas (Costa Rica).

The above-named persons were certified as the counters for the General Assembly.

5. **Bid presentations and voting for 2014 WMA World Championships**

5.1 **Budapest, Hungary.** George Hetczeg, President of the Hungarian Masters and Marton Gyulai Secretary of the Hungarian Athletic Association, presented the Budapest bid on PowerPoint.

Question: USA, asked the proposed date for the championship.

Answer: proposed dates were 24th to 30th March, 2014; would not recommend dates before March 17.

5.2 **Valencia, Spain.** Bernadino Lombao and Javier Moracho, three-time 400m Olympic hurdler, presented the bid of Valencia with a video and PowerPoint. Proposed dates were 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

Question: from Gt Britain & Northern Ireland, cost of accommodation.

Answer: Three-star, €60.00 with cheaper one- to two-star accommodations, as well as camping and caravan parks.

Question: From Canada, availability of accommodation close to the venues.

Answer: Approximately 2000 beds within half kilometre from the arena.

Question: From USA, will the weight throw be inside or outside.

Answer: Indoors.

Both the presentations were well received by the Delegates.

<u>Voting:</u>	<b><u>Budapest</u></b>	<b><u>Valencia</u></b>
	72	59

**Following the votes count, the President declared to the General Assembly that the 2014 WMA Championships are awarded to Budapest.**

*(Note: there had been a problem with the counting of votes, as there was one extra vote. This was resolved when it was determined that an extra delegate had been included in the votes total, but said voter had not been timely registered.)*

Before the commencement of bids for the 2015-16 World Masters Championships a motion was moved by Gt Britain & Northern Ireland 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ireland “that agenda item 15. 3 WMA Council proposals constitution bidding requirements, be heard before the presentations by the bidders”.

**This motion was defeated**

### **2015 World Masters Championships Stadia**

It was decided that the bid presentations for the 2015 and 2016 Outdoor championships would be in alphabetical order by country.

5.3 **Bydgoszcz and Torun, Poland.** The bid team were introduced by Jerzy Kruze, head of the LOC and consisted of Rafal BRUSKI, Mayor of Bydgoszcz; Blazej STAWIARSKI, Member, City Council of Bydgoszcz add Director, Promotion and Foreign Tourism; Jaroslaw WIECKOWSKI, Director of Sport and Tourism Department, City Council of Torun; Wacław KRANKOWSKI, President of the Polish Masters Association; Anna Włodarczyk, 1984 Olympic Long Jumper and W50 Indoor World Triple Jump record holder.

Jerzy Kruze presented a PowerPoint presentation and showed a video.

Question: From USA, can they guarantee legal 68.60 cm hurdles.

Answer: Yes, they have them.

Question: From Gt Britain & Northern Ireland, do they know how the events will be split between the Towns.

Answer: This will be dependant on the entries.

Question: From Germany, what is the distance between the main venues?

Answer: The distance between the town is 30km and main venues 40km

5.4 **Lyon, France.** The presentation was made by Jean Gracia, Director of the FFA, and EAA Vice President for Development, who introduced the bid team of: Marcel Ferrari, Vice-President FFA and head of the LOC; Quentin Willems, Veterans Coordinator; Pierre Quinon, 1984 Olympic pole vault Champion.

Jean Gracia showed a video and continued with a PowerPoint presentation, followed by a welcome to Lyon from Pierre Quinon.

Question: From USA, the proposed dates.

Answer: End of July to August, but Lyon is flexible.

Question: Will they have the legally required 68.60 cm hurdles.

Answer: Yes, they also have them.

Question: From Austria, is there sun protection at the main venue.

Answer: Yes, there is protection and about 1500 seats.

Question: From Australia, is there transport to the practice stadiums.

Answer: There will be no problem, as the local transport covers all the venues.

Question: From Canada, will there be training at the main stadiums.

Answer: Yes, this will depend on the number of entries and talks with WMA.

Question: From Gt Britain & Northern Ireland, what type of surface is the main track.

Answer: Mondo.

Question: From Puerto Rico, what support is there regarding visas.

Answer: Lyon is supported by all the organizational bodies, including Governmental entities so there should be no problems with visa requirements.

5.5 **Perth, Australia**. The bid was presented by Glen Hamilton, Western Australian Government; Richard Blurton, Chairman of the LOC with Bob Schickert and Lynne Schickert.

Glenn Hamilton showed a PowerPoint presentation and a short video. The proposed dates were 14-25 October, 2015.

Question: From Gt Britain & Northern Ireland, what is the distance time-wise from Stadium One to Stadium Three.

Answer: Thirty (30) minutes.

Question: From USA, the same question on the 68.60 cm hurdles, do Perth have them.

Answer: Yes, they have them.

All three presentations were very well received by the delegates.

#### **Voting. 1st Ballot**

<b><u>Bydgoszcz and Torun</u></b>	<b><u>Lyon</u></b>	<b><u>Perth</u></b>
<b>36</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>47</b>

#### **Voting. 2nd Ballot**

<b><u>Lyon</u></b>	<b><u>Perth</u></b>
<b>72</b>	<b>59</b>

**Following the vote count the President declared to the General Assembly that the 2015 WMA Stadia Championships are awarded to LYON.**

5.6 Following the change in the WMA Bidding requirements, later in the meeting, a ballot was cast between Bydgoszcz/Torun and Perth for the staging of the 2016 Stadia Championships.

<b>Voting:</b>	<b><u>Bydgoszcz and Torun</u></b>	<b><u>Perth</u></b>
	<b>53</b>	<b>68</b>

**Following the vote count, the President declared to the General Assembly that the 2016 WMA Stadia Championships are awarded to PERTH.**

Following the final count the President asked for a vote that the ballot papers be destroyed.

**This was carried unanimously.**

**6. Break**

**7. Submission and approval of reports from the:**

President.	Approved as read. Moved by the President 2 <sup>nd</sup> New Zealand
Executive Vice President	Approved as read. Moved by USA 2 <sup>nd</sup> New Zealand
Vice President Stadia	Approved as read. Moved by USA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ireland
Vice President Non-Stadia	Approved as read. Moved VP Non Stadia 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Australia
Secretary	Approved as read. Moved by Australia 2 <sup>nd</sup> New Zealand
Women's Representative	Approved as read. Moved by Gt Britain & Northern Ireland 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Spain	
Treasurer	

The President explained that the treasurer was unable to travel because of illness, and gave a summary of the last received budgets in March. This show a large drop in income, and a large expenditure on Council business.

Several questions followed from, Finland, Ireland, Germany, Sweden, Austria, Netherlands, Canada within budgeting, Council housing, WMA Logo, draft constitution, budgetary approval, and responsibilities of the Council.

Jean Gracia, France explained there is a need for an organization like WMA to meet but that WMA need to increase their income to cater for the meetings. After explanations from the President, approval of the treasurer's reports was moved by Canada 2<sup>nd</sup> Australia.  
**And Approved**

**8. Submission and approval of the auditor's report**

The President having outlined the Auditors report in the report of the treasurer asked for approval of the Auditors report. Moved by Canada 2<sup>nd</sup> Australia.  
**Approved**

**9. Submission of report on IAAF**

The President gave a brief outline of the written report from Cesar Moreno-Bravo who was not able to stay for the General Assembly due to his work with the IAAF. The report covered the motion to have the masters age moved back from 40 years to 35 years and the dissolution of the IAAF Masters Committee.

The motion to adopt the IAAF report was made by the Vice President Non-Stadia and seconded by Australia.

**Approved.**

#### **10. Election of WMA Honorary Members**

Before the election of Honorary Members the President made two special awards, first to David Pain, one of the founders of WAVA, the former name of WMA, and a true stalwart for masters in the early years, followed by an award to Al Sheahen, a former treasurer of the WMA Council and the person behind the formation of the WMA Age graded tables. Both gentlemen were received with standing ovations from the delegates.

The President later recognised the past distinguished services of the following members of the WMA family with a presentation of special WMA pins:

MONTY HACKER	(Republic of South Africa)	SILVER PIN
REX HARVEY	(USA)	SILVER PIN
DIETER MASSIN	(Germany)	SILVER PIN
JOSE FIGUERAS	(Uruguay)	SILVER PIN
HANNES BOOYSEN	(Republic of South Africa)	SILVER PIN
FRIEDEL SCHUNK	(Germany)	BRONZE PIN
LEO BENNING	(Republic of South Africa)	BRONZE PIN

#### **11. Break**

#### **12. Status Report, Indoor 2012, Jyväskylä, Finland**

A report with PowerPoint was presented by Janna Ruponen, Marketing Manager of the Jyväskylä Convention Bureau and was well received by the delegates.

Several questions were answered by the Vice President Stadia, Vice President Non Stadia and Executive Vice President. The Facilities for the Non Stadia and organizational matters are all in order, including adverse weather provisions. There are some items to be resolved with regard to the stadia facilities, but it is anticipated that there will be “A” and “B” races, due to the four-lane track and the fact that the terms of advancement or progression will differ from the standard progression.

The Vice President Non-Stadia asked for a secondary cross country site, which would be flat and safe, should there be snow such that the primary designated site becomes dangers.

Online registration will be operative September 2011.

Question: From Denmark, will there be free transport from the airport to City centre?

Answer: There will be buses from the airport to the town for around €2.00.

#### **13. Status Report Stadia 2013, Porto Alegre Brazil.**

Before the presentation of Porto Alegre, the present expressed to the Meeting that Marina Hoernicke-Gill was not very well and that it would be appreciated that those that know her send regards to her. The meeting also asked Fernando Marquina to pass on our best wishes.

Porto Alegre LOC Team: Graziela Padoin, Porto Alegre Convention & Visitors Bureau; Sinara Lourdes Zorzo, ABRAM Treasurer; Hypolito da Silveira, LOC Chairman and

President of the Brazilian Masters Athletics; Adilson Oses, ABRAM Technical Director; Elisa Maria Botelho Diniz, ABRAM Computers Director; Kalil Sehbe, Secretary of Sports and Leisure of State Rio Grande do Sul; Renita Dametto, President of the Foundation of Sports and Leisure of State Rio Grande do Sul and Luis Bicente Basso, Office Marketing Director.

Graziela Padoin (Convention and Visitors Bureau) introduced the members of the Porto Alegre team, followed by a welcome message from Mr Kalil Sehbe to all the masters on behalf of Porto Alegre. A report with a Video and PowerPoint was then given by Graziela Padoin and Sinara Zoro, on the proposed facilities, accommodation, travel, gastronomy and leisure in Porto Alegre. Finally a rousing call to athletes, families and friends to come to Porto Alegre and celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> WMA Championships was issued by Francisco Hypolito da Silveira.

The Porto Alegre website will be operative by late August or September 2011.

The reports were accepted.

**14. Voting on motions to Amend the WMA Constitution, Bye-Laws, and Rules of Competition.**

**1) Application.**

3.1.2 A National Governing Body affiliated to the IAAF (hereinafter referred to as NGB) in a country where there is no existing WMA Affiliate, shall automatically be approved by the Council.

“Friendly amendment” by Vern Christensen, Canada:

3.1.2 A National Governing Body affiliated to the IAAF (hereinafter referred to as NGB) in a country where there is no existing WMA Affiliate, shall be approved by the Council as the WMA Affiliate.

**Carried unanimously**

**2) 3.5.1 Eligibility of Delegates**

Only masters/veterans who are members in good standing of an Affiliate shall be eligible for appointment for membership of the WMA Council or any WMA Committee.

**Carried unanimously.**

**3.5.1 New part to rule 3.5.1:**

**3.5.2** Any office bearer or masters/veterans who are members in good standing, of an Affiliate shall be eligible for appointment as delegates to the General Assembly.

**CARRIED unanimously**

Dr. Matthias Reick, Germany, proposed that in future the old Notice of Motion is also included with the proposed changes

## **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **3) Bidding Requirements**

2.3.1.1 WMA shall sanction WMA World Championships Stadia, normally to be held in each even-numbered year, WMA World Championships Indoors normally in each odd-numbered year. (text continued). Application to stage----

Amendment from the President and noted that this was a By-Law matter not a constitutional matter

### **3) Bidding Requirements.**

2.3.1.1 Effective from 2016 WMA shall sanction WMA World Championships Stadia, normally to be held in each even-numbered year, WMA World Championships Indoors normally in each odd-numbered year. (text continued) Application to stage----  
Amendment

Reason: to avoid clash with world Masters Games every four years. Regional championships would also then have to change to the odd-numbered years.

**Carried by majority**

## **WMA RULES OF COMPETITION**

### **4) WMA Non Stadia Committee:**

Recommend the following additions to the rules of competition:

Rule 3.1.1.1 Marathon. Add: “and either Half marathon or 10K Road Race, 6km Cross Country Relay, or Ekiden.

Rule 3.1.2.3 The following Championships will be offered concurrently with the indoor Championships:

Rule 3.1.2.4 Add: “10km Road Race: 6km Cross Country Relay or Ekiden

Fernando Marquina, Spain, proposed an amendment to the rules, seconded by Jorge Luis Manrique: to remove 6km Cross Country Relay or Ekiden.

Following debates with Germany, Gt Britain & Northern Ireland, Sweden, the chairman called for a vote

**This was passed by a majority.**

A further amendment was then made by Germany, seconded by USA, with wording clarification by Canada:

Rule 3.1.1.1 **Marathon and either Half marathon as part of the marathon, or 10K Road Race.**

Germany asked whether the WMA Council had debated the issue of athletes competing in several long distance events. The Chairman said that this has not been discussed.

The USA and Australia spoke against the amendment, as athletes should have the options and decide for themselves the number of events in which they would participate.

Whilst Chile spoke for the motion.

The President called for the vote. **This was passed by a Majority.**



#### **4) WMA Non Stadia Committee: Final Motion**

Recommend the following additions to the rules of competition.

Rule 3.1.1.1 Marathon, add: “and either Half marathon as part of the marathon, or 10K Road Race:”

Rule 3.1.2.3 “The following Championships shall be offered concurrently with the indoor Championships...

Rule 3.1.2.4 Add: “10km Road Race”

**The final draft was carried by a majority**

### **MOTIONS FROM THE AFFILIATES**

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL**

2) Proposed by British Masters Athletics Federation,

Proposes WMA Constitution 9.1.2

After: .....”and adopt its own Constitution and Bye-Laws, which may not conflict in any sense with the Constitution and Bye-Laws,” insert: “and Rules of Competition of WMA”.

Ian Richards, Gt Britain & Northern Ireland, speaking for the motion expressed that there need to be consistency with Regions following the WMA Rules in their competition, as this is what is expected by the team managers.

Brian Keaveney, speaking on behalf of the Council explained that this is not possible, as many of the regions do not always have the same opportunity to be able to conform with the rules.

Australia spoke against the motion.

Gt Britain & Northern Ireland asked for an amendment to add the words, “procedural Rules of Competition of WMA”. This was seconded by Rex Harvey, USA.

The President called for a vote. **The motion is defeated by a Majority.**

### **WMA RULES OF COMPETITION**

3) From the Finnish Masters’ Athletic Association

Proposes the following amendment to Rule 162:

The start:

In any race, individual athletes who are charged with a false start, as determined by the head starter, shall be warned. Any athletes who are charged with a further false start in the same race, as determined by the head starter, shall be disqualified.

Serge Becker, speaking on behalf of the Council against the motion, said that in his monitoring of several championships, there had been no long delays due to false starts.

Dr Matthias Reick, Germany also spoke against the motion.

**The motion was defeated by a majority**

7) From the United States Track and Field  
Proposes alternatives for Non Stadia Championships:

1. That the General Assembly consider reinstating 'stand alone' non stadia championships in a partnership format with already established races throughout the WMA regions.

Mary Rosado, USA spoke in favour of the motion, asking WMA to study the possibility of partnering with other already-existing races and events for the WMA championships.

Brian Keaveney on behalf of the Council spoke against the motion, saying that the stand alone Non Stadia championships had not worked. Partnering with others, as, for example, in the Marathon means that WMA athletes would possibly be "absorbed" in the larger event and not be at the forefront of the event, might possibly be limited in entry, and possibly the masters age-group would start at 40 years old rather than at 35.

Mary Rosado in response explained that organisers like the New York Marathon would like the opportunity to talk with WMA on the possibility, and it would not be a "stand alone" championship. The athletes would get preferential treatment, but we would need to study these points and see what is feasible for the future.

The President called for the vote. **The motion was defeated by a majority.**

8) From the British Masters Athletics Federation  
WMA Rules of Competition 110.2

After: ..... "In the opinion of the Safety Judge, endanger the athlete's health or the progress of other competitors" Insert the words: ... "in that specific event".

Ian Richards, Gt Britain & Northern Ireland, speaking in favor of the motion explained concerns that older athletes in mixed races should not be removed from a race by Safety Judges so as to keep the program on running time.

Serge Beckers on behalf of the Council, spoke against the motion and explained that slower athletes are presently being allowed to run in the outside lanes, and safety judges have a broader remit that just watching the slower runners.

Carroll DeWeese, USA, speaking against the motion explained that the Safety Officers do have a larger remit and many times with the Medical team help the athletes to finish. The problem at a regional or lower level should be resolved at that level and not conflict with the WMA Safety Officers' roles

The President called for the vote. **The motion was defeated by a majority.**

9) Proposed by the Real Federación Española de Atletismo (RFEA)

Rule 169. Steeplechase, (Appendix A)

RFEA Proposes that the height of the Steeplechase barriers for the M50-M55 age-group be reduced from .914M to .762M.

Fernando Marquina, Spain, speaking for the motion explained that all other hurdles events have changes with age but the Steeplechase for M35-59 does not and the M50-55 event needs to be look at.

Serge Beckers, speaking on behalf of the Council, the Stadia Committee and the sentiment of the “public” Stadia meeting explained that going down to 76.20cm was too low. The logic is understandable, but it must also be remembered that athletes can go over the barriers in many different ways within the WMA ruling.

Vern Christensen, Canada, also spoke against the motion, as he felt that with the WMA rules he was able to compete within the rules during his time in the age category over the 91cm Barriers.

In response Fernado Marquina expressed though 72.20 cm is low it, gives the athletes a proper chance to hurdle and in a World championship the athletes deserve this.

The President called for the vote. **The motion was defeated by a majority.**

15) Proposed by the Council,

Proposes a New WMA Constitution, Bye-Laws and Rules of Competition.

The President made the following statement on the proposed draft Constitution.

#### **COMMENTS ON TABLING OF DRAFT CONSTITUTION**

The preparation of a new constitution was promised by me as part of my election undertakings.

The document I present today is a draft only and together with the By-laws these documents are being submitted on the understanding that subject to the actions I will now outline, the New Constitution will be placed before the General Assembly in Porto Alegre, Brazil for adoption in 2013.

Unfortunately the drafting of the documents took much longer than had been anticipated and it is acknowledged that there has not been sufficient time allowed for Affiliates to read through and comprehend the document presented to them.

The Law and Legislation committee of WMA have given lengthy consideration to the document at meetings held here in Sacramento. They have agreed to the following process to be put into place.

It is acknowledged that the documents are not complete at this time. However apart from corrections to the English expression the content is substantially inclusive of all of the matters that are intended to be included in this New Constitution. There are some matters relating to the laws of Monaco that have not been determined as we awaiting a response from the IAAF legal personnel. The IAAF is based in Monaco and is subject to the same laws that will govern WMA as a result of our registering our organisation in that Country.

The draft constitution will be distributed to all Affiliates (this has in fact now been done) and affiliates are requested to consider the document and submit any proposals they may wish to put forward, either as amendments, additions, deletions or to seek clarification on any of the listed inclusions.

The deadline for submissions will be 31 January 2012. A reminder of this date will be included with the minutes of this meeting when they are distributed to all Affiliates in due course. The

draft constitution and all submissions received will then be directed to the Law and Legislation committee for their consideration.

The Law and Legislation committee will then have until 31 October, 2012 to complete their work on the draft constitution and to put forward the outcome of their deliberations. The draft constitution, inclusive of the submissions and the decisions taken therein by the Law and Legislation committee will then be submitted to the WMA council for their consideration. The outcome of their deliberations will then be referred back to Law and Legislation for their further review.

The final document, as determined by the Law and Legislation committee, together with a summary of all of the submissions received, will then be referred back to the Affiliates no later than 31 January 2013. This will allow the Affiliates sufficient time to consider the final document that will be presented in Porto Alegre.

Please note that because of the complexity of this matter two additional persons have been drafted into the law and legislation committee. These persons are George Reilly from Canada, a retired legal attorney and Bob Banens from Australia. Bob is the head of a Government department will extensive experience in the drafting and completion of constitutions for sporting organisations.

I do not intend to enter into any debate at this meeting on this matter as there are some Affiliates present who have not had time to even read through this document and I believe every Affiliate needs the time to do this and any debate in this forum today would not be appropriate. However I will reference the matters in the document that represent significant change from the existing constitution.

1. Firstly our registered office will change from Sweden to Monaco.
2. A membership fee must be established in order to limit the liability of members to the associations assets. It is necessary to state explicitly an amount as a membership fee in the constitution. It is expected that this fee will be a nominal amount and that the payment of the fee will be automatically suspended – in other words not payable unless the General Assembly decides otherwise.
3. Council powers. The detailed provisions regarding rights and duties of the council have been moved from the Constitution to the By-laws.
4. The composition of the Council is a major change with a reduction in size of the council from 15 to 8.
5. The appointment of the auditor has been expanded but is still substantially the same
6. The regulations concerning the accounting period have been moved from the By-laws to the Constitution
7. There are new clauses numbered 10/ 11/ 12/ 13/ 14. Some of these points are referenced in the current constitution but are now more clearly defined.

Following the Presidents submission, Rex Harvey, USA, suggested a feedback mechanism in the next year and a half, wherein all of the suggestions would be posted on the website.

Pia Kemppainen-Kajola, FIN, proposed more strongly that the president promise to register all incoming proposals, suggestions, and recommendations received and that they be put on the website.

In response the President expressed that he found the comment offensive to think that this would not be done.

Vern Christensen, Canada, agreed with the proposal of Rex Harvey.

Margit Jungmann, Germany, asked about a synopsis of the old and the new changes be also added.

The Law & Legislation Committee will look at this.

**Chairman called for the vote on agreement to proceed in the manner outlined above. This was Unanimously agreed.**

**Other outstanding matters**

The chairman asked for any comments as to the granting the 2016 Championships.

Following discussions and comments the **GA by a Majority voted to award the 2016 Championships.**

It was also decided that a new ballot should be cast.

The result of the ballot is referred to under it **5.6 Championship Bids**

Before the closing of the assembly Bridget Cushen, Gt Britain & Northern Ireland n and also an IAAF Masters Committee Member made a plea to the members to try and get their federations to back the motion of Cesar Moreno-Bravo and to vote in Daegu in August to have the age of Masters Road Running moved back to 35.

**16) Closing of the General Assembly**

The President thanked the delegates for their patience and attendance, thanked the interpreters and closed the meeting at 17.43

**SIGNATORIES**

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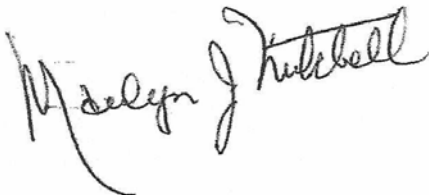
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