

MINUTES

UIAA Management Committee Meeting, Flagstaff, USA, 16th October 2014

Venue: Lowell Observatory

08:30 – 12:30 EXECUTIVE SESSION and 14:00 – 17:30 with Commissions' Presidents

Chair: Frits Vrijlandt, UIAA President

Minutes: Stephanie Stettbacher

Management Committee			
Frits Vrijlandt FV	NKBV Netherlands	Royal Dutch Climbing and Mountaineering Club	EB President
Peter Farkas PF	MHSSz Hungary	Magyar Hegy- és Sportmászó Szövetség / Hungarian Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association	EB Vice President
Hélène Denis HD	FFCAM France	Fédération Française des clubs alpins et de montagne	EB Secretary General
Thomas Kähr TK	SAC Switzerland	Swiss Alpine Club	EB Marketing and Communication
Pier Giorgio Oliveti PGO	CAI Italy	Club Alpino Italiano	EB Treasurer
Anne Arran AA	BMC United Kingdom	British Mountaineering Council	MC
Nejat Akinci NA	ZIRVE Turkey	Zirve Mountaineering Club	MC
Colonel Chauhan CC	IMF India	Indian Mountaineering Foundation	MC
Georges Elziere GE	FFCAM France	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpains et de Montagne	MC
Joan Garrigos y Toro and Lluís Lopez Leiro JGT/LLL	FEDME Spain	Federación Española de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada	MC and Interpreter
Petronella Grobler PG	MCSA South Africa	The Mountain Club of South Africa	MC
Lucia Foppoli LF	CAI Italy	Club Alpino Italiano	MC
Frank-Urs Müller FUM	SAC Switzerland	Swiss Alpine Club	MC
Peter Muir PM	ACC Canada	Alpine Club of Canada	MC
Christine Pae CP	KAF Korea	Korean Alpine Federation	MC
Commission Presidents			
Pierre Humblet PH	CMBEL Belgium	Climbing & Mountaineering Belgium	Com Pres. Mountaineering
Juan Jesus Ibanez Martin JJM	FEDME Spain	Federación Española de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada	Com Pres. Access
Urs Stöcker US	SAC Switzerland	Swiss Alpine Club	Com Pres. Ice Climbing

David Hillebrandt DH	BMC UK	British Mountaineering Council	Com Pres. <i>Medical</i>
Steve Long SL	BMC UK	British Mountaineering Council	Chairman <i>Training Standards</i>
Linda McMillian LM	AAC USA	American Alpine Club	Com Pres. Mountain Protection
Dave Custer DC	AAC USA	American Alpine Club	Com Pres. <i>Safety</i>
Israfil Ashurly IA	Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan Mountaineering Federation	Com Pres. <i>Youth</i>

UIAA office			
Sophie Gerard SG	Project Manager		UIAA
Stephanie Stettbacher SS	Office member		UIAA

Excused or absent Management Committee members			
Sebastian De La CRUZ	FASA Argentina	Federacion Argentina de Ski y Andinismo	
Stuart Anthony Gray SAG	NZAC New Zealand	New Zealand Alpine Club	
Tadao Kanzaki	JMA Japan	Japan Mounteering Federation	

Guests			
Claude Eckhardt CE	FFCAM France	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpins et de Montagne	UIAA Honorary member
William (Bill) Putnam BP	AAC USA	American Alpine Club	UIAA Honorary member

1. Welcome by the President and apologies for absence

FV welcomes all the participants and thanks Honorary Member William Putnam and Lowell Observatory for organising the meeting in Flagstaff, Arizona USA. He also thanks Honorary Member, Claude Eckhardt, for his attendance.

- ▶ General Secretary, HD made the following announcement :
 - There are 15 members present; the quorum (art 17 of the Articles of Association) is the majority of the members. The MC has 18 members so the majority is 10, the quorum is met and valid decisions can be taken.
 - With 15 members present, the majority is 8.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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| ▶ The agenda is unanimously approved. |
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3. Approval of the Minutes of the previous MC meeting (Munich 24th May 2014)

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| ▶ The minutes of the MC meeting in Munich are unanimously approved. |
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4. Report by the President (see details in President Report)

FV asks if there were any questions or comments about the President's Report.

GE asks about the UIAA policy for applications by new member federations, that this needs to be written clearer in the rules.

FV- Yes, we will discuss this, the AoA needs to be updated: it has to be made clearer in the regulations what are the requirements to be met to apply for new membership.

- ▶ No additional comments/questions about the report.

5. Report from the Office (see details in Office report)

FV – Announced Sophie Gerard was appointed as Office Manager and a new contract was signed with Etienne Grillot as Event Coordinator.

- ▶ No additional comments/questions about the report.

6. Report on Communication and update on Marketing (see details in Communication Report) (TK)

TK – Presented new UIAA image brochure which was decided on at last MC meeting in Munich in May 2014. It contains the heart of UIAA and no financial figures. The 2014 Annual Report will be presented at MC meeting in March 2015 with the financial details of 2014 as the financial calendar year falls from Jan1- Dec 31, figures can then be more accurately be expressed.

New slogan for UIAA 'For the Climbers, For the World'

SG reports on our Sponsors for 2014(see more details Sponsor report)

SG - The UIAA agreed on a partnership with International Mountain Summit. During this conference, the UIAA Mountain Protection Award will be announced. Carolina Adler, UIAA Mountain Protection delegate, Elvin Mammadov from Western University (UIAA Mountain Protection sponsor) and the winner from Pamir Horse Adventure (Tajikistan) are attending the conference.

A photo contest might be organized in the following months. The main goal is to generate more photographic materials for the UIAA.

PG- suggested members make use of the UIAA website and upload images to the website, climbing all over the world!

7. Finance (PGO)(See more details in PGO report)

7.1 Quarterly Report 2014 (information)

PGO: The accounts on September 30th 2014 show a profit of CHF 225'738.

7.2 Forecast 2014 (information)

PGO: The last 2014 Forecast from October 1st 2014 shows a profit of CHF 6'050, but we can expect a higher profit.

7.3 Budget 2015

PGO- presented the 2015 Budget with a profit of CHF 9'960.

CC- Asked about the 2013 profit. Is the profit spent the year after?

PF- Goal is to keep profit as low as possible. Profit goes into a reserve to help if needed as a reserve, risk management, to keep the UIAA in operation. This was a Management Committee decision made in Budapest. The goal was to have within the next 10 years 1 year's reserve.

▶ **The 2015 Budget is unanimously approved by the Management Committee.**

8. Membership Updates (HD)

8.1 Application from Armenian Alpine Club is not being discussed as it was already approved in MC Munich in May 2014.

a. National Adventure Association of Malaysia (applied for full membership) Persatuan Kembara Negara PKN, Founded in 2004, 47 members

GE- They are small and I suggest they be accepted as Associate members and we help them grow.

JGT- We think they should be recognized by NOC first.

PG-What is the criteria? Has the same criteria been followed with Bangladesh?

AA- Maybe we should discuss at GA, what the criteria for membership acceptance for UIAA should be and have it written.

HD- If we made an error with Bangladesh we shouldn't continue with more.

FUM- This has been a problem for years, we have lost many hours discussing it. We should be careful in accepting new memberships, by asking for example-

- ❖ If there are other federations in their country.
- ❖ 'Asking if they are recognized by NOC.
- ❖ If there is a bigger federation in their country, let the bigger federation know the smaller one is applying for membership in UIAA.

CP- I recommend we accept them as an Observer member for 4 years and then decide to accept them as full member.

PG- Suggested that a set of criteria for membership be available for MC, not in AoA, but specific criteria that can be used by the MC as reference to help in making membership decisions.

- ▶ Management Committee unanimously recommends Malaysia to be accepted as an Observer member of UIAA

b. Lithuanian Mountaineering Association (applied for full membership) *Lietuvos Alpinizmo Asociacija LMA*, Founded in 1959, 130 members

- ▶ Management Committee unanimously recommends Lithuanian to be accepted as an Full member of UIAA

c. National Mountaineering and Climbing Association of Sri Lanka (applied for observer membership) *National Mountaineering & Climbing Association Sri Lanka (NMCA)*, Founded in 2014

- ▶ Management Committee unanimously recommends Sri Lanka to be accepted as an Observer member of UIAA

8.2 Non-payment Member federations for 2013 and 2014

1. Cyprus (KOMOA) CHF 2,600
2. Mongolia (MNMF) CHF 2,600
3. Peru (CAP) CHF 2,100

Motion to be proposed at the UIAA General Assembly: To expel these Member Federations (for non-payment of 2 consecutive years) if fees have not been paid by end of 2014.

- ▶ Mongolia MNMF, Cyprus KOMOA and Peru CAP will be contacted and informed of the motion decided by the Management Committee.

JGT and LLL- We were contacted by EOOA; the Greek federation was surprised to receive a proposal to apply for the Solidarity Fund. The situation about the membership payment is a misunderstanding.

HD- They were sent an email requesting financial information according to the requirements of the Solidarity fund. It was only later realized that Greece, was not asking for a reduction of fees, and was only complaining about their material membership decrease. A letter will be resent explaining the miscommunication.

8.3 Changes in AoA (information and discussion)

FV- These were not ready to be presented at this MC and GA meeting. I want to make sure these are made clear and simple and represent the reason why the UIAA is here : it should be made clear for the world what we are doing. We have also to respect the conditions for Olympic



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application if necessary. The proposal of the changes in AoA will be ready by MC meeting in March to be voted on by GA in Korea 2015.

FUM- This is already in art 3. For membership requirements (to be member of the NOC) we should leave it alone unless IOC comes to us and asks us to change. What's in the statutes doesn't make the difference, it's the activity.

PF- Our AoA are not to the point, we must respond to this.

FV- The goal is not to change the AoA, just to make them clearer.

- ▶ Working Group for AoA Update: H el ene Denis, Sophie Gerard, Lucia Fopolli, Frank Urs M uller. They will work together and present a proposal for the next Management Committee meeting in March.

BP- Suggest we do away with Secret Ballot, as you are a delegate of a federation and not voting for yourself. You are voting for your federation and this vote should be open and clear.

8.4 Use of Solidarity Fund including MSCA Request

HD- Explained that the Solidarity fund is to be used to offer help to current UIAA members having difficulties to pay their annual membership fees. The criteria for eligibility to the Solidarity

Fund are defined below:

1. To be preferably recognized by NOC
2. To provide accounting records signed by outside external expert
3. To show proof of payment problem
4. Request possible only once every 3 years

Member federations wishing to benefit from the UIAA Solidarity Fund can contact the UIAA Office or the UIAA General Secretary. The Solidarity Fund process will be explained in details to the member federation.

FV- We have approached 3 members (Greece, Cyprus and Portugal). So far, none of these member federations met the criteria and EOOA informed the UIAA about their willingness to pay their membership based on the reduced number of member and not to apply for the Solidarity Fund.

PG- Member of MSCA expressed the opinion of her federation, that It has been historically the case in the UIAA that large (and, by implication, mostly strong) federations pay less per member than smaller federations. This has been pointed out by (at least) the MSCA already in 1997 (Addendum B) but is surely well-known to all Management Committee members though the years. There is a severe financial penalty to have less than approximately 4000-5000 members, especially below 1000.

PG recommends to employ a more equitable and closer to linear - if not linear - membership fee structure. This will have a long-term effect on membership loss of small federations that are not financially in a strong position..



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FV- The idea is good, and with your help we can establish a working group to look at the membership formula. Your proposal can be sent to the board and can be presented in 2015.

FUM- : Big federations don't profit as much from the UIAA and don't want to pay more.

AA- Benefits for members should be more visible on the website. Will send Sophie a list of target countries to approach for more member federations. Larger federations can help by twinning with smaller federations, voluntarily.

8.5 European Federation of Mountaineering Association- update (PGO)

PGO - This organization is still in the process of making a collective body of European Mountain Federations. We have a charter we have sent to all European Federation. By October 2014 they must decide to join or not. The main goal is to become more active in Europe.

FV- It has nothing to do with UIAA; it is like UPAME in South America, or UAAA in Asia. I got an email from Josef Klenner that he would like to discuss this at General Assembly because he has a feeling it may influence the activities of UIAA.

FUM- We can add this item in Miscellaneous at the end of the General Assembly Agenda.

8.6 Executive Board election and Management Committee election (information)

- Peter Farkas MHHSz our longest member on the board is up for re-election as Vice President
- Marc Beverly AAC is a new EB member up for election, he is an ice climber from USA and URGM Mountain Guide, involved in Mountain Rescue; will help with technical events like ice climbing and training standards
- Christina Pae KAF is up for re-election on Management Committee
- Josef Klenner DAV is standing for a Management Committee seat.

SG- There is a question on the length of Josef Klenner's term as he is stepping in to fill the vacant seat from Chili (David Munoz).

FUM- If Josef Klenner is elected, his mandate lasts 4 years.

8.7 Membership issues: full member and associate member (Korea and Azerbaijan)

FV- Both federations from Azerbaijan (AMF and FAIREX) were admitted as UIAA member at the same time in the Borneo General Assembly. They signed an agreement at this time that they would share the vote for a period of 2 years. They renewed the agreement in 2012 at the General Assembly in Amsterdam. Now their agreement ends in 2014. FAIREX is recognized by government and has 4500 members; AMF is not recognized and has 150 members. Our idea is to have them voluntarily decide who will be full member.

HD- According to article 10.4, the General Assembly has the power to review the membership. The question is if they don't decide voluntarily, can we at the GA review their membership and decide by GA vote who will be full member?

PF- Point one we have 4500 members versus 150 members, FAIREX being the nationally recognized federation. We also asked the Ministry of Sports of Azerbaijan and the clear answer was FAIREX. We also held a meeting to discuss membership and at the last minute AMF cancelled the meeting. It is our personal feeling that AMF does not want to have an agreement. We have to decide, but we are not an investigating party, so our decision was to ask the Ministry of Sports.

FV- We would like to approach them for a voluntarily decision since they are both attending this General Assembly, and if they don't decide then we have to leave it up to the 2015 General Assembly.

HD- Can we decide if necessary, at the next GA a decision on Azerbaijan membership?

FUM- If there is no voluntary decision made after the meeting, we should ask them to explain their positions to the Management Committee. Then the Management Committee will make the recommendation to the GA to decide.

FV- Yes, if there is no decision between the 2 federations who is full or associate member, it will be decided at next year GA 2015.

NA- I know both federations and I can speak their language, and if you need any help with negotiations I would be able to help.

FV- KAF is requesting the full membership status. The idea is to organize a meeting with the Corean Alpine Club (CAC – full member) and the Korean Alpine Federation (KAF – associate member) and try to solve the situation on a voluntary basis.

CP- We would appreciate if you Frits can help to talk with CAC.

FV- Thank you KAF for all your help with Ice Climbing and we will help with discussions between CAC and KAF and a find diplomatic solution.

FUM- These points (Korea and Azerbaijan) need to be added on the 2015 General Assembly Agenda and voted by the member federations.

9. Admission of International Sky-Runner Federation as Unit Member (discussion)

FV- We received a letter from the International Skyrunning Federation wishing to discuss the possibility to join the UIAA as unit member. An informal lunch meeting is organized with Silvio Calvi who represents Sky-Runners. The organization is also Observer Member of UIAA.

FUM- Sky running has nothing to do with mountaineering. We made this unit member status with the thought especially for ski mountaineering and sport climbing to return with us.

FV-Yes but their feet are on the mountain, more and more of our federations are participating in Sky-Running, and the world is changing and there are many more of these sky running activities. There are no decisions yet, we're just open to hear what they have to say.

Luis- This sport is increasing every year, it can increase membership. It will be a big challenge, we need to think carefully, don't make fast decisions.

PM- I am finding it is hard to understand how sky-running doesn't fit in with the unit membership as it is a mountain sport.

FUM- I accept it but not as a unit member.

TK- We need to decide how open do we want to be in the development of this sport. We should be open to it, as part of the future.

HD- My problem is that the unit member as stated in the AOA gives a right to for the joining organization to have a guaranteed Vice President seat in the Executive Board, how is it possible without voting rights?

PM-That person as a unit member will have a vote on the board but not at General Assembly.

TK- Yes, Maybe we should try another way to integrate them in the UIAA not as a unit member.

FV- This will be an open meeting and we will inform the Management Committee members of the outcome.

10. Rock Climbing Working Group

FV-There are rock climbing festivals all over the world, which are attracting many people including the youth. We would like to help these festivals with a kind of format that will help with safety standards.

Working group: Anne Arran, Marc Beverly and Peter Farkas.

Task will be to develop a format for safety standards for these competitions, environmental issues to be included: promoting unbolted rock. The idea is to start with working with already established festivals, as early as next year.

AA- Do we have a budget for this?

FV- We have to start low profile at the beginning CHF 2,000 and we can see how much budget can be used.

11. Strategic Plan Update

PF- We are half through the strategic plan. It is time to make amendments. Problems are some goals don't meet the general requirements of SMART objectives (Specific, Measurable, Assignable, Realistic, Time based). Since the last Management Committee we have updated these objectives (see updated roles in meeting docs).

12. Award for the contribution to the UIAA: Steve House

Steve House devotes his life for training young climbers. Unfortunately, he could not be here. He is an example of what the UIAA represents.

Vote for Steve House to receive the Award

▶ Management Committee unanimously agrees to the award given to Steve House

13. Future Meetings

13.1 Management Committee Meeting, Zaragoza, Spain

- ❖ DATE CHANGED 26-28 MARCH
- ❖ Thursday-Friday-Saturday FEDME Mountaineering Conference- everyone can attend the conference on Saturday
- ❖ March 26 EB Thursday
- ❖ March 27 MC Friday

13.2 General Assembly 2015 Seoul, Korea

13.3 General Assembly 2016

- ❖ New Dehli, India proposal from IMF
- ❖ Kathmandu, Nepal proposal from NMA
- ❖ Brixen, Sud Tyrol proposal from AVS

FV- thanks the three federations for their proposal to host the 2016 UIAA General Assembly. We will watch presentations from each country and vote on them at General Assembly.

Break for lunch

14. Commissions update- All Approved by Presidents and MC

Asgarov	Ismayil	Azerbaijan	AMF	Access&Expeditions (CM)	Accepted
Dr Flitcroft (CM)	Catherine	UK	BMC	Access&Expeditions (CM)	Accepted
Hwang (CM)	Hank	Taipe	CTMA	Access&Expeditions (CM)	Accepted
Dornian	David	Canada	ACC	Ice Climbing	Accepted
Jung	Hojin	Korea	KAF	IceClimbing	No re-nomination form received
Ashurly (CM)	Israfil	Azerbaijan	AAF	Ice Cimbing (CM)	Accepted
Dhillon	Sundeep	UK	BMC	Medical	Accepted
Rianne vld Spek	Marielie von Vessem	Netherlands	NVBK	Medical	2 delegates holding one seat- Accepted
Meijer	Heleen	Netherlands	NKBV	Medical	Moved to Experts- Accepted
Mammadov (CM)	Emin	Azerbaijan	AMF	Medical (CM)	Accepted
Humbatov (CM)	Najat	Azerbaijan	AMF	Mountaineering (CM)	Accepted
Zeynalov	Rauf	Azerbaijan	AMF	Traditional Values Working Group	Accepted

Gillooly (CM)	Anna	New Zealand	NZAC	Legal Experts Working Group (CM)	Accepted
Lanning (CM)	Gerald	New Zealand	NZAC	Legal Experts Working Group (CM)	Accepted
Makgill (CM)	Matt	New Zealand	NZAC	Legal Experts Working Group (CM)	Accepted
McIndoe (CM)	Nicola	New Zealand	NZAC	Legal Experts Working Group (CM)	Accepted
Hellberg	Florian	Germany	DAV	Safety	Accepted
David	Reeve			Safety	Expert-Accepted
Ashurly (President)	Israfil	Azerbaijan	AAF	Youth	Accepted
Ramos	Antonio	Portugal	FCMP	Youth	Accepted

14.2 Overview of the current status of Commission Projects.

Peter Farkas (See more details in PF report)

- The most important task is to bring in line commission projects with Strategic plan. We are proposing some changes which are in report. I have talked about these changes with Commission Presidents. They are now more exact and achievable. These will be voted on at General Assembly.

FV- Asks the Commission Presidents if they are aware of the Commission objectives and if these objectives are achievable before the end of 2016.

Urs- OK

Dave - OK

Steve Long - Administration has been our biggest hold back, but we are almost over this hurdle and things are on track.

Israfil - Ok

Pierre- TS ok- LEWG- we have to rebuild to get it more efficient we have some new ones from New Zealand, and some other fed I have been in contact with. We are working on a Near Miss Survey.

Linda – Yes

Juan – Yes, we need more people in expeditions

Nenad – OK

David H – We achieved the goal of 6 new Diplomas, but there was a misunderstanding as we won't be able to do this every year.

PF- Yes we talked in the break, we need to amend that:

- ▶ 6 new Diplomas with in a four year period for Medical.

14.3 Discussion about the reports from commission presidents

a. Safety- Dave Custer (DC)

FV- the board has received a request for increase in the budget and we would like to know why.

DC- We haven't asked for enough money in the last few years. We have done all the easy standards, the ones we are working on now are hard and expensive, bolts are expensive. We are very close to getting a snow picket standard. Crash pad testing is in a preliminary state and we don't know when this will finish. This year we didn't produce any new standards but last year we had 3 new standards.

FV – Very good achievement, we could see at Outdoor Show in Friedrichshafen, Germany. The Water repellent ropes was prominent also with the UIAA logo.

PM – My interpretation is the Safety Commission agrees with the strategic plan, but without raising the budget, it can't be done. DC is working on more difficult standards. He needs the MC committing to his plan.

TK – The costs go up but not the income. We must have a proposal on how to increase income. How do we promote the UIAA Safety Label?

DC – I think we should have a separation between Safety Commission and the marketing and selling of it.

FV – Yes you can meet the goals of the Strategic plan but you need marketing help to promote the Safety Label. The marketing is not presently included in the tasks of the commission.

DC- I think we can meet the goals for the next few years, but I need to know what relationship the Executive Board wants for the Safety commission to have regarding Safety labels promotion and its revenue.

PM- Basically, Dave wants to know what the Executive Board expects from the Safety Commission. To be the marketer for the label? If yes, there is a fundamental conflict of interest for the Safety Commission, because their primary goal is safety, not revenue.

SL- We need to market the label of the UIAA so everyone wants the label, and knows that it means safety.

FUM- You say Europe is a saturated market and we should look at emerging ones like South America and Asia. How would you promote the Safety label there?

DC- We need people to go back to their federations and say we support the UIAA label. Long term, we need to get some laboratories in these other countries, we are getting our first nibbles on that.

TK- Could we collect a list of list of manufacturers in other countries that we could target for the UIAA Label.

DC – We could ask the federations to make a list of companies to start. I would prefer that the Safety commission would not be the marketers of the label.

FV – We need to look at this and see if this is the best solution, you are doing a great job, and we need to look at ways to help promote the Safety label to increase the revenue, because there is a great future.

b. Ice Climbing

US- I am happy that the Image Brochure is out and I think it is best way to approach new people and show our vision.



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FV- How many Athletes about?

US- Around 200 licensed athletes, getting closer to Ice Climbing Strategic Plan of 300 athletes. Strategy is getting new athletes, support them as they are the faces of the sport, look at new sponsors. The goal is by 2016 have 6 events. Most targets we met for 2014.

I need help to bring on board member federations, to encourage finding athletes. We should support these federations with our knowledge to help them create competition nationally. Provide them with a format. Collect information about the events and contact people within federations, have it ready in the summer before next season. This information about how to train ice climbers will be made into an Ice Climbing 'Handbook'.

FV- We are working on sponsorship. Marc Beverly will help with the handbooks that we can provide to the ice climbing athletes.

US- We need more athletes from different federations.

FV- We have this task to develop other federations in Ice Climbing.

TK – We need resources to do this and we need to think how we can do this.

FUM – I was not in Munich and I want to know about Sochi.

US – Sochi was a good event. We did best we could. It is hard to tell future about Olympic sport as the IOC has lot of internal problems and these problems are hindering us from getting a clear answer. We are in contact and are in line with our application to become Olympic sport.

FV - They promise to say something to us in December after the IOC Executive Board meeting in Monaco. Speak to all your local IOC members and tell them we exist, lobby for UIAA.

TK – Every member having connection with NOC member should get in touch with them and give us the contact so we can build a network.

c. Mountain Protection

LM- I'm getting excellent help from the staff, and what I still need is publicity. Next month I will be working as a UIAA person on a discussion Panel for Mountain Protection ICUN, Worlds Parks Congress, in Sydney Australia looking at how scientists can help with mountaineers doing research in environmentalism. Mountain Protection Award will be awarded on Monday in Italy with many thanks to the sponsorship from Azerbaijan Western University and Golden Rock.

SG- The goal for the coming years is to give an award to an UIAA member federation if we have more money from sponsors. So there will be 2 awards.

d. Youth

IA- We are 16 active members. We had one event in South Africa that was postponed from last year, special thanks to Petro Grobler and Jenny Patterson and local organizers. One event is planned in the US till the end of the year, so I need to talk to Mark about what kind of support we can get from him for Youth. One event planned in Azerbaijan is postponed to 2015.



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FV- The goal was to have 4 events per year

IA- No the goal was 2 events from ARISF each year. Totally we have done 6 events for global youth, 99 athletes from 40 countries. We hope next year it grows. We have an idea to have a youth expedition to climb the new mountain peak in Nepal named UIAA Peak. I have been in talks with Ang Tshering Sherpa. My idea is Frits could promote this event on December 11, International Mountain day.

FV- We need this to be safe and promote Safety. This is an exciting idea.

BUDGET PROCESS for 2016

PGO presents the 2016 budget process guidelines to Commission Presidents. Our goal is to optimize our budget management during the year and give you the best possibilities for your Commission. We need to receive the Commission budget by June 15. We recommend you to respect the schedule.

15. a. Access

TK- We would like to merge existing Access declarations into a short and comprehensive easy to read and simple one: 10 points of the climber promise and we are currently together with Juan working on this, and would like to propose to the Management Committee a draft next March.

FV– We will send it out in March and it can be officially approved 2015 at GA.

b. Anti-Doping: 2014 Anti-Doping regulation

ND- Propose to accept the new updated anti-doping regulations. Everything is in line with WADA requirements.

- ▶ Vote for Management Committee in favor of recommending the 2014 Anti-doping regulations to the General Assembly

Management Committee unanimously agrees to recommend the Anti-doping 2014 Regulations For acceptance at the General Assembly

c. Mountaineering: Mount Everest statement (Pierre Humblet)

FV- Did we stop the research on the 8000 peaks Aruga?

PH- Yes, I was supposed to present a statement with the spirit of adventure.

FV- Thank you for the idea, but it is too short notice. It's a good idea, copy the office, finalize it for December, and it can be presented in March.

FV - BMC and AAC came up with a proposal about Mount Everest statement to be presented at the General Assembly.

AA– It's a good idea if we get together with Ang Tshering Sherpa and Nepal for the support of the statement.

d. Training Standards

SL- I would like to know who is the training officer in every country. I must have this information that I can see on the database. That helps us to help them, this could be asked at the GA. We also have to work with organizations that have governance. We have also a fantastic handbook in English that we haven't been able to print because of costs.

FV -Can SL give us a cost for these handbooks, we know printers who can get the job done.

HD- But this book is not supposed to be sold?

PH- It is restricted selling.

SL- We would also like to have it translated into other languages.

MB- Have you thought about standards for fire fighters, they highly respect the UIAA and its standards. They have no good standards and can be a good idea where UIAA could help.

e. Medical

DH - You were hoping for 400 euro for each diploma, unfortunately it won't work, we run diploma with both IKAR or ISSM and they don't want to charge for it. What we thought might make money will not, but we aren't losing any money on it, so that's good news.

Drug Use in Mountaineering was a 5 year work in progress. It is the only time the Executive Board had controversy on our work. 40% of climbers climbing up Kilimanjaro are using drugs. We are not being judgmental and are not taking a stand, we are worried about the misinformation out there. Our paper is listing all the drugs we have heard of and is written for the layman.

FV- We are glad to have this document for educational purposes but the UIAA does not endorse the use of drugs.

DH- PF and I have come up with a disclaimer that 'the UIAA does not tolerate the use of drugs and methods that are on the prohibited list for UIAA registered athletes.

HD – There is one point we haven't finished yet – it is regarding the Training Standards Panel and the study to open the training standards to non UIAA members.

SL- We welcome the help from other members to help with a business and marketing plan. I am too busy to find members for this Working Group

FV – We need to specify the goals and present this in March, the EB will help in making this Working Group.

FV thanks for everyone's positive contributions and closes the meeting.