

## UIAA Management Committee Meeting Brixen / Bressanone, South Tyrol, ITALY

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### Venue: Forum Brixen, Regensburg Hall

Chair: Frits Vrijlandt, UIAA President

Minutes: Stephanie Stettbacher

	Delegate	Country	Abbr	Federation		Registered
<b>Executive</b>		<b>Board</b>				
FV	Frits Vrijlandt	Netherlands	NKBV	Royal Dutch Mountaineering and Climbing Club	EB	YES
HD	Hélène Denis	France	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpins et de Montagne	EB	YES
PF	Peter Farkas	Hungary	MHSSz	Magyar Hegy- és Sportmászó Szövetség / Hungarian Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association	EB	YES
TK	Thomas Kähr	Switzerland	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	EB	YES
PGO	Pier Giorgio Oliveti	Italy	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	EB	YES
MB	Marc Beverly	USA	AAC	American Alpine Club	EB	YES
<b>Management</b>		<b>Committee</b>				
NA	Nejat Akinci	Turkey	ZIRVE	Zirve Mountaineering Club	MC	YES
AA	Anne Arran	Great Britain	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	MC	YES
CC	Col. Chauhan	India	IMF	Indian Mountaineering Foundation	MC	Absent / Excused
GE	Georges Elziere	France	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpins et de Montagne	MC	YES
LF	Lucia Foppoli	Italy	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	MC	YES
JGT/ JJM	Joan Garrigos i Toro / Juan Jesus Ibáñez Martin (interpreter)	Spain	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	MC	YES
SAG	Stuart Anthony Gray	New Zealand	NZAC	New Zealand Alpine Club	MC	YES
PG	Petronella Grobler	South Africa	MCSA	The Mountain Club of South Africa	MC	Absent / Excused (stepped down)
KY/ HO	Kuniaki Yagihara / Hitoshi Ondera	Japan	JMA	Japan Mounteering Federation	MC	YES
JK	Joseph Klenner	Germany	DAV	Deutscher Alpenverein	MC	YES

PM	Peter Muir	Canada	ACC	Alpine Club of Canada	MC	YES
FUM	Frank-Urs Müller	Switzerland	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	MC	YES
CP	Christine Pae	Korea	KAF	Korean Alpine Federation	MC	Absent / Excused
<b>Commission Presidents</b>						
JJM	Juan Jesus Ibáñez Martin	Spain	FEDME	<b>Access President UIAA</b> Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	CP	YES
ND	Nenad Dikic	Serbia	PSS	<b>Anti-Doping President UIAA</b> Mountaineering Association of Serbia	CP	YES
GM	George Rodway	USA	AAC	<b>Medical President UIAA</b> American Alpine Club	CP	YES
CA	Carolina Adler	New Zealand	NZAC	<b>Mountain Protection President UIAA</b> New Zealand Alpine Club	CP	YES
PH - CM	Pierre Humblet & Claudio Melchiorri	Italy	CMBEL CAI	<b>Mountaineering President (&amp; Pres elect Oct 2016)UIAA</b> Climbing & Mountaineering Belgium Club Alpino Italiano	CP	YES CM (LATE)
SL	Steve Long	UK	BMC	<b>Training Standards Chairman</b> British Mountaineering Council	CP	YES
ND	Nenad Dikic	Serbia	PSS	<b>Anti-Doping President UIAA</b> Mountaineering Association of Serbia	CP	YES
DC	Dave Custer	USA	AAC	<b>Safety Commission President UIAA</b> American Alpine Club	CP	YES (Skype)
	Youth Commission			No Representative		
<b>Unit Member</b>						
	Silvio Calvi	Italy	ISF	International Skyrunning Federation		YES
<b>Honorary Members</b>						
CE	Claude Eckhardt	France	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpins et de Montagne	Hon	YES
RL	Robert Leopold	Netherlands	KNAV	Royal Dutch Alpine Club	Hon	Absent/ excused
JP	Jordi Pons	Spain	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Hon	YES
ATS	Ang Tshering Sherpa	Nepal	NMA	Nepal Mountaineering Association	Hon	YES
<b>UIAA Office</b>						
SG	Sophie Gerard	Office Manager				YES
SS	Stephanie Stettbacher	Office Coordinator				YES
<b>Guests</b>						
GM	Greg Moseley	South Africa	MCSA	Mountain Club of South Africa Guest Rep. Africa	Guest Rep.	YES

ML	Martin Lascano	Argentina	FASA	Federación Argentina de Ski y Andinismo	Guest Rep.	YES
				Guest Rep. Central & South America		

## 08:30 – 12:30 Executive session

### 1. Welcome by the President and apologies for absence

**FV:** Welcomes all the participants, and expresses the sincere regrets of the absence of Christine Pae, who recently lost her husband. Announced that Greg Moseley from South Africa, would like to represent the seat of Africa for Petro Grobler, who has stepped down from her MC position. He is also the candidate, unopposed for Representation Africa, on Saturday.

- ▶ **FV: Motioned that Greg Moseley may attend this meeting without voting rights.**
- ▶ **Unanimously Approved**

▶ **MC unanimously approves the attendance of Greg Moseley, without voting rights, to attend the meeting**

- *Greg Moseley enters the room.*

#### 1.1 Members Present (please revert to table above)

**FV:** Thanks Honorary Members: Jordi Pons and Claude Eckhardt for coming. Excuses for absence were sent by Col. Chauhan, Petronella Grobler, and Honorary Member Robert Leopold.

#### 1.2 Declaration of Quorum and Majority

**HD:** General Secretary, made the following announcement:  
There are 16 members present; Mark Beverly is late, so 17 when he arrives.  
The quorum (art 17 of the Articles of Association) is the majority of the members.  
The MC has 19 members so the majority is 10, the quorum is met and valid decisions can be taken.

▶ **With 17 members present, the majority is 9.**

### 2. Approval of the Agenda (vote)

- ▶ **FV: Motioned to approve the Agenda**
- ▶ **Unanimously approved**

▶ **The MC agenda is unanimously approved.**

### 3. Approval of Minutes of previous MC meeting, Baku Azerbaijan (vote)

**HD:** We received comments from Josef Klenner and Petro Grobler. These comments have been sent with the MC supporting documents.

*(Comments of JK and PG are shown to MC for approval.)*

- *The following remarks were raised, based on the comments from JK to the mins:*

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**10. 2017 – 2020 Strategic Plan: first draft presentation** (discussion and decision)

~~In spite of the original intention to present a first draft the working group was due operational problems not in the position to submit any paper to the MC. Considering this situation the Board developed an own concept the day before and presented it during the informal meeting on 14.05.2016. The participants of the informal meeting made several criticizing comments and did not agree in general. It was discussed whether the working group should start again, but then the Board proposed to take up this issue.~~

**JK:** We should keep the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence, there was no draft proposal officially.

**PF:** I accept the first sentence, however, we did submit a structure for the SP 2017-2020.

- ▶ **FV: Motion to keep only the first sentence from JK: Page 9 Item 10, and accept all other comments.**

**Unanimously Approved**

- ▶ **The MC approves the Minutes of MC Baku, Azerbaijan with the accepted comments from JK and PG.**

**4. Report by the UIAA President (information)**

No comments or questions were expressed.

**5. Report from the UIAA Office (information)**

**SG:** Sophie Gérard presented the current staff 2016 with the new addition of Carol Kahoun, the Event Coordinator including Ice Climbing, Anti-Doping and Youth. The office has now 6 people. Valérie Thöni has decided to leave the UIAA team as of October 31, 2016. We will be looking for new Project Coordinator 50% starting January 1, 2017.

**6. Report & update on Communication and Marketing (information SG / TK)**

**SG:** The North Face Korea continues as our sponsor in Ice Climbing until 2018. In Mountain Protection our sponsors are Western University and Golden Rock for the UIAA Mountain Protection Award, Keen is our new sponsor for UIAA Respect the Mountains. For next year we are in negotiation with Ternua, they might become Respect the Mountain sponsor for 2017 with Keen.

**Activities in branding:** we have a new Respect the Mountains logo, and we are currently updating the branding guidelines.

**TK, Communication:** **New website** set to be online this Monday after the GA, more movies, pictures and improvement in the structure, easy navigation. Focus on stories, rather than long reports. (i.e. Climber's Manifesto, and for each and every point, Peter Bourne connects it with a story) New software helping Ice Climbing registration and focus on main projects including highlighting Safety Label.

**Newsletter:** 300% growth since switch to mail chimp, engagement rate consistently of 50%

**Press release:** Rebranded and has targeted distribution list.

**Social Media:** Facebook: 17,000 Followers / Twitter: 11,000 followers / Instagram 1,000 followers

**Communication:** Climber's Manifesto, interviews with Commission Presidents, Meet the Ice Climbers, Medical – extracts from advice papers, MPA project showcase and RTM events

**JK:** I'd like to comment on the sponsors, particularly Golden Rock, I am afraid they use our name to promote their tourism business, which goes against our mountain protection.

**PF:** Hussein Bagirov, Minister of Environment in Azerbaijan, is in charge of 7 national parks in Azerbaijan where he could see the effects of mass tourism. He therefore set up Golden Rock with the main goal to promote responsible tourism in the mountains. Golden Rock publishes material on sustainability, as well as organizes international conferences on sustainable tourism.

**TK:** We also have sponsoring guidelines to follow to avoid conflict of interest.

## **7. Finance (Treasurer)**

### **7.1. Forecast 2016**

<b>INCOME STATEMENT/CHF</b>	<b>BUDGET 2016</b>	<b>Accounts 31.07.2016</b>	<b>FORECAST 2016 from mid-August</b>	<b>Variation Forecast-Budget 2016</b>
Membership fees	300'000	285'836	310'000	3.33%
Safety Label	96'000	103'605	103'700	8.02%
Other Income (Training Standard, Ice Climbing...)	38'100	23'460	37'000	-2.89%
Grants	59'900	29'100	59'900	0%
Sponsors	181'000	195'590	243'200	34.36%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>675'000</b>	<b>637'591</b>	<b>753'800</b>	<b>11.67%</b>

<b>EXPENSES STATEMENT/CHF</b>	<b>BUDGET 2016</b>	<b>Accounts 31.07.2016</b>	<b>FORECAST 2016 from mid-August</b>	<b>Variation Forecast-Budget 2016</b>
Staff	260'100	154'695	295'000	13.42%
Administration	36'200	17'071	47'200	30.39%
Meetings & Operating Expenses	87'700	25'826	79'900	-8.89%
Commissions' Projects & Events	228'800	122'592	283'300	23.82%
Communication	51'500	25'295	51'500	0.00%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>664'300</b>	<b>345'479</b>	<b>756'900</b>	<b>13.94%</b>
<b>RESULT</b>	<b>10'700</b>	<b>292'111</b>	<b>-3'100</b>	<b>-128.97%</b>

**PGO:** We expect to finish the year 2016 with a result around zero.

### **7.2 Budget 2017**

**PGO:** We project a total income of about CHF763100 with more income from the membership fees including the 5 new members. Expenses distribution is overall the same as in 2015 (CHF664'300), new projects and new sponsors. Meeting and operating expenses are on the rise (new Board member). The 2017 expected result is a deficit of CHF8,200.

INCOME STATEMENT/CHF	BUDGET 2016	FORECAST 2016 from mid-August	BUDGET 2017	Variation BUDGETS 2017-2016
Membership fees	300'000	310'000	310'000	3.33%
Safety Label	96'000	103'700	125'000	30.21%
Other Income (Training Standard, Ice Climbing...)	38'100	37'000	34'400	-9.71%
Grants	59'900	59'900	52'700	-12.02%
Sponsors	181'000	243'200	241'000	33.15%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>675'000</b>	<b>753'800</b>	<b>763'100</b>	<b>13.05%</b>

EXPENSES STATEMENT/CHF	BUDGET 2016	FORECAST 2016 from mid-August	BUDGET 2017	Variation BUDGETS 2017-2016
Staff	260'100	295'000	298'000	14.57%
Administration	36'200	47'200	47'500	31.22%
Meetings & Operating Expenses	87'700	79'900	100'300	14.37%
Commissions' Projects & Events	228'800	283'300	276'000	20.63%
Communication	51'500	51'500	49'500	-3.88%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>664'300</b>	<b>756'900</b>	<b>771'300</b>	<b>16.11%</b>
<b>RESULT</b>	<b>10'700</b>	<b>-3'100</b>	<b>-8'200</b>	<b>-176.64%</b>

**SAG:** What is the significance of the falling rate of the Euro to the UIAA finances?

**SG:** 25% of our income is in Euro, and 15% of our income is in dollar.

**FUM:** The Safety Label fees will go up? Increase in sponsoring, who is the new sponsor?

**SG:** Yes, this is a 10 Euro increase on each Safety Label., so it means an increase revenue of CHF 20,000. The Safety Commission has agreed for this increase, as it will pay for the annual Safecom meeting costs.

- ▶ **FV: Motion to recommend budget 2017 to the General Assembly**
- ▶ **14 Approved 1 Abstention**

- ▶ **The MC approves the motion to recommend the 2017 Budget to the General Assembly.**

### **7.3 Membership fee review by the Executive Board (information)**

**FV:** A review was done of the membership fees by the Executive Board. Since our fees are based on the member numbers, it has been agreed that on the UIAA annual Survey form, in addition to all individual members reported, there will be the signature of the federation's presidents, signing that this is the valid number.

**JK:** There was a WG regarding the issue of Membership fee structure, then in Baku it was motioned by FUM that the EB would take the final decision. I would like to know if the issue is resolved.

**FV:** We do not want an increase in membership fees, if we want to balance the fees, we first must get a true estimation of all the members of each federation.

**PF:** What the WG did was point out problems, there were questions but no answers, so the problem was sent to the EB. What the EB decided, is that there will be no fair fee structure until the reporting of these figures are fair. So this is the first step.

**FUM:** Based on the results from the EB, I state for the minutes, my motion from Baku is finished.

## **8. Membership updates (General Secretary)**

### **8.1 Guidelines to recommend a new organization as full member**

**HD:** I was asked in Baku to prepare some criteria to accept active member organizations. These criteria can admit exceptions in some particular cases, which the MC shall thoroughly examine, and are not intended to be included in the AoAs. The criteria are as follows:

1. Minimal size: 300 members
2. Openness
3. Non-profit
4. Recognition (by NOC or Gov. to be considered of National Importance)

**PM:** There may be a potential problem with #4, for example in Canada no one governs mountaineering, and we are not recognized by the government.

**PF:** The only time #4 is important is when there are 2 organizations competing for the membership, at this time recognition from NOC or Government, would be important. For #1, this minimal size is difficult to obtain for smaller countries.

**FV:** These criteria are guidelines and not mandatory. The MC shall look at the organizations in a case by case review.

- ▶ **FUM: If you want to send this to new applicants, I propose that you also add:**

**AoA Article 6.1a) Active members (with voting rights): any mountaineering organization of national importance and with significant membership can become a member with voting rights.**

- ▶ *FV: Motioned: that the MC uses these criteria as guidelines for recommending new organizations for Active membership to the GA.*
  - ▶ **Unanimously approved**
- ▶ **The MC approves the motion to use *these criteria as guidelines for recommending new organizations for Active membership to the GA***

## 8.2 Applications of new members:

### 8.2a Mountaineering & Climbing Federation of the republic of Kazakhstan

**HD:** Based on criteria from the MC guidelines approved, we can now look at the following applicant organizations based on chart below.

Federation	Founding year	Membership applied	Members #s	Openness	Non-Profit	NOC Recognized
Mountaineering & Sport Climbing Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan	2006	Active	300	?	yes	NOC, UAAA

- ▶ *FV: Motioned: To recommend Active Membership to MCFRK to the General Assembly*
- ▶ **0 Against; 0 abstentions – Approved unanimously**

▶ **Mountaineering & Sport Climbing Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan is recommend by MC to the General Assembly for Active membership**

### 8.2b Albanian Mountaineering Federation

Federation	Founding year	Membership applied	Members #s	Openness	Non-Profit	NOC Recognized
Albanian Mountaineering Federation	1964	Active	350	?	Yes	NOC, BMU

- ▶ *FV: Motioned: To recommend Active Membership to FSHALTM to the General Assembly*
- ▶ **0 Against; 0 abstentions – Approved unanimously**

▶ **Albanian Mountaineering is recommend by MC to the General Assembly for Active membership**

### 8.2c Federation Nacional de Andinismo de Guatemala

Federation	Founding year	Membership applied	Members #s	Openness	Non-Profit	NOC Recognized
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<b>Federation Nacional de Andinismo de Guatemala</b>	1952	Active	325	?	Yes	NOC - in process, recognized by Gov.
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**HD:** As you notice they are in the process to be NOC recognized. So we should discuss if we accept them starting 01.01.2017.

**AA:** If they are in the process of becoming NOC recognized, we have no reason not to believe them. Under these circumstances I think we should accept them.

**JK:** I fear that we accept them as Active members, and then after 1 or 2 years they disappear because they cannot pay the membership fees, as this has happened in the past.

**JP:** I know the President Mr Valdez, and I have proposed for years that they become members of the UIAA, I know they now are very interested to become members.

- ▶ **FV: Motioned: To recommend Active Membership to Guatemala Federation to the General Assembly**
- ▶ **0 Against; 1 abstention; 15 approved**

▶ **Federación Nacional de Andinismo de Guatemala is recommend by MC to the General Assembly for Active membership.**

### 8.2d Federation Royale Marocaine de Ski et Montagne

Federation	Founding year	Membership applied	Members #s	Openness	Non-Profit	NOC Recognized
Federation Royale Marocaine de Ski et Montagnes	1959	Active	2000	?	Yes	NOC, FIS

- ▶ **FV: Motioned: To recommend Active Membership to Guatemala Federation to the General Assembly**
- **0 Against; 0 abstentions – Approved unanimously**

▶ **Federation Royale Marocaine de Ski et Montagne is recommended by MC to the General Assembly for Active membership.**

### 8.2e Costa Rican Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing: Change membership from Observer to Active Member

**SG:** I must mention the FECODEM has not paid their fees.

**FV:** So, they will stay Observer member, and we need not discuss this further.

### 8.3 AMF video

**FV:** In the EB this issue is solved. There was a video released on YouTube by AMF the day of the UIAA GA 2015 in Seoul, claiming the UIAA does not recognize or support AMF, this is not true and the issue has been resolved.

#### **8.4 TDF / ZIRVE updates**

**HD:** At the moment we do not have the correct member number for TDF. TDF still expresses their concerns about the associate member ZIRVE.

**NA:** I am candidate for president of TDF on November 6, 2016. The current president of TDF will step down, he has announced this to all the heads of all the clubs in Turkey. When ZIRVE applied we fit all the requirements. We were accepted by the GA. We have no votes, and do not represent the Turkish government.

**FV:** The topic is that TDF has declared a lower amount of members and so has ZIRVE.

**NA:** the exact numbers I sent you is correct, the numbers TDF has sent are incorrect.

► **JK:** *I propose this discussion between TDF and Zirve be decided by the EB.*

**FV:** If TDF and ZIRVE have not declared the correct amount of members, and have not paid their fees before the GA, they will not have a right to vote. This may also affect NA candidacy for MC.

**PM:** No, the right for candidacy is a personal right.

**FUM:** That is correct.

**NA:** We paid the normal membership fees.

**SG:** We sent you an invoice in March for 2,600, based on your membership numbers of 2,000. In August you sent another survey claiming 800 members.

**FUM:** 28<sup>th</sup> of July TDF sent a letter to UIAA declaring, that ZIRVE be expelled from the UIAA, has the EB answered this? And if TDF has not paid their fees, will it be the end of this year 2016 that they will be expelled?

**FV:** Yes, we have told TDF this can only be done by the General Assembly, and yes it is this year, if they fees are not paid by 31 December 2016, they will be expelled. We hope to find a solution in the near future.

#### **8.5 Information on CAR (email from Alex Paun)**

**FV:** At the moment there are 2 CAR and they have disputes between each other. Alex Paun will be representing CAR; he has made partial payment on the membership fee for CAR. He has not yet paid 2016 fees, so he has no voting rights. There is another organization that is recognized by the government of Romania. The UIAA office will contact this organization.

#### **8.6 New Member category – proposal from MCSA (Greg Moseley)**

**GM:** After discussion yesterday, at the informal MC meeting, the MCSA will withdraw its motion.

### 8.7 Solidarity Fund Brazil

**FV:** Brazil is asking for a discount for their 2016 membership fee, because of the economic crisis in their country, the office will send them information regarding the solidarity fund submission. The Solidarity Fund is used for this propose, to give a one donation to federations in need. This money comes from a fund that is allocated only for supporting federations and does not come from the UIAA budget. I propose we subsidize for one time with CHF1'315, which amounts to half of their membership fees.

▶ **PF:** *This is not a budget question, this is money in a fund that is there to be used, therefore, I propose we set a WG next time to handle this fund and take care of this decision. This group of 3 people will assess the documents and the MC can make its decision based on the outcome of the WG.*

▶ **FV: Motion:** *To subsidized a onetime donation of CHF 1,315 to Brazil for their 2016 membership fees.*

**0 Against; 1 abstentions; 15 Approved**

▶ **Motion approved to subsidise a onetime donation of CHF 1,315 to Brazil for their 2016 membership fees.**

### 8.8 Others: Non-payment from UIAA members 2015 & 2016

**HD:** presented UIAA Outstanding membership fees 2015 & 2016

FEDERATIONS		Fees 2015	Fees 2016	TOTAL FEES	COMMENTS
CHILI	FEACH	2,728	2,728	5,456	Will pay, we are expecting the funds in account before GA- UPDATE Have Paid - Nov. 2016
KOSOVO	KMAF	2,220	2,266	4,486	Kosovo is still Waiting for government fund UPDATE Have Paid
TURKEY	TDF	5,913	5,913	11,826	UPDATE Have Paid- Nov. 2016
<b>OBSERVERS</b>					
FECODEM		500	500	1,000	
UPAME		500	500	1,000	UPAME and FECODEM same President
Sri Lanka		500	500	1,000	Will pay by end of December
<b>Outstanding amounts</b>		<b>12,361</b>	<b>12,407</b>	<b>24,768</b>	

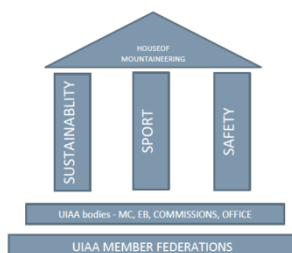
### 9. Rock Climbing Working Group (PF / Anne Arran / Marc Beverly)

**AA:** presented the RCWG, and progress to date. One-two events are selected each year for the UIAA Rock Climbers' Award, based on: 1. Organized by member federation 2. Event in accordance to UIAA Values 3. Involvement of organizers in development of rock climbing in their country. 4. Safety. The main criteria being, promotion for climbing for all, that the selected event should improve economic development of the region and preservation of nature should be paramount. Kalymnos Climbing

Festival is the winner 2016. There were 416 participants from 36 countries, Kalymnos rescue was there, no safety incidents, routes were recently maintained. Environmentally, they are taking bigger responsibility to get recycling to whole island by next year. We gave award to mayor who was present. The award money goes to Kalymnos Rescue Service and also for making next year's event more successful. (More info can be found in supporting docs.)

## **10. 2017 – 2020 Strategic Plan: first draft presentation Peter Farkas (discussion and decision)**

### 2. SITUATION ANALYSIS AND VISION



**PF:** Explains the structure and goal of SP 2017-2020. The SP Plan is defining the general goals of the UIAA, and defines who is responsible to achieve these goals. We used the Members' survey results, and swot analysis in preparation.

The basis of all the activities of the UIAA are based on 3 pillars; Safety, Sport and Sustainability. We should be quite proud by the fact that the UIAA is the only international Sport federation that has a focus on Sustainability.

Some goals include strengthening the UIAA image in the international Mountaineering community and helping our member federations to strengthen mountaineering image as well, to continue to improve communication and transparency of EB and MC. Further improve our good governance and internal procedures.

**FV:** Yesterday at the open session, we changed the numbering in goals, and we added the second table, the expense table.

**JK:** First I would have expected the report of the achieved goals from the last SP. I would have liked to have this in writing so as to have time to understand it. You mentioned the survey, I would add to the values 2.2 that the transparency and credibility should also be a value of the UIAA. I'm happy to see that the members are now mentioned in the new SP. This long list of goals for the commissions are unrealistic, people working for the commission are on a volunteer basis and they need the backup of the office; has there been checks to see as to the amount of office work needed to support commission's work? The Austrians and the Germans cannot support the SP 2017-2020, because we do not believe that the financial concept will be made only after the decision of the planning, this we believe is the wrong approach. The member federations need to know the costs of the projects first.

**SG:** Oceania is pleased with the SP 2017-2020, as it is a strategic document of top level that we feel provides more clarity about the purpose of the UIAA especially with the 3 pillars. This helps us to describe to our members what value the UIAA has to the members who are paying the fees.

**FV:** JK if your concerns are: number 1. That each commission agrees, we can go over this with the commission presidents this afternoon. 2. You have doubts about the financial backup presented here, we have the income and expenses presented in the document and they are fully in line with the 2017 budget and there is no big deviation in the following years. If you have other comments we ask you to share them with us.

After lunch we will go through the comments from the Germans and the Austrians.

## **11. Continental reports (information)**

### **11.1 Africa (Greg Moseley)**

**GM:** This year is the 125 anniversary of the MCSA, and we have been until 2016 the only African representative in the UIAA. We are extremely pleased to welcome the application from Morocco and

we wish them success. The MSCA is working on the "African Initiative", reaching out to mountaineers and climbers across Africa, spreading the word about mountains and their importance to us. At the moment we have network of 6 federations; Kenya, Uganda, Kilimanjaro federation, Malawi, Zimbabwe, and Cameroon. *(More information can be found on PPT)*

### **11.2 Asia (Hitoshi Ondera)**

**HO:** UAAA organized a successful expedition to Karly Tau this year, and held the last UAAA Council Meeting 2016 in Chengdu, China. This UAAA CM was hosted by CMA. CTAA held their 90 year anniversary memorial ceremony. Contribution from JMA, JAC, JWAF, JMGA, HAJ, HAT-J of \$20,000 were donated to Nepal for relief in 2016. Mountain day has been given the status of a National Holiday every 11<sup>th</sup> of August.

### **11.3 Europe (Lucia Foppoli)**

**LF:** UIAA History began 1932 in Chamonix France, now there are only 9 European countries not in the UIAA; Albania, Belarus, Iceland, Latvia, Malta, Moldavia, Montenegro, San Marino and Vatican City. We had many meetings in Europe for the UIAA including Safety in Italy, Mountain Protection and Access in Azerbaijan, Mountaineering in Czech Republic, and Anti-doping in Switzerland. The Ice Climbing World Championship runs in 9 countries across Europe. Youth Commission had events in Italy. The UIAA was also involved with Albania, Italy, UK, Greece, and Hungary with the 2016 Rock Climbing Festivals. International Sky running federation Youth World Championship was held in Gran Sasso, Italy. There are many Mountain conferences, film festivals, and Mountain museums in Europe. Those eligible to benefit from the Reciprocity Agreement on Mountain Huts are offered the same overnight rates as members of the hut-owning associations; in some huts, these special conditions are up to 50 per cent of the regular rate

### **11.4 North America (Peter Muir)**

**PM:** North America consists of Canada, America and Mexico. Important news from ACC is that it has recently handed over Sport Climbing to Climbing Escalade of Canada, and is now recognized by ISFC. AAC is extremely interested in keeping up involvement in the UIAA and I have had no response from Mexico, but I will keep trying.

### **11.5 Oceania (Stuart Grey)**

**SG:** We have a long tradition of mountaineering and climbing. We have had a slow yet steady growth in our membership. We have seen many changes in our Alpine climbing, mainly due to climate change, and glacier retreat. Alternatively there has been a lot more rock and wall climbing due to this. We had a very successful 'Sustainable Summits Conference', 130 people and 7 countries represented.

### **11.6 South America (Martin Lascano)**

**ML:** I come from Argentina where we have a big mountain range in the Andes. Our big challenge in South America is that we don't have a strong union between our federations. Financial issues are the biggest problems along with the support of the governments. We are working in Argentina in sport climbing, skiing, and expeditions as we are lucky to have many experts in our federation. South American has a lot of potential and we are happy to be involved in the UIAA, and be part of an international union.

**12. Election of Commission President:** Medical (president and VP), Youth (President and VP), Safety (President and VP)

**FV:** We can start with Safety Commission and the election of President Dave Custer and VP Lionel Kiener.

- ▶ **FV: Motion: To approve the nomination for President of Safecom Dave Custer and VP Lionel Kiener as Vice President for 4 year term.**
- ▶ **0 Against; 0 abstentions; 17 Approved**

▶ **Motion Approved; Dave Custer is approved President and Lionel Kiener approved VP of Safety Commission for 4 year term.**

**FV:** Medical Commission, we have George Rodway from AAC, who will be present this afternoon.

- ▶ **FV: Motion: To approve the nomination for President of Medcom George Rodway and VP David Hillebrandt as Vice President for 4 year term.**
- ▶ **0 Against; 0 abstentions; 17 Approved**

▶ **Motion Approved; George Rodway is approved President and David Hillebrandt approved VP of Medical Commission for 4 year term.**

**FV:** Youth Commission; we have the recommendation of Mark Dennison as President (BMC) and Mahmoud Hashemi (IRMSC) as VP. Unfortunately, Mark could not make the MC meeting this year.

**PF:** I am the board link to the Youth Commission one of the biggest problem was the lack of communication, I have never been invited or inform of any Youth Commission meeting. I am now sensitive about this lack of communication and transparency. I suggest we give him a chance for one year, and we can see how he works and communicates.

▶ **PM: I move that we postpone this decision until the next MC meeting in Spring.**

- ▶ **FV: The motion is to table this decision until Spring 2017. Since Mark Dennison was elected by the Youth Commission as VP at the MC meeting in Baku, he will now be Acting President until Spring 2017.**
- ▶ **0 Against; 1 abstentions; 16 Approved**

▶ **Motion Approved; Mark Dennison is Acting President of the Youth Commission until MC meeting Spring 2017.**

**AA:** The board link should communicate the concerns of the MC, and explain its decision. Mark should also be invited to come to the MC meeting in Spring 2017.

**FUM:** We should invite him to the next meeting in Spring and discuss the MC concerns. As he will be functioning as Active president as of now, and if he will be successfully approved by MC in Spring, his presidency term will be counted as from October 2016.

**13. UIAA Good Governance: review of relevant jurisdictions**

**SG:** We sent some rules to Peter Muir, where he has reviewed and sent some relevant comments. We have noticed that some Alpine Discipline Commission has no jurisdiction in the Ice Climbing

regulations. I think it quite important for legal experts to review all the different bodies we have, like the UIAA Court, Appeals and Discipline. Also, if we are going to vote at the next MC 'The Conflict of Interest Declaration'- we need to know who is governing what? At the moment it is not clear.

**JK:** We should define an UIAA document concerning this, and then voted on by the General Assembly, so we in the future do not have conflict of interest.

▶ **FV: I propose the EB will come back with a proposal for the next meeting in Spring 2017.**

## 14. Future Meeting

### 14.1 2017 UIAA Meeting Spring

**FV:** We have a proposal on the table from Col. Chauhan to go to India, and one from the BMC in UK.

▶ **FV: The motion is to accept India as the host for the MC Spring meeting 2017**

**7 Against; 10 abstentions**

▶ **Motion to hold the next MC meeting in Spring 2017 in India not approved.**

**FV:** We will wait for further information from BMC.

### 14.2 2017 General Assembly, Tehran Iran Planned date Saturday 21st October 2017

**FV:** We had some questions about Iran concerning visas. This particularly applies to people who wish to afterward travel to the USA. USA has changed the laws concerning this after the election of Tehran was approved. If you have a stamp of Iran in your passport, you are no longer eligible to get the electronic visa, and must go to the US embassy for an interview, and this means additional cost.

**MB:** I will not attend the meeting in Tehran. This is my personal decision.

**FV:** We will have some discussion in the next days with the Iranian Federation and we can decide what we relate to the General Assembly.

### 14.3 2018 General Assembly, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Break for Lunch

Returning to the Strategic Plan 2017-2020 discussion of the SP 2017-2020  
\*suggestions by Josef Klenner

**Page 3, 2.2 Our Values;** included point should be

- **Transparency and credibility**

**Page 4, 2. Situation Analysis and Vision,** under the pillars, and climbing sport development should be taken out and should read:

- Grow and promote the Ice Climbing development ~~and climbing sport development~~ in order to make it fit for admittance into the Olympic Games.

**Page 5, 3.1.1 Safety: Goals:**

- The UIAA is ~~the number 1 global provider~~ the leading developer of global standards for climbing and mountaineering equipment.
- The UIAA is the global certifying body for climbing and mountaineering equipment.
- The UIAA is world class organization to define and improve skills to enhance safety and enjoyment of mountain sports
- The UIAA ~~the leading source for medical and health for the climbers, mountaineers and athletes~~ disseminates medical advice for mountaineers, climbers, and athletes.

**Page 5; related Strategic Actions;** in chart

Introduce and develop training qualifications for ~~individual~~ climbers and mountaineers through our member federations.

**Page 6, 3.1.2 Sports**

- The UIAA supports member federations to promote “sport for all” in recreational climbing and mountaineering in summer and winter
- The UIAA supports member federations to promote, develop and encourage safety, sport and sustainability for rock climbing

**Page 8, 3.1.3 Sustainability**

- Supporting and rewarding good practice and innovative initiatives in low impact mountain ~~tourism~~ recreation and mountain conservation.

**Page 9, 3.3 Communication and Marketing; Goals:**

- To further improve the communication with the member federations and the transparency of the activities of the EB and MC.

**Concerning the Finances:**

**JK:** In this regard to this, I don't think the Commissions who are responsible for the execution of the goals, have they the capacities to do this? They need strong support from the office and from what I see, there is no increase in staff in the office. So for me it's not backed up with a solid financial plan.

**FV:** We have added now the expense table, and we will this afternoon speak with the commission presidents regarding this. The year 2017 is fully in line with the proposed budget, and the additional lines concerning the following years are a very conservative estimate. If we get additional sponsors things may change.

**FUM:** I was on the WG, first we set the strategic goals and defined them, always with the finances in mind. After this first step, we looked at the finances, then we see if all is accepted by the GA. Concerning the commissions, we don't have to discuss the strategic plan and goals with them, it is the MC and the GA who define the goals. Then the MC sets up and defines how commissions work to meet the goals. Therefore, we don't have to ask the commission where they want to go.

**FV:** So we add to the Finances the statement to make it clear

**Page 12, 4. Finances:**

- Potential analytic accounting overview

**SC:** Apologized that ISF was not able to add a point to the SP 2017-2020.

**AA:** I have concerns that our member federations will not see the amendments we have now made to the document.



**FV:** We will send out the changes by email, and we will print out and distribute tomorrow to the GA delegation, as well as point out the changes when we discuss the SP 2017-2020, if needed.

► **FV: The motion is to accept the changes made to the SP 2017-2020 today**  
**0 Against; 2 abstentions; 15 approved**

► **The Motion to Accept the changes made today on the 2017-2020 SP is Approved**

### 13.30 – 16.00 Session with Commission Presidents

Carolina Adler, Nenad Dikic, Urs Stöcker, George Rodway, Pierre Humblet & Claudio Melchiorri, Juan Ibanez, Steve Long, Dave Custer (Skype)

### 15. Changes in Commission membership (decision)

#### 15.1 Commission members: new and renewals

##### Access Commission

Bagirov (CM)	Hussein	Azerbaijan	FAIREX	Re-nominated-Approved
Hwang (CM)	Hank	Taipei	CTMA	Re-nominated-Approved
Kendall (CM)	Roy	South Africa	MCSA	step down
Onodera (CM)	Hitoshi	Japan	JMA	Re-nominated-Approved
Sherry	Richard Grant	South Africa	MCSA	New Approved
Stephenson (CM)	Brian	New Zealand	NZAC	Re-nominated-Approved

##### Expeditions

Kiefer	Ulrike	South Africa	MCSA	Re-nominated-Approved
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##### Medical Commission

Gurtoo	Anil	India	IMF	Re-nominated-Approved
Masuyama	Shigeru	Japan	JMA	New Approved
Matsubayashi	Kozo	Japan	JMA	replaced with new delegate from JMA
Sherpa	Nima Namgyel	Nepal	NMA	New-Approved
Sherpa	Sonam Zangbu	Nepal	NMA	New-Approved
Stave	Halvard	Norway	NTK	Re-nominated-Approved

##### Corresponding Members

Goslar	Tomaz	Slovenia	PZS	New_ Approved
Ovchinnikov	Aleksey	Russia	RMF	New Approved
Reise e Silva	Miguel	Portugal	FCMP	New-Approved
Von Delft (CM)	Eckardt	South	MCSA	Re-nominated-

		Africa		Approved
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#### Mountain Protection

Bagirov	Hussein	Azerbaijan	FAIREX	Approved
Sella	Mattia	Italy	CAI	New-Approved
Shah	Mahmood Almad	India	IMF	New-Approved

#### Corresponding Members

Alant (CM)	Maretha	South Africa	MCSA	Re-nominated-Approved
Mrak	Irena	Slovenia	PZS	New-Approved

#### Mountaineering Commission

Dutta	Debraj	India	IMF	New-Approved
Dvorakova-Havlikova	Klara (Chairman LEWG)	Czech rep	CMLA	Approved for FM
Kumar	Krishan	India	IMF	New-Approved
Nilsen	Signar Andre	Norway	NTK	New-Approved

#### Corresponding Members

Gribel	Rafael	Brazil	CBME	New-Approved
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#### Legal Experts Working Group

Dvorakova-Havlikova	Klara (Chairman)	Czech rep	CMLA	New-Approved
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#### LEWG Corresponding Members

Milioni	Carla	Brazil	CBME	New-Approved
Omerzu (CM)	Damjan	Slovenia	PZS	Re-nominated-Approved

#### Safety Commission

Bedogni	Vittorio	Italy	CAI	Re-nominated-Approved
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#### Youth Commission

Bajcer	Barbara	Slovenia	PZS	Re-nominated-Approved
Biard	Christian	France	FFCAM	Re-nominated-Approved
Hashemi	Mahmoud	Iran	I.R.ISMF	Re-nominated-Approved
Omerzu	Damjan	Slovenia	PZS	steps down replaced by PZS
Pais	Keerthi	India	IMF	New-Approved

- ▶ **FV: The motion to approve the new and re-nominated commission delegates based on the approval of the Commission**
- ▶ **0 Against; 0 abstentions; 17 approved**

- ▶ **The MC approves the commission delegates nominations unanimously**

### **15.2 Safety Commission members: membership extension**

**FV:** Dave Custer's term as delegate in the Safety Commission ends in 2016, and the president term is a 4 year term. The MC may decide to extend this term and we have already voted above that Dave Custer can remain President of the Safety Commission for a 4 year term.

**16. Sky-running** updates (S. Calvi) (*Full information in GA supporting documents and <http://www.skyrunning.com/>*)

**SC:** ISF works to have good rules for the safety of its athletes, sustainability in the mountains where races are held, focus on the youth sector, and the support of the UIAA Anti-doping commission for developing protocols and good practices. We are 41 federations from all parts of the world. We look toward the future and good cooperation with the UIAA.

### **17. Mountain Protection (Carolina Adler)**

**CA:** Introduces herself and the MP commission appealing to federations to nominate delegates with expertise to the MP Commission. Some of our projects include the Mountain Protection Award, Respect the Mountain, and lobbying on environmental matters and mountain issues.

**MPA:** We had 23 projects this year. We awarded the MPA yesterday to Mountain Wilderness France, thanks to our Sponsors Golden Rock and Western University.

**Respect the Mountain Project:** we had 9 events, it was our first year our pilot project. We removed 4.75 tonnes of waste.

**Lobbying:** we achieved "observed status" at UNCCC COP 22 in Marrakech, Morocco, 7-18 Nov. 2016. We will collaborate with mountain Partnership at COP 22 and the UNs "Sustainable Development Goals".

**Plea and recommendations:** To all federations and/or individual event organisers, we ask that you use and cross-reference the UIAA's existing **Environmental Guidelines (2002)** and **Climbers Manifesto**, so they are reflected in your policies, projects and events such as races and competitions.

**COP22:** the MP commission has submitted an application to become an Observer member of United Nations and wants to participate again at the next COP22.

More information can be found in the supporting documents and UIAA MP Webpage.

### **18. Access & Expeditions (Juan Jesús Ibáñez Martín)**

**JJM:** 29th Annual Meeting of Access Commission was held in Baku, hosted by FAIREX, as a common session with the Mountain Protection Commission. Access Commission tries to share good examples of regulations, negotiations, and respond to requests quickly. Reports from federations regarding Access Irish Survey, Argentina, Chile, PamAm Access, Tenerife Walking Festival, and Skyrunning can be found in detail in supporting docs. Also, please visit website FEDME [http://www.fedme.es/salaprensa/upfiles/1177\\_F\\_es.pdf](http://www.fedme.es/salaprensa/upfiles/1177_F_es.pdf)

### **19. Youth**

**FV:** We only received the Youth Commission information today, Peter Farkas will report on it at the General Assembly.

### **20. Mountaineering Commission (Pierre Humblet)**

**PH:** This is my last Report as Mountcom President, afterward I am proud to introduce you to my successor Claudio Melchiorri. We had 2 Meetings since the last GA was in Poblet (hosted by FEAC), Prague (hosted by CMF), next meeting in Petra (hosted by the Jordan Tourism Board). Thanks to the work of Phil Wickens we have sent a paper "*Freedom in Mountaineering*" (full document in supporting docs). Continued work on stats for accidents, with a signed agreement for exchange of data with JMA, JWAF, JRO, and the UIAA, and a similar agreement was signed, summer 2016, between England and Wales Mountain Rescue and UIAA. We also hope to collaborate with RMF (stats in accidents) in the coming future too.

**FV:** Thank you Pierre for all the work you have done as President of the Mountaineering Commission.

### ***Training Standards (S. Long)***

**SL:** The UIAA Training Qualification labels have been developed to help your training programs. We propose to make a digital version of the Training handbook. We work in partnership with International Federation of Mountain Guides. We want to add a new level, by talking with Guides, ICAR and other stakeholders we want to develop a more standardized introduction to climbing through to intermediate skills. Please have a look at our website for more information <http://theuiaa.org/mountain-qualification-label/>

We want to offer the federations courses that have the UIAA name on it. We now have the database 'Tahdah' and this system will help the Training standards panel a lot to help us reach our goals.

### ***21. Ice Climbing (Urs Stoecker)***

**US:** Season 2016, we had 4 World Cups, 4 countries and 3 continents, 1 world youth Champion, 1 Olympic-affiliated demonstration, and 1 Sport for all Event. 2016 events were well organized, more ice on structures, UIAA Guidelines well respected, and the number of participants is stable. We have launched an Ice Climbing booklet called PractICE Climbing, which is a state of the art training handbook that is beneficial for federations to help build national structures also giving instructions about tools and rules. It is available to download here: <http://www.iceclimbingworldcup.org/practice-iceclimbing-booklet.html> We look forward to the season 2017. All events will be made available on the UIAA Ice Climbing Webpage.

### ***22. Anti-Doping Commission (Nenad Dikic)***

**ND:** Anti-Doping was done throughout the UIAA Ice Climbing Season, all the results were negative. Presented problems when there are no doping rules in places, by examples of recent cases, describe more in the supporting docs. Anti-Doping would like to present educational activities to educated Ice Climbers registered by the UIAA.

### ***23. Medical Commission (George Rodway)***

**GR:** Presented the mission of the Medical Commission including advice pages, international Diploma in Mountain Medicine and dissemination of articles. Our advice sheets are free and available on the UIAA website and translated in many languages, 14 papers accepted and published in peer review medical/scientific journals. Last year we formalized the co-operation with ICAR, the president of each

Medcom is now official Observer member of the other organization. Going forward we want to continue to reach the nonprofessional with education.

#### **24. Safety Dave Custer (Skype)**

**DC:** The Mission of the Safety Commission is to support climbers and mountaineers in their goal of managing the inherent risks of these activities. The commission consists of close to 100 members including federation delegates, manufacturers, test laboratories, and experts, this makes holding annual meetings more expensive than other commissions. Some achievements in 2016 were Significant research for avalanche rescue shovel standard, picket pounding addition to picket standard, nixing of a semi-static lanyard standard, continued work on the dynamic lanyard standard, continued upkeep of recalls data and CAI's work with edge energy absorption and Bolt Corrosion, question which is the most significant problem that Safecom may solve in the next year or two. There is also collaboration with CMA in creating a laboratory in China to test for the UIAA Safety Standards.

Our challenge is we need funding for our research and our meetings.

**FV:** The funds of Safecom are not to be used to fund the UIAA. The funds support the office for the administration and the research for Safecom. So the proposal was to increase the label fees by 10 euro to help fund the meetings and the other costs for the commission.

**DC:** Is it correct that the income from label fees is going directly to Safecom, and the administration? Meaning the revenue is used up by the safety commission and the label administration. Could I please have the finances for this?

**SG:** Yes

**DC:** I will agree, but would like the accounting finances and budget of Safecom, plus the support to inform the commission of this decision.

**FV:** Special thanks to Frank Urs Müller who has served on the Management Committee for 11 years. This is his last meeting, thank you so much for all these years!

**FUM:** Thank you all, my first MC meeting was 2005, I would like to thank everyone for my time with the UIAA and all the work we have done together.

**FV:** Thank you all, for your work and a successful and productive meeting.

Meeting Adjourned