

UIAA Commission Presidents Meeting Minutes – 1/5/21

UIAA COMMISSION PRESIDENTS' AND EXECUTIVE TEAM ONLINE MEETING
- optional for Management Committee Members and Court President –

AGENDA - Saturday, 1 May 2021, 16.00 – 17.30 CET, ZOOM-link TBA

ITEM	TYPE	WHO
1. Welcome and opening remarks by the UIAA President – 2' Welcome and opening remarks by the Chair of the Commission Presidents' Panel – 3'		Peter Muir Carlos Teixeira
2. Approval of meeting minutes, 30 January 2021 – 3'	Vote	Carlos Teixeira
3. Approval of the agenda, 1 May – 2'	Vote	Carlos Teixeira
4. Management Committee meeting, 1 May – update – 10'	Information	Peter Muir
5. Budgeting process and guidelines for 2022 – 10'	Information	Françoise Jaquet
6. Commission projects – update – 30'	Information	Commission Presidents
7. New joint projects – proposals – 15'	Discussion	Carlos Teixeira
8. Situation of commissions within UIAA – 10'	Discussion	Carlos Teixeira
9. Other business – 10'		All

Present – Stephanie Stettbacher, Carlos Teixeira, Peter Muir, Nils Glatthard, Carolina Adler, Amit Chowdury, Pavlos Georgiades, Rob Adie, Stein Trnstad, Lionel Kiener, Françoise Jaquet, Marija Andjelkovic, Peter Farkas, Peter Bourne, Lode Beckers, Stuart Gray, Carol Kahoun, Agnes Semelet, Greg Moseley, Paul Castensen, Juan Jose Barras, Klara, Anne Arran, Steve Long, Kul Bahadurguru

1. PM and CT gave a welcome.
2. Meeting minutes are agreed by all.
3. The agenda was approved by all.
4. PM gave an update from today's MC meeting. The EB has been looking at the current goals of the organisation and renewing their commitment to them. They have also been looking at the rules of the organisation and how they are implemented. EB to find the roles and responsibilities at all levels are, so we can collectively attack the Strategic Plan. They have created several working groups to evaluate the current work of the UIAA. A WG on governance, one on finance, one on commission work and one on external relations. Communications need to be increased. Positive response from the MC.
Working on the organisational chart to reflect what is actually happening within the UIAA and how it stands within the AofA. New budgeting process has also been developed.
MC not meeting the expectation of the commission requirements so that the commissions are aligned with the strategic plan. 2020 was a positive year from a budget point of view due to lack of travel, but most members paid their fees.
CT confirmed that the relationship with the commissions and the MC and EB will be more fluid and regular.
PG asked whether there would be regular meetings with the MC, and PM confirmed that this maybe the case in the future but not yet.

CA stated that it would be useful that if CP's could attend MC meetings as observers so that everyone could be up to speed on the topics discussed at the MC. CA also asked what the process was to setup working groups for the UIAA to work on in the future.

GM also stated that it was a two way street and the MC would like to know more on the commission activity and with this spirit it would be a good step forward.

5. FJ gave an update on the budget process for 2022 – see documents sent out already including the timeline for the process and guidelines for budget applications – process starts today. The WG was tasked to improve the budget process for commissions going forward. More involvement of the commission presidents in the process. FJ went through the guidelines - see guidelines document - budget template must be used – will be sent from the office.

CA asked whether there is still the opportunity to revise the text in the documents – all comments should be sent to the EB. CA asked whether the office staff should come from office budget or the commission budget? CA also suggested that external experts who are impartial and not connected to the UIAA are very useful to the commissions and should be allowed to be used. FJ confirmed that the office staff expenses should be included in the commission budget.

PF suggested that the CP's should have been involved in the development of these guidelines and the CP's should have the panel meeting that they used to have to discuss these items. LB answered that this meeting is the involvement of the CP's in this process. The CP asked for the guidelines and the EB have produced them. SL stated that the list of experts from the federations can be stored in the training database. This should be a requirement of member federations to give the UIAA this information. LB stated that the external relations WG is trying to achieve this. CA stated that the CP should get the budget documents that the MC see to inform their budget planning process.

6. CA – MP Commission met twice so far this year, with the main meeting last week, looking at updating the portfolio of projects. 3 new corresponding members. Map to show who is contributing to various projects. Follow up meeting on 11 May. Looking at budget.

MA – AD commission – conducting most controls possible in Kirov. 1 positive control from Kazakhstan and the athlete has been given 3 year ban. New WADA code is in use and all fine.

PF – Mountaineering commission – Mountain Workers Initiative – guidelines for the better treatment of mountain workers – this can initiate other projects. Access working group is working on a database of access restrictions in climbing areas around the world. Annual meeting in two weeks time.

SL – Training Panel – the database is live and being used in a testing phase, and next will be skills certification. Successful meeting with the Himalayan club and IMF regarding a project in Ladakh.

JJ – Access – developing an access database as reported by PF. Also thinking about how to deal with expeditions.

Klara – Legal expert WG – interesting article in Alpinist promoting UIAA work. Regular meetings. Ready to receive projects from any of the commissions in the UIAA.

PG – Youth Commission – Meeting last week – 1 youth camp in France – rest cancelled. Commission is targeting experts in various federations to be part of a working group that are active in organising youth camps. An audit of the UIAA member federations to source these WG members. Establish cooperation with

feds that already have programmes and work with them to collaborate. Increase the number of camps around the world that offer ice climbing and drytooling. When camps are allowed they plan to be ready.

CK – Medical – working on updating UIAA recommendations making sure that they are still correct – and these are being turned into a video which was shown.

LK – Safety commission – delegates met every two months. Next plenary meeting will be at the end of may with the manufacturers. New standards for avalanche probes, load sharing devices, static ropes – 10 active working groups. Q&A have been updated on UIAA website. Also working on the topic of disinfection of climbing equipment and advise collected from many manufacturers.

AC – mentioned that the joint project with safety and ice climbing and whether we can continue with this. CT said we should continue with this project. We should also work on the speed safety equipment project as well. Also the auto belay use in winter conditions which are currently not type approved would be another joint project.

CT – Ice Climbing – 3 international events and 3 continental cups in 2021 season, but the events were very expensive with a low number of athletes. The commission is looking at a new structure for the commission making the members more accountable for their own responsibilities and work within the commission along with a long term strategy is being developed. Ice climbing had applied for inclusion in the 2024 Korea YWOG which was turned down recently. NG stated that this was down to a clear lack of ice, a clear lack of universality and a under developed youth programme in ice climbing. This can create good opportunity for cooperation with other commissions to help achieve these aims. A longer term plan for OG inclusion is now required. Plenary meeting is in two weeks time. RA stated that they are also planning a recruitment drive for new people with pre-requisite skillsets from the federations and welcomed other commissions to join this if they need people with specific skills for their commissions. Also they plan to target federations to be more active in ice climbing.

SL stated that the IMF are looking at developing ice climbing teams and possibly would want professional coaches to achieve this.

CA stated that the joint project of event sustainability guidelines should continue and RA suggested a meeting between CA, CT, CK and RA in the near future to bring together some basic guidelines for implementation in 22.

PG asked whether it would be possible for the UIAA to certify coaches to allow federations access to a database of coaches for ice climbing.

SL stated that there was still time to get updates to the Alpine handbook.

7. Covered above.
8. Already covered by PM.
9. AOB – CA requested an update regarding the status of the strategic plan, and part of that and was the request to reduce carbon emissions of the UIAA by 45% over the next 10 years. UNFCCC is requesting a milestone list as to how we plan to achieve this, so this should be given some thought.

LB gave an update on the strategic plan that he gave at the MC meeting and we need to improve the awareness throughout the UIAA of the strategic objectives of the UIAA and get these embodied in the projects of the UIAA commissions and determine the directions and creation of the working groups.

JJ gave thanks to the UIAA as he comes to the end of his term in the access commission. CT and PF and PM gave JJ thanks on behalf of the UIAA.

PM gave thanks to all attendees and said there is lots of work to do.