

UIAA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, 26 September 2020 Minutes

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE						
First Name	Last Name	Nationality	MF	Function	Presence	
Simon	Alden	Malta	MCC	MC	1	
Arran	Anne	UK	BMC	MC	1	
Zoljargal	Banzragch	Mongolia	MNCF	EB	0	Absent
Lode	Beckers	Belgium	CMBEL	EB	1	
Amit	Chowdhury	India	IMF	MC / CP Safety	1	
Hélène	Denis	France	FFCAM	EB	1	
Joachim	Driessen	Netherlands	NKBV	MC	1	
Georges	Elzière	France	FFCAM	MC	1	
Joan	Garrigos i Torro	Spain	FEDME	MC	0	Excused
Stuart	Gray	New Zealand	NZAC	MC	1	
Mahmood	Hashemi	Iran	IRMSCF	EB	1	Arrived for A 2.
Francoise	Jaquet	Switzerland	SAC	MC	1	
Josef	Klenner	Germany	DAV	MC	1	Departed just before A 4. i
Martin	Lascano	Argentina	FASA	MC	1	
Gregory	Moseley	South Africa	MCSA	MC	1	
Peter	Muir	Canada	ACC	EB	1	
Christine	Pae	South Korea	KAF	MC	0	Excused
Frits	Vrijlandt	Netherlands	NKBV	EB	1	
Yongfeng	Wang	China	CMA	EB	1	By translator
Reza	Zarei	Iran	IMSCF	MC	1	Arrived during A 3. Regulations
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24	Juan Jesus	Ibanez	Spain	FEDME	Access WG	1	Departed around A 3.
23	Steve	Long	UK	BMC	TS	0	Excused
28	Pierre	Humblet	Belgium	UIAA	Court	1	
26	Marija	Andjelkovic	Serbia	PSS	CP Anti-Doping	0	Absent
27	Urs	Hefti	Switzerland	SAC	CP Medical	1	
22	Peter	Farkas	Hungary	MHSSZ	CP MountCom	1	
21	Carolina	Adler	New Zealand	NZAC	CP MPC	1	
25	Pavlos	Georgiades	Cyprus	CMCOF	CP Youth	1	
36	Rob	Adie	UK	UIAA	Office	1	
37	Peter	Bourne	UK	UIAA	Office	1	
34	Nils	Glatthard	Switzerland	UIAA	Office	1	
35	Carol	Kahoun	Switzerland	UIAA	Office	1	
33	Stephanie	Stettbacher	Switzerland	UIAA	Office	1	
38	Luis	Lopez	Spain	FEDME	Translator	0	Excused
39	Vivian		China	CMA	Translator	1	
40	Carlos	Teixeira	Portugal	FCMP	CP Ice Climbing	1	Arrived during A 4.
32	Silvio	Calvi	Italy	ISF	Unit Member	1	
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SATURDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2020, E-MEETING, 13.00 – 17.00 CET

A 1. Welcome and opening remarks by the UIAA President

A 1.1 Members present and apologies for absence

A 1.2 **Christine Pae and Steve Long excused**

A 1.3 Declaration of voting members present and majority 16 present 9 Majority

There was a request to discuss the finances. All questions about finances can be sent directly to UIAA treasurer PM. Submitted questions will be addressed and explained at the 17th October MC meeting.

A 1.3 Approval of the Agenda

17 active votes

17 valid votes received

1. Motion to approve the agenda

[More Details](#)

 Approve	17
 Do NOT Approve	0
 Abstention	0



A 2. UIAA Strategic Plan 2021 – 2024

- Introduction, recent history

Lode Beckers summarized the history of the Strategic Plan and the documents that were distributed prior to to-day's meeting. Lode also recalled the purpose of his September 24th message, highlighting which parts of the 11-page Strategy pages are submitted for approval to-day.

There were the following comments made by delegates:

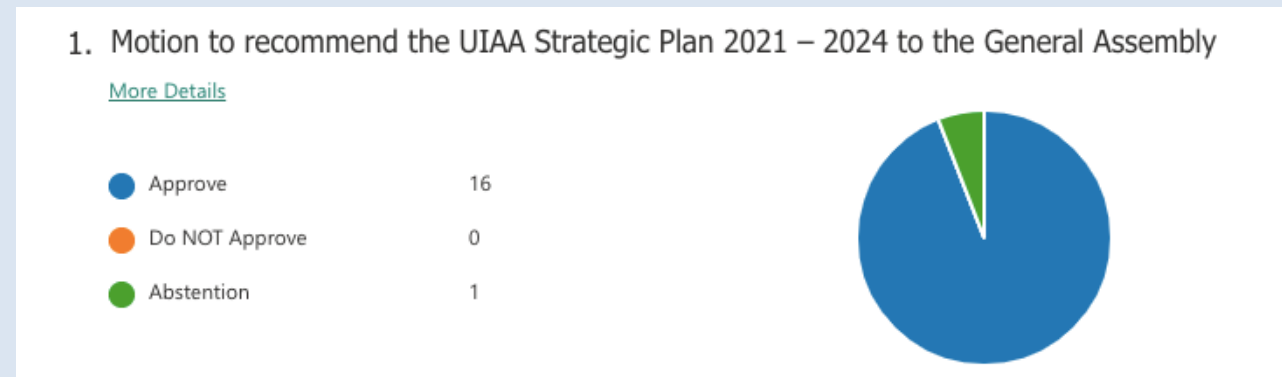
- J. Klenner felt that clear communication is needed on which part of the 2019 Strategic Plan was approved at the GA in Cyprus, and which part of that 2019 Plan was not approved. If portions of the documents submitted to-day do include decisions made the approved parts at the GA of 2019, those portions should be highlighted as such.
- L. Beckers confirmed that decisions made at the GA 2019 influenced and were included in the Strategic Plan. Lode and Nils committed to highlight the approved parts of the 2019 Strategic Plan in the follow up 2020 version of the Strategic Priorities.
- Amit Chowdhury, Greg Moseley, Anne Arran and other MC members stated that the Strategic Plan should be considered as a dynamic, living document that will be adjusted and updated regularly.
- J. Klenner suggested inserting at the beginning of the document a clear reference to decisions made and definitions adopted in Cyprus. Joachim Driessen added that we must avoid rediscussing topics on which decisions were already taken in Cyprus.
- Peter Farkas mentioned that the plan possibly presents too many goals increasing the risk that some are unachievable. He wonders whether the statement that the UIAA “exists to serve its members” doesn’t go too far and does not follow the Articles of Association. However, later on in the meeting, Pierre Humblet observed that, having examined the compliance of the 3 proposed priorities with the UIAA Articles of Association, he is satisfied that they are fully in accordance. Lode Beckers mentioned that the 17 goals listed in the supporting documents are to be seen as “assists” and examples, and not as carved-in-stone rigid objectives.
- Stuart Gray recommended that the objectives would mention the advocacy role of the UIAA.
- Stuart also wishes to add to the profile (page 4) : “To the climbers.” Peter Muir reminded the audience that these additional 3 words had not been added at the 2019 GA, perhaps by oversight. Lode committed to add “To the climbers” in the next version. Peter Muir noted that to formalize this a further GA resolution would be required.
- Carolina Adler wishes to add to the description of the UIAA mission and/or objectives a clear reference to mountain communities: “we need to include in our objective the mountain-bound communities and regions in which UIAA members conduct their climbing, walking and mountaineering; these communities are important in helping us to uphold our values as a worldwide federation”. The same point was emphasized by Françoise Jaquet and by Stuart Gray. Lode committed to insert such reference.
- With respect to pages 6 to 10, there was a comment from Stuart Gray and others on the sequence of the pillars and the goals. The MC members agreed that the first ‘general’ 7 goals should be placed last, and the goals related to the 3 pillars first.
- It was agreed by many that we should approve a formulation of strategic priorities that is short and precise. It should be a dynamic document that we can start to work with, and gradually implement, primarily through commissions’ work. Françoise Jaquet stated that the UIAA should be a service provider to the mountain community.

- Many agreed that the strategy document was well done and thanked those that contributed for the work done to get to this point. Lode Beckers committed to communicate in time an amended version, taking into consideration the comments made at to-day's meeting.

A 2. Recommend Strategic Plan 2021-2024 to the UIAA General Assembly

17 active votes

17 valid votes received



*With minor amendments as discussed during the meeting. To be clear, the decision is to recommend the SR was made with the reference that the document will be adjusted based on today's comments and revote at the next MC meeting before the GA.

ITEM	TYPE	WHO	DOCUMENTS
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A 3. Commission Regulations - amendments

PM explained the history of the of the Commission Regulations, these can be found in the RDF (process document) submitted in the supporting documents. The critical changes are explained in the comments on the Commission Regulations

There were the following comments made by delegates:

- G. Elzière There was a comment that the proposed changes could weaken the links to the MC, would not increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the commissions in their work and that we should take care with some of the political aspects of the changes.
- P. Muir pointed out that there is a system of links between the EB and the commissions notwithstanding that the Articles of Association call for linkage to the MC. The proposed changes do not affect any links to the MC.
- C. Adler asked if by section 2.2.5. (no voting rights should not be assigned without the Conflict of Interest form signed) Is it intended that all full members of a commission should do this? P. Muir answered yes and that the office will keep the record of signed declarations.
- There were a number of questions and concerns that section 2.1.2 makes it mandatory that commissions hold their meetings with the GA and MC. Because such a requirement could put a burden on the host for GA and MC, it may also leave out the smaller MFs to have the opportunity for them to host meetings. P. Muir stated the 2.1.2 is suggestive only, not mandatory and it was written to encourage Commissions to participate at GA and MC events. On request, the Commissions can have different venues for their meetings.
- A. Arran wondered if corresponding members should have a vote, as having a real say in commission matters may encourage participation. It was acknowledged that this was a matter that could be considered as more and more meetings are held online.
- H. Denis: felt that there were important political decisions behind the changes in the Commission Regulations and feels like we need to discuss these changes further. Also feels it is too close to the elections.
- P. Muir pointed out hat the MC control of the commission is mandatory under the AoAs. F. Vrijlandt stated that the points that H. Denis has made here have been discussed in EB meetings and were agreed by the EB members to recommend.
- J. Klenner mentioned in the chat that the President should serve the UIAA and its targets and activities and not vice versa and many agreed with this.
- P. Farkas asked about section 2.1.2 the EB shall decide on the date and time of the meetings. Who will decide, and or on what basis will the EB decide? P. Muir answered that this section is related to the budgets of the commissions, and that the EB is looking here at the finances of the commissions. If the commission can relate to the EB why and where they need to go, P. Muir could see no reason why the EB would reject a request.

- Many agreed that the MC needs better links with Commissions and aim for better communication on meeting and commission projects. Many commissions are having more and more meetings online, this would allow better interaction. It was suggested to have online meetings together, EB/MC and CPs explaining commission projects and working out budgets. This can be done prior to EB meetings. The MC would have a better feeling of what is going on in the commission.
- It was also suggested that there should be at least one physical meeting and additional virtual meeting.

A 3. Commission Regulations, Amendments

17 active votes

16 valid votes received

1. Motion to approve the amended Commission Regulations

[More Details](#)

● Approve	13
● Do NOT Approve	2
● Abstention	1



A 4. Commission projects and activities:

a. Mountaineering Commission

- Accident statistics
- Instagram communication
- Ropework in Mountaineering activities seminar
- ISO 21101 certification project
- *NOTE: P. Georgiades stated after the vote that this project is being redesigned from the version on the matrix as the Commission is awaiting a new proposal from the provider that the plan can proceed with some but not requiring all federations to participate.*
- Create global online directory and booking site for mountain huts
- *NOTE: P. Farkas stated before the vote that this project has been cancelled as too complicated and ambitious. Mountaineering Commission did not seek approval for this project.*

A 4.a Projects and Activities of the Mountaineering Commission

17 active votes

17 valid votes received

1. Motion to approve the projects and activities of the Mountaineering Commission

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 Approve	13
 Do NOT Approve	1
 Abstention	3



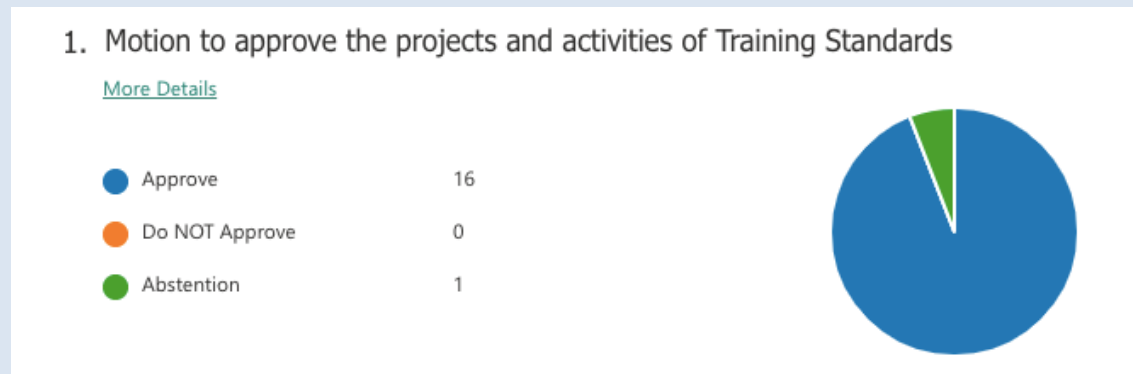
b. Training Standards

- *Publish 2nd edition of UIAA Alpine Handbook (digital and print version)*
- *Expand Training database to include skills certification*
- *Snow safety and snow craft in Mountaineering activities seminar*
- *3-year training project in Mongolia*
- *3-year training project in Ladakh*

A 4.b Projects and Activities of Training Standards

17 actives votes

17 valid votes received



c. Access Working Group: will be discussed at MC meeting 17 October 2020

d. Youth Commission

- *New UIAA Youth Commission youth camp tier system*
- *Cyprus Summer UIAA youth camp*
- *Cyprus Winter UIAA youth camp*
- *Hong Kong local summer UIAA youth camp*
- *France Winter UIAA youth camp*

A 4.d Projects and Activities of the Youth Commission

17 actives votes

17 valid votes received

1. Motion to approve the projects and activities of the Youth Commission

[More Details](#)

 Approve	14
 Do NOT Approve	1
 Abstention	2



e. Mountain Protection Commission

- *UIAA Mountain Protection Award and review for future development*
- *Respect the Mountains Movement*
- *UIAA Sustainability Guidelines*

A 4.e Projects and Activities of the Mountain Protection Commission

17 actives votes

17 valid votes received

1. Motion to approve the projects and activities of the Mountain Protection Commission

[More Details](#)

 Approve	17
 Do NOT Approve	0
 Abstention	0



f. Safety Commission

- *Develop first international standard for avalanche probes*
- *Bending test on type K connector*
- *Bolts corrosion testing program to improve UIAA standard on anchors*
- *Review EAS via-ferrata test method*
- *Improve helmets standard - side impacts*
- *Improve ice tool standard wording*
- *Issue standards for rigging plates, static ropes, trekking poles, prussik cords*
- *Investigate into failure of several canyoning harnesses*
- *Testing program re cutting resistance of ropes and textile PPE*
- *Develop water repellancy standard for more textile PPE*
- *ISA UV testing program*

A 4.f Projects and Activities of the Safety Commission

16 actives votes

16 valid votes received

Amit Chowdhury asked to refrain from voting due to Conflict of Interest

1. Motion to approve the projects and activities of the Safety Commission

[More Details](#)

 Approve	16
 Do NOT Approve	0
 Abstention	0



g. Ice Climbing Commission

- *When possible, run a successful IC World Tour again, with the aim of gaining IOC qualification*
- *Development of improved ICC structure and working practices, and*
- *Development of future commission strategy*
- *Improve reliability and visibility of speed timing equipment*
- *Safety clothing for speed climbers*
- *Develop the possibility of running events in 2021 with the restrictions and issues caused by COVID-19*

A 4.g Projects and Activities of the Ice Climbing Commission

17 actives votes

15 valid votes received

1. Motion to approve the projects and activities of the Ice Climbing Commission

[More Details](#)

● Approve	14
● Do NOT Approve	0
● Abstention	1



h. Anti-Doping Commission

- *UIAA remains WADA code compliant*
- *New WADA code needs incorporating into the UIAA Anti-Doping regulations and implementing with the athletes*

A 4.h Projects and Activities of the Anti-Doping Commission

17 actives votes

17 valid votes received

1. Motion to approve the projects and activities of the Anti Doping Commission

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 Approve	17
 Do NOT Approve	0
 Abstention	0



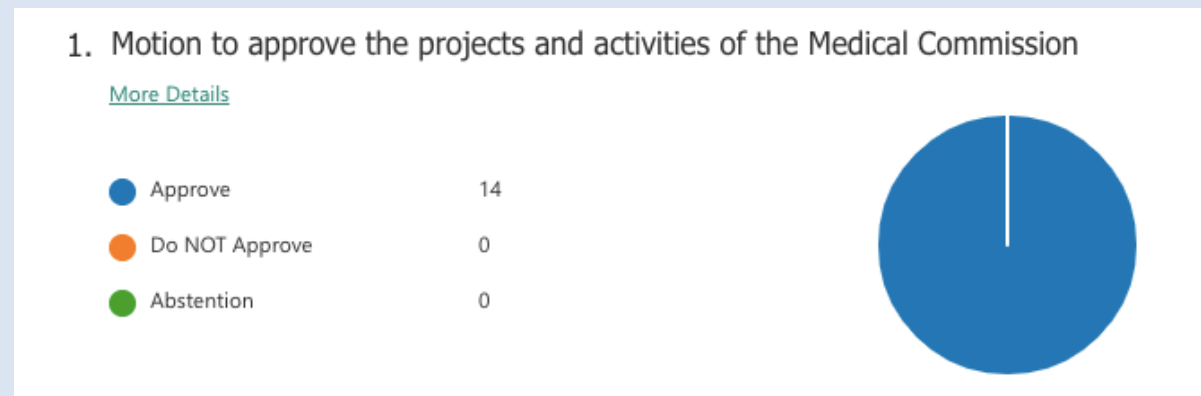
i. Medical Commission

- *Scientific MedCom work - strengthen UIAA position and visibility in the field of medicine*
- *Water - revise current recommendations and further educate the community of climbers and mountaineers about all things water*
- *Women and Mountains - revise and elaborate existing recommendations*
- *Education and Mountain Medicine course in Africa and/or South America, in combination with an annual Commission meeting (tbc)*

A 4.i Projects and Activities of the Medical Commission

16 actives votes

14 valid votes received



A 4. Extra Vote 1. Project Rock Climbing Festival Award

15 actives votes

13 valid votes received

Anne Arran asked to refrain from voting due to Conflict of Interest

1. Motion to approve the project Rock Climbing Festival Award

[More Details](#)

 Approve	13
 Do NOT Approve	0
 Abstention	0



A 5. Other business:

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New applicant for UIAA Full Membership:

Federación Mexicana de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada

New applicant for UIAA Associate Membership:

Western Caspian University Mountain Club, Azerbaijan

New candidate for Management Committee, NA continental representation: **Phil Powers, AAC, USA**

Lastly it was noted that "For the mountains for the world needs" to be updated on the website, and the profile was not updated on the website. This will be updated in the coming days

FV: thanked everyone for their time and work and closed the meeting