

UIAA COMMISSION PRESIDENTS PANEL (PP)

MINUTES

ULAN BATTAR, MONGOLIA, 5TH OCTOBER 2018

Presidents	:	Dr Carolina Alder (CA)	Mountain Protection
		Mark Dennison (MD)	Youth
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Chair	:	Amit Chowdhury (AC)	Safety
UIAA Staff:		Rob Addie RA	UIAA Events Manager
		Peter Bourne	UIAA Communications Manager

Welcome by the Chair

Welcome to all, by AC, 4 Commission Presidents, - Mountaineering and Training Standards Panel – Steve Long, Ice Climbing- Carlos Teixeira, Skyrunning – Silvio Calvi, Access – Juan J. Ibañez Martin could not attend because of delayed arrival of flights. AC will take the minutes. Meeting starts at 08.40.

1. Adoption of Agenda.

CA requested for a change in the agenda. Accordingly Agenda point 3(a) included as "Discussion on Strategy Presentation". The rest of the agenda was adopted without change.

2. Working principles of commission President's panel.

The following was agreed as broad working principles:-

- a) Two meetings of the Panel will be held each year, one along with the Spring MC meeting and the other to coincide with the GA.
- b) Calling notice will be issued 2 months in advance, asking for agenda items and inter-commission proposals four weeks in advance for feedback on draft agenda and comments/inputs for meeting.
- c) A chair will be elected each year at the Spring meeting who will chair two meetings. At the start of each meeting, a Secretary (rapporteur) will be elected to record minutes.
- d) Discussions will generally be around the following topics:
 - i. Inter commission projects
 - ii. Implications for Commissions and their roles/activities on decisions taken by the MC/EB and/or any current agenda items of the MC/EB
 - iii. Potential candidates for Commissions
 - iv. Future Plans (projects, events, joint initiatives)
 - v. Formulation of Commission Presidents position and recommendation to the MC (see point ii).
 - vi. Monitor activities for performance/engagement, rewards and recognition of commission members for their volunteer work to the UIAA.

3. Review of Previous discussions.

Proper review could not be done in the absence of minutes. However, it was generally felt that the President's Panel was beginning to take shape as over the last two meetings,

Presidents' had established the much needed personal rapport and had begun exchanging ideas. A beginning of inter-commission work had also taken place with Ice Climbing and Safety.

3(a). Discussion on Strategy Presentation.

The following items have been recorded as reactions to the Strategy Presentation to be communicated to the MC.

- a) There would be a huge reduction in the number of active volunteers in the number of Commissions were deduced to 'Four'. What is the compelling need for this?
- b) Youth Commission has enough work to exist as an independent commission.
- c) Office support would be needed to support the work of the President's Panel.
- d) The strategy proposal needs consultation with the Commissions before being proposed.
- e) Legal WG needs to be considered and must be included in the core strategic task/projects (within the Mountaineering Commission, as they are now).

4. Synchronized planning processes between commissions.

Inputs of all Commissions were needed to formulate the approach towards a common e-platform for exchange of information, facilitating communication and a repository of knowledge for the work of the commissions. However from the commissions present, it was evident that the existing tools were good enough for them except for the Safety Commission, which needed a robust e-platform for the above.

5. Inter-commission coordination

The discussions his developed into more of a question as to whether a resource is needed in the office to manage the work of the PP.

6. Attracting talent to commissions: 'recruiting' volunteers

Before further discussions on the topic, every commission needs to prepare its position on the basis for attraction of talent to the respective commission.

7. Improving personalized communication with commission members on ongoing projects.

This is linked with point 4. and before further progress each commission needs to work out its needs with respect to an e-platform.

8. Commission regulations, implementation of Art. 3 – 2.

It was unanimously agreed that each Commission needs its own set of rules for Corresponding Members.