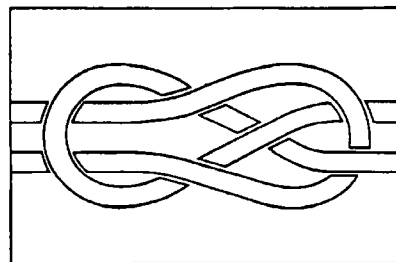

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**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE FIAV GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 23, 2001
YORK, ENGLAND, UNITED KINGDOM**

Summary:

- GA 16 minutes approved as amended
- IHW, JAVA, VDCN, CSVA, FOTW, and VAST admitted as Full Members
- SGHAPG admitted as Associate Member
- HAVSOM selected to organize ICV 21 in 2005 in Valletta, Malta
- Constitution amended to eliminate distinction between full and associate membership
- Constitution amended to allow specified procedural motions to be decided by simple majority vote
- Constitution amended to recognize *The Flag Bulletin* as journal for publication of scientific articles in field of vexillology

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- CFZ, MBV, and SGHAPG became voting Members
- Flag Information Code revised and references to civil and/or military aircraft and air installations eliminated
- Board authorized to name as a "Fellow of the Federation" a person who has made significant contributions to vexillology and/or has contributed significant service to FIAV or a FIAV Member
- General Assembly delegated to Board authority to name as a "Laureate of the Federation" a person who has made an outstanding, original contribution to the science of vexillology
- Former Officers authorized to use title "President Emeritus" or "Secretary-General Emeritus," as appropriate
- *Bourinot's Rules of Order* (ISBN 0-7710-8336-X) adopted for use on permanent basis
- Current Board re-elected

Note: Pursuant to a July 30, 1999 decision of the General Assembly at its Sixteenth Session in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, the General Assembly used *Bourinot's Rules of Order* (ISBN 0-7710-8336-X) on a trial basis.

1. **Call to order by President; official opening of the Seventeenth Session** The President called the meeting to order on July 23, 2001, at 7:15 p.m. and officially opened the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques.

2. **Verification by the President of written credentials of delegates** The President verified the written credentials of the following FIAV Members and Applicants:

AAV	Gustav Tracchia
ACV	Sebastiá Herreros i Agüí
BDA	Kevin Harrington
CFA	Kevin Harrington
CEBED	Michel R. Lupant
CISV	Roberto Breschi
CSVA (applicant)	Clay Moss
DGF	Andreas Herzfeld
FDC	Alfred Znamierowski
FI	Robin Ashburner
FRC	Whitney Smith
FRCSL	Ralph G. C. Bartlett
FSA	Ralph D. Kelly
FOTW (applicant)	Rob Raeside
CIDEC	Gustav Tracchia
GWAV	John M. Purcell
HAVSOM	Graham M. P. Bartram
IHW (applicant)	Alfred Znamierowski
KVV	Alain Raullet
MZT (formerly ZI)	Gerd G. Vehres
NFF	Peter J. Orenski
NVvV	Daniel van Leeuwen
NEVA	David B. Martucci
NZFA	John Moody

JAVA (applicant)	Nozomi Kariyasu
NF	Michael Krag-Juel-Vind-Frijs
NAVA	David B. Martucci
SSV	Emil Dreyer
SEV	Tomás Rodríguez Peñas
SVB	Robert Baert
SGHAPG (applicant)	Michel R. Lupant
SAVA	Bruce B. Berry
TWMF	John M. Purcell
USFF	Edward B. Kaye
VSHS	Sten Dahlström
VAST (applicant)	Scot M. Guenter
VK	Aleš Brozek
VDCN (applicant)	Michel R. Lupant
WVRI	Alfred Znamierowski

3. Roll call of delegates; recognition of quorum by Secretary-General; declaration by President that the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly is constituted

The Secretary-General called the roll as follows:

Members present (32): AAV; ACV; BDA; CFA; CEBED; CISV; DGF; FDC; FI; FRC; FRCSL; FSA; CIDEAC; GWAV; HAVSOM; KVV; MZT (formerly ZI); NFF; NVvV; NEVA; NZFA; NF; NAVA; SSV; SEV; SVB; SAVA; TWMF; USFF; VSHS; VK; and WVRI.

Members absent (10): CFZ (Associate Member); CBFA; HS; HVK; MBV (Associate Member); PH; PTW; SRV; SFV; and UHT.

Officers present (3): Michel R. Lupant, President; Charles A. Spain, Jr., Secretary-General; and Graham M.P. Bartram, Secretary-General for Congresses.

The Secretary-General determined that 32 of the 40 Full Members were present, which satisfied the constitutional requirement that delegates of at least half of the Full Members be present. The Secretary-General recognized the presence of a quorum, and the President declared that the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly was properly constituted.

4. Appointment by President of tellers to count votes The President appointed José Alegria and Dov Gutterman as tellers to count votes. Zeljko Heimer replaced José Alegria before the vote on item 14.

5. Approval of the minutes of the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly held July 29 and 30, 1999 in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada Moved by the Secretary-General, seconded by the Secretary-General for Congresses, "That the minutes of the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly, as published in *Info-FIAV* number 15, November 2000, be approved with the following four amendments: (1) page 9, line 9, change from '(a)' to '(b)'; (2) page 11, line 42, change from 'NS' to 'NF'; (3) page 25, line 27, change from 'award' to 'awards'; and (4) page 25, line 44, change from 'Jiří Tenora' to 'Jiří Tenora was nominated'." Adopted by two-thirds majority.

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6. Reports by the Board

(a) President. Michel Lupant—The President paid tribute to all the former Presidents and especially to the late William Crampton. The President noted that it was Dr. Crampton's dream for the Nineteenth International Congress of Vexillology to be held in the United Kingdom to celebrate the bicentennial of the adoption of the current Union Flag. He noted the hard work of the Board and thanked the Secretary-General and the Secretary-General for Congresses for their efforts and collegiality. Among his goals as President has been to publicize FIAV, and in the last two years he has visited 27 countries promoting FIAV and vexillology. Another goal has been to promote vexillology to the youth of the world. He challenged the persons present at the General Assembly session to assist the organizers of the Twentieth International Congress of Vexillology (Stockholm, Sweden 2003) in finding ways to allow interested young vexillologists to attend, even though they lack the money to pay the full Congress registration fee. Finally, the President noted the importance of *Info-FIAV* in coordinating the work of FIAV.

(b) Secretary-General. Charles Spain—Four issues of *Info-FIAV* (numbers 15-18) were produced and mailed in the last biennium. The project to publish in *Info-FIAV* all the minutes of the General Assembly sessions is nearly complete; the minutes for 1975 to 1989 were published in the last biennium, leaving only the 1991 minutes.

The Secretary-General reported that while he was not requesting reimbursement for expenses, those expenses were not insignificant. The four issues of *Info-FIAV* cost US\$1,146.49 (photocopying US\$610.54 [donated; 8,722 pages at US\$0.07 per page] and postage US\$535.95), averaging approximately US\$5.65 for each individual copy mailed to Members. The Internet domain www.fiaf.org was re-registered at a cost of US\$70.00. Miscellaneous correspondence cost US\$117.48 and office supplies cost US\$21.60. The total out-of-pocket expenses to the Secretary-General for 1999-2001 were US\$745.03. Due to the high cost of international postage, future publication of *Info-FIAV* will shift to e-mailed Adobe PDF files, which the recipients may print themselves. The FIAV website authorized by the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly had not been established due to lack of funds. Finally, the Secretary-General thanked Jon Radel for his generosity in hosting the e-mail addresses for the FIAV Officers.

(c) Secretary-General for Congresses. Graham Bartram—The Secretary-General for Congresses thanked those who previously warned him about the difficulties of organizing a Congress. He indicated he now appreciated that advice after working on the Nineteenth International Congress of Vexillology. He indicated he will work closely with the organizers for the Twentieth International Congress of Vexillology (Stockholm, Sweden 2003) and the likely organizers for the Twenty-First International Congress of Vexillology (Valletta, Malta 2005) to give them the benefit of the hard lessons he learned and to help them with their planning.

7. Announcements

(a) Proposals to organize ICV 21 (2005). HAVSOM had previously announced in 1999 its interest to host in Valletta, Malta. No other proposals were made.

(b) Proposals to organize ICV 22 (2007). DGF announced its interest to organize a Congress in Berlin, Germany. NZFA announced its intention to organize a Congress in either Nelson or Christchurch, New Zealand. CIDEC announced its intention to organize a Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

(c) Applicants for FIAV membership (arranged in order membership applications were received)

(i) Instytut Heraldyczny-Weksylologiczny (IHW) (received November 22, 1999). Representative present.

(ii) Nihon Kishougaku Kyokai/Japanese Vexillological Association (JAVA) (received November 2, 2000). Representative present.

(iii) Vlaggen Dokumentatie Centrum Nederland/Flag Documentation Centre Netherlands (VDCN) (received November 12, 2000). Representative present.

(iv) Société vexillologique de l'ouest (SVO) (received December 16, 2000). No representative present.

(v) Confederate States Vexillological Association (CSVA) (received January 8, 2001). Representative present.

(vi) The Heraldry College of the Estonian Heritage Society (HCEHS) (received January 12, 2001). No representative present.

(vii) Societatea de Genealogie, Heraldică și Arhivistică "Paul Gore" (SGHAPG) (received January 18, 2001). Representative present.

(viii) Flags of the World (FOTW) (received January 21, 2001). Representative present.

(ix) Vexillological Association of the State of Texas (VAST) (received January 22, 2001). Representative present.

(d) Candidates for the FIAV Board

(i) President. Michel Lupant announced his candidacy for re-election.

(ii) Secretary-General. Charles Spain announced his candidacy for re-election.

(iii) Secretary-General for Congresses. Graham Bartram announced his candidacy for re-election.

8. **Report of the Flag Data Accuracy Commission (Graham Bartram, Mario Fabretto, Andreas Herzfeld, Whitney Smith, and Alfred Znamierowski)** The Commission announced it never met and thus had no report to deliver.

9. **Report of the standing orders commission (Ralph Kelly (chair), Scot Guenter, and Charles Spain)**

REPORT OF THE 1999-2001 FIAV STANDING ORDERS COMMISSION

On behalf of Scot Guenter, Charles Spain, and myself, I am pleased to provide the report of the Standing Orders Commission.

At the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly in Victoria, the Standing Orders Commission reported on a review of the appropriateness of the General Assembly using *Bourinot's Rules of Order* (ISSN 0-7710-8336-X), and a motion was passed to continue the use of these rules on a temporary basis. Incorporated in the report was a set of detailed rules for the conduct of General Assembly sessions which applied the general framework of *Bourinot's Rules of Order* and modified those rules to accommodate the FIAV Constitution and the traditional format of General Assembly sessions. This report was circulated as part of the minutes of the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly and published in *Info-FIAV* number 15.

The Commission continues to support the use of *Bourinot's Rules of Order* as modified to accommodate the FIAV Constitution, and the Commission recommends that the General Assembly adopt *Bourinot's Rules of Order* for use on a permanent basis.

In addition, the Commission was asked by the FIAV Board to consider the appropriateness of amending the FIAV Constitution to simplify voting on procedural matters by requiring only a simple majority, rather than the current two-thirds majority required for all motions other than those related to the election of officers and amendments to the Constitution. It is the Commission's view that the constitutional change would be appropriate and entirely consistent with the normal operation of *Bourinot's Rules of Order* and similar rules for the conduct of meetings.

Ralph D. Kelly
July 23, 2001

10. Report on ICV 20 (July 28 to August 1, 2003, Stockholm, Sweden) NF announced the dates and location of the Twentieth International Congress of Vexillology.

11. Consideration of candidates for membership

(a) IHW. The Board recommended that IHW be admitted as a Full Member. Moved by WVRI, seconded by CFA, "That IHW be admitted as a Full Member." Adopted by two-thirds majority.

(b) JAVA. The Board recommended that JAVA be admitted as a Full Member. Moved by NAVA, seconded by FSA, "That JAVA be admitted as a Full Member." Adopted by two-thirds majority.

(c) VDCN. The President surrendered the chair to the Secretary-General so the President could present the candidature of VDCN. The Board recommended that VDCN be admitted as a Full Member. Moved by NZFA, seconded by USFF, "That VDCN be admitted as a Full Member." Adopted by two-thirds majority. The Secretary-General surrendered the chair back to the President.

(d) SVO. No representative was present from SVO, so SVO's application was not considered.

(e) CSVA. The Board recommended that CSVA be admitted as a Full Member. Moved by KVV, seconded by NFF, "That CSVA be admitted as a Full Member." Adopted by two-thirds majority.

(f) HCEHS. No representative was present from HCEHS, so HCEHS's application was not considered.

(g) SGHAPG. The President surrendered the chair to the Secretary-General so the President could present the candidature of SGHAPG. The Board recommended that SGHAPG be admitted as an Associate Member. The Board recommended associate membership, rather than full membership, because vexillology is not the principle purpose of SGHAPG. Moved by the Secretary-General for Congresses, seconded by USFF, "That SGHAPG be admitted as an Associate Member." Discussion concerning full versus associate membership. Adopted by two-thirds majority. The Secretary-General surrendered the chair back to the President.

(h) FOTW. The Board recommended that FOTW be admitted as a Full Member. Moved by NEVA, seconded by SAVA, "That FOTW be admitted as a Full Member." Adopted by two-thirds majority.

(i) VAST. The Board recommended that VAST be admitted as a Full Member. Moved by the Secretary-General for Congresses, seconded by SAVA, "That VAST be admitted as a Full Member." Adopted by two-thirds majority.

The President recognized IHW's, JAVA's, VDCN's, CSVA's, SGHAPG's, FOTW's, and VAST's delegates, and they were given seats in the General Assembly. As a result, the number of Full Members present increased from 32 to 38.

12. Selection of ICV 21 (2005) organizer Moved by HAVSOM, seconded by SSV, "That HAVSOM organize the Twentieth-First International Congress of Vexillology in Valletta, Malta." Adopted by two-thirds majority.

13. Discussion about ICV 22 (2007) organizer The Secretary-General for Congresses and immediate past Secretary-General for Congresses Bruce Berry agreed to contact the three candidates and request that each present a proposal to the Eighteenth Session of the General Assembly in 2003.

14. Consideration of Board's proposed constitutional amendments

Resolution by the FIAV Board

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

(a) Articles 7, 9, 14, 15, 18, and 25 are amended as follows:

- Art. 7 (a) [~~Full membership~~] Membership in FIAV is open to any association or institution anywhere in the world having as [~~its principal~~] a substantial purpose the scientific study of vexillology. [~~Associate membership in FIAV is open to other associations or institutions anywhere in the world having vexillology as a center of subsidiary interest.~~]
- (b) The processing of membership applications is the responsibility of the Board. The Board may delegate this responsibility to a person appointed by it for this purpose. The procedure consists of the following:
- (1) The applicant shall submit a membership application, which must be received by the Board no later than six months before the convening of the next session of the General Assembly.
 - (2) The Board shall consider the application and make a recommendation to the General Assembly relative to the applicant and shall communicate that recommendation to the applicant and to existing Members not later than three months before the convening of the next session of the General Assembly.
 - (3) The Board may recommend acceptance of the applicant as a [~~Full~~] Member, [~~as an Associate Member;~~] or may recommend rejection of the [~~application~~] applicant.
 - (4) The General Assembly at its next session shall vote on the application. An authorized representative of the applicant may appear at the session to represent its case. A rejected applicant has the right to reapply for membership at any later session of the General Assembly.
- (c) The Board and the General Assembly, in making their decisions about an applicant, shall have regard to the following:
- (1) the existence of a written constitution and its provisions;
 - (2) the vexillological and non-vexillological activities of the applicant, including meetings, publications, and international relations;
 - (3) in the case of an association, the number of its dues-paying members (minimum of five);
 - (4) registration of its members in International Congresses of Vexillology;
 - (5) the length of time it has existed; and
 - (6) the presence of an autochthonous and authorized representative of the applicant at the session of the General Assembly at which there is to be a vote on the application.
- Art. 9 At its discretion, the Board may require a Member to furnish evidence of its continued qualification for membership under the terms set forth in article 7. On the basis of this evidence, the Board may make a

recommendation to the General Assembly on the continuation [or ~~modification~~] of the membership of the association or institution. If the recommendation is made to remove a Member from FIAV [or ~~change its status from full to associate membership~~], the Member in question must be notified at least three months in advance of the session of the General Assembly at which there is to be a vote on the matter. The Member shall be invited to present its defense before the General Assembly, but shall not participate in the vote on the matter.

- Art. 14
- (a) The General Assembly is composed of the Officers together with a delegate from each of the [~~Full and Associate~~] Members. Each delegate must present to the President written credentials from the Member represented. A Member may delegate any or all of its powers in writing to a delegate from any other Member or to an Officer.
 - (b) A session of the General Assembly is not constituted unless delegates of at least half of the [~~Full~~] Members are present, except as provided for in article 25.
 - (c) Each [~~Full~~] Member and each Officer is entitled to one vote in the General Assembly.

Art. 15 Majorities in the General Assembly consist of the following fractions of those [~~Full~~] Members present and voting:

- (a) A simple majority in the election of Officers. If more than two candidates stand for election for an Office and no candidate receives a simple majority, then the candidate with the least votes shall be eliminated from the next ballot, and so on.
- (b) Two-thirds for ordinary resolutions.
- (c) Three-quarters for amendments to the Constitution or dissolution of FIAV.

Art. 18 The General Assembly may be called into an emergency session if extraordinary conditions require this, as determined by the Board, or if three-quarters of the [~~Full~~] Members request this of the Board.

- Art. 25
- (a) A motion to dissolve FIAV may be considered only at a session of the General Assembly at which delegates of at least three-quarters of the [~~Full~~] Members are present.
 - (b) Instead of sending a delegate, a [~~Full~~] Member may chose to submit to the President a written, notarized statement expressing that Member's vote in favor of, or in opposition to, the motion to dissolve. A [~~Full~~] Member that submits any such statement shall be considered present at the session for the purpose of determining that the session is constituted to consider a motion to dissolve.
 - (c) The General Assembly establishes the terms of the dissolution.

(b) On the adoption of this section, all current Associate Members immediately become Members.

(c) Comment: To eliminate the distinction between Full and Associate Members. This distinction was originally introduced in 1989, and it has been a topic of heated debate since that time as the General Assembly has voted to admit as Full Members some associations that arguably did not meet the constitutional requirements for full membership. The Board believes this debate has been extremely contentious and unhealthy, and it should be resolved.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

(a) Article 15 is amended as follows:

Art. 15 Majorities in the General Assembly consist of the following fractions of

those Full Members present and voting:

- (a) A simple majority in the election of Officers. If more than two candidates stand for election for an Office and no candidate receives a simple majority, then the candidate with the least votes shall be eliminated from the next ballot, and so on.
- (b) A simple majority for a motion to amend a motion under consideration, to proceed to the next item of business on the agenda, to defer consideration of a motion, to refer a motion to a Commission, to appeal a ruling of the chair, for a record vote, or to adjourn a session of the General Assembly.
- (c) Two-thirds for ~~[ordinary resolutions]~~ all other motions.
- ~~[(e)]~~ (d) Three-quarters for amendments to the Constitution or dissolution of FIAV.

(b) Comment: To allow certain specified procedural motions to be decided by a majority vote. The Board believes FIAV should continue to require a super majority vote on all main motions, which bring business before the General Assembly for action. It is fundamentally antidemocratic, however, to require a super majority vote on the types of procedural motions addressed in this proposal. For example, it makes no sense to require a two-thirds vote to adjourn a session of the General Assembly when it is clear that a simple majority of delegates no longer desires to continue deliberating. The Board has discussed this proposal with the Standing Orders Commission, and the Commission recommends that the proposal be adopted.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

(a) Article 23 is amended as follows:

- Art. 23 ~~[The official journal of FIAV is *The Flag Bulletin* (ISSN 0015-3370). In addition,]~~
- (a) FIAV shall publish a newsletter concerning its activities at least once a year for the benefit of its Members, which may be freely reproduced. The General Assembly may initiate or authorize other publications.
 - (b) The Flag Bulletin (ISSN 0015-3370) is recognized as a journal for the publication of scientific articles in the field of vexillology.

(c) Comment: To alter the designation of *The Flag Bulletin* from FIAV's "official journal" (adopted in 1989) back to "a journal for the publication of scientific articles in the field of vexillology" (adopted in 1967). The Board wishes to continue FIAV's longstanding recognition of *The Flag Bulletin*, yet make it clear that FIAV does not own or control *The Flag Bulletin*.

SECTION 4. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Severability. Each of sections 1 through 3 of this resolution may be separately considered by the General Assembly, and approved or disapproved individually.

(b) Font. Additions to the Constitution are indicated by underlining and deletions to the Constitution are indicated by ~~[enclosure in brackets and strikeouts]~~. If approved, the modified text shall appear in nonunderlined font without the bracketed and struck out text.

(c) Comments. The comments to sections 1 through 3 of this resolution are provided for explanatory purposes only and do not form part of the proposed amendment.

(d) Effective date. Each of sections 1 through 3 of this resolution receiving approval shall be immediately effective at the time of its approval.

Moved by the Secretary-General for Congresses, seconded by the Secretary-General, "That the Board's proposed constitutional amendments be adopted." Motion by NAVA, seconded by FRC, "That section 1(b) be amended to read, 'On the adoption of this section, all current Associate Members cease to be Members, and they are invited to reapply for membership.'" Point of order by FSA that the motion to amend appears to violate article 9 of the FIAV Constitution, which requires at least three months notice to a Member in advance of the General Assembly if there is to be a vote on removing a Member from FIAV. The President ruled that the motion to amend was out of order as it violated article 9 of the FIAV Constitution (both NAVA and FRC publically agreed with this ruling). Regarding section 1, FRC questioned

