

Minutes of a Meeting of the Steering Committee, IAGR
Held on Monday, September 22, 2008
Rome

1. Opening & Welcome

After officially welcoming members of the Steering Committee to Rome, Steering Committee, Chair, Dennis Neilander, opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Chair Neilander indicated that Hases per Sjoblom, Sweden, has accepted a new position in Sweden's Ministry of Finance and would be stepping down from the Steering Committee.

2. Attendance:

Present at the meeting were:

Dennis Neilander, USA (Chairman)
Andre Wilsenach, Alderney, Channel Islands (Vice Chair)
Susan Hensel, USA (Secretary)
Atle Hamar, Norway
Raja Kumar, Singapore
Jenny Williams, United Kingdom
Serobi Maja, South Africa
Peter Cohen, Australia
Mike Sarquis, Australia
Keith Manch, New Zealand
Mark Clayton, USA (Observer)

Regrets:

Trudy Smith Fuselier, USA
Larry Gregory, USA
Hases Per Sjoblom, Sweden

3. Approval of Minutes of Mid-Year Steering Committee Meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa

The minutes of the above meeting were unanimously approved without amendment by the Steering Committee.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Chair Neilander discussed preparations for the panel discussions being organized by Steering Committee members for the IAGA/IAGR conference to be held September 23 through September 26. Each Steering Committee member

responsible for organizing a panel indicated that all required arrangements had been made for their assigned panel discussions.

5. Report from the Chair

Chair Neilander stated that he continues to have concerns about scam e-mails in which individuals are representing that they are conducting IAGR sponsored games and lotteries. Chair Neilander indicated that the IAGR website contains a clear posting that IAGR is not affiliated with any company awarding any type of prizes or money.

6. Steering Committee Business

2009 Chair - Elevation of Andre Wilsenach

Chair Neilander recognized that Vice Chair Wilsenach will elevate to Chair of IAGR during the conference. Chair Neilander also noted that, during the mid-year Steering Committee meeting, the Steering Committee recommended that Peter Cohen be appointed as Vice Chair. Chair Neilander stated that both Vice Chair Wilsenach and Peter Cohen have indicated their availability to serve in these new positions.

2009 Vice Chair - Recommendation to Business Meeting

Discussion then turned to the process for appointing a Vice Chair. Because there is only one nominee for Vice Chair, the IAGR Bylaws provide that the appointment to Vice Chair be made through a membership vote. The Steering Committee members suggested that an explanation of the process to appoint new officers should be included in the Business Meeting and further suggested that a copy of the IAGR Bylaws be made available to members during the meeting. Chair Neilander indicated that Vice Chair Wilsenach would be making a presentation to the membership about proposed amendments to the Bylaws and that the proposed amendments as well as the Bylaws would be handed out to members when they registered for the conference.

Membership – Recommendation to Business Meeting

The Steering Committee discussed the possible addition of a new Steering Committee member to replace Hases Per Sjoblom, Sweden. It was noted that the Caribbean is not currently represented and recommended that Kaye McDonald, St. John's Antigua be nominated to the Steering Committee during the Business Meeting. In addition, Zukiswa Ntlangula, South Africa was suggested as a nominee to replace Nana Magomola who resigned from the Steering Committee earlier in the year.

7. Report from Special Subcommittee to Examine the Bylaws

Vice Chair Wilsenach stated that he, Atle Hamar and Peter Cohen worked together on the preparation of a discussion document concerning proposed

amendments to the Bylaws. The discussion document was circulated to the Steering Committee members for their review and comment. Vice Chair Wilsenach stated that he would make a presentation at the Business Meeting outlining the process that is being used to evaluate the existing Bylaws and proposed amendments. This process includes the following steps: 1) preparation of the discussion document; 2) consultation with the Steering Committee members for their comments; 3) distribution of the discussion document to the membership; and 4) presentation of recommendations to the membership.

Vice Chair Wilsenach reviewed the recommendations that he would be discussing at the Business Meeting. The first recommendation, which concerns the appointment of members to the Steering Committee, is a new requirement that nominations be provided to the Secretary 15 days prior to the Business Meeting. The Secretary would distribute a list of the nominees to the membership 10 days prior to the Business Meeting.

The second recommendation focuses on the appointment of officers to the Steering Committee. Because the Steering Committee is most familiar with the contributions of its members, it is recommended that the Steering Committee make officer nominations. Vice Chair Wilsenach noted that this recommendation only affects the appointment of the Vice Chair since the Vice Chair automatically ascends to the position of Chair. In addition, the Chair is responsible for appointing the Secretary.

The third recommendation is in regard to jurisdictional representation on the Steering Committee. Vice Chair Wilsenach observed that a requirement to have absolute jurisdictional representation on the Steering Committee would result in a Steering Committee too large to be manageable. As a result, it was recommended that jurisdictional representation be an aspiration rather than a requirement.

The next recommendation examines limiting the term of the Steering Committee. Discussion focused on whether the Chair should be required to step down from the Steering Committee at the end of his or her term. Should the Chair be required to step down, it was suggested that a Council of Chairs, consisting of past Chairs, be established as advisors to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee discussed how to best balance keeping the experience of past Chairs with making room for new members. The Steering Committee recommended writing Bylaws to have a 5 year term limit but, if the Chair were in his 5th year, allowing the Chair to serve a 6th year. The Steering Committee did not support creation of a Council of Chairs.

The final recommendation concerned honorary membership in IAGR. Under the Bylaws, honorary membership is only available to members of IAGA. It was recommended that honorary memberships be eliminated.

8. IAGR Newsletter

Chair Neilander observed that three issues of the newsletter had been issued during 2008. Also in 2008, the newsletter was distributed to the membership via e-mail in addition to being placed on the IAGR website. The Steering Committee agreed that the newsletter is a useful communication tool and that its use should be continued.

9. IAGR Website

Secretary Hensel reported to the Steering Committee that New Jersey had completed the first phase of improvements to the IAGR website. This first phase entailed a redesign of the website to improve its appearance and usefulness. The next phase of the redesign requires the purchase of software in order to create a member only portion of the website that will be interactive. The Steering Committee discussed the software options and selected the same software that is currently used for the Gaming Regulators European Forum website.

10. Internet Working Group

Jenny Williams reported that the working group is close to having a final draft of a Statement of Principles document. Once the document is completed, it will be posted on the IAGR website. In addition to the Statement of Principles and associated technical guidelines, information is being gathered on best practice for compliance and enforcement.

11. Multi-Jurisdictional Form

Chair Neilander advised the Steering Committee that the multi-jurisdictional form is on the new IAGR website and is now downloadable.

12. Rome 2008 Conference

The Steering Committee discussed the importance of the feedback forms in order to assess audience reaction to each conference session. Members will be encouraged to complete the forms and, as with the 2007 conference, Peter Cohen will analyze the feedback received. The Steering Committee will take the results of the analysis into account in developing the 2009 conference program.

Chair Neilander reminded the Steering Committee that this year's Business Meeting has been expanded to accommodate Vice Chair Wilsenach's presentation on the IAGR Bylaws.

13. Mid-Year Steering Committee Meeting

The Steering Committee discussed the timing and location for its mid-year planning meeting. The Steering Committee decided to move the mid-year meeting up from March/April to January and to hold the meeting in London. Moving the mid-year meeting to January will assist those organizing panel discussions in finding available speakers.

14. IAGR/IAGA Conference 2009

Chair Neilander indicated that Buenos Aires, Argentina is the likely conference location for 2009. The conference location will be announced during the Rome conference. He also indicated that the 2010 meeting will likely be held in North America.

Vice Chair Wilsenach reported that he has had continuing conversations with the incoming president of IAGA, Bob Miller, about IAGR's role in selecting future conference locations and that Mr. Miller has been open to IAGR's wish to play a larger role in the selection process.

Serobi Maja suggested that South Africa be the venue for an upcoming conference. Atle Hamar suggested that Norway be considered as a future venue. Secretary Hensel suggested Philadelphia as a possible location.

There being no further business, Chair Neilander closed the meeting at 5:15 p.m. and thanked all members for their participation.