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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, IAGR  
HELD ON FRIDAY, 13 APRIL 2007  
SINGAPORE

**1. Opening & Welcome:**

After an official welcoming of members of the Steering Committee to Singapore by Raja Kumar, who introduced the Committee to the various members of his team, Chair Hamar opened the meeting and extended a welcome to members at 09h45. He thanked Raja Kumar for the assistance which had been provided in organising the venue and an informative and entertaining programme for the visit by the Committee.

**2. Attendance:**

Present at the meeting were:

Atle Hamar, Norway (Chair)  
Dennis Neilander, USA (Vice Chair)  
Raja Kumar, Singapore  
Andre Wilsenach, Alderney, Channel Islands  
Jenny Williams, United Kingdom (representing Peter Dean, United Kingdom)  
Serobi Maja, South Africa  
Hases Per Sjoblom, Sweden  
Linda Woo, Australia (representing David Ford, Australia)  
Mark Clayton, USA (Observer)  
Anniken Rygg, Norway (Observer)  
Alicia Gibson (Secretary), South Africa

**2. Regrets:**

Apologies were received from:

David Ford, Australia,  
Peter Cohen, Australia,  
Peter Dean, United Kingdom, who is due to retire in August 2007  
Linda de Vries, South Africa, who has ceased involvement in gambling regulation in South Africa, and

Terry Stone, USA, owing to impending retirement.  
Thomas Auriemma, NJ, USA

**3. Approval of Minutes of Steering Committee meeting in Barcelona, Spain**

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

**4. Business arising from the Minutes**

None.

**5. Report from the Chair**

Chair Hamar provided members with a written report, to which he referred in the ensuing discussion and of which a copy is attached as Annexure "A" hereto.

**6. Steering Committee 2007/2008**

Chair Hamar noted that the Steering Committee had recently lost a number of members and that the vacancies caused by these developments would need to be filled as a matter of priority. It was noted that every attempt should be made to ensure representivity in filling the vacancies which had arisen, with due regard to the membership profile of the Association.

It was agreed that Dennis Neilander would follow up on possible candidates to take up the two vacancies which had arisen in respect of USA representatives, while Serobi Maja would look into canvassing a possible candidate from South Africa, to fill the vacancy resulting from Linda de Vries's departure from the regulated industry.

The Committee noted that Jenny Williams had been approached as a possible replacement for Peter Dean (representing the United Kingdom) and was available and willing to serve. In addition, the possibility of appointing a representative from New Zealand would be looked into by Chair Hamar, in conjunction with David Ford and Linda Woo.

Further developments in the above regard can be expected at the annual IAGR/IAGP Conference in Chicago.

**7. IAGR Newsletter**

Reference is made to the IAGR Newsletter in Annexure "A". In discussing the issue further, it was noted that the latest Newsletter had been posted on the IAGR Website and that two further Newsletters would follow. Members were urged to provide brief contributions regarding developments of interest in

their jurisdictions, in order to keep the Newsletter topical and informative.

All proposed contributions to the next Newsletter were requested to be furnished by the end of May 2007.

**8. IAGR Website**

It was noted that, notwithstanding the departure of Tom Auriemma and Tony Restuccia from the field of gaming regulation in New Jersey, the IAGR Website continues to be maintained by the office of the New Jersey regulator. George Rover is still with the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement and will continue to assist IAGR with the Website and all other matters. The Committee expressed appreciation for this service, but agreed that clarity would have to be obtained regarding the question of ongoing responsibility for the maintenance of the Website. In this regard, Dennis Neilander reported that a meeting is due to take place between representatives of his office and its New Jersey counterpart in May 2007, which would provide an opportunity for the matter to be followed up. He stated, however, that all preliminary indications were to the effect that New Jersey would be willing to retain responsibility for this service.

In the further discussion of the matter, members agreed that, once clarity has been reached regarding responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the Website, it would be advisable to investigate the possibility of effecting some changes to the content and functionality of the site, which had not been amended in some ten years. It was agreed that emphasis should be placed on enhancing the topicality and interactivity of the site, as had been done in the case of the GREF Website.

It was agreed that this matter would receive further attention at the Steering Committee and Business Meetings of IAGR to be held in Chicago in October 2007.

**9. Internet Working Group**

Andre Wilsenach reported that recently good progress had been made by the IWG. A Technical Working Group had been set up to advise the IWG on a technical standard for e-gambling, which had culminated in an excellent 2-day workshop in Birmingham in March 2007. It is anticipated that by June or July 2007, a technical standard, dealing with the nuts and bolts of e-gambling regulation, and based on the Australian model complemented by existing laboratory standards, will have been developed, which can be further discussed in Chicago.

**10. Multi-jurisdictional Form**

It was reported that the form is being used regularly in Nevada and that Singapore, as a new jurisdiction, had found it extremely useful.

In addition, members agreed that the latest addition to the form from Peter

Cohen (Australia) making provision for differences in approach to the disclosure of information from a privacy perspective, could be incorporated in the form. This would be communicated to New Jersey so that the relevant updates could be effected.

**11. Chicago 2007 Conference**

**(i) Election of Vice-Chair:**

Members noted that Andre Wilsenach had been approached with a view to considering the possibility of assuming the role of Vice-Chair when Dennis Neilander becomes Chair at the Chicago Conference, and had signalled his willingness to do so.

**(ii) Topics for Conference:**

It was noted that feedback from last year's conference had been shared with Association members in the second Newsletter distributed thereafter. Steering Committee members agreed that, because there will be certain sessions held in conjunction with (the newly renamed) IAGP (International Association of Gaming Professionals), a maximum of five (5) topics should be provided for to avoid competing with other events. It was noted that the feedback given had made it clear that internet gambling and problem gambling remain topical and that there is a general demand for sessions focusing on these areas.

After individual inputs by Steering Committee members and general discussion of possible alternatives in respect of the programme for the conference, the following was agreed upon:

**1. Internet Gambling Session:**

To be organised by Andre Wilsenach, who will investigate the possibility of involving an experienced e-gambling operator (provided this can be done within the context of the legal status of internet gambling in the USA) to indicate what the crucial elements of an e-gambling operation are, as well as which components of such an operation should be located in the regulated jurisdiction and which elsewhere. Emphasis would also be placed on the latest developments in the industry, with provision for a possible mock-up by the operator of its system, to provide members with a grasp of how such a system works in practice.

**2. Problem Gambling Session:**

This session will be organised by Dennis Neilander, who undertook to approach Bo Bernard, who is currently conducting new research in the problem gambling field. The session will focus on the results of that research as well as of other new studies which have been undertaken recently.

**3. Interactive Session:**

This session (previously under the banner of “Emerging Regulatory Issues”), which will be jointly planned and moderated by Serobi Maja, Hases Per Sjoblom and Raja Kumar, and will make provision for 4 or 5 breakout groups. The session will deal with issues arising in various jurisdictions regarding, *inter alia* -

- (i) the classification of gambling games in the context of burgeoning technology, and the blurring of traditional lines between gambling machines or devices and other products (and litigation which has arisen in that regard);
- (ii) private equity acquisition and its impact upon the regulation of the industry, and
- (iii) developments in newer European democracies and Eastern Europe.

**4. Capacity-building for Regulators:**

This session, to be moderated by Jenny Williams, is planned commence with a presentation by Patti Becker from the International Gambling Institute (based at UNLV), dealing with the programme aimed at the development of regulators from newer jurisdictions on a Senior Management and Executive level, which is being put together by the Institute. After the presentation, there will be provision for an interactive session dealing with members’ queries and inputs regarding the matter.

**5. Financial Crimes:**

This session, to be moderated by Peter Cohen, will focus on the various forms of financial crime to which the industry is vulnerable or may become prey and deal with money-laundering practices and legislative provisions.

It was also agreed that Chair Hamar would discuss with Yvette Landau, the President of IAGP, the possibility of a joint IAGR/IAGP session focusing on European developments and Asian gaming.

Chair Hamar undertook to reach finality on the time slots for the various sessions as soon as possible in order to assist the selected moderators with their planning for the event.

**12. IAGR/IAGP Conference 2008**

Dennis Neilander reported that it had been indicated to him by the current Vice-President of IAGP that Rome was being considered as a likely venue for the Conference to be held in 2008. A possible drawback of this was that there would be only one hotel available, which could be overcome if a competitive rate for regulators (not in excess of US\$200 per night) could be negotiated.

Members also discussed the selection of Conference venues generally, with concern being expressed over the perceived continued reluctance of IAGP representatives to consider possible Conference venues suggested by IAGR, such as South Africa (which is shortly to be hosting the IMGL International Conference in Cape Town) and Australia. It was agreed that Chair Hamar would raise this matter with IAGP at the next meeting in May, with a view to a further discussion with the Board of IAGP in Chicago.

Steering Committee members agreed that the provision to IAGP role players of accurate and comprehensive information in respect of suggested venues in order to enable informed decision-making, would be of critical importance in meeting any concerns raised, and Committee members were requested to assist in achieving this wherever possible.

There being no further business, Chair Hamar closed the meeting at 11h45 and thanked all members for their participation.

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