

IAU Mid Term Congress 30th November 2023. Chientan YAC, Taipei City

DRAFT MINUTES

In Attendance

IAU Executive Council Nadeem Khan, Robert Boyce, Paco Rico, Jacek Bedkowski, Hilary Walker.

Member Federations

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republc, Denmark, Spain, France, Great Britain and NI, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Sweden, Chinese Taipei, United States of America. (27 Federations)

Nadeem Khan, President, chaired the meeting with Hilary Walker as General Secretary taking the minutes. 27 countries were present at the meeting. The IAU has 97 members currently with 96 able to vote. 48 Members need to be present for a normal quorate Congress. As a result, Article 15.5 of the IAU constitution needed to be implemented.

The President closed the meeting and opened the second meeting as per Article 15.5 and welcomed the federations to the Congress. All the papers referenced in the summary below are to be found in the following folder: -

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The draft minutes from the 2021 Virtual Congress in May 2021 had been on the IAU website for all member federations to review. There were no comments provided during Congress. Great

Britain proposed and India seconded that the minutes be agreed as final. Congress approved the 2021 Congress minutes.

The IAU Executive Council then reported on their work during the last three years from June 2021 until October 2023 The written report had been circulated to all member federations prior to the meeting, and key points were summarized by the IAU Council Members present at this Congress. All Congress documentation is available on the attached link

The financial report for 2022 which had been fully audited, was reviewed by Robert Boyce as Treasurer. There no questions, and the financial report was approved.

The President closed the general section of the Congress by thanking all the Executive Council and members of the committees for all their hard work over the last few years and handed over to the General Secretary to move to the Election Procedures following IAU Constitutional principles.

Prior to the agenda item on the Revision of the IAU Constitution, John O'Regan (IRL) and Archie Jenkins (WMA Observer) were elected as Scrutineers for the vote.

Hilary Walker (as General Secretary) described the need to review and revise the IAU Constitution to cover for various changes in conditions that have taken place over the last few years. These were explained in the covering paper to the revised constitution. She described the revisions in general and asked for any questions. None received, the revised constitution was put to the vote and unanimously approved.

As there was no other business, the Congress was closed at 09.50.

Hilary Walker IAU General Secretary. 05/12/2023