

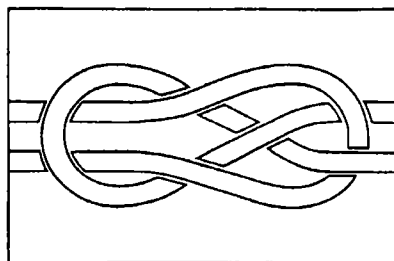
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## 30 YEARS OF FIAV

As part of FIAV's continuing celebration of its thirtieth anniversary, with this issue *Info-FIAV* begins publishing the previously unpublished minutes of the General Assembly sessions (1969-1991) and the business meetings held in 1965 and 1967 that led to the creation of FIAV in 1969. This issue of *Info-FIAV* features the minutes from 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, and 1973, as well as unofficial summaries of those minutes. The secretary-general regrets the poor legibility of some of the minutes, but there is only so much that can be done with copies of copies of copies!

### REVISION TO AGENDA FOR THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE FIAV GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE CONVENED JULY 29, 1999 VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Add the following:

24A. Consideration of the Board's proposed officer flags

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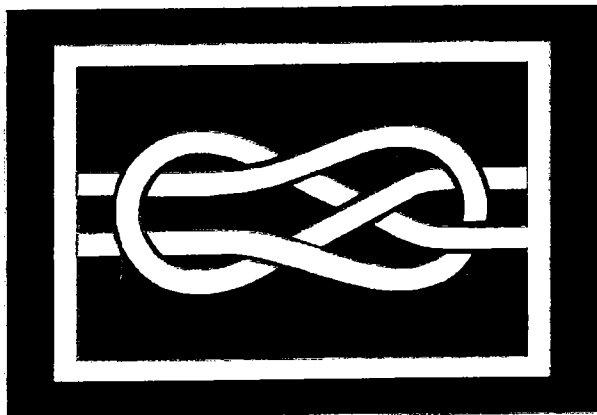
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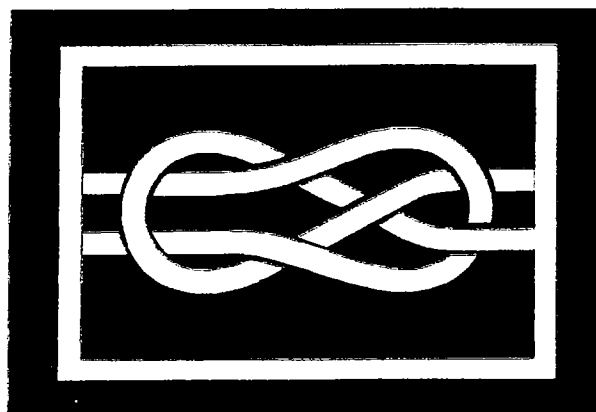
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## REVISIONS TO COMMENTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

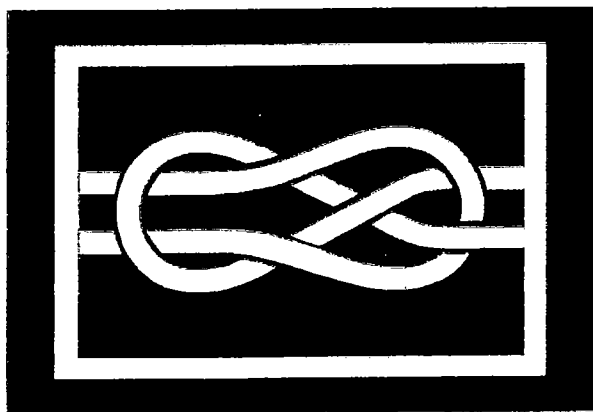
Item 24A: The Board recommends the approval of designs for officer flags (see designs below). These designs were found in the papers of the late Dr. William Crampton. The Pantone Matching System color specifications are blue (U293), yellow (U123), and red (192C). Note: As this agenda item was submitted late, consideration of it may be blocked at the request of any Member.



President



Secretary-General



Secretary-General for Congresses

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Summary:

- Governing board of the "International League of Vexillologists" formed  
Louis Mühlemann (Switzerland) (selected by the delegates)  
Klaes Sierksma (Netherlands) (representative of SBH)  
Whitney Smith (United States) (representative of FRC)
- *The Flag Bulletin* is the official "organ" of the League

Results of the  
FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR VEXILLOLOGY  
held 4-5 September 1965 at Muiderberg, Netherlands  
organized by the Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek/  
Foundation for Vexillology and Heraldry

1. The meeting of 31 individuals engaged in studying and collecting flags was highly successful and the reports delivered by many of the participants were all of great interest. Conditions for fruitful cooperation in the future seem very promising. All of those who attended are indebted to those responsible for the organization and realization of the Congress, above all Mr. and Mrs. Sierksma and family. Participants were also pleased to note the attendance at the Congress of so many young persons engaged in flag study, a fact which augurs well for the future.

2. At the Congress the Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek (Muiderberg) represented by Mr. and Mrs. Sierksma and the Flag Research Center (Winchester/New York) represented by Mr. Smith expressed their desire to cooperate more closely with one another and with the participants at the Congress. To this end it was determined to establish an International League of Vexillologists. Membership is to be by ballot. The Governing Board of the League is to consist of a representative from the Flag Research Center, a representative of the Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek, and an individual vexillologist. The majority approved of the selection of Mr. Louis Mühlemann (of Brugg, Switzerland) to serve as their representative on the Board and in the preparation of statutes for the League which will be submitted for judgment to all those attending the Congress. The general responsibilities of the League will be the coordination and promotion of vexillological activities on an international level and in particular the organization of future International Congresses for Vexillology.

3. By general concensus at the Congress it was also decided that there should be another Congress somewhere in Europe in 1967. The languages preferred at such a Congress are to be French, English, German, and the other official languages used at the United Nations. The official organ of the League and of the International Congresses is to be The Flag Bulletin. The desirability of establishing an internationally acceptable terminology for vexillology and of attaining the highest possible accuracy and completeness on future editions of the Flags of the World chart (published by De Geïllustreerde Pers, Amsterdam) was agreed upon.

4. Finally, there was agreement that a Report of the First International Congress for Vexillology should be published, to include the names and speeches of all participants. (A separate sheet with addresses will be available to participants only.) The Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek was commissioned to publish and distribute such a Report, at reasonable cost.

ICV 2  
Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland  
September 1 - 3, 1967  
Gilde der Zürcher Heraldiker  
Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Fahnen- und Flaggenkunde/Société  
Suisse de Vexillologie/Società Svizzera di Vessillologia

Summary:

- Provisional council
  - Louis Mühlemann (Switzerland) president
  - Klaes Sierksma (Netherlands) vice-president
  - Whitney Smith (United States) vice-president
  - E.M.C. Barraclough (United Kingdom) councillor
  - Arne Danielsson (Sweden) councillor
  - Roger E. Harmignies (Belgium) councillor
  - Hans Horstman (Germany, West) councillor
  - Raffaele Natta-Soleri (Italy) councillor
  - Georges Pasch (France) councillor
- FIAV provisionally founded
- Provisional statutes adopted
- Zürich, Switzerland recognized as FIAV's legal residence
- FIAV flag adopted
- Provisional council established
- Terminology commission established
  - Klaes Sierksma (Netherlands), secretary
  - William G. Crampton (United Kingdom)
  - Arne Danielsson (Sweden)
  - Karl Fachinger (Germany, West)
  - Pierre Lux-Wurm (United States)
  - Georges Pasch (France)
  - Whitney Smith (United States)
  - Aldo Ziggio (Italy)
- UNESCO/FIAV commission established
  - [first name unknown] Dumke (Germany, West)
  - Pierre Lux-Wurm (United States)
  - Louis Mühlemann (Switzerland)
  - Hervé Pinoteau (France)
  - Johannes Hendrik Rombach (Netherlands)
- *The Flag Bulletin* and *Archivum Heraldicom* (newsletter of the Swiss Heraldry Society) recognized for publication of vexillological articles

Fondation de la FIAV  
FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE VEXILLOLOGIE

Dimanche, 3 septembre 1967, à l'Institut Gottlieb Duttweiler  
à Rüschlikon (Zurich)

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Les statuts provisoires de la FIAV sont adoptés.

Zurich est reconnu comme le siège légal de la FIAV.

Le drapeau de la FIAV est hissé solennellement:

le drapeau est hissé par Guido Mühlemann (6 ans), le petit garçon du secrétaire général du Congrès, au son des clairons de la Société de musique de garçons de la ville de Zurich. Les dames (ou, à défaut, les délégués d'associations) se tiennent par la main et forment un arc de cercle devant le mât du drapeau, chaque personne représentant un pays.

Le Comité provisoire de fondation de la FIAV (Comité désigné au premier congrès de Muiderberg et composé de Messieurs Sierksma, Smith et Mühlemann) propose aux associations de vexillologie ayant envoyé un représentant au deuxième Congrès d'élire les personnes suivantes comme membres du CONSEIL DE LA FIAV:

|                       |                  |                                   |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| MM. Louis MÜHLEMANN   | Suisse           | Président                         |
| Klaes SIERKSMA        | Pays-Bas )       | Secrétaires généraux <sup>+</sup> |
| Whitney SMITH         | Etats-Unis)      |                                   |
| E. M. C. BARRACLOUGH  | Grande-Bretagne) | Conseillers                       |
| Arne DANIELSSON       | Scandinavie )    |                                   |
| Roger HARMIGNIES      | Belgique )       |                                   |
| Hans HORSTMANN        | Allemagne )      |                                   |
| Raffaele NATTA-SOLERI | Italie )         |                                   |
| Georges PASCH         | France )         |                                   |

Aucune objection n'est élevée contre ces nominations qui devront être confirmées par un vote lors de la prochaine assemblée générale de la FIAV. Il convient d'ajouter à cette liste le Secrétaire général du prochain Congrès International.

Est constituée une commission de terminologie comprenant:

MM. Crampton (GB), Danielsson (S), Fachinger (D), Lux-Wurm (USA et

pour la langue espagnole), Pasch (F), Sierksma (NL), Smith (USA) et Ziggioto (I). Secrétaire de la commission: M. Sierksma.

6. Est constituée une commission pour la reconnaissance de la FIAV par l'UNESCO, cette commission se composant de:  
MM. Dumke (D), Lux-Wurm (USA), Mühlemann (CH), Pinoteau (F) et Rombach (NL).
7. Les revues FLAG BULLETIN et ARCHIVUM HERALDICUM sont reconnues pour la publication d'articles scientifiques dans le domaine de la vexillologie.
8. M. Mühlemann est désigné pour recevoir les demandes d'adhésion à la FIAV de la part des associations et institutions intéressées.
9. Les débats ayant pour but de fixer le lieu du prochain Congrès international de Vexillologie n'aboutissent pas à un résultat définitif. Münster (Allemagne) et Boston (USA) sont les deux villes proposées.

(A la suite d'échanges de vues entrepris par correspondance après le Congrès, c'est pour Boston (USA) que l'on s'est prononcé.)

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<sup>4</sup> Divers titres (entre autres "vice-présidents" et "chanceliers") avaient d'abord été pris en considération; par la suite, le président du Conseil provisoire de la FIAV a proposé aux deux intéressés de les nommer "secrétaires généraux de la FIAV".

Projected Statutes for  
THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

Purposes of the Federation

- Art. 1 Vexillology is the science whose goal is the study of all kinds of flags, past and present, throughout the entire world.
- Art. 2 The Federation has the following purposes:
- a) to create durable links between <sup>these</sup> associations in every country which are exclusively or principally devoted to research and other work in the field of vexillology;
  - b) to encourage or coordinate these studies and undertakings;
  - c) to adopt international norms applicable to the development of these activities (for example, rules of terminology, methodology, the recording of data, etc.);
  - d) to hold periodically International Congresses of Vexillology and to give all its aid to the organizers of such Congresses.
- Art. 3 The Federation has no commercial ends, nor any political or religious affiliations. Its character is purely scientific and ~~xxxx~~ the Federation seeks recognition of such status by UNESCO.

Seat of the Federation

- Art. 4 For legal purposes the seat of the Federation is considered to be that of its President.

Languages of the Federation

- Art. 5 The official languages of the Federation, for use at International Congresses ~~2~~ of Vexillology and in official communications, are English, French, and German. Other languages may be used in addition, where appropriate.

Membership

- Art. 6 Membership in the Federation may be acquired, upon written request to the President, by any vexillological association no matter ~~where~~ in which country its headquarters are located, provided ~~only~~ that it have at least five members and that it be run in accordance with the laws of its country.
- Art. 7 The General Assembly of the Federation determines by unanimous vote the admission and expulsion of member ~~2~~ associations.
- Art. 8 Each national or regional association manages its own affairs in complete freedom, limited only by the legal provisions in effect in the territory where it operates.
- Art. 9 Associations adhering to the Federation bind themselves not to undertake any objectives contrary to those of the Federation. In turn the Federation is forbidden to usurp rights properly within the sphere of its member associations.

- Art. 10 The Federation may speak on behalf of its members only with their consent. Member associations may not speak in the name of the Federation, nor may they hold their own International Congress of Vexillology.
- Art. 11 A private individual may join any vexillological association whose rules recognize him <sup>as</sup>/eligible for membership.
- Art. 12 The General Assembly may name as an honorary member of the Federation any person not belonging to a vexillological association whom ~~they believe to have~~ it believes to have made an outstanding contribution to some aspect of vexillology.
- Art. 12 Each association belonging to the Federation may publish its own newsletter, in which the communications of the Federation will be printed.

#### The General Assembly

- Art. 13 The General Assembly is composed of all the members of the Federation, each association being represented by at least one person to whom full powers have been delegated. Each association has one vote in the Assembly.
- Art. 14 Decisions of the Assembly relating to points dealt with in the present Statutes will be binding on members when adopted unanimously. (Context)
- Art. 15 The powers of the Assembly are the following:
- a) appointment of the Board of the Federation (the Vice-President, Secretary General or Secretary-General ad interim, and the other members of the Board) and, as appropriate, of special commissions;
  - b) scrutiny and approval of the management of the Federation;
  - c) deliberation on all questions of interest to the Federation, especially the organization of the International Congresses of Vexillology.
- Art. 16 The General Assembly ~~will~~ meets on the occasion of each International Congress of Vexillology. It is convoked by the Board six months in advance, with notification of the agenda.
- Art. 17 An extraordinary session of the General Assembly may be called when circumstances require (as, for example, when no International Congress of Vexillology has been held for four years or more). It is to be convoked by the Board only upon the written request of at least two-thirds of the members of the Federation. Members prevented from attending the Assembly may submit written votes, notarized and sent by registered mail.

#### The Board

- Art. 18 The administration of the Federation is entrusted to a Board composed of
- a) a President;
  - b) a Vice-President;



- c) a Secretary-General or a Secretary-General ad interim;
  - d) one other member for each continent (considering Africa, Asia, Australia-Oceania, Europe, North America, and South America as continents) having a member association and ~~not~~ not otherwise represented on the Board, such members to reside in the continents they represent.
- Art. 19 The term of office of members of the Board extends from their election by the Assembly to the election of the new Board at the following Assembly. Members are eligible for reelection.
- Art. 20 The President and Vice-President may not be from the same continent; the President and the Secretary-General may not be from the same country.
- Art. 21 At the termination of each Congress its Secretary-General becomes the President of the Federation until the meeting of the next Congress, of which he is also President.
- Art. 22 The Assembly will choose as Secretary-General a competent person living in the country where the next Congress is to take place, theoretically the President of the vexillological association of that country.
- Art. 23 When no decision is reached in a regular Assembly meeting as to the site of the next Congress, a Secretary-General ad interim shall be appointed by the Assembly. He will be succeeded by a Secretary-General when the decision concerning the Congress has been made, such decision resting with the Board acting by unanimous vote.
- Art. 24 The powers of the Board are the following:
- a) it manages the current affairs of the Federation and acts on its behalf in dealings with others;
  - b) it issues <sup>such</sup> general guide-lines <sup>as</sup> ~~which~~ it judges as necessary for the success of the International Congresses of Vexillology, while leaving the actual organization of such Congresses to the Secretary-General;
  - c) it convokes the General Assembly and sets its agenda, within the required time.
- Art. 25 The President and Vice-President receive communications addressed to the Federation and sign in its name. The signature of the President (or Vice-President) must be countersigned by another member of the Board.
- Art. 26 Special commissions may be constituted by the Assembly. Their members are designated by the Assembly for a term ~~of~~ whose length is determined according to ~~the~~ circumstances. Members of ~~these~~ these commissions may attend meetings of the Board and sessions of the Assembly in an advisory capacity only.

#### Possible Dissolution

- Art. 27 Dissolution of the Federation may only be considered at a session of the General Assembly. Members prevented from attending such a session may submit written votes, notarized and sent by written mail.

**Amendments**

**Art 28 Amendments of the present Statutes may be effected only by the unanimous consent of the General Assembly.**

**insert on p. 2; article 14:**

**Unanimity in this case refers only to those members present and voting, not counting abstentions.**

GA 1  
Boston, Massachusetts, United States  
September 7, 1969

ICV 3  
Boston, Massachusetts, United States  
September 5 - 7, 1969  
Flag Research Center  
Heraldry Society of Canada  
North American Vexillological Association  
United States Flag Foundation

Summary:

- Officers
  - Louis Mühlemann (Switzerland) president (not present)
  - Whitney Smith (United States) secretary-general
  - Klaes Sierksma (Netherlands) secretary-general for congresses (not present)
- Councillors (not necessarily present)
  - Belgium Roger E. Harmignies
  - Canada Harold A. Diceman
  - France Georges Pasch
  - Germany, West Ottfried Neubecker
  - Italy Raffaele Natta-Soleri
  - Switzerland Peter Mäder
  - United Kingdom E.M.C. Barraclough
  - United States William C. Spangler
- Delegates
  - ASM Peter Mäder
  - AFEIV Whitney Smith
  - FPF George Cahill
  - FRC Whitney Smith
  - HSFS E.M.C. Barraclough
  - NVVV Peter Mäder
  - NAVA Whitney Smith
  - OGHB Roger Lachenal
  - SSV Peter Mäder
  - SBH Whitney Smith
  - WH Peter Mäder
- Not represented
  - USFF
- Minutes from 1967 read
- *Ad interim* officers elected
  - Whitney Smith (United States) chairman
  - E.M.C. Barraclough (United Kingdom) secretary
- Charter members recognized and FIAV officially formed
  - NAVA
  - FRC
  - USFF
  - FPF
  - SSV
  - NVVV
  - SBH
  - HSFS
  - ASM
  - OGHB
  - WH
  - AFEIV
- Proposed statutes adopted with amendments
- Report of Flag Description Commission (Klaes Sierksma, chair) accepted
- Officers and councillors elected; choice of Netherlands councillor left to NVVV (Johannes Hendrik Rombach later chosen by NVVV as interim councillor)

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SUNDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 1969

I. The minutes of the last General Assembly were read.

II. Dr. Whitney Smith and Capt. E.M.C. Barraclough were elected Chairman and Secretary ad interim for the General Assembly.

III. Mr. Peter Mäder, delegate of the President of the Federation, Mr. Louis Mühlemann, announced the following applicants for membership in the Federation:

1. North American Vexillological Association (1S 235 Pine Lane South, Lombard, Illinois 60148, U.S.A.)
2. Flag Research Center (17 Farmcrest Ave., Lexington, Massachusetts 02173, U.S.A.)
3. United States Flag Foundation (115 East 86th St., New York, N.Y. 10028, U.S.A.)
4. Flag Plaza Foundation (Flag Plaza, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219, U.S.A.)
5. Société Suisse de Vexillologie (Niederhofenrain 31, 8702 Zollikon, Zurich, Switzerland)
6. Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde (Brink 36, Muiderberg, Netherlands)
7. Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek (Brink 36, Muiderberg, Netherlands)
8. Flag Section, Heraldry Society (59 Gordon Square, London W.C.1., United Kingdom)
9. Sezione Vesillologica, Accademia di San Marignano (Via Amedeo Avogadro 26, 10121 Turin, Italy)
10. Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique (57 rue Martin Lindekens, Brussels 15, Belgium)
11. Wappen-Herold, Deutsche Heraldische Gesellschaft (Tharandter Straße 2, 1 Berlin 31 [Wilmersdorf], Germany)
12. Association Française d'Etudes Internationales Vexillologiques (28 rue de la Sablière, Paris XIV, France)

By unanimous mutual consent these applicants recognized one another as the constituent members of the Federation.

IV. The delegates of the members to the General Assembly, as confirmed by their letters of accreditation, were announced: Capt. E.M.C. Barraclough (8), Mr. George Cahill (4), Mr. Roger Lachenal (10), Mr. Peter Mäder (5, 6, 9, 11), and Dr. Whitney Smith (1, 2, 7, 12).

V. The Assembly discussed as a committee of the whole the proposed Statutes for the Federation as published in Vol. VIII, No. 2, of THE FLAG BULLETIN. The text was unanimously adopted with the following amendments:

1. At the end of Art. 6 the following sentence was added:  
"The voluntary resignation of any member from the Federation is effective upon the date of the sending to the Federation President of notification by the member."
2. Article 13 was deleted and the following article was substituted: "The General Assembly acts by two-thirds majority of the members present or represented, except that amendment of the Statutes requires the unanimous vote of the members present or represented."
3. Article 14d was amended by the deletion of the words "and amendment."
4. The period at the end of Art. 15 was changed to a comma and the following phrase was added: "including any proposed amendments to the Statutes."
5. The phrase "upon the advice of a Council" was deleted from Art. 17 and the following phrase was substituted: "only by unanimous agreement and with the advice of the Council."
6. The following sentence was added at the end of Art. 17:  
"The Board and Council are considered to be in continuous session, conducted by correspondence."

VI. In accordance with Art. 14 of the Statutes the following persons were elected members of the Council for the period 1969-1971:

1. Mr. Louis Mühlemann, President (Niederhofenrain 31, 8702 Zollikon, Zurich, Switzerland)
2. Dr. Whitney Smith, Secretary-General/Permanent Bureau of the Federation (17 Farmcrest Ave., Lexington, Mass. 02173, U.S.A.)
3. Mr. Klaes Sierksma, Secretary-General/Permanent Bureau of the International Congresses of Vexillology (Brink 36, Muiderberg, Netherlands)
4. Councillors for
  - Belgium: Mr. Roger Harmignies (57 rue Martin Lindekens, Brussels 15, Belgium)
  - Canada: Mr. Harold A. Diceman (2695 Cyrville Rd., Ottawa 15, Canada)

France: Mr. Georges Pasch (28 rue de la Sablière,  
Paris XIV, France)

Germany: Dr. Otfried Neubecker (Dieselstraße 24,  
62 Wiesbaden, Germany)

Italy: Cav. Raffaele Natta-Soleri (Corso Trento  
14, 10129 Turin, Italy)

Switzerland: Mr. Peter Mäder (Seestraße 17, 8700  
Küsnacht, Zurich, Switzerland)

United Kingdom: Capt E.M.C. Barraclough ("Crosstrees,"  
Sway Rd., Lymington, Hants. SO 4 8LR,  
England)

United States: Mr. William C. Spangler (Dettra Flag Co.,  
Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456, U.S.A.)

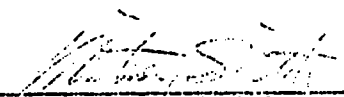
No Councilor was selected for the Netherlands, the choice being left to the Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde.

VII. The following motion was adopted unanimously: "The Federation accepts with thanks the report submitted by its Flag Description Commission, as published in THE FLAG BULLETIN, Vol. VIII, No. 1, noting in particular the fine work of the Chairman, Mr. Klaes Sierksma; the member associations of the Federation are requested to consider the contents of the Code in detail and make recommendations for any possible amendments at the 4th International Congress of Vexillology; the Commission is to arrange in due course for the translation of the Code into all the chief languages employed by vexillologists, with due regard being made for existing flag traditions in the different countries."

VIII. The following motion was adopted unanimously: "The kind offer of the Accademia di San Marignano to sponsor the 4th International Congress of Vexillology in 1971 in Turin, Italy, is gratefully accepted."

IX. Mr. Lachenal requested that the Council consider the advisability of having available at the next International Congress of Vexillology translations in English and/or French of all reports delivered.

X. The meeting was adjourned.

  
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Dr. Whitney Smith  
Chairman *ad interim*

*The Flag Bulletin*, volume 8, number 2

STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION  
OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

I. PURPOSE OF THE FEDERATION

Art. 1 There is created an International Federation of Vexillological Associations which unites those associations, throughout the world, whose object is work and research about flags and banners, both contemporary and historical.

Art. 2 The International Federation of Vexillological Associations (hereafter called "the Federation") has as its purpose:

a) to create a strong bond among these associations and to encourage and coordinate their work, studies, and researches;

b) to promote periodically the organization of International Congresses of Vexillology and to lend its support to their organizers;

c) to sanction international standards facilitating the development of these activities.

Art. 3 The Federation has no commercial ends and undertakes no political or religious activity, association, or opinion. Its nature is strictly scientific.

## II. PERSONALITY AND HEADQUARTERS

Art. 4 The Federation is constituted in conformity with the laws of the Swiss Confederation. Its administrative headquarters are located at the residences of its Secretaries-General.

## III. MEMBERSHIP

Art. 5 All associations which have at least five active members and all foundations and institutions which have the study of vexillology as their major object, or of which a branch or section has this object, no matter in what country they are located so long as they are constituted in conformity with the laws of that country, are eligible for membership in the Federation upon application to the President.

Art. 6 The acceptance or rejection of membership applications as well as the expulsion of members are powers of the General Assembly of the Federation.



When a vote is taken to expel a member, that member shall have no vote.

Art. 7 Each member of the Federation regulates its own affairs in complete freedom, limited only by the laws in effect in the territory where it functions. The Federation may not limit its rights in this respect.

Art. 8 Associations belonging to the Federation undertake thereby not to undertake any activities contrary to its interests.

Art. 9 The Federation may not act on behalf of its members without their authorization expressed in the General Assembly.

Members may not make commitments nor speak on behalf of the Federation, nor may they hold international congresses of vexillology on their own.

Art. 10 Individuals are not eligible for membership in the Federation, but they may join any vexillological association which recognize them as eligible for membership.

Nonetheless such persons, insofar as they are citizens or inhabitants of a country where no national vexillological association exists and do not belong to another national association, may be admitted to the status of Associates of the Federation. During General Assemblies these Associates are considered as constituting a de facto association which votes according to the provisions of Article 12.

Art. 11 The General Assembly may name as Laureates of the Federation individuals who have made outstanding contributions to vexillology. This status does not confer any rights within the Federation.

#### IV. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Art. 12 The General Assembly is composed of all the members of the Federation. Each member has one vote.

In order to exercise its vote each member must be represented by at least one individual to whom full powers have been delegated in accordance with its own statutes. A member may delegate its powers in writing to a representative from any other member of the Federation.

The General Assembly is not validly constituted unless at least half the members are present or represented.

Art. 13 Decisions of the General Assembly relating to any point in the present Statutes, except those expressly excluded, will be binding on members only when adopted unanimously. Unanimity in this case refers only to those members present and voting, not counting abstentions.

Art. 14 The powers of the General Assembly are the following:

- a) the appointment of the President and the members of the Council;
- b) examination and approval of the administration of the Board and of the work of the Council and the Committees;
- c) the examination of all questions concerning the Federation and in particular the organization of the International Congresses of Vexillology;
- d) interpretation and amendment of the Statutes of the Federation;
- e) the appointment of Laureates of the Federation and the awarding of such distinctions as it deems appropriate to persons or institutions who have shown particular merit in the field of vexillology;
- f) the determination of the amount and

disposition of the entrance fees to be paid by new members.

Art. 15 The General Assembly meets on the occasion of each International Congress of Vexillology. It is convoked by the Board at least three months in advance with notification of the agenda.

Art. 16 The General Assembly may be called into an emergency session if extraordinary conditions require this, as determined by the Board.

#### V. ADMINISTRATION OF THE FEDERATION

Art. 17 The administration of the Federation is entrusted to a Board which acts upon the advice of a Council.

The Council is composed of the President of the Federation, its two Secretaries-General (these three constituting the Board of the Federation), and one Councillor for each of the countries represented in the Federation.

The Council is elected by the General Assembly for a term of two years. The members are eligible for re-election.

The two Secretaries-General shall reside in different continents. One Secretary-General manages the Permanent Bureau of the Federation and the other manages the Permanent Bureau of the International Congresses of Vexillology.

Art. 18 The Council of the Federation

a) issues directives which it considers necessary to the success of the activities of the Federation, including the International Congresses of Vexillology;

b) establishes such committees as it deems necessary and appoints their members;

c) represents the interests of the vex-

illologists of all countries in the current affairs of the Federation by consulting the members of the Federation and advising the Board;

d) acts by simple majority, the President casting the deciding vote in the case of a tie.

**Art. 19 The Board of the Federation**

a) manages the current affairs of the Federation;

b) convokes the General Assembly and determines its agenda;

c) establishes by an internal regulation the duties and obligations of the members of the administration.

**Art. 20** All acts binding upon the Federation must be signed by the President and one of the Secretaries-General.

Current correspondance of the Federation may be signed either by the President or one of the Secretaries-General.

**VI. LANGUAGES**

**Art. 21** The official languages of the International Congresses of Vexillology and of communications of the Federation shall be English, French, and German. Other languages may be used as well, where appropriate.

**VII. PUBLICATIONS**

**Art. 22** The Federation publishes its communications in one or more organs chosen by the General Assembly, as well as in the newsletters of member associations. The General Assembly may recognize certain journals for the publication of scientific articles.

**VIII. DISSOLUTION**

**Art. 23** Dissolution of the Federation may only be considered at a session of the General Assembly attended by at least two-thirds of the members. Members prevented from attending the General Assembly may submit written, notarized votes. This General Assembly establishes the terms of the dissolution including the distribution of the assets of the Federation.

The French version of the present Statutes is the sole authentic text.

GA 2  
Torino, Piedmont, Italy  
June 24, 1971

ICV 4  
Torino, Piedmont, Italy  
June 24 - 27, 1971  
Accademia di San Marignano Sezione Vessillologica

Summary:

- Officers
  - Louis Mühleemann (Switzerland) president
  - Whitney Smith (United States) secretary-general
  - Klaes Sierksma (Netherlands) secretary-general for congresses
- Councillors (not necessarily present)
  - Belgium Roger E. Harmignies
  - Canada Harold A. Diceman
  - France Georges Pasch
  - Germany, West Ottfried Neubecker
  - Italy Raffaele Natta-Soleri
  - Netherlands Johannes Hendrik Rombach
  - Switzerland Peter Mäder
  - United Kingdom vacant
  - United States William C. Spangler
- Delegates
  - ASM Aldo Ziggio
  - AFEIV Georges Pasch
  - FI William G. Crampton
  - FPF Newton Blakeslee
  - FRC Whitney Smith
  - HSFS E.M.C. Barraclough
  - NVVV Otto Wiering
  - NAVA Kenneth Huff and Harold A. Diceman
  - OGHB René Wattiez
  - SSV Peter Mäder
  - SBH Berber J. Sierksma-Zeeff
  - WH Ottfried Neubecker
  - FIAV associates Gunnar Scheffer
- Not represented
  - USFF
- GA 1 minutes read and approved
- FI accepted as member
- Officers renounced reimbursement for expenses without prejudice to revisiting issue in future
- Informal agreement to hold biennial ICVs in September
- Informal agreement to open GA to all persons attending the ICV
- Officers and councillors re-elected with exception of E.M.C. Barraclough, who stepped down; Johannes Hendrik Rombach elected as councillor for Netherlands

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THURSDAY, 24 JUNE 1971

I. The President of the Federation, Mr. Louis Mühlemann, called the meeting to order. Secretary-General Whitney Smith read the list of members of the Federation and noted the following accredited delegates: Messrs. Kenneth Huff and Harold Diceman (North American Vexillological Association), Whitney Smith (Flag Research Center), Newton Blakeslee (Flag Plaza Foundation), Peter Mäder (Société Suisse de Vexillologie), Otto Wiering (Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde), Mme. Berber J. Sierksma-Zeeff (Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek), Capt. E.M.C. Barraclough (Flag Section, Heraldry Society), Messrs. Aldo Zigglioto (Sezione Vesillologica, Accademia di San Marciano), René Wattiez (Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique), Ottfried Neubecker (Wappen-Herold), and George Pasch (Association Française d'Etudes Internationales Vexillologiques). No delegate was present from the United States Flag Foundation. Dr. Gunnar Scheffer was selected by the individuals from countries in which no vexillological association exists as their delegate, in accordance with Art. X of the Statutes of the Federation.

II. The minutes of the General Assembly of 7 September 1969 were read by the Secretary-General and approved.

III. The application for membership in the Federation by the Flag Institute of Chester, England, was approved and Mr. William Crampton was recognized as the delegate of the Institute.

IV. There being no motions for action from the Terminology Commission, the General Assembly next considered the question of reimbursing the President and Secretaries-General of the Federation for their expenses. All three individuals indicated their willingness to renounce expenses so far incurred, without prejudice to their right to reimbursement for future expenses nor the right of the Federation to impose entrance fees on new members in accordance with Art. XIV of the Statutes. Secretary-General Smith requested that, insofar as possible, all future International Congresses of Vexillology be held at a time of year when off-season air rates would make it easier for those planning to attend the Congress to cross the Atlantic. After general discussion of this and the question of how often the Congresses should be held, it was informally agreed that the best schedule was a Congress every other year in early September. It was further informally agreed after general discussion that the General Assemblies should continue in the future to be open to all persons attending the International Congresses of Vexillology.

V. Mr. J. H. Rombach, who had been appointed an interim Federation Councillor, was officially elected to that position for the period 1969-1971. The President, the Secretary-General, and the Councillors were all reelected except for Capt. Barraclough, who expressed his desire not to serve again. No interim Councillor was named for the United Kingdom.

VI. The offer of the Flag Institute of Chester, England, to sponsor the Fifth International Congress of Vexillology in 1973 was accepted with thanks. After sending a telexram of its best wishes to colleague Mr. Karl Fachinger, the General Assembly adjourned.

GA 3  
London, England, United Kingdom  
September 14, 17, 1973

ICV 5  
London, England, United Kingdom  
September 13 - 18, 1973  
Flag Institute

Summary:

- Officers
  - Louis Mühlemann (Switzerland) president (not present)
  - Whitney Smith (United States) secretary-general
  - Klaes Sierksma (Netherlands) secretary-general for congresses
- Councillors (not necessarily present)
  - Belgium Roger E. Harmignies
  - Canada Harold A. Diceman
  - Denmark Christian Fogd Pedersen
  - France Georges Pasch
  - Germany, West Ottfried Neubecker, Johannes Klein
  - Italy Raffaele Natta-Soleri
  - Netherlands Johannes Hendrik Rombach
  - Norway Atle Grahl-Madsen
  - Switzerland Peter Mäder
  - United Kingdom William G. Crampton
  - United States William C. Spangler
- Delegates
  - AFEIV Georges Pasch
  - CISV Vezio Melegri
  - FI William G. Crampton
  - FRC Whitney Smith
  - NVVV W.A. van Ham
  - NAVA Newton Blakeslee
  - OGHB Roger E. Harmignies
  - SSV Peter Mäder
  - SBH Klaes Sierksma
  - USFF Lawrence P. Tower
  - WH Ottfried Neubecker
  - FIAB associates Franz Kaindl
- Not represented
  - ASM
  - HSFS
  - NFF
  - NF
- Meeting chaired by secretary-general in president's absence
- GA 2 minutes read and approved
- CISV and NF accepted as members
- FPF changed name to NFF
- Louis Mühlemann named "Honorary President"
- Atle Grahl-Madsen appointed Terminology Commission chair
- Officers re-elected except Ottfried Neubecker elected as president
- Councillors re-elected except for following
  - Denmark Christian Fogd Pedersen
  - Germany, West Johannes Klein
  - Norway Atle Grahl-Madsen
  - United Kingdom William Crampton



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY 14 and 17, SEPTEMBER 1973

I. In the absence of the President of the Federation the meeting was called to order by the FIAV Secretary-General, Dr. Whitney Smith. The following members were present, as represented by their accredited delegates: Association Française d'Études Internationales Vexillologiques (George Pasch), Flag Institute (William Crampton), Flag Research Center (Dr. Whitney Smith), Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde (A.F. van Ham), North American Vexillological Association (Newton Blakeslee), Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique (Roger Harmignies), Société Suisse de Vexillologie (Peter Mäder), Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek (Klaes Sierksma), United States Flag Foundation (Lawrence P. Tower), and Wappen-Herold, Deutsche Heraldisch Gesellschaft (Dr. Ottfried Neubecker). Delegates of members whose flags were displayed gave brief introductions to the history and symbolism of those flags. No delegates were present from the Flag Plaza Foundation, the Flag Section, and the Sezione Vesillologica. Dr. Franz Kaindl was the only individual from a country in which no vexillological association exists and consequently served as a delegate in accordance with Art. X of the FIAV Statutes.

II. The minutes of the General Assembly of 24 June 1971 were read and approved.

III. The applications for membership in FIAV by Centro Italiano Studi Vesillologici and of the Nordisk Flagselskab were approved and Dr. Vezio Melegari was recognized as a delegate of the former. A letter of fraternal greeting from the Vexillological Club of Prague was read. It was noted that the name of the Flag Plaza Foundation has officially been changed to National Flag Foundation. At this point the session of 14 September was adjourned.

IV. When the session was reconvened on 17 September a general discussion was held concerning the coincidence of design between the flags of the Flag Institute and of the Nordisk Flagselskab. A letter from the FIAV President, Mr. Louis Mühlemann, indicating his desire not to be reelected was read. His decision was accepted with regret and, by unanimous consent, he was designated as Honorary President of the Federation. At the same time Dr. Atle Grahl-Madsen was appointed the Chairman of the Terminology Commission.

V. Following extensive discussion during an evening session of the Fifth International Congress of Vexillology, it was decided that in the future references to the proportions of flags should always start with the dimension of the hoist given first, followed by the other (normally longer) dimension and that flag manufacturers, publishers, and others should be urged to adopt this international convention. That decision was formally voted by the General Assembly.

VI. Dr. Ottfried Neubecker was elected President for the period 1973 - 1975. The following councillors were also elected -- for Germany, Dr. Johan Klein; for the United Kingdom, William Crampton; for Norway, Dr. Atle Grahl-Madsen; for Denmark, Christian Fogd Pedersen. The remaining members of the Board and Council were reelected without change. Dr. Smith relinquished the chair to Dr. Neubecker.

VII. The offer of the Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek to sponsor the Sixth International Congress of Vexillology in 1975 and the offer of the North American Vexillological Association to sponsor the Seventh International Congress of Vexillology in 1977 were accepted with thanks, following which the General Assembly adjourned.

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Established: ?  
Member Since: 1995 Jul 5  
Membership Status: full  
Territory: Hungary  
Periodical Publication: *Zászlóvilág/Flagworld* (Hungarian; since ?)  
Notes: changed name on 1995 ? from Magyar Vexillológiai Társaság/Hungarian Vexillological Association (HUVA)

## CONSTITUTION (GERMAN TRANSLATION)

This translation is the work of Jörg M. Karaschewski. Please note that in the event of a conflict, the English text of the Constitution is considered the authentic text because it was the text officially adopted by the General Assembly.

### SATZUNG DER INTERNATIONALEN FÖDERATION VEXILLOLOGISCHER GESELLSCHAFTEN

#### I. ZWECK DER FÖDERATION

- Art. 1. Die Internationale Föderation Vexillologischer Gesellschaften vereinigt Gesellschaften und Institutionen aus aller Welt, die sich mit der Vexillologie beschäftigen. Dies beinhaltet die Begründung und Fortentwicklung eines Grundwissens über Flaggen aller Art, ihre Gestalt und Funktion sowie die wissenschaftlichen Theorien und Prinzipien, die auf diesem Wissen beruhen.
- Art. 2. Die Internationale Föderation Vexillologischer Gesellschaften (nachfolgend: „die Föderation“) verfolgt folgende Ziele:
- a) Schaffung eines starken Bandes um diese Gesellschaften und Institutionen sowie deren Unterstützung und Koordination bei ihren Tätigkeiten, Studien und Forschungen.
  - b) Periodische Förderung der Organisation des Internationalen Kongresses der Vexillologie und Unterstützung seiner Organisatoren.
  - c) Unterstützung bei der Bildung von Gesellschaften und Institutionen in aller Welt, die sich

der Vexillologie widmen.

- d) Verabschiedung internationaler Standards zur Förderung der Entwicklung dieser Aktivitäten.

Art. 3 Die Föderation ist streng wissenschaftlich, verfolgt keine kommerziellen Ziele, unterläßt jede politische und religiöse Aktivität und enthält sich jedem Standpunkten hierzu.

II. SITZ

Art. 4 Der verwaltungsmäßige Sitz der Föderation befindet sich am Wohnort des Generalsekretärs. Sie kann auch einen gesetzlichen Sitz haben.

III. MITGLIEDSCHAFT

Art. 5 Ein Antragsteller für die Mitgliedschaft in der Föderation

- a) muß eine Organisation gemäß Artikel 1 Föderationssatzung sein
- b) muß den Zielen der Föderation gemäß Artikel 2. ihrer Satzung verpflichtet sein
- c) muß im Einklang mit den Gesetzen des Landes stehen, in dem er seinen Sitz hat.

Art. 6 Die Vollmitgliedschaft in der Föderation steht sämtlichen Gesellschaften oder Institutionen in der ganzen Welt offen, deren Hauptziel das wissenschaftliche Studium der Vexillologie darstellt. Eine assoziierte Mitgliedschaft in der Föderation steht anderen Gesellschaften und Institutionen in der ganzen Welt offen, deren Nebeninteresse im Bereich der Vexillologie liegt.

Für die Bearbeitung von Mitgliedsanträgen ist der Vorstand der Föderation zuständig. Der Vorstand kann diese Aufgabe an eine andere Person, die zu diesem Zweck berufen wird, übertragen. Das Verfahren läuft folgendermaßen ab:

- a) Der Antragsteller hat den ausgefüllten Beitrittsantrag vorzulegen. Dieser darf dem Vorstand nicht später als sechs Monate vor dem Beginn der nächsten Generalversammlung der Föderation vorliegen.
- b) Der Vorstand prüft den Antrag und gibt eine Empfehlung an die Generalversammlung ab. Die Empfehlung wird dem Antragsteller und den Mitgliedern der Föderation nicht später als drei Monate vor dem Beginn der nächsten Generalversammlung bekanntgegeben.
- c) Der Vorstand kann eine Empfehlung über eine Annahme des Beantragenden als Vollmitglied, als assoziiertes Mitglied wie auch über die Ablehnung des Antrages aussprechen.
- d) Die Generalversammlung wird bei ihrer nächsten Zusammenkunft über den Antrag abstimmen. Ein autorisierter Vertreter des Antragstellers kann an der Versammlung teilnehmen und das Anliegen vertreten. Ein abgelehnter Antragsteller hat das Recht, seinen Mitgliedsantrag in jeder folgenden Generalversammlung zu wiederholen.

Der Vorstand und die Generalversammlung müssen bei ihrer Entscheidungsfindung über einen Mitgliedsantrag folgendes beachten:

- a) das Vorhandensein einer schriftlichen Satzung und ihrer Bestimmungen
- b) die vexillologischen und nicht-vexillologischen Aktivitäten des Antragstellers einschließlich
  - I. Treffen
  - ii. Veröffentlichungen
  - iii. internationale Beziehungen
- c) Im Falle einer Gesellschaft, die Anzahl ihrer zahlenden Mitglieder (mindestens fünf);

- d) die Registrierung ihrer Mitglieder auf dem von der Föderation veranstalteten Internationalen Kongreß der Vexillologie;
- e) die Dauer des Bestands; und
- f) die Anwesenheit eines einheimischen und autorisierten Vertreters des Antragstellers bei der Generalversammlung, die den Mitgliedsantrag behandelt.

Art. 7 Der freiwillige Austritt eines jeden Mitgliedes muß in schriftlicher Form an den Präsidenten der Föderation gerichtet werden. Er gilt ab dem Eingangsdatum.

Art. 8 Es liegt im Ermessen des Vorstands, ein Mitglied aufzufordern, Belege über seine unveränderte Mitgliedschaftsqualifikation wie in Artikel 6 ausgeführt, beizubringen. Auf Basis dieser Belege kann der Vorstand eine Empfehlung über die Weiterführung oder Modifikation der Mitgliedschaft der Gesellschaft oder Institution an die Generalversammlung geben. Sofern die Empfehlung dahingeht, das Mitglied aus der Föderation auszuschließen, oder seinen Mitgliedsstatus von Vollmitgliedschaft in eine assoziierte Mitgliedschaft zu ändern, muß das betreffende Mitglied mindestens drei Monate vor der über diese Empfehlung abzustimmenden Generalversammlung informiert werden. Das Mitglied soll eingeladen werden, seinen Widerspruch vor der Generalversammlung vorzubringen, es soll jedoch nicht an der Abstimmung über diese Angelegenheit teilnehmen.

Art. 9 Jedes Mitglied der Föderation regelt seine eigenen Angelegenheiten in völliger Freiheit, ausschließlich beschränkt durch die Gesetzte, die im Gebiet seines Sitzes gelten. Die Föderation wird die Rechte der Mitglieder in diesem Punkt nicht beschneiden.

Art. 10 Mitglieder der Föderation dürfen keine Aktivitäten unternehmen, die gegen die Interessen der Föderation stehen.

Art. 11 Die Föderation handelt nicht im Namen ihrer Mitglieder, ohne entsprechende Ermächtigung der Generalversammlung. Mitglieder gehen keine Verpflichtungen im Namen der Föderation ein, noch handeln sie in ihrem Namen; sie führen keine eigenen internationalen Vexillologentreffen durch.

Art. 12 Die Generalversammlung kann eine Person, die herausragende Beiträge für die Vexillologie geliefert hat, zu einem Preisträger der Föderation ernennen. Dieser Status ist mit keinerlei Rechten innerhalb der Föderation verbunden.

#### IV. DIE GENERALVERSAMMLUNG

Art. 13 Die Generalversammlung besteht aus den Mitgliedern des Vorstands zusammen mit jeweils einem Delegierten jeder der Voll- und assoziierten Mitgliedern der Föderation. Jeder Delegierte muß dem Präsidenten der Generalversammlung eine schriftliche Vollmacht der von ihm vertretenen Gesellschaft, vorlegen. Ein Mitglied kann einige oder alle seine Stimmrechte in schriftlicher Form an ein anderes Mitglied oder ein Vorstandsmitglied der Föderation übertragen.

Die Generalversammlung ist nicht beschlußfähig bevor nicht mindestens die Hälfte ihrer ordnungsgemäß vertretenen Vollmitglieder zum Beginn der Sitzung anwesend sind; eine Ausnahme besteht für Artikel 24. Jedes Vollmitglied und jedes Vorstandsmitglied verfügt in der Generalversammlung über eine Stimme.

Art. 14 In den Sitzungen der Generalversammlung gelten in den genannten Punkten folgende Stimmenverhältnisse:

- a) eine einfache Mehrheit für die Wahl eines Vorstandsmitgliedes. Sofern mehr als 2 Kandidaten zur Wahl stehen und keiner die einfache Mehrheit erreicht, wird der Kandidat mit der geringsten Stimmenzahl von der nächsten Wahlrunde ausgeschlossen, und so weiter.
- b) zwei Drittel für ordentliche Beschlüsse und
- c) drei Viertel für Änderungen der Satzung oder Auflösung der Föderation.

- Art. 15 Die Generalversammlung hat folgende Befugnisse:
- a) Die Wahl des Präsidenten und der zwei Generalsekretäre;
  - b) Prüfung der Arbeit des Vorstands und der Kommissionen sowie deren Entlastung;
  - c) Prüfung aller Fragen die Föderation betreffend und im besonderen die Organisation des Internationalen Kongresses der Vexillologie;
  - d) Auslegung der Satzung der Föderation;
  - e) Ernennung von Preisträgern der Föderation und die Auszeichnung hervorragender Leistungen geeigneter Personen oder Institutionen, die sich herausragende Verdienste im Bereich der Vexillologie erworben haben;
  - f) Festsetzung der Höhe und der Verwendung der jährlich von den Mitgliedern gezahlten Beiträge;
  - g) die Einsetzung von besonderen Kommissionen.
- Art. 16 Die Generalversammlung tritt mindestens alle zwei Jahre zusammen, üblicherweise auf jedem Internationalen Kongreß der Vexillologie. Sie muß vom Vorstand mindestens drei Monate im voraus unter Angabe des Programms und geplanter Änderungen der Satzung einberufen werden.
- Art. 17 Die Generalversammlung kann zu einer Sondersitzung einberufen werden, sofern besondere Gründe dies erforderlich machen. Die Einberufung erfolgt durch den Vorstand, oder wenn drei Viertel der Vollmitglieder dies vom Vorstand verlangen.
- V. VERWALTUNG DER FÖDERATION
- Art. 18 Die Verwaltung der Föderation erfolgt durch einen Vorstand, der nur durch einstimmige Beschlüsse handelt. Der Vorstand besteht aus dem Präsidenten der Föderation und zwei Generalsekretären.
- Der Vorstand wird am Ende einer jeden Generalversammlung gewählt und bleibt bis zur Wahl eines neuen Vorstands auf der nächsten Generalversammlung im Amt. Die Zustimmung der zur Wahl Nominierten ist erforderlich. Die Mitglieder können wiedergewählt werden.
- Die beiden Generalsekretäre sollen in zwei unterschiedlichen Kontinenten residieren. Ein Generalsekretär leitet das ständige Sekretariat der Föderation, der andere leitet das ständige Sekretariat für den Internationalen Kongreß der Vexillologie. Der Vorstand ist dazu angehalten, in ständigem schriftlichem Austausch zu bleiben.
- Art. 19 Der Vorstand der Föderation
- a) führt die aktuellen Geschäfte der Föderation und setzt die Pflichten ihrer Vorstandsmitglieder fest;
  - b) verabschiedet Richtlinien, die besonders den Erfolg der Aktivitäten der Föderation berücksichtigen einschließlich des Internationalen Kongresses der Vexillologie;
  - c) setzt Kommissionen ein, die er für nötig erachtet und bestimmt deren Mitglieder;
  - d) beruft Generalversammlungen im Einklang mit Artikel 16 und 17 der Satzung ein;
  - e) vertritt die Föderation bei ihren Beziehungen mit anderen nationalen und internationalen Institutionen;
  - f) führt Mitgliedschaftsverfahren im Einklang mit Artikel 6 der Satzung und fördert die Bemühungen der Föderation um neue Mitglieder.
- Art. 20 Alle für die Föderation bindenden Vorgänge müssen vom Präsidenten und beiden

Generalsekretären unterzeichnet werden. Der laufende Schriftverkehr kann entweder vom Präsidenten oder einem Generalsekretär unterzeichnet werden.

#### VI. SPRACHEN

- Art. 21 Die offiziellen Sprachen auf dem Internationalen Kongreß der Vexillologie und der Kommunikation der Föderation sollen Englisch, Französisch, Deutsch und Spanisch sein. Andere Sprachen können zusätzlich genutzt werden, wo dies angebracht erscheint.

#### VII. VERÖFFENTLICHUNGEN

- Art. 22 Das offizielle Mitteilungsblatt der Föderation ist THE FLAG BULLETIN (ISSN 0015-3370). Zusätzlich soll die Föderation den Mitgliedern mindestens einmal jährlich eine Informationsschrift über ihre Aktivitäten zukommen lassen. Die Informationsschrift kann von den Mitgliedern uneingeschränkt vervielfältigt werden. Die Generalversammlung kann andere Veröffentlichungen veranlassen oder genehmigen.

#### VIII. SYMBOLE

- Art. 23 Die Flagge der Föderation ist beschrieben und abgebildet im *Recueil du 11 Congrès International de Vexillologie Zurich 1967*. Die Generalversammlung kann andere Symbole für die Föderation veranlassen oder genehmigen.

#### IX. AUFLÖSUNG

- Art. 24 Die Auflösung der Föderation kann nur auf einer Sitzung der Generalversammlung stattfinden, bei der mindestens drei Viertel der Vollmitglieder anwesend sind. Mitglieder, die an einer Teilnahme an der Sitzung verhindert sind, können schriftliche und öffentlich beglaubigte Stimmabgaben übersenden. Diese Generalversammlung bestimmt die Bedingungen der Auflösung.

Angenommen am 27. September 1989 von der Generalversammlung auf ihrer Sitzung anlässlich des Dreizehnten Internationalen Kongresses der Vexillologie in Ballarat, Victoria, Australien.

Geändert am 12. August 1997 (Artikel 14. a)) von der Generalversammlung auf ihrer Sitzung anlässlich des Siebzehnten Internationalen Kongresses der Vexillologie in Kapstadt, Südafrika.