

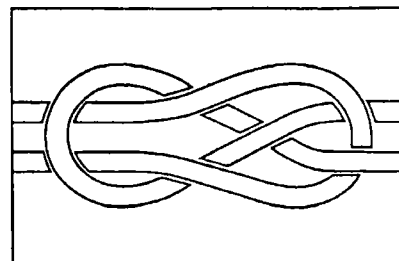
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## AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE FIAV GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE CONVENED JULY 23, 2001 YORK, ENGLAND, UNITED KINGDOM

*It is the responsibility of each FIAV Member to forward a copy of this agenda to the person who will serve as the Member's delegate to the General Assembly.*

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

1. Call to order by President; official opening of the Seventeenth Session
  2. Verification by the President of written credentials of delegates from FIAV Members
  3. Roll call of delegates; recognition of quorum by Secretary-General; declaration by President that the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly is constituted
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  - (b) Secretary-General (Charles Spain)
  - (c) Secretary-General for Congresses (Graham Bartram)
7. Announcements:
  - (a) proposals to host ICV 21 (2005)
  - (b) proposals to host ICV 22 (2007)
  - (c) candidates for FIAV membership (arranged in order membership applications were received):
    - (i) Instytut Heraldyczny-Weksylogiczny (IHW) (received 1999 Nov 22) (see *Info-FIAV* number 15, page 3; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 7)
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    - (iii) Vlaggen Dokumentatie Centrum Nederland/Flag Documentation Centre Netherlands (VDCN) (received 2000 Nov 12) (see *Info-FIAV* number 16, pages 4-5; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 7)
    - (iv) Société vexillologique de l'ouest (SVO) (received 2000 Dec 16) (see *Info-FIAV* number 16, pages 5-6; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 8)
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    - (vi) The Heraldry College of the Estonian Heritage Society (HCEHS) (received 2001 Jan 12) (see *Info-FIAV* number 16, pages 8-9; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 8)
    - (vii) Societatea de Genealogie, Heraldică și Arhivistică "Paul Gore" (SGHAPG) (received 2001 Jan 18) (see *Info-FIAV* number 16, pages 9-11; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 8)
    - (viii) Flags of the World (FOTW) (received 2001 Jan 21) (see *Info-FIAV* number 16, pages 11-12; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 9)
    - (ix) Vexillological Association of the State of Texas (VAST) (received 2001 Jan 22) (see *Info-FIAV* number 15, pages 12-14; *Info-FIAV* number 17, page 9)
  - (d) candidates for the FIAV Board
    - (i) President
    - (ii) Secretary-General
    - (iii) Secretary-General for Congresses
8. Report of the Flag Data Accuracy Commission (Graham Bartram, Mario Fabretto, Andreas Herzfeld, Whitney Smith, and Alfred Znamierowski):
9. Report of the Standing Orders Commission (Ralph Kelly (chair), Scot Guenter, and Charles Spain)
10. Report on ICV 20 (August 2003, Stockholm, Sweden)
11. Consideration of candidates for membership:
  - (a) IHW
  - (b) JAVA
  - (c) VDCN
  - (d) SVO
  - (e) CSVA
  - (f) HCEHS
  - (g) SGHAPG
  - (h) FOTW
  - (i) VAST

Note: New Members may vote only after all candidates for membership have been considered.
12. Selection of ICV 21 (2005) host
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14. Consideration of Board's proposed constitutional amendments (see pages 9-12)
15. Consideration of Board's proposed amendments to the Flag Information Code (see pages 12-14)
16. Consideration of Board's proposal to name persons as "Fellows of the Federation" (see page 14)

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17. Consideration of Board's proposal to allow former FIAV Officers to use their former title with the word "emeritus." (see page 14)
18. Discussion about publication of ICV proceedings in general and specific status of proceedings from:
 

ICV 5	1973	London, United Kingdom	FI
ICV 9	1981	Ottawa, Canada	FRC, Heraldry Society of Canada, NAVA
ICV 14	1991	Barcelona, Spain	ACV
ICV 16	1995	Warszawa, Poland	CFZ, FDC, PTW
ICV 18	1999	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada	CFA, NAVA
19. Consideration of continued use of *Bourinot's Rules of Order*
20. Election of 2001-2003 Board:
  - (a) President
  - (b) Secretary-General
  - (c) Secretary-General for Congresses
21. Final adjournment of the Seventeenth Session by President (new Board takes office)



Charles Spain  
 FIAV Secretary-General  
 Houston, April 23, 2001

### COMMENTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

Item 2: Every FIAV Member is **strongly** encouraged to appoint a delegate and alternate to represent it in York. If no person from a FIAV Member is able to come to York, that FIAV Member is **strongly** encouraged to appoint as its delegate either the delegate of another FIAV Member or one of the three FIAV Officers.

Credentials may be mailed in advance to the FIAV President (see page 1 for address), but copies must also be brought to York. Credentials must be **received** by the President **on or before July 13, 2001**. If at all possible, credentials should be on the Member's official stationery.

The suggested form of written credentials is as follows:

To the President of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques:

**[Choose one of following two paragraphs:]**

[Name of FIAV Member association or institution] appoints [name of person (and alternate, if desired)], who is a member of [name of FIAV Member association or institution], as its delegate to the Seventeenth Session of the FIAV General Assembly, to be convened July 23, 2001, in York, England, United Kingdom. **[or]**

[Name of FIAV Member association or institution] regrets that none of its members is able to attend the Seventeenth Session of the FIAV General Assembly, to be convened July 23, 2001, in York, England, United Kingdom. [Name of FIAV Member association or institution] therefore names as its delegate to the General Assembly [name of person], who is also the delegate of [name of other FIAV Member association or institution] **[or]** who is also the FIAV President **[or]** Secretary-General **[or]** Secretary-General for Congresses.

[Delegate's name] has full powers to act on behalf of [name of FIAV Member association or institution] during the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly **[or]** The powers of [delegate's name] to act on behalf of [name of FIAV Member association or institution] during the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly are limited as follows: [describe].

[signature of authorized representative of FIAV Member association or institution]  
 [printed name]  
 [title]  
 [date]  
 [seal (optional)]

Item 6: The Board will present both oral and written reports in York.

Item 7: HAVSOM has previously indicated its interest in hosting ICV 21 (2005) in Malta. The Board has not received any formal proposals to host ICV 22 (2007). The President, Michel R. Lupant, Secretary-General, Charles A. Spain, Jr., and Secretary-General for Congresses, Graham Bartram, announce their intention to stand for re-election.

Item 8: The Secretary-General has requested, but not received, a written report from the Flag Data Accuracy

Commission. If a written report is received in sufficient time, the Secretary-General will publish it in advance of the Session in *Info-FIAV*.

Item 9: The Secretary-General has requested, but not received a written report from the Standing Orders Commission. If a written report is received in sufficient time, the Secretary-General will publish it in advance of the Session in *Info-FIAV*.

Item 11: The Board has summarized the membership applications as they relate to the criteria set out in article 7(c) of the FIAV Constitution as follows:

Candidate name	Constitution	Interest in vexillology; Activities	Dues-paying members	Registration at past ICVs	Existence since	Representative at York
IHW	unknown	principle; research, design, and documentation of Polish flags	none (institution)	yes	1997	yes
JAVA	constitution	principle; monthly meetings	11 (3 nondues-paying)	no	2000	yes
VDCN	unknown	principle; journal	none (institution)	unknown	1978	unknown
SVO	unknown	principle; unknown	unknown	no	1996	no
CSVA	bylaws	principle; biennial meetings, website, newsletter	21	yes	2000	yes
HCEHS	unknown	unknown if primary or subsidiary; no publications	0 (7 nondues paying)	no	1988	unknown
SGHAPG	statute (no copy provided)	subsidiary; monthly meetings, news published in column of national archives publication	51	no	1997	unknown
FOTW	no	principle; website	0 (252 nondues paying)	yes	1993	yes
VAST	bylaws	principle; semi-annual meetings, website, newsletter	35	yes	1991	yes

The Board has not made any recommendations concerning candidates for membership at this time.

Item 14: The Board recommends the approval of its Resolution 1 proposing constitutional amendments. There are comments on each one of the amendments; these comments follow the text of the amendment.

Item 15: The Board recommends the approval of its Resolution 2, proposing amendments to the Flag Information Code. There are comments on the amendments following the text of the amendments.

Item 16: The Board recommends the approval of its Resolution 3, proposing the creation of "Fellows of the Federation."

Item 17: The Board recommends the approval of its Resolution 4, which would allow former FIAV Officers to use their former title with the word "emeritus."

Item 18: The Board believes FIAV should do whatever is necessary to ensure that the proceedings of all International Congresses of Vexillology are published. The following proceedings are still unpublished or only partially published:

ICV 5	1973	London, United Kingdom	FI
ICV 9	1981	Ottawa, Canada	FRC, Heraldry Society of Canada, NAVA
ICV 14	1991	Barcelona, Spain	ACV
ICV 16	1995	Warszawa, Poland	CFZ, FDC, and PTW
ICV 18	1999	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada	CFA, NAVA

ICV5: FI has admitted it does not know the status of the 1973 proceedings. FRC has said it would produce a list of papers from the congress, including citations of those that have been published, for publication in *Info-FIAV* or *The Flag Bulletin*.

ICV 9: FRC said it has published all but three of the papers presented at the congress. FRC has said it would publish a list of those papers in *The Flag Bulletin*.

ICV 14: There is a question whether ACV will publish the proceedings (see pages 5-7).

ICV 16: CFZ has published part of the proceedings on the World Wide Web at [www.paiz.gov.pl/wserwatowski](http://www.paiz.gov.pl/wserwatowski):

*Weksyli@na* number 2/17/1999:

Krzysztof Braun, "Die Wappensymbolik der Stadte Nordmasowiens," pages 1-2

Aleř Brořek, "Search for Ideal Municipal Flags," pages 2-4

*Weksyli@na* number 3/18/1999:

Paul Dechaix, "La Vexillologie Savoyarde," pages 1-4

*Weksyli@na* number 4/19/1999:

Frederick G. Brownell, "The National Flag of South Africa: Evolution of the Final Design," pages 1-4

Anibal Gotelli, "Declaration de Varsovie sur la necessite de reglementer le protocole et les caracteristiques des drapeaux," page 4

*Weksyli@na* number 5/20/1999:

Anibal Gotelli, "Bases y Propuestas para el Progreso de la Vexilologa y la Organizacion de la Comunidad Vexilologica Internacional," pages 2-7

*Weksyli@na* numbers 6-7/21-22/1999:

Emil Dreyer, "Military Flags of the Canton of Bern: A Concise History," pages 1-6

ICV 18: CFA reports that publication of the proceedings has been delayed. See *Flagscan* number 61, page 19.

Item 18: Subject to the report of the Standing Orders Commission, the Board recommends the continued use of *Bourinot's Rules of Order*.

Item 21: The Board eagerly anticipates the final adjournment of the Seventeenth Session.

## LETTERS

The Secretary-General received the following letter on March 5, 2001:

Srs. Lupant, Spain y Bertram:

En la pagina 22 del boletin INFO FIAV numero 15 de noviembre de 2000, el seor Whitney Smith hace unas apreciaciones asegurando que el libro de comunicaciones del 14 Congreso Internacional de Vexilologia celebrado en Barcelona y organizado por la Associacio Catalana de Vexilologia (ACV) nunca se publicara, aadiendo que los asistentes pagaron por el libro y presumiendo que la ACV se ha quedado con el dinero de los asistentes.

Yo, Anna M. Galan, como presidenta de la ACV y organizadora del Congreso aseguro que nunca se ha dicho que no se publicara dicho libro de Comunicaciones.

O sea que el seor Smith incurre en juicios temerarios, sobre la ACV y las personas que la formamos, daanando publicamente nuestra imagen y la de la ACV.

Si ustedes como editores de INFO FIAV y el señor Whitney Smith como redactor de la nota no se retractan públicamente en su boletín, entendemos que somos libres para emprender acciones judiciales contra el boletín la FIAV y el señor Smith por daño irreparable de la imagen de la ACV y de los señores Sebastián Herreros, Jordi Pérez y Anna M. Galan como vicepresidente, tesorero y presidenta de la Asociación.

Quedo a la espera de su contestación.

Atentamente,

Anna M. Galan

Presidenta

[Srs. Lupant, Spain and Bertram:

*On page 22 of the November 2000 INFO FIAV bulletin, Mr. Whitney Smith makes some assumptions by assuring that the book of the Proceedings of the 14th International Congress of Vexillology, celebrated in Barcelona and organized by the Associació Catalana de Vexil·logia (ACV), will never be published, adding that the Congress attendees paid for the book and presuming that the ACV has kept the attendees' money.*

*I, Anna M. Galan, as president of the ACV and organizer of the Congress, guarantee that no one has said that this book of the Proceedings would not be published.*

*Or said another way, Mr. Smith makes rash judgments about the ACV and the persons who comprise it, publicly damaging our reputations and that of the ACV.*

*If you as publishers of INFO FIAV and Mr. Whitney Smith as author of the statement do not publicly retract this statement in your bulletin, we will consider ourselves free to initiate legal action against the bulletin, the FIAV, and Mr. Smith due to the irreparable damage done to the reputations of the ACV and señores Sebastián Herreros, Jordi Pérez, and Anna M. Galan, respectively the vice-president, treasurer, and president of the Association.*

*I await your response.*

*Sincerely,*

*Anna M. Galan  
President]*

The Secretary-General sent the following response that same day:

Dear Senyora Galan:

I received your letter expressing concern about the Flag Research Center's comments on the Fourteenth International Congress of Vexillology and the publication of those comments in *Info-FIAV* number 15 as a part of the minutes of the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly. I assume that you have sent a copy of your letter to the Flag Research Center.

As Secretary-General, part of my job is to take accurate and impartial minutes of the General Assembly's Sessions and to serve as editor of *Info-FIAV*. The delegate of the Flag Research Center made the comments during the Sixteenth Session, and the comments were relevant to the issue under discussion, which was the publication status of past Congress proceedings.

Because the minutes accurately reflect what happened at the Sixteenth Session, it would be inappropriate for me to change them. I will, however, publish your letter in *Info-FIAV* number 17, unless you instruct me otherwise, so all FIAV Members may understand the concerns you have raised. In addition, the Associació Catalana de Vexil·logia can object to the approval of the minutes later this year when the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly is held in York. I would be very pleased to print in *Info-FIAV* information about the Associació Catalana de Vexil·logia's plans to publish the proceedings from the Fourteenth International Congress of Vexillology.

Finally, I assure you that all members of the FIAV Board have no motive behind their service other than what is best for FIAV and vexillology. Michel Lupant, Graham Bartram, and I understand that disagreements will occur in FIAV, but we are committed to resolving them in a fair, nonpartisan, and professional

manner.

Looking forward to seeing you again in York, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Kin  
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No further communications have been received from ACV.

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## PROPOSALS BY THE FIAV BOARD

### Resolution 1

*Resolved by the voting members of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques,*

#### 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 choose 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.

## Resolution 2

*Resolved by the voting members of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques,*

### SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CODE.

(a) The Flag Information Code is amended as follows:

~~[The International Federation of Vexillological Associations recognizes the following Flag Information Code and recommends its use to its members, to individual vexillologists, and to publishers and others concerned for flags.]~~

#### FLAG INFORMATION CODE

Sec. 1      The Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques (FIAV) adopts this Flag Information Code and encourages its use by FIAV Members, individual vexillologists, publishers, and others who study flags.

~~[It is clearly understood that use of the Code in no way is intended to substitute for a complete textual exposition of the information to which the symbols of the Code refer.]~~

~~[H:]~~      Sec. 2      The purposes of the Code are:

~~[A:]~~ (a) ~~[Fø]~~ to allow basic information about flags to be recorded and transmitted concisely, accurately, and in a manner which (1) insofar as possible eliminates misunderstandings and [which] (2) is both easy to learn and comprehensible to persons knowing different languages [and easy to learn];

~~[B:]~~ (b) ~~[Fø]~~ to standardize knowledge of flags in order to facilitate comparative studies of flag characteristics;

~~[C:]~~ (c) ~~[Fø]~~ to provide a convenient system for researchers, publishers, and others to record, [data for personal use and for] exchange[s], and [publication of] publish information[-]; and

~~[D:]~~ (d) ~~[Fø]~~ to eliminate, insofar as possible, the confusion that [existing] exists in the terminology employed by governments and others [when reference is made] to describe [to different flags and] national flags and their use[s].

~~[H:]~~      Sec. 3      FLAG COLORS

~~[A:]~~ (a) The following ~~[letters are adopted for use to]~~ abbreviations indicate ~~[the]~~ flag colors ~~[of a flag in illustrations]:~~

R	(red)
O	(orange)
Y	(yellow)
V	(green)
B	(blue)
P	(purple)
N	(black)
W	(white)
G	(grey)
M	(brown)
Au	(gold)
Ag	(silver)

~~[B:]~~ (b) Colors other than those listed ~~[shall be written out in full]~~ above are not abbreviated.

[E:] (c) The following symbols [are adopted for use in illustrations to] indicate approximate color shades [of a flag]:

- (light)  
-- (very light)  
+ (dark)  
++ (very dark)

[B:] (d) The [letters used] use of a color description without [any] a symbol indicates a medium, normal, or unknown shade of the color.

[IV:] Sec. 4 FLAG PROPORTIONS

[The following system of identification is adopted for use as part of illustrations of flags of all kinds to indicate relative proportions.] Flag proportions are indicated by a ratio. The first figure corresponds to the width of the flag, which is defined as the side normally attached to the pole or staff. The second figure corresponds to the length of the flag. [Thus a] A flag with a width of 3 units and a length of 5 units [shall be] is written either 3:5 or 3x5.

3x5 (hand-written form)  
3:5 (printed version)

[V:] Sec. 5 NATIONAL FLAG [TYPOLOGY] USE

[A:] (a) The following [symbol] grid is [adopted for use in illustrations of] used to describe the use or uses of a flag[s] whose primary purpose is to identify nationality rather than some other characteristic (such as the rank of an individual, [er] the existence of a specific government or military institution [or unit], or some other concept):

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[B:] (b) The six areas of the grid indicate[s] the six basic uses of national flags [of nationality, i.e.]: (1) use by private [citizens] individuals and institutions on land[.]; (2) use by [public] nonmilitary governmental institutions on land[. and]; (3) use by military institutions on land [and the corresponding usages at sea]; (4) use by private individuals and institutions at sea; (5) use by nonmilitary governmental institutions at sea; and (6) use by military institutions at sea. Private, [public] nonmilitary governmental, and military use [are] is indicated from left to right by the three vertical columns; use on land and at sea [are] is indicated [by the] from top [and] to bottom by the two horizontal [columns] rows[, respectively].

[C:] (c) The grid [is to be] is written or printed in the line of identifying text near [an] the flag illustration [of a flag], together with the [symbol] ratio indicating proportions. The use or uses of the flag [design illustrated for one or more of the six uses shall be] are indicated by placing a point (•) or an x in the appropriate area or areas of the grid [in printed versions and an x in the appropriate area or areas in a hand-written version].

[D:] The following symbol is adopted for use, as appropriate, in illustrations of flags which identify civil and/or military aircraft and air installations, a point (•) or x in the appropriate vertical column above the top horizontal line indicating the usage:

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Sec. 6 The flag information summarized by the Code is not a substitute for a specific textual description of a flag and its use or uses.

[VI:] Sec. 7 [Changes and additions] An amendment to the Code may be adopted only by [a] the FIAV General Assembly [of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations]. [When possible, all such modifications shall] Before the General Assembly considers an amendment, the amendment should be discussed [fully in advance] by [all participants at] individuals attending the International Congress of Vexillology during which the General Assembly [is] session will be held. FIAV Members [associations] and individual vexillologists are encouraged to [consider desirable modifications] propose amendments based on their

[actual] experience in using the Code.

(b) Comment: To (1) revise and clarify the Flag Information Code in plain English using structure and terminology similar to that used in the FIAV Constitution and (2) eliminate the symbol used to designate flags which identify civil and/or military aircraft and air installations. The symbol used to designate flags which identify civil and/or military aircraft and air installations has never been widely used, if used at all, and the Board believes any use of that symbol would be extremely confusing.

## SECTION 2. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Font. Additions to the Code are indicated by underlining and deletions to the Code 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.

(b) Comments. The comment to section 1 of this resolution is provided for explanatory purposes only and does not form part of the proposed amendment.

### Resolution 3

*Resolved by the voting members of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques,*

(a) That the Board may, on behalf of FIAV, name as “Fellows of the Federation” persons who have made significant contributions to vexillology and/or have contributed significant service to FIAV or a FIAV Member.

(b) That the General Assembly, pursuant to article 16(e) of the Constitution, delegates to the Board its authority to name persons as “Laureates of the Federation,” with the understanding that this designation shall be made for an outstanding, original contribution to the science of vexillology.

Comment: The Board believes there is a need for greater recognition of people for significant contributions to vexillology and/or significant service to FIAV or a FIAV Member. However, the Board does not believe it is appropriate to use the “Laureate of the Federation” designation for that purpose. In addition, the Board needs the permission of the General Assembly to allow the Board to name “Laureates of the Federation” as has been FIAV’s custom since 1991.

### Resolution 4

*Resolved by the voting members of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques,*

That the former Presidents, Secretaries-General, and Secretaries-General for Congresses be allowed to use, as appropriate, the title President Emeritus, Secretary-General Emeritus, or Secretary-General for Congresses Emeritus.

Comment: The Board believes FIAV should take this modest step to recognize the dedication of its former Board Members.

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*Vexillological Letters* (Czech; irregular 1976 to 1989)  
*Vexilokontakt* (Czech; irregular since 1989 (in collaboration with Støedisko Vexilologických Informací/Flag Data Centre))  
*Vexilokontakt - Special Issue* (English; annually since 1997 (in collaboration with Støedisko Vexilologických Informací/Flag Data Centre))  
*Proceedings of the Czech National Congress on Vexillology* (Czech; every four years since 1996 (in collaboration with Støedisko Vexilologických Informací/Flag Data Centre))

The Secretary-General does not have e-mail addresses for the following FIAV Members:

The Flag Design Center (FDC)  
 Heraldica Slovenica (HS)  
 Heraldischer Verein "Zum Kleeblatt" von 1888 zu Hannover e.V. (HVK)  
 The Heraldry and Vexilology Society of Malta (HAVSOM)  
 New Zealand Flag Association (NZFA)

Polskie Towarzystwo Weksylologiczne (PTW)  
Societas Vexillologica Belgica (SVB)  
Société française de vexillologie (SFV)  
World Vexillological Research Institute (WVRI)

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Continuing the process begun in 1999 of reprinting in *Info-FIAV* the minutes of the 1969 to 1991 sessions of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General in this issue reprints the minutes from 1985 and 1987, along with unofficial summaries.

GA 9  
Madrid, Madrid, Spain  
May 27, 28, 31, 1985

ICV 11  
Madrid, Madrid, Spain  
May 26 - 31, 1985  
Sociedad Española de Vexilología

### Summary:

- Officers

The Rev. Hugh Boudin (Belgium)  
Whitney Smith (United States)  
William G. Crampton (United Kingdom)

President  
Secretary-General  
Secretary-General for Congresses

- Delegates

ACV  
FI  
FDC  
FRC  
FSA  
GOH  
NFF  
NAVA  
OGHB  
NF  
PR  
SEV  
SVB  
SSV  
TWMF  
USFF  
VSHS

Josep Porter  
William G. Crampton  
Whitney Smith  
David Heisser & David Phillips  
Ralph G.C. Bartlett  
Franz Kaindl  
George Cahill  
John Purcell  
René Wattiez  
Christian Fogd Pedersen  
Tero Vaarna  
Adolfo Durán  
Roger E. Harmignies  
Günter Mattern  
Whitney Smith  
Randolph Beard  
Leif Pålsson

- Not represented

ASM  
AFEIV  
CISV  
CVE  
FRCSL  
HSFS  
NVVV  
WH

- Captain E.M.C. Barraclough's death noted with moment of silence
- Motion by SVB to change order of agenda fails for want of second
- GA 8 minutes approved as amended
- Membership application of AAV not submitted to vote as no delegate from Argentina was present
- Request to reconsider membership application of VSHS—originally submitted in 1979—not considered because application not included in agenda
- Discussion regarding text of statutes adopted at GA 8
- SSV delegated pointed out that no question should be raised about appropriateness of multiple FIAV members from same country since that was already true of Belgium, the United Kingdom, and the United States
- Motion of FI passed to waive requirement in statutes that membership applications be circulated in advance to existing FIAV members
- Motion of NFF passed that in future membership requirements in statutes be followed or statutes be altered
- Motion of FI failed due to lack of second to waive requirement in statutes that delegate from membership candidate must be present
- ACV, FSA, and PR accepted as members
- CVE accepted as member despite requirement in statutes that delegate from membership candidate must be present

- Motion of FRC to accept AAV as member fails
- Motion of NFF passes that Secretary-General encourage AAV to reapply
- Meeting temporarily adjourned for want of quorum
- Board appoints statutes commission with Roger E. Harmignies and Günter Mattern as members (John M. Purcell added as member later)
- President indicates that in future Secretary-General for Congresses will supervise ICVs more closely; local organizing committee responsible for tours, facilities, registration, and similar matters, while Secretary-General for Congresses will supervise lectures and other substantive parts of ICV
- Request by FSA for translation of presentations
- President indicates that Secretary-General will review status of current members and establish procedures for new member applications; motion by NFF that Secretary-General make such a report passed
- VSHS accepted as member
- FRC's proposal for ICV 12 to be held in San Francisco approved
- Motion by NFF passes for President to appoint multilingual commission to establish FIAV newsletter
- The Rev. Hugh Boudin re-elected as President
- One European and one North American nominated for Secretary-General, and two Europeans nominated for Secretary-General for Congresses; due to requirement in statutes that the two Secretaries-General reside on separate continents, nominations of individuals by specific offices were withdrawn; previous nomination of two Europeans was withdrawn and new nomination of one European and one North American made; OGHB requested remaining four candidates to promise not to run again if elected, none so promised; election by secret ballot to choose two of four nominated individuals; William G. Crampton and Whitney Smith elected by majority vote as Secretaries-General without specifying who would be Secretary-General and who would be Secretary-General for Congresses (later resolved by Board that Smith would be Secretary-General and Crampton would be Secretary-General for Congresses)

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

Protocol of the General Assembly, 27-31 May 1985

Madrid, Spain

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the President of the Federation, Rev. Hugh Boudin. The following members were present, as represented by their accredited delegates: Flag Institute (Mr. William Crampton), Flag Design Center (Dr. Whitney Smith), Flag Research Center (Dr. David Heisser), Gesellschaft fur Osterreichische Heereskunde (Dr. Franz Kaindl), National Flag Foundation (Mr. George Cahill), North American Vexillological Association (Dr. John Purcell), Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique (Mr. René Wattiez), Nordisk Flagselskab (Mr. Christian Fogd Pedersen), Sociedad Española de Vexilología (Mr. Adolfo Duran), Societas Vexillologica Belgica (Mr. Roger Harmignies), Société Suisse de Vexillologie (Dr. Günter Mattern), Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags (Dr. Whitney Smith), and the United States Flag Foundation (Mr. Randolph Beard). No delegates were present from the Association Française d'Études Internationales Vexillologiques, Centro Italiano di Studi Vessillologici, Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka, Flag Section of the Heraldry Society, Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde, Sezione Vessillologica, Wappen-Herold. The President recognized the presence of the required quorum.
- II. The President mentioned the passing of Capt. E.M.C. Barraclough. Commander Bruce Nicolls spoke of his meeting with Capt. Barraclough to present the award "Laureate of the Federation" and the delegates stood for a moment of silence in tribute to the late Capt. Barraclough.
- III. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation moved a change in the agenda which had been submitted to members before the meeting by shifting point IX (Consideration of proposed revisions to the FIAV Statutes) to follow immediately after point VI (Adoption of the Protocol of the General Assembly held at Oxford in 1983). The delegate of the Société Suisse de Vexillologie objected that that might put off the admission of new member applicants because consideration of revisions of the statutes could be lengthy. The delegate of the Flag Design Center indicated that there were no new proposals on statutes for consideration, but the delegate of the National Flag Foundation pointed out there were unresolved points from the last General Assembly. A vote was taken but the motion failed when only four voted in the affirmative.
- IV. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica moved that point VI of the agenda be combined and considered with point IX, with the understanding that any new members admitted to FIAV would not be allowed to vote on point VI when it was considered. There was no second to the motion and therefore the agenda was accepted in the form originally submitted.
- V. The President called on the Secretary General of the Federation to present for consideration the protocol of the General Assembly held at Oxford in 1983. The Secretary General noted that the following change should be made in the printed version which had been sent out: In paragraph X a new sentence should be added following the first sentence, to read "The delegate of the Gesellschaft fur Osterreichische Heereskunde proposed Ingolstadt or Pittsburgh as the site of the 12th International Congress of Vexillology in 1987." The delegate of the National Flag Foundation moved for the adoption of the protocol as previously distributed, incorporating the mentioned change.

The motion was seconded by the delegate of the Flag Institute. The motion was approved by eleven votes in favor, one vote against, and one abstention.

- VI. Turning to consideration of point VII, the President indicated that no delegate was present from the member applicant from Argentina, the Asociación Argentina de Vexilología. Mr. Leif Pahlsson requested that consideration be given to the membership application of the Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap, originally submitted to the General Assembly in 1979. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation objected that membership procedures were set forth in the statutes and should be followed for all member applicants; if the application of the Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap was not included in the present agenda it was the fault of the Board. At the request of the President, the Secretary General of the Federation read the membership application provisions from the statutes.
- VII. The delegate of the Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique asked which statutes were being cited and the Secretary General responded that the statutes in question were those approved at the General Assembly in 1983. The delegate of the Office Généalogique objected that no such approval had been given. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation pointed out that the protocol of the 1983 General Assembly, approved by the present General Assembly, included in its points XXXI and XXXVI an indication that unanimous approval had been given in Oxford to the statutes under consideration at that time. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica indicated that there was disagreement on the status of the statutes because the protocol of the 1983 General Assembly indicated that further proposals would be sent to members of FIAV for consideration at the 11th International Congress of Vexillology. He indicated that a commission was required for resolving the disagreement. The delegate of the Flag Design Center pointed out that amendments and additions were certainly possible, but that no question existed as to the validity of the 1983 statutes since they had been unanimously approved at the Oxford General Assembly, as indicated by point XXXVI of the protocol. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica protested that that association had not received the protocol but had only seen the published version of the statutes as they appeared in THE FLAG BULLETIN. The Secretary General of the Federation apologized for the fact that his records contained an obsolete address for the Societas Vexillologica Belgica and gave the delegate of that association a copy of the protocol from Oxford. The latter delegate indicated that there were seventeen points his association wished to have considered relative to the statutes. The delegate of the Flag Design Center insisted that in adopting the protocol of the 1983 General Assembly the present General Assembly had confirmed the fact that the new statutes had been unanimously adopted at Oxford, as reported in that protocol. Proposals to amend or add to those statutes were in order under the agenda of the day, but the validity of the new statutes could not be in question unless a new motion was made to revise the protocol of the 1983 General Assembly. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica indicated in that case that it would be appropriate to dissolve FIAV and reinstitute it after full consideration of the statutes. The Secretary General of the Federation pointed out that the necessary quorum for considering dissolution of FIAV, whether under the new statutes or the original ones, was not present. The delegate of the Flag Institute moved to reaffirm the approval of the 1983 protocol, including acknowledgement of the unanimous adoption of the new statutes. The delegate of the Office Généalogique indicated that he had been instructed to oppose all modifications to the original statutes, which he considered to be still in effect. The Secretary General of the Federation pointed out that, while amendment of the statutes required a unanimous vote, the

opposition of a single delegate could not defeat the motion proposed by the delegate of the Flag Institute since it was a procedural motion requiring only a two-thirds favorable vote concerning the accuracy of the protocol, rather than being a vote on the statutes themselves. No second was made to the motion of the delegate of the Flag Institute and therefore no vote was taken, the President noting the former vote approving the 1983 protocol was therefore still in effect.

- VIII. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation called for consideration of the qualifications of the new member applicants. The President noted the necessity of leaving the meeting site and called for the adjournment of the General Assembly until Tuesday, 28 May, following the completion of the working sessions of the Congress that day. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.
- IX. The General Assembly reconvened at 7:07 P.M. on 28 May. The President took a roll call and it was determined that the same delegates were present as in the previous session except that Mr. David Phillips had replaced Dr. David Heisser as a delegate for the Flag Research Center.
- X. The President called on the member applicants to present their qualifications for membership in accordance with the statutes. President Ana María Galán of the Associació Catalana de Vexil·lologia indicated that the organization had been founded on 20 September 1980 and had been recognized by the government of Catalonia. It had about 20 members and held meetings twice a month. It had published one issue so far of a bulletin and had been involved in the creation of approximately fifteen city flags. There was no problem with the existence of the Catalonian association within Spain, which has its own vexillological association, because Catalonia has its own language, culture, history, and government, as well as national symbols. The delegate of the Société Suisse de Vexillologie pointed out that no question should be raised about the appropriateness of a second member organization in Spain since there were already two FIAV members in the United Kingdom, a similar number in Belgium, several in the United States, etc.
- XI. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation asked to see the application of the Associació Catalana de Vexil·lologia, pointing out that we had notice of the application in the agenda but did not have a copy in advance to examine. He insisted that the proper vote could not be taken without information and that the Board had constantly been delinquent in supplying information about new member applicants. The Secretary General of the Federation stated that in fact there had been only one previous irregularity with regard to membership applications when, in 1979, the President failed to submit advance notice as required concerning member applicants. He further pointed out that, while the statutes require the membership application be sent to existing FIAV members in advance, such an application would not necessarily contain any information about the applicant, but could simply state that it was applying for membership. The delegate of the Flag Institute moved that we consider the applications on the agenda even if the letter of the statutes had not been fulfilled with regard to circularizing in advance their applications to existing members. The motion was seconded by the delegate of the Flag Design Center. The delegate of the Office Généalogique asked whether the Board had a file of membership applications and the President responded that he did have such applications except from the Asociación Argentina de Vexilología. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica asked that the Secretary General submit the proper information in advance to the existing members. The Secretary General pointed out that it was not his function but that of the President to submit that information and that he had not in fact seen the actual

membership applications. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation asked whether the Board could vouch for the current member applicants. The Secretary General pointed out that there was no provision in the statutes for the endorsement of member applicants by the Board, their only function being to submit such applications to the consideration of the General Assembly. He further stated that he personally could vouch for the applicants from Catalonia, Australia, Finland, and Ireland. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation asked that the applications be made available now for members to see. The delegate of the Flag Institute pointed out that his motion had the effect of recognizing that the applications had not been submitted in advance but of allowing consideration to go ahead for approval of membership. The Secretary General endorsed the motion and promised, should the occasion arise in the future, to see to it that the exact constitutional requirements were met. The delegate of the Société Suisse de Vexillologie stressed that FIAV should be glad to have the opportunity to encourage vexillology by welcoming the new members into the Federation and called for a vote. The vote was taken with twelve in favor and the delegate of the Office Généalogique opposed.

- XII. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation indicated he was embarrassed by the procedures which had been followed in the matter and made a motion that in the future the correct procedures be followed or that the statutes be altered. The delegate of Société Suisse de Vexillologie seconded the motion and the vote was ten in favor. The delegate of the Office Généalogique voted against, indicating that he approved of the motion but felt compelled to oppose of it because of his instructions relative to the statutes. The delegate of the United States Flag Foundation recommended considering the member applicants en bloc with the recommendation of the board. The Secretary General pointed out that the board had not recommended any applicants and the delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica asked whether it was fair to distinguish between those with recommendations and those without. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation asked whether there were member applicants with representatives at the General Assembly to which the President responded in the affirmative with regard to the applicants from Catalonia, Finland, and Australia. The delegate from the Société Suisse de Vexillologie asked about the Swedish applicant and the President responded it was not in the agenda and the motion must be made to consider its application. The delegate of the Office Généalogique indicated he saw no need to change the agenda as adopted. The delegate from the Société Suisse de Vexillologie asked whether the applicants from Argentina and Ireland were aware that according to the statutes they needed to be represented at the General Assembly by an authorized and autochthonous representative. The Secretary General of the Federation indicated that they had been so notified. The delegate from the Societas Vexillologica Belgica indicated that he felt the statutory provision for such representation was too restrictive.
- XIII. The delegate from the Flag Design Center called for consideration of the member applicants having representatives present so that consideration could be given to their qualifications. The delegate from the Flag Institute, acknowledging that the lack of representation was an irregularity according to the statutes, nevertheless called on the General Assembly to overlook this. The delegate from the Societas Vexillologica Belgica indicated that associations could be active within their own countries but not within FIAV and that he therefore considered the statutory provision unwise. The delegate from the Flag Research Center made a motion to accept all six member applicants. The motion was seconded by the delegate from the Société Suisse de Vexillologie. The delegate from the Societas Vexillologica Belgica asked whether the board would take responsibility for the validity of these membership applications.

The delegate from the Flag Design Center indicated that he, as a member of the Board, was unwilling to do so and asked the delegate from the Flag Research Center if he would be willing to amend his motion to cover only the applicants from Catalonia, Australia, and Finland. The delegate from the Flag Research Center accepted the change in his motion. The vote was taken with eleven delegates being in favor and two opposed. The applicants from Catalonia, Australia, and Finland were therefore accepted as members of FIAV.

- XIV. The delegate from the Flag Institute indicated that financial difficulties were the reason for the inability of a delegate to be present from the Vexillological Society of Ireland and called for consideration of its application. The delegate from the Flag Research Center made a motion approving of membership for the Vexillological Society of Ireland which was seconded by the delegate from the Flag Institute. The vote was fourteen in favor, one against, and one abstention. Participating in the vote were the new delegates from the Associació Catalana de Vexil·lologia (Mr. Josep Porter), The Flag Society of Australia (Mr. Ralph Bartlett), and Partioheraldikot (Mr. Tero Vaarna).
- XV. The delegate from the Flag Society of Australia stated that the purpose of FIAV was to study flags, but that it was his observation in the current General Assembly that too much time was being spent on managerial business rather than flags and that the board should handle more of this management responsibility. The delegate from the Flag Research Center urged the acceptance of the applicants from Argentina and Sweden. The delegate from the Sociedad Española de Vexilología asked that consideration be taken of the economic situation in Argentina in considering the absence of a representative of the member applicant there. The delegate from the Flag Design Center pointed out that we had no information about the applicant from Argentina which might consist of a thousand members or only a single person. He stressed that it was important to have information about applicants which, unlike those from the newly admitted members, were unknown to existing FIAV members. The delegate from the Flag Society of Australia indicated that the Argentine applicant was in fact an association of only a single member and warned that FIAV ran the risk of having many ghost organizations if it did not consider applicants carefully. The delegate from the Flag Institute felt that there was insufficient information concerning the application from Argentina and that further leniency with regard to statutory provisions was inappropriate. The delegate from the Société Suisse de Vexillologie pointed out that many current members of FIAV were in a weak position with few activities and no publications. The delegate from the Flag Institute acknowledged that to be the case but said he felt that a review of existing members should be made with the aim of eliminating membership for institutions and associations no longer active.
- XVI. The delegate from the Flag Research Center made a motion to accept the applicant from Argentina as a member; the motion was seconded by the delegate from the Sociedad Española de Vexilología. The vote was six in favor, nine against, and one abstention. The delegate from the National Flag Foundation made a motion that the Secretary General should encourage the applicant from Argentina to reapply for membership, submitting proper credentials, and should indicate the sentiment of FIAV that it favors the institution and growth of such vexillological associations. The motion was seconded by the delegate from the Flag Design Center. The vote on the motion was fifteen in favor and one opposed.

- XVII. The delegate from the Société Suisse de Vexillologie made a motion to accept the member applicant from Sweden; this was seconded by the delegate from the National Flag Foundation. The representative of the applicant in question (Mr. Leif Pahlsson) indicated that despite its name, the Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap according to its statutes included sphyragistics and vexillology as part of its areas of concern. In response to a question from the delegate of the National Flag Foundation, Mr. Pahlsson indicated that membership had gone from about 74 to about 100 and that while there was no journal, the association had sent out about 35 newsletters to its members.
- XVIII. The delegate of the Flag Design Center, noting the necessity of evacuating the meeting hall at the time required by the administering authority, moved to adjourn the meeting. The vote failed with only nine in favor, but a call for a revote found an insufficient quorum to conduct business and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.
- XIX. The General Assembly reconvened on Friday, 31 May at 4:12 P.M. The Secretary General took the roll call; the same 16 members were represented by their delegates as before.
- XX. The President reported on the meeting of the Board which had been held the previous day. The board decided to establish a Statutes Commission which is to solicit opinions from members, formulate a proposed text, circularize it to members in time for their comments, and submit the results to the General Assembly at the 12th International Congress of Vexillology. The delegates of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica and of the Société Suisse de Vexillologie were appointed members of the commission. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica stressed that the wording should be definitive enough for adoption or rejection at the next Congress, an idea which found general agreement. The delegate also asked that the future statutes be in German, French, and Spanish as well as English and therefore recommended the appointment of the delegate from the Sociedad Española de Vexilología as a member of the commission. That delegate asked that someone else be named instead. The delegate of the Flag Design Center said that a fundamental decision should be made: if all FIAV members are to be represented on the commission then each should appoint its own member. If a more limited membership was considered desirable, selection of individuals might be left the President. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation recommended that the delegate of the North American Vexillological Association would be an appropriate choice since he could deal with both the English and Spanish language versions and there was general agreement on the choice.
- XXI. The President, continuing his report of Board activities, indicated that the Secretary General for Congresses would in the future supervise more closely the International Congresses of Vexillology. The local organizing group would be responsible for arrangements concerning tours, facilities, registration, and similar matters while the lectures and other substantive parts of the program would be supervised by the Secretary General for Congresses, the entire matter being reviewed by the Board in order to maintain high international standards and to profit from the experience of previous Congresses. The delegate from the Societas Vexillologica Belgica indicated that that should be part of a change in the statutes, but the delegate of the Flag Design Center pointed out that it was within the authority of the Board to make such regulations under both the old and new versions of the statutes. The delegate of the Flag Society of Australia indicated that translation and/or the organization of presentations by language would be helpful in future large International Congresses of Vexillology.



- XXII. The President, continuing his review of Board activities, indicated that the Secretary General of the Federation would review the status of all current members and develop procedures for dealing with new member applications. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation encouraged a promotion of maximum attendance by active members at Congresses and General Assemblies. The delegate of the Société Suisse de Vexillologie concurred but wanted the number of proxy votes at a General Assembly to be limited to three at most. The delegates of the Office Généalogique and the Societas Vexillologica Belgica indicated that such matters must be developed as part of new statutes for FIAV. The delegate of the Flag Design Center pointed out that a report by the Secretary General would commit FIAV to nothing but would provide information; without a report at this time it would be necessary to wait two or perhaps four years for a report that would allow for action. The existence of a report might even be helpful in the process of rewriting the statutes. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation called for approval of the idea which was agreed to by general consensus.
- XXIII. The President called for a return to point VII in the agenda, specifically consideration of the membership application of the Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap. The delegate of the Flag Research Center moved to accept the applicant as a member, a motion seconded by the delegate from the United States Flag Foundation. The vote was 16 in favor, none opposed.
- XXIV. The President called for consideration of point VIII on the agenda, the sites for the 12th and 13th International Congresses of Vexillology in 1987 and 1989. He recalled that in 1983 proposals had been made for San Diego, Pittsburgh, and Ingolstadt as possibilities for the 1987 Congress. The delegate of the Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde stated that budgetary arrangements made it impossible for Ingolstadt to be considered at the present time. The delegate from the Flag Design Center indicated that it had formally withdrawn its offer to organize the 1987 Congress. The Secretary General for Congresses reported on his investigation of further possible sites. He had asked the Societas Vexillologica Belgica, the Nordisk Flagselskab, and the Vexillological Club in Prague, all of which had regretfully declined the invitation. Two proposals had been received, however: the National Flag Foundation offered to organize the 12th International Congress of Vexillology in Pittsburgh and the Flag Research Center offered to be responsible for the organizational work begun by a committee in San Francisco. The delegate from the Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap stressed that Europeans were concerned about costs in either of the two mentioned American cities. The delegate of the Sociedad Española de Vexilología stressed concern to know whether the organizers in both would dedicate the Congress to vexillology or whether other considerations would take priority.
- XXV. The President called successively on the delegates from the National Flag Foundation and the Flag Design Center for details concerning Pittsburgh and San Francisco, respectively. The delegate of the Flag Research Center also spoke in favor of San Francisco. After lengthy presentations a written ballot was taken to decide between the two alternatives. On the first vote there were ten in favor of San Francisco, four for Pittsburgh, and three abstentions. A two-thirds vote being required, a further ballot was taken resulting in eleven for San Francisco, four for Pittsburgh, and two abstentions. A final ballot produced twelve for San Francisco, four for Pittsburgh, and one abstention, the decision thereby being made to hold the 12th International Congress of Vexillology in San Francisco.
- XXVI. The delegate of the Flag Design Center proposed Belgium as a site for the 13th International Congress of Vexillology in 1989. The delegate of the

Societas Vexillologica Belgica accepted the proposition in principle but required time for confirmation, promising to report back at the 12th International Congress for Vexillology. The delegate of the Nordisk Flagselskab indicated the desirability of an International Congress of Vexillology in Scandinavia in the future and the delegate of the Flag Society of Australia likewise indicated that that association hopes eventually to sponsor such a Congress. The latter delegate indicated that the correct new address for the association is Box 142, Collins Street Post Office, Melbourne, Victoria 3000, Australia.

- XXVII. The Secretary General for Congresses reminded delegates that proposals for lectures and other presentations at the 12th International Congress of Vexillology should be sent to him. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation indicated that he felt that better communication was needed within FIAV; there should be a newsletter and not simply THE FLAG BULLETIN. He recommended that the President appoint a multi-lingual commission to deal with this and to report at the next Congress. The proposal was agreed to by general consensus.
- XXVIII. Attention turned to point XI on the agenda. The delegate from the Societas Vexillologica Belgica nominated Dr. Günter Mattern for the position of Secretary General of the Federation and Tomás Rodríguez for the position of Secretary General for Congresses. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation nominated Rev. Hugh Boudin as President. The delegate of the Flag Society of Australia nominated Dr. Whitney Smith as Secretary General of the Federation. The delegate of the Flag Design Center nominated William Crampton as Secretary General for Congresses. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation moved election of Rev. Boudin as President, which was unanimously approved.
- XXIX. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation asked whether the statutes provided for the election of two people for the positions of Secretary General or for the two specific positions. The Secretary General of the Federation indicated that the statutes do not indicate how nominations are to be made, although he noted that the nominations which in fact had been made were for specific people for specific positions. The delegate of the Flag Research Center pointed out that the statutory requirement that the two Secretaries General come from different continents meant that Dr. Smith was in effect elected by default, the other candidates all being from Europe.
- XXX. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica indicated that it would be desirable to have the Secretary General for Congresses always be the head of the organizing group of the previous International Congress of Vexillology. The delegate of the Flag Institute indicated that existing statutes must be used at present, regardless of changes that might later be made. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation asked the delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica to withdraw his designation of titles so that only the two names proposed would remain on the floor and the delegate agreed to that. The delegate of the Flag Design Center suggested that the individuals nominated should leave the room so that there could be a free discussion of the qualification of the individuals. He also indicated that his nomination should not be considered tantamount to election, even in the absence of another candidate from outside Europe, since the delegates might wish to vote against him regardless of the existence of an alternative. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica withdrew his nomination of Dr. Mattern and Mr. Rodríguez. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation nominated Dr. Mattern and Teodoro Amerlinck for the positions of Secretaries General.

- XXXI. The President called on all delegates in a secret ballot to vote for two names from among the four persons nominated -- William Crampton, Dr. Whitney Smith, Dr. Günter Mattern and Teodoro Amerlinck. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica asked whether Mr. Amerlinck had been approached about his willingness to serve as Secretary General and the delegate from the National Flag Foundation indicated that he had not been. The delegate of the Sociedad Española de Vexilología stressed that the vote should be given to persons who were known to be willing to serve. The delegate of the Office Généalogique asked that no one be reelected without a promise not to be a candidate again; none of the candidates so promised.
- XXXII. The President called for a secret ballot to choose two of the four nominated persons. On the first ballot Teodoro Amerlinck received two votes, Dr. Mattern seven votes, William Crampton eleven votes, and Dr. Smith thirteen votes. Mr. Crampton and Dr. Smith are therefore reelected as Secretaries General for the term 1985-1987.

General Assembly adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

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North American Vexillological Association

Summary:

● Officers

The Rev. Hugh Boudin (Belgium)	President (not present)
Whitney Smith (United States)	Secretary-General
William G. Crampton (United Kingdom)	Secretary-General for Congresses

● Delegates

ACV	Anna María Galán
CVE	William G. Crampton
FI	John Hall
FDC	Whitney Smith
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FSA	Ralph G.C. Bartlett
NFF	George Cahill
NAVA	Doreen Braverman
SEV	Sebastián Herreros Agúí
SVB	Roger Baert
SSV	Casimir de Rham
USFF	Bill Christiansen

● Not represented

ASM  
CISV  
FRCSL  
GOH  
HSFS  
NVvV  
NF  
PR  
TWMF  
VSHS  
WH

- Meeting chaired by Secretary-General for Congresses in President's absence
- Resignations of AFEIV and OGHB noted
- Quorum present as ASM, CISV, FRCSL, HSFS, NVvV, and WH are inactive members for quorum purposes
- GA 9 minutes approved
- Motion by CVE (drafted by board) to suspend unanimity rule required for change in statutes fails
- Report by statutes commission on proposed revision of statutes
- Discussion of commission's proposed revision of statutes; specific concerns raised about (1) limiting membership to "noncommercial and scientific associations or institutions" without defining "noncommercial," (2) eliminating requirement that the two secretaries-General reside on different continents, and (3) eliminating recognition of *The Flag Bulletin*
- Discussion of board's proposed constitution
- Motion by NAVA to adopt proposed statutes fails
- Motion by CVE to adopt proposed constitution fails
- Motion by NAVA to accept FSA's proposal to host ICV 13 approved
- Motion by ACV to host ICV 14 provisionally approved
- Secretary-General for Congresses indicated there should be a contract between FIAV and the ICV organizing committee; NFF requests that text of this contract be submitted to the GA for approval
- ASM and HSFS removed as members
- Motion by NFF passed to request board to prepare final text of ICV contract
- Motion by USFF passed: "Whereas the General Assembly of FIAV has received with thanks the proposals of the Statutes Commission and whereas it has proved impossible at the 12th International Congress of Vexillology unanimously to accept the proposed statutes put before the General Assembly, it is hereby resolved that the Statutes Commission should: (a) take note of the various objections raised by members and their alternative suggestions; (b) present a full new unanimous written report to the Board by 31 March 1989."
- Motion by NFF passed that statutes commission be increased to five members, that Secretary-General solicit comments from FIAV members and forward those comments to commission members before 31 March 1988,

and that board maintain commission at five members; commission members to be Roger E. Harmignies, chair; Günter Mattern (alternate Casimir de Rham); Atle Grahl-Madsen (alternate Sebastián Herreros Agüí); Alistair Fraser (alternate Scot M. Guenter); and Ralph G.C. Bartlett

- Board announced its decision that officer elections would be made successively for President, Secretary-General, and Secretary-General for Congresses, with candidates leaving the room while their candidacy is discussed

- Current officers re-elected

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

Protocol of the General Assembly, 13-15 August 1987

San Francisco CA U.S.A.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on 13 August at the Lone Mountain Conference Center by Secretary General for Congresses William Crampton. The Chair read the list of FIAV members from whom written credentials had been received and presented a voting ticket to the respective accredited delegates: Associació Catalana de Vexil·logia (Anna María Galán), Flag Institute (John Hall), Flag Design Center (Whitney Smith), Flag Research Center (Whitney Smith), Flag Society of Australia (Ralph Bartlett), National Flag Foundation (George Cahill), North American Vexillological Association (Doreen Braverman), Sociedad Española de Vexilología (Sebastián Herreros Agüí), Societas Vexillologica Belgica (Roger Baert), Sociéte Suisse de Vexillologie (Casimir de Rham), United States Flag Foundation (Bill Christiansen), and Vexillological Society of Ireland (William Crampton). The Chair noted the resignation from FIAV of the Association Française de'Études Internationales Vexillologiques and of the Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique. The Chair called on the FIAV Secretary General to indicate the number of active members of FIAV in accord with Article 11 of the FIAV Statutes. The number of active members being 17 and there being 12 members duly represented, the Chair noted that the requirement for a quorum was present.
- II. The next item on the agenda was approval of the protocol of the FIAV General Assembly from Madrid in 1985. The delegate of the North American Vexillological Association moved its adoption which was seconded by the delegate from the Flag Society of Australia. Nine votes were cast in favor of adoption with none opposed and three abstentions. The protocol was thus approved as written. The Chair indicated that no new applications for membership in FIAV had been received.
- III. Pursuant to the decision of the FIAV Board of March 1987, the delegate of the Vexillological Society of Ireland moved the following motion which was seconded by the delegate from the Flag Research Center:
- The unanimity rule required for change of the statutes of FIAV, provided for in Art. 12, is suspended in order to discuss alternative statutes under the following conditions:

1. Approval of new statutes must be by a three-quarters majority of those present and voting;
  2. Discussion of the two proposed alternatives will be limited to the first session of the General Assembly;
  3. If neither of the statutes developed by the special commission nor the constitution developed by the Board is approved by the end of the first session of the General Assembly, the statutes adopted at Oxford will be reverted to officially at the end of that session.
- IV. General discussion of the motion focusing on the requirement for unanimity under Article 12 of the present statutes followed. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation indicated that unanimity had worked in the past and should be maintained, while others felt that the rule placed a burden on the possibilities of FIAV to make changes in statutes. A vote was then taken with 11 delegates supporting the motion and the delegate of the National Flag Foundation opposed. Since the motion involved a temporary suspension of the provision of the current statutes, requiring unanimous support, it failed of adoption.
- V. The Chair next called on Dr. John Purcell, a member of the Statutes Commission which had been charged by the General Assembly at Madrid with drafting proposals for new FIAV statutes. Dr. Purcell indicated that the basic documents had been drafted by the Commission chairman, Roger Harmignies, with changes and additions suggested by the other members of the Commission, himself and Dr. Günter Mattern. While there was no unanimity by the Commission members on all provisions, they were able to agree on a compromise proposal which was subsequently translated from the original French into English, German, and Spanish. Copies had been mailed to all FIAV members by the FIAV Secretary General in March 1987. The FIAV Secretary General pointed out that it had previously been agreed at Madrid that a single vote would be taken on the entire text of the proposed statutes. This was confirmed by a decision of the Board in March 1987, with the exception that written amendments received in advance of the San Francisco General Assembly would be considered. The FIAV Secretary General indicated that no such amendments had been received.
- VI. General discussion followed on the substance of the proposals submitted by the Statutes Commission. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation pointed out that a number of clarifications were required in the wording submitted; for



example, Article 3A states that "active membership may be granted to non-commercial and scientific associations or institutions" without defining the meaning of non-commercial. He pointed out that most FIAV members sold publications and sometimes other items, which might be considered as commercial transactions. Noting the absence of the chairman of the Statutes Commission, he asked for a precise definition before the matter was voted on. The delegate of the Flag Research Center indicated that that FIAV member would be unable to vote in favor of the proposed statutes inasmuch as Article 3A and 3B would exclude the Flag Research Center, one of the founding members of FIAV, from further membership. Moreover, the proposed statutes eliminated the existing requirement that the two Secretaries General, as members of the Board, should be from different continents and the recognition of THE FLAG BULLETIN as the official journal of FIAV. He indicated that this and other provisions of the proposed statutes indicated quite clearly that FIAV was to be transformed into a European federation in which non-Europeans would be reduced to the status of outside observers. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica complained that proper consideration was not being given to the Commission proposal because the existence of the proposed constitution submitted by the Board presupposed the rejection of that Commission proposal. The Secretary General for Congresses indicated that the Board had felt the urgency to provide the possibility for consideration of alternative proposals since the General Assembly meets only once every two years. Without concrete proposals on such matters as membership applications, as submitted by the Flag Institute, changes would be piecemeal and require constant attention by future General Assemblies. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation pointed out that the statutes adopted in Oxford have been given long and careful consideration and that the new proposals of the Statutes Commission represented the discontent of a limited number of individuals. He favored fixing those parts of the Oxford statutes which presented problems rather than re-writing the entire document. The delegate of the Flag Institute indicated that it seemed clear the proposal of the Commission would fail unless amended. He therefore moved to consider amendments to the Commission proposal, a motion seconded by the Flag Society of Australia. The delegate of the North American Vexillological Association asked if it would not be possible to discuss both the proposed statutes and proposed Constitution simultaneously. Opposition to this was expressed by the delegates from the Soci t  Suisse de Vexillologie

and the Sociedad Española de Vexilología. The motion of the Flag Institute seconded by the Flag Society of Australia was then withdrawn. A delegate of the North American Vexillological Association moved the adoption of the proposed Constitution submitted by the Board which was seconded by the delegate of the Flag Institute. Adolfo Durán, speaking on behalf of the Sociedad Española de Vexilología, protested that only the proposal of the Statutes Commission could be considered. Changes to it through amendment were acceptable, but a totally new constitution such as that submitted by the Board was unacceptable. The Secretary General for Congresses pointed out that while the General Assembly was sovereign in matters relating to FIAV during its sessions, Article 17 of the statutes made clear that the Board had the obligation to act in the best interests of FIAV between General Assemblies and that its decisions could always be amended or revoked by the next General Assembly. Therefore, while the proposal of the Statutes Commission should be discussed and voted on, it was also proper to consider the proposal of the Board. The delegate of the United States Flag Foundation called for a vote on the motion on the floor. Señor Durán protested that the proposal of the Statutes Commission should be considered first. The delegates of the North American Vexillological Association and Flag Institute withdrew their motion and moved instead the adoption of the proposed statutes submitted by the Statutes Commission. The Chair pointed out that under the terms of the existing statutes, confirmed by the vote previously taken, approval of the proposal must be unanimous. The motion was supported by the Associació Catalana de Vexil·lologia, the Flag Institute, the Sociedad Española de Vexilología, the Societas Vexillologica Belgica, and the Soci  t   Suisse de Vexillologie. It was opposed by the other seven delegates.

- VII. The delegate of the Vexillological Society of Ireland moved the adoption of the proposed constitution submitted by the Board; it was seconded by the delegate of the Flag Society of Australia. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation indicated that because he felt the proposed constitution went beyond the needs of FIAV and had not been requested by the General Assembly, he would vote against it. After further brief discussion a vote was taken with six delegates voting in favor, five opposed, and one abstaining. The Chair noted that the 2/3 vote required by the General Assembly had not been received for either proposal and that in either case unanimity was required for an amendment to the existing statutes; therefore neither proposal having received sanction, the statutes adopted in 1983 in Oxford continued in force.

- VIII. The delegate of the Flag Research Center moved acceptance of the proposal submitted by the Flag Society of Australia for the organizing by the latter of the 13th International Congress of Vexillology in Melbourne, Australia, in 1989. The motion was seconded by the delegate from the National Flag Foundation. The delegate of the Flag Society of Australia provided printed literature concerning the proposal and gave further verbal explanations of the work so far undertaken. The motion accepting the offer was unanimously approved, following which the delegate of the Flag Society of Australia unveiled the flag designed for the 13th International Congress of Vexillology.
- IX. The Chair asked if any delegate was prepared to submit a proposal for organizing the 14th International Congress of Vexillology in 1991, to be provisionally approved with confirmation made in 1989. Señor Durán submitted on behalf of Associació Catalana de Vexillologia the proposal of that association to organize the 14th International Congress of Vexillology in Barcelona, Catalonia, and indicated that that proposal had received support from the government of Catalonia and would be part of the cultural activities associated with the 1992 Olympic Games. Unanimous approval was given to the proposal.
- X. The FIAV Secretary General submitted a written report on his activities which is appended to this protocol. There were no questions concerning the report. The Secretary General for Congresses indicated that neither he nor the President had a written report to submit. He indicated that he had been more involved than any previous Secretary General for Congresses in the organization of the current International Congress of Vexillology, especially through the development of guidelines and overseeing of the program and that he had received good cooperation from the congress organizers. In the future he indicated that there should be a contract between FIAV and the organizing committee of an International Congress of Vexillology. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation requested that the text of the contract be submitted to the General Assembly for approval.
- XI. The Secretary General for Congresses indicated that the Board had agreed that future proceedings of International Congresses of Vexillology would be published by the Flag Research Center. The delegate from the latter institution indicated that it would be necessary to review the cost of publishing the proceedings from the 12th International Congress of Vexillology carefully to determine if in fact it would be possible to carry through with that plan.

The delegates of The Flag Society of Australia and the Associació Catalana de Vexillologia indicated that it was their intention to publish the proceedings of their own congresses. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation moved for the acceptance of the reports submitted by the members of the Board. The motion was seconded by the delegate of the Flag Society of Australia and unanimously approved.

- XII. The Chair raised the next item on the agenda, namely the proposal of the Board to remove from FIAV membership the Flag Section of the Heraldry Society and the Sezione Vessillologica of the Accademia di San Marciano. The question of a review of membership was raised in Article 22 of the Protocol of the General Assembly at Madrid and had also been addressed in the report of the FIAV Secretary General. The delegate of the Société Suisse de Vexillologie asked if continuation of membership for the Sezione Vessillologia could not be continued in light of its having organized the 4th International Congress of Vexillology. The delegate of the Flag Society of Australia indicated that he had written five times to the Sezione without receiving a response. Furthermore he had been told by the Centro Italiano di Studi Vessillologici that the Sezione Vessillologica was no longer in existence even though the Accademia di San Marciano continued to operate. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation called for a vote to remove the two members from FIAV which was seconded by the delegate from the United States Flag Foundation. The vote was ten in favor of the motion and one abstaining.
- XIII. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation moved to request the Board to put the contract between FIAV and future organizers of International Congresses of Vexillology in its final form. The motion was seconded by the delegate of the United States Flag Foundation and unanimously approved.
- XIV. The meeting recessed by unanimous vote at 10:15 P.M.
- XV. The General Assembly reconvened at 5:15 P.M. on 14 August 1987.
- XVI. The delegate of the United States Flag Foundation moved that the proposed statutes submitted by the Statutes Commission be reconsidered by the General Assembly and that attention be given to standing orders for parliamentary procedure to be used in the General Assembly in the future. The motion was seconded by the delegate of the National Flag Foundation. The delegate of the North American Vexillological Association asked that the commission

be requested to continue its work because there was some disagreement on the meaning of certain words, because unanimity was required for approval, and because there had not been enough time for careful consideration by FIAV members of the proposals. She pointed out, for example, that the North American Vexillological Association had had no meeting between the time of its receipt of the proposals and the convening of the General Assembly. Other delegates spoke in favor of the motion, noting that a great deal of work had been done by the commission, but there clearly were points which had not been considered by FIAV members; furthermore, the commission itself had not been unanimous in supporting all aspects of the proposed statutes. Rather than make a completely fresh start on the question or ignore it entirely, continuation of the commission would give the possibility of reaching a conclusion satisfactory to all. Others indicated that, while standing orders were important, they represented an entirely separate issue not appropriate for writing into the statutes. The delegates of the National Flag Foundation and United States Flag Foundation therefore withdrew their original motion and submitted a new one, the exact wording of which was thoroughly discussed by all delegates. The motion read:

Whereas the General Assembly of FIAV has received with thanks the proposals of the Statutes Commission and whereas it has proved impossible at the 12th International Congress of Vexillology unani-  
mously to accept the proposed statutes put before the General Assem-  
bly, it is hereby resolved that the Statutes Commission should:

- (a) take note of the various objections raised by the members and their alternative suggestions;
- (b) present a full new unanimous written report to the Board by 31 March 1989.

The vote was eight in favor, none opposed, and two abstentions which on re-consideration were changed to affirmative votes, thus giving unanimous approval to the motion.

- XVII. The meeting recessed at 6:10 P.M.
- XVIII. The General Assembly reconvened at 5:05 P.M. on 15 August 1987. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation moved that the Statutes Commission be increased to include five members; that the FIAV Secretary General request comments on

the statutes from all FIAV members, to be sent to all members of the Statutes Commission prior to 31 March 1988, and that the Board be given the authority to maintain the membership of the commission at five members in the event that the individuals were unwilling to serve or to continue serving. The motion was unanimously approved. By general agreement Roger Harmignies was requested to continue serving as Chairman of the commission. Dr. Mattern was requested to continue to serve on the commission, but if he was unwilling to do so, he was to be replaced by Casimir de Rham. As a third European member of the commission, Dr. Atle Grahl-Madsen was to be requested to serve or, in the event of his unavailability, Sebastián Herreros-Agúí. Dr. Purcell having indicated his unavailability for continued service, Professor Alistair Fraser was to be asked to serve as a North American representative on the commission or, in the event of his unavailability, Dr. Scot Guenter was to be asked. As a commission member from the remainder of the world, Ralph Bartlett of Australia was to be requested to serve.

- XIX. The Chair asked if there was any new business to be submitted to the General Assembly. No new business was brought forward and the delegate from the Vexillological Society of Ireland indicated that the proposals of the Flag Institute for changes in membership procedure would be held in abeyance, pending receipt of a new report from the Statutes Commission.
- XX. The FIAV Secretary General noted the decisions made about procedure for election made by the Board at its March 1987 meeting, namely nominations by delegates successively for candidates to serve as President, FIAV Secretary General, and Secretary General for Congresses and the absenting of nominees from the room prior to the vote so that the delegates could discuss their candidacy. The delegate of the Flag Research Center nominated Reverend Hugh Boudin for election as President; this was seconded by the delegate from the Flag Society of Australia. There were no other nominations and the motion was unanimously approved by the Assembly. The delegate from the Flag Society of Australia nominated Dr. Whitney Smith for the position of FIAV Secretary General; the motion was seconded by the delegate from the North American Vexillological Association. The motion was approved with ten votes in favor and two abstentions. The Chair asked the delegate of the North American Vexillological Association to take over temporary chairing of the meeting. The delegate from the Flag Research Center then nominated William Crampton for Secretary General

for Congresses; the motion was seconded by the delegate from the United States Flag Foundation and unanimously approved.

XXI . There being no further business, the General Assembly adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

## PROPOSITION DE STATUTS DE LA F.I.A.V.

### Titre I - Définition, buts, siège

Art. 1er - La Fédération internationale des Associations de Vexillologie (F.I.A.V.) est une association strictement non commerciale et apolitique, qui a pour buts:

- de promouvoir, d'encourager et de coordonner les travaux, études et recherches scientifiques sur les drapeaux et pavillons du monde entier actuels et du passé, au sens le plus large, notamment en sanctionnant des normes internationales pour faciliter le développement des activités vexillologiques, et en décernant des prix pour couronner les plus marquantes de ces activités;
- de susciter la création, dans tous les pays, d'associations ou institutions qui se consacrent de façon désintéressée et scientifique à la vexillologie, et de créer entre elles des liens durables de collaboration et d'entraide en stimulant les échanges et la diffusion des informations;
- de promouvoir l'organisation périodique de congrès internationaux de vexillologie et d'apporter son appui à leurs organisateurs.

Art. 2 - La Fédération a son siège social au domicile de son président, et un siège administratif au domicile de son secrétaire général.

### Titre II - Membres

Art. 3 - Il y a deux catégories de membres: les membres effectifs et les membres associés.

Peuvent être admis comme membres effectifs de la Fédération les associations ou institutions scientifiques non commerciales, nationales ou internationales, régionales ou inter-régionales, légalement constituées depuis deux ans au moins, vouées exclusivement aux études et recherches vexillologiques et publiant régulièrement les résultats de leurs travaux.

Peuvent être admis comme membres associés de la Fédération les associations ou institutions répondant aux mêmes critères mais pour lesquelles la vexillologie est un centre d'intérêt parmi d'autres.

Art. 4 - L'admission et l'exclusion des membres des deux catégories sont du ressort de l'assemblée générale, où elles doivent recueillir les deux tiers des voix.

Toute association ou institution désirant être admise comme membre effectif ou comme membre associé doit en faire la demande écrite au président six mois au moins avant l'assemblée générale; cette demande doit comporter tous les éléments permettant d'apprécier si les conditions prévues à l'art. 3 sont remplies. La candidature est transmise pour avis à tous les membres de la Fédération en même temps que l'ordre du jour de l'assemblée.



Art. 5 - La Fédération s'interdit toute ingérence dans les affaires intérieures des associations-membres. Elle ne peut limiter l'exercice de leurs droits à cet égard. Elle ne peut s'engager en leur nom sans leur autorisation formulée en assemblée générale.

De leur côté, les associations-membres s'interdisent toute activité ou initiative de nature à porter préjudice aux intérêts de la Fédération. Elles ne peuvent l'engager, ni agir en son nom.

### Titre III - Assemblée générale

Art. 6 - L'assemblée générale a les pouvoirs les plus étendus.

En tout état de cause, elle est seule compétente pour:

- désigner les membres du conseil et nommer le président parmi eux,
- approuver la gestion du conseil,
- approuver les propositions du conseil et des commissions spécialisées,
- admettre et exclure les membres des deux catégories,
- fixer le montant des cotisations et droits d'admission éventuels,
- décerner des prix ou distinctions couronnant les travaux de personnes morales ou physiques dans le domaine de la vexillologie,
- interpréter et modifier les statuts,
- dissoudre la Fédération.

Art. 7 - L'assemblée générale se compose de tous les membres de la Fédération.

Une assemblée ordinaire se réunit à l'occasion de chaque congrès international de vexillologie, au lieu, jour et heure désignés par le conseil, qui en détermine l'ordre du jour. La convocation doit être envoyée à toutes les associations-membres trois mois à l'avance.

Une assemblée extraordinaire doit être convoquée si un tiers des membres effectifs de nationalités différentes au moins le demandent en indiquant les points qu'ils désirent voir mettre à l'ordre du jour. Si l'urgence est invoquée, le délai de convocation peut être ramené à un mois.

Art. 8 - Toute assemblée générale est valablement constituée si elle réunit la moitié au moins des membres effectifs, sauf ce qui est dit à l'art. 16 quand il s'agit de modifier les statuts ou de dissoudre la Fédération.

Seuls les membres effectifs votent aux assemblées. Les membres associés participent aux débats, mais ne votent pas. Les votes se font à main levée, sauf si le scrutin secret est demandé par deux membres effectifs au moins.

Les décisions sont prises à la majorité simple des voix, sauf pour ce qui est prévu aux articles 4 et 16 des statuts.

Les modalités du déroulement des assemblées générales font l'objet d'un règlement spécial.

#### Titre IV - Administration

Art. 9 - La Fédération est administrée par un conseil de cinq personnes au moins, désignées pour deux ans par l'assemblée générale et rééligibles. Chaque conseiller doit représenter une association-membre effectif de nationalité différente d'Europe et d'outre-mer.

Art. 10 - Le conseil désigne en son sein un vice-président et un secrétaire-général et détermine les fonctions et obligations de chacun de ses membres. En tout état de cause, le vice-président remplace le président en cas d'empêchement, de démission ou de décès de celui-ci. Dans les deux derniers cas, il assure la présidence jusqu'à la plus prochaine assemblée générale.

Le conseil institue les commissions spéciales qu'il estime utile et en désigne les membres en son sein ou en dehors de celui-ci. Il confère tous pouvoirs spéciaux à tout mandataire de son choix.

Il émet les directives et élabore les règlements qu'il juge utiles pour le bon fonctionnement de la Fédération et pour l'organisation des congrès internationaux de vexillologie. Ces directives et règlements sont soumis à l'approbation de l'assemblée générale.

Art. 11 - Le conseil se réunit aussi souvent que l'exige l'intérêt de la Fédération et au moins immédiatement avant chaque assemblée générale, aux lieu, jour et heure désignés par le président qui détermine l'ordre du jour de la réunion.

Il siège valablement si la moitié au moins de ses membres sont présents et ses décisions sont prises à la majorité simple, la voix du président étant prépondérante en cas de partage des voix.

Art. 12 - Le président, le vice-président et le secrétaire général forment le bureau exécutif.

Ce bureau gère les affaires courantes de la Fédération et la représente dans ses relations avec les institutions et organismes officiels internationaux et nationaux. Il présente le rapport d'activité de la Fédération à chaque assemblée générale ordinaire.

Art. 13 - Tous les actes engageant la Fédération doivent être signés par le président, ou à son défaut par le vice-président, et le secrétaire général.

La correspondance courante peut être signée par le président, le vice-président ou le secrétaire général agissant seul, ou encore par toute personne spécialement autorisée par le conseil pour un objet déterminé, ce dont il ne doit pas être justifié vis-à-vis des tiers.

#### Titre V - Communications

Art. 14 - Les langues officielles de la Fédération et des congrès internationaux de vexillologie sont, dans l'ordre alphabétique, l'allemand, l'anglais, l'espagnol et le français. D'autres langues peuvent être utilisées selon l'opportunité.

La Fédération publie toutes ses informations et ses communiqués dans les quatre langues officielles, par voie de circulaires ou, sans aucune exclusivité, dans les bulletins des associations-membres.

#### Titre VI - Modifications aux statuts, dissolution

Art. 15 - Les modifications aux statuts et la décision de dissoudre la Fédération sont de la compétence d'une assemblée générale spécialement convoquée à cet effet.

Cette assemblée doit réunir les deux tiers au moins des membres effectifs et ses décisions doivent recueillir les quatre cinquièmes des voix.

L'assemblée qui vote la dissolution de la Fédération décide en même temps de la dévolution des biens de celle-ci.

#### Disposition transitoire

Art. 16 - Les présents statuts, adoptés par l'assemblée générale tenue à San Francisco le 1987, annulent et remplacent toutes les dispositions analogues antérieures depuis la création de la Fédération.

Les associations membres de la Fédération au moment de l'adoption des présents statuts qui ne remplissent pas toutes les conditions requises pour être membre effectif selon l'article 3, seront considérées d'office comme membres associés à partir de ce moment; toutefois, celles qui ont organisé dans le passé un congrès international de vexillologie reconnu conserveront leur droit de vote aux assemblées générales.

Si les associations en question constituent légalement leur section vexillologique en association autonome, celle-ci sera substituée à l'association-mère et pourra être admise comme membre effectif de la Fédération dès la première assemblée générale suivante.

PROPOSAL OF THE FIAV BOARD  
CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

I. PURPOSES OF THE FEDERATION

- Art. 1. The International Federation of Vexillological Associations unites those associations and institutions throughout the world whose object is the pursuit of vexillology, that is the creation and development of a body of knowledge about flags of all types, their forms and functions, and of scientific theories and principles based on that knowledge.
- Art. 2 The International Federation of Vexillological Associations (hereafter called "the Federation") has as its purposes:
- a) To create a strong bond among those associations and institutions and to encourage and coordinate their work, studies and research;
  - b) to promote periodically the organization of International Congresses of Vexillology and to lend its support to their organizers;
  - c) to encourage the creation in all countries of associations and institutions dedicated to vexillology;
  - d) to sanction international standards facilitating the development of these activities.
- Art. 3 The Federation, being strictly scientific, has no commercial ends and renounces any political or religious activity or stand.

II. HEADQUARTERS

- Art. 4 The administrative headquarters of the Federation are located at the residences of its Secretaries-General. It may also have a legal headquarters.

III. MEMBERSHIP

- Art. 5 An applicant for membership in the Federation
- a) must be an organization of the type expressed in Art. 1 of the Constitution of the Federation;
  - b) must be committed to the purposes of the Federation expressed in Art. 2 of its Constitution
  - c) must be constituted in conformity with the laws of the country where it is located.
- Art. 6 Full membership in the Federation is open to any association or institution anywhere in the world having as its principal purpose the scientific study of vexillology. Associate membership in the Federation is open to other associations or institutions anywhere in the world having vexillology as a center of subsidiary interest.

The processing of membership applications is the responsibility of the Board of the Federation. The Board may at its discretion devolve the function upon a person appointed by them for this purpose. The procedure consists of the following:

- a) The candidate member is to complete the membership application form, which must be received by the Board no later than six months before the opening of the next General Assembly of the Federation.
- b) The Board shall consider the form and make recommendation to the General Assembly relative to the applicant and shall communicate that recommendation to the applicant and to existing members of the Federation not later than three months before the opening of the next General Assembly.

- c) The Board may recommend acceptance of the applicant as a Full Member, as an Associate Member, or may recommend rejection of the application.
- d) The General Assembly at its next meeting shall vote on the application. An authorized representative of the applicant may appear at the meeting to represent its case. A rejected applicant has the right to reapply for membership at any later General Assembly.

The Board and the General Assembly in making their decisions about an applicant shall have regard to the following:

- a) The existence of a written constitution and its provisions;
- b) the vexillological and non-vexillological activities of the applicant, including
  - i. meetings
  - ii. publications
  - iii. international relations;
- c) in the case of an association, the number of its dues-paying members (minimum of five);
- d) registration of its members in International Congresses of Vexillology sponsored by the Federation;
- e) the length of time it has existed; and
- f) the presence of an autochthonous and authorized representative of the applicant at the General Assembly dealing with the membership application.

Art. 7 The voluntary resignation of any Member must be received in writing by the President of the Federation; it is effective upon the date of its receipt.

Art. 8 At its discretion the Board may require a Member to furnish evidence of its continued qualification for membership under the terms set forth in Art. 6. 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 the Federation or change its status from full to associate membership, the Member in question must be notified at least three months in advance of the General Assembly which is to 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. 9 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 the rights of the Members in this respect.

Art. 10 Members of the Federation shall not undertake any activities contrary to the interests of the Federation.

Art. 11 The Federation may not act on behalf of its Members without their authorization expressed in the General Assembly. Members may not make commitments nor act on behalf of the Federation, nor may they hold international meetings for vexillology on their own.

Art. 12 The General Assembly may name <sup>as</sup> Laureates of the Federation individuals who have made outstanding contributions to vexillology. ~~This status does not~~ confer any right within the Federation.

## IV. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- Art. 13 The General Assembly is composed of the officers of the Board together with a delegate from each of the Full and Associate Members of the Federation. Each delegate must present to the President of the General Assembly 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 of the Federation.
- The General Assembly is not validly constituted unless at least half its duly represented Full Members, as determined at the beginning of the session, are present, except as provided for in Art. 24. Each Full Member and each officer of the Board is entitled to one vote in the General Assembly.
- Art. 14 Majorities in General Assembly sessions are constituted of the following fractions of those present and voting:
- a) a simple majority in the election of an officer;
  - b) two-thirds for ordinary resolutions; and
  - c) three-quarters for amendments to the Constitution or dissolution of the Federation.
- Art. 15 The powers of the General Assembly are the following:
- a) The election of the President and the two Secretaries-General;
  - b) examination and approval of the administration of the Board and the commissions;
  - c) the examination of all questions concerning the Federation and in particular the organization of the International Congresses of Vexillology.
  - d) interpretation of the Constitution 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 annual dues to be paid by Members;
  - g) the appointment of special commissions.
- Art. 16 The General Assembly meets at least once every two years, normally on the occasion of each International Congress of Vexillology. It must be convened by the Board at least three months in advance with notification of the agenda including any proposed amendments to the Constitution.
- Art. 17 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.

## V. ADMINISTRATION OF THE FEDERATION

- Art. 18 The administration of the Federation is entrusted to a Board which acts only by unanimous agreement. The Board is composed of the President of the Federation and its two Secretaries-General.
- The Board is elected at the end of each General Assembly and serves until the election of the new Board at the next General Assembly. Consent of the nominees for election is required. The Members are eligible for re-election.
- The two Secretaries-General shall reside in different continents. One Secretary-General manages the Permanent Secretariat of the Federation and the other manages the Permanent Secretariat of the International Congresses

of Vexillology. The Board is considered to be in continuous session, conducted by correspondence. In addition it must meet at least once between the International Congresses of Vexillology.

Art. 19 The Board of the Federation:

- a) Manages the current affairs of the Federation and establishes the duties and obligations of its officers;
- b) issues directives which it considers necessary to the success of the activities of the Federation, including the International Congresses of Vexillology;
- c) establishes such commissions as it deems necessary and appoints members;
- d) convokes General Assemblies in accord with Arts. 16 and 17 of the Constitution;
- e) represents the Federation in its relations with other national and international institutions;
- f) manages membership procedures in accordance with Art. 6 of the Constitution and encourages the adherence to the Federation of new members.

Art. 20 All acts binding upon the Federation must be signed by the President and both the Secretaries-General. Current correspondence 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 the communications of the Federation shall be English, French, and German. Other languages may be used as well, where appropriate.

#### VII. PUBLICATIONS

Art. 22 The official journal of the Federation is THE FLAG BULLETIN (ISSN 0015-3370). In addition the Federation 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.

#### VIII. SYMBOLS

Art. 23 The flag of the Federation is as described and illustrated in the *Recueil du 11 Congrès International de Vexillologie Zurich 1967*. The General Assembly may initiate or authorize other symbols for the Federation.

#### IX. DISSOLUTION

Art. 24 Dissolution of the Federation may be considered only at a session of the General Assembly attended by at least three-quarters of the Full Members. Members prevented from attending the General Assembly may submit written, notarized votes. This General Assembly establishes the terms of the dissolution.

