



## The International Bridge Press Association

# IBPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday morning, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep 2013 – Bali  
Minutes

0. **Attendance:** 38 (see list below)

1. **Remembrance** of members deceased since last AGM: Petra Mansell, Chris Diment, Joan Gerard, Leonard Helman, and Honour and Founding Member Jimmy Ortiz-Patiño

2. **Minutes** of the EGM and AGM held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2012 in Lille - Approved.

3. **Officers' Reports:** President, Chairman, Secretary (attached)

4. **Appointees' Reports:** Editor, Liaison Officer, Membership Secretary (attached)

### 5. Treasurer

Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012 is read out by Per Jannersten and approved.

Auditor's report for 2012 (Richard Fleet) (attached) – Approved.

Budget and proposal regarding subscriptions (unchanged) for the year 2014 – Approved.

### 6. Elections:

Proposed for annual election are: Hon. General Counsel: Bill Pencharz (England);

Hon. Auditor: Richard Fleet - Approved

### 7. Election of Executive members:

Proposed for a 3-year election to 2016: David Stern (Australia); Brent Manley (USA); Tadashi Yoshida (Japan) - Approved

### 8. The IBPA Annual Awards

9. Any other competent business.

- we should ask people who run websites to recruit new members from among those that only publish on-line

- members are reminded to mention the IBPA and the sponsors if they write about the awards

- the website looks ancient and should be updated

- there might be more photos in the bulletin, including those of the journalists.

- we have a large bankbalance – what shall we do with it?

Suggestions from the floor include free copies of bulletins at championships, reduced subscription, perhaps just for new members, 5-year and lifetime memberships – to be discussed at next Executive meeting.

- an e-mail has been sent to all members requesting information about the readership

- discussion on new VP scale. Two elements: bridge technical and public relation. A vote in the meeting points to a rejection of the new scales. Will be considered at the next Executive meeting.

Herman De Wael, secretary, with help from Jan van Cleeff.

### List of attendees to the AGM

Sevinc Atay, Bianca Barden, John Carruthers, Denis Cimon, Simon Cochemé, Donna Compton, José Damiani, Herman De Wael, Jeremy Dhondy, Josef Harsanyi, Mark Horton, Anna Jannersten, Britt Jannersten, Per Jannersten, Alf Jensen, Patrick Jourdain, Ron Klinger, Slawek Latala, Fernando Lema, Alvin Levy, Christina Lund Madsen, Brent Manley, Micke Melander, George Retek, Barry Rigal, Andrew Robson, Gianarrigo Rona, Piet Spruit, David Stern, PO Sundelin, Jon Sveindal, Jan Swaan, Paul Thurston, Geo Tislevoll, Jan van Cleeff, Elisabeth van Ettinger, John Wignall, Marek Wojcicki (38)

# Reports to the AGM

Bali, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2013

## **President's Report 2013**

Following the 2011 rewrite of the Constitution, the 2012 rewrite of the Job Descriptions and the stability this year of your Officers, it has been a less stressful year for your President, apart from acquiring two new ceramic hips. The Job Descriptions went on the website early this year.

Our Sub-committee set up in Lille to communicate in new ways has launched a Facebook page for IBPA members. It will be shortly be open to members of the public. It was set up by Rene Stienen of the Netherlands.

Here in Bali we enjoy an excellent Press Room well managed by Jan Swaan. I take this chance to thank the World Bridge Federation for their support for IBPA. We have received the annual grant and tonight our good friend Gianarrigo Rona hosts a dinner for IBPA members in good standing.

This year we give a warm welcome to a new sponsor for our Auction of the Year Award, Mr. Chen Yeh, introduced by Executive Member Tadashi Yoshida. We hope to greet Mr Chen Yeh later in this meeting. We also have a new Junior Sportsman Award to give out, donated by a member, Margaret Parnis England. I also thank warmly our regular sponsors. Dilip Gidwani, Ray Lee and Nick Nickell are not able to be with us this year but we give a warm welcome to Ron Klinger, and, in her absence, his wife Suzie.

I conclude with thanks for your other officers and Executive. Herman De Wael, the Secretary, also fills the role of shopper for frames and printer of certificates. Our Membership secretary, Jeremy Dhondy, reports a small decline in Membership since Lille but I am happy to welcome almost enough new, rejoining and late-paying members here in Bali to recover the deficit. Barry Rigal, our Awards Chairman, denies himself many opportunities to win. Of 16 members of the Executive 13 are here in Bali and 11 were present for our meeting. Thank you all.

Patrick Jourdain

## **Chairman's Report 2013**

I am happy to report that our organization is in good standing (also in the eyes of Montana's Secretary of State).

It is not a winning strategy to be standing, however. Members need to be reminded that they have a duty and self-interest to recruit new members. I hope that both individual members and the Executive will give recruiting high(er) priority in the future.

Per Jannersten

## **Secretary's Report**

My job entails no activity that needs to be reported on. I wish to remind members that even if they sometimes get a mail from my gmail-address, they should always use my skynet-address (hermandw@skynet.be) to reach me. I only use gmail when I'm away from home and the rest of the time it may take some weeks for me to notice incoming mail.

Herman De Wael

## **Editor's Report**

It was business as usual for the past 12 months. We had articles and reports from nearly all WBF Zones with, as usual, Europe, Australia and North America dominating the coverage and Asia, South America and BFAME contributing as well. Zonal Trials, World and European Championships and NABCs formed the lion's share of our coverage.

Barry Rigal, Phillip Alder, Ron Klinger, Mark Horton and Brian Senior were our most frequent contributors. Katie Thorpe, PO Sundelin and Phillip Alder performed yeoman service in ensuring that my errors in spelling, grammar, formatting and analysis were kept to a minimum. Katie also ensured that each deal contained 52 unique cards. I am very grateful to all three of them.

It is worth reiterating that we welcome articles from all members, especially those in the less-populated Zones. If you are unsure of your English, you may submit them in your own language and I'll try to get them translated into English – I can handle French and Swedish and have a crack team of translators standing by for other languages. Or, submit them in English, however fractured, and I'll try to improve them.

We also welcome suggestions from members as to the content of the Bulletin. Currently we have an editorial, tournament reports and other articles, the column service, news & views, correspondence and an occasional appearance of the world bridge calendar. Please feel free to comment on the desirability of any of these features, as well as any others you'd like to see.

John Carruthers

### **Liaison Officer's Report**

Everything is OK. I am not aware of any problems.

Panos Gerontopoulos

### **Membership Secretary's Report**

#### **IBPA Membership Report 2013**

Membership is down by just over 4% in the last year. The number taking the printed bulletin continues to fall (by 27% in the last year) and may soon reach the point where it is no longer economical to do. On a brighter note there were 25 members joining for the first time or after an absence.

	2011	2012	2013
Members	292	282	270
Of whom Printed Copies	49	37	27
Of whom new***	15	20	25
Have not renewed as at 31/08/13	29	29	37
Resigned	6	116*	23**

\* All who have not paid since 2006 have been marked as resigned in 2012

\*\*All those who have not paid since 2007 have been marked as resigned

\*\*\*Includes those rejoining after absence

Members who have notified resignation or died since the 2012 AGM

Bruce Neill, Edwin Stoel, Arvid Wikner, Knut Blakset, Bill Townsend, Irving Gordon

Chris Diment (died Jan 2013) (lapsed member)

Petra Mansell (died Aug 2012)

Joan Gerard (died April 2013)

Leonard Helman (died June 2013) (lapsed member)

Those below have not paid since 2007 and are marked as resigned:

Harlit Bigat, Ralf Bystrom, KY Chen, Uri Gilboa, Stefan Gudjohnsen, Enrico Leufkens, Robert J Levin, Robert Lui, Rosa Lui, BJ O'Brian, Derek Rimington, Denis Robson, Luc Schroons

New in 2012/13 Lille-31/8/13

Linda Lee, Katia Reznik, Nira de Waele, Martin Schiffko, Luis Lantaron, Roy Hughes, Donna Compton, Jean-Christophe Quantin, Jan Veldkamp, Jan Feringa, Koby Shachar, Gilles Queran (rejoined), Tracey Yarbrow, Zbigniew Janicki, Pietro Forquet (rejoined), Denis Cimon, Amit Chaudhuri, Constantin Vornicu, Louk Herber, Roy Welland (rejoined), Bianca Barden (rejoined), Jens Auken (rejoined), Bob Donkersloot (rejoined), Kirsten Rita Arnesen (rejoined), Kirsten Lund Madsen.

Jeremy Dhondy

## Accounts for 2012 (excerpt)

### INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2012

Assets	2012	2011
	\$	\$
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Trade debtors	0	1,000
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>72,568</u>	<u>75,285</u>
Total assets	<u>72,568</u>	<u>76,285</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	797	1,637
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>71,771</u>	<u>74,678</u>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Retained profit brought forward	74,648	77,218
Profit and loss account	-2,877	-2,570
<b>Total reserves</b>	<u>71,771</u>	<u>74,648</u>

### INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION INCOME STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2012

	Note	2012	2011
		\$	\$
<b>Income</b>			
Interest received		14,979	17,506
Sponsored award money		58	738
Subscriptions due		2,960	3,000
Subscriptions due – printing		4,074	3,242
Subscriptions paid in advance	1	540	
Subscriptions paid in advance – printing	1	2,751	8,051
Surplus on exchange rate		1,506	
WBF grant		590	0
		2,500	2,475
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Printing and postage		17,856	20,076
Editor's travel		2,837	3,402
Editor's fee		500	1,000
IBPA awards		10,600	8,287
Bank charges		1,588	2,250
Deficit on exchange rate		571	709
Filing Fees		0	1,248
Membership secretary's expenses		160	0
Treasurer's expenses		5000	5001,500
President's expenses		500600	500600
President's travel		0	80
Entertaining		0	80
<b>EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME</b>		<b>2,877</b>	<b>2,570</b>

# INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2012

### 1. Subscriptions paid in advance

Subscriptions paid in advance according to the income statement confirm a liability for the year ended 2012 to the extent of \$4,257.

### 2.Assets

Computers, printers and fax machines are all written off to NIL during the year of purchase.

### 3. Cash Funds 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012.

	US\$
HSBC – Euro Account (Euro 27,892)	36,771
HSBC – US\$ Account	27,623
Bank of Scotland	6
Paypal	8,168
	72,568
Per Balance Sheet	72,568

Richard Solomon

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## IBPA Budget for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014

All figures in US dollars

		2012	2013	2014
Income				
Subscriptions	280 @ \$42 =	11,760	11,760	11,760
Print subs	@ \$45 =	2,250	2,250	1,350
WBF Grant	=	2,500	2,500	2,500
Award sponsors	@ \$1000 =	5,000	4,000	5,500
Interest received	=	400	200	100
<b>Total income</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>21,910</b>	<b>20,710</b>	<b>21,210</b>
Expenditure				
Bulletin Editor's fee	12 x \$750 =	9,000	9,000	9,000
Bulletin Editor's allowance	=	1,000	1,000	1,000
Bulletin Editor's travel	=	1,000	1,000	1,200
Bulletin Hands columnist	=	900	900	900
Bulletin printing and postage	=	2,000	2,000	1,800
President's allowance	=	500	500	500
President's travel	=	1,000	1,000	1,200
Treasurer's allowance	=	500	500	500
Treasurer's Travel	=	0	1,000	1,000
Membership Secretary allowance	=	500	500	500
IBPA Award prizes	=	2,400	2,400	2,600
IBPA Award costs	=	200	200	200
Credit card charges	=	500	500	500
Bank charges	=	300	300	500
Miscellaneous	=	400	400	400
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>20,200</b>	<b>21,200</b>	<b>21,800</b>

Richard Solomon & Patrick Jourdain