



The International Bridge Press Association

IBPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday morning, 20th Oct 2014 – Sanya, China

Minutes

0. **Attendance:** 35 (see list below)

1. **Remembrance** of members deceased since last AGM: Tony Priday, Albert Dormer, Jens Auken, Guido Ferraro, Katalin Jakab, Ton Valk.

2. **Minutes** of the AGM held on 23rd September 2013 in Bali - Approved.

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

Patrick Jourdain welcomes a new Honour Member to IBPA: Yves Aubry, president of the EBL.

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

Panos Gerontopoulos has notified his retirement as Liaison office. The President thanks him for his help in creating the agreement with the WBF. The executive will appoint a new Liaison Officer.

5. **Treasurer**

Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2013 is read out by Per Jannersten. The accounts follow the US system, which makes them hard to interpret. We are running at an annual deficit of around 500\$, but have ample reserves to cover this. The accounts are approved.

Auditor's report for 2013 (Richard Fleet) read out by Per Jannersten – Approved.

Budget : presents a loss, but travel expenses are frequently left unneeded. - Approved

Proposal regarding subscriptions for the year 2015 : they can remain unchanged – Approved.

6. **Elections:**

Officers for election: President: Patrick Jourdain (Wales) – Elected unopposed

Chairman: Per Jannersten (Sweden); Exec Vice-President: Jan van Cleeff (Netherlands);

Organisational Vice-President: Dilip Gidwani (India); Secretary: Herman De Wael (Belgium);

Treasurer: Richard Solomon (New Zealand). - Elected unopposed

Proposed for annual election are:

Hon. Auditor: Richard Fleet - Approved

Hon. General Counsel: David Harris (England) - Approved

Patrick Jourdain thanks Bill Pencharz for his tenure as Counsel, especially when writing the new constitution some years ago.

David Harris adds a proviso to his position as Counsel: he is also Counsel to the WBF and in case of conflict of interest his first commitment will be to the WBF.

7. Election of Executive members:

Proposed for a 3-year election to 2017: John Carruthers (Canada); Barry Rigal (USA); Gavin Wolpert (USA). - Approved

The Executive announces that Jeremy Dhondy and Jerry Li (China) will be co-opted into the Executive.

8. The IBPA Annual Awards

presentations are interspersed within the meeting, to accommodate players' and journalists' arrivals and leaving in order to play.

9. Any other competent business.

- A way ought to be found to enable members to pay for several years in advance. Currently, 3 years is mentioned, but even 10 years is possible. The website and annual notice in the Bulletin should mention those options.
- The calendar should appear in every edition of the Bulletin, especially in the Internet version.
- When trying to recruit new members, one should be able to loop up the existing ones. This is already published on the web-site.

Herman De Wael, secretary.

List of attendees to the AGM

Sevinc Atay, Ton Bakkeren, Dmitri Ballas, Marc van Beijsterveldt, Patrick Choy, Philippe Cronier, Marc De Pauw, Herman De Wael, Dilip Gidwani, David Harris, Mark Horton, Britt Jannersten, Per Jannersten, Patrick Jourdain, Laurie Kelso, Monika Kümmel, Slawek Latala, Fernando Lema, Alvin Levy, Marshall Lewis, Jerry Li, Brent Manley, Jan Martel, Micke Melander, Ernesto d'Orsi, Jacek Pszczola, Barry Rigal, Gianarrigo Rona, Stephen Smith, David Stern, Jan Swaan, GeO Tislevoll, Anna Maria Torlontano, John Wignall, Tadashi Yoshida (35)

Reports to the AGM

Sanya, 20th October, 2014

President's Report 2014

It has been a quiet year for IBPA though successful in terms of recruitment. We have 42 new or re-joining members compared with 32 lapsed or retired, and three deceased. That was due to the drive in Bali. Here in Sanya we have two new members so far.

I thank my friend Jan Swaan for his management of the Press Room. I also thank the local organisers for the IBPA Trip to be enjoyed after this meeting.

Several of our Award sponsors are in Sanya but Ron & Suzie Klinger leave today, and Chen Yeh and Nick Nickell are playing. Dilip Gidwani is here but Ray Lee at home. We owe them all our thanks. We are also grateful for the annual grant we receive from the WBF, and welcome its President, Gianarrigo Rona.

I now turn to our officers and appointees. Two in particular have a difficult task. Our main problem as a worldwide organisation is collecting subscriptions from our members. Paypal in

particular puts obstacles in the way of our Membership Secretary, Jeremy Dhondy. We are grateful to him and Anna Jannersten who now runs Jannersten Forlag, for its assistance in solving the problems in collecting many of our subs. We showed our thanks to Anna by providing a small gift on the occasion of her marriage earlier this year. We now have a clear plan on how to solve our Paypal problems.

Anna's father, Per, our Chairman, is with us today. A few months ago, following a cycling accident, he broke the second vertebra in his neck. We are pleased you have recovered well, Per.

Our officer with a tough job is our Treasurer, Richard Solomon. Making payments and producing the accounts is often a frustrating task. We invite Richard to our AGM but he also has an important role in the New Zealand event that clashes with the World Championships.

Also doing sterling work are our Bulletin Editor throughout the year, and the Awards Chairman in the months before today. Thank you John Carruthers and Barry Rigal. Our Secretary, Auditor, Vice-Presidents and Executive have less onerous but nonetheless important roles and I thank them for that and their advice and supervision.

I conclude with a plea to all of you here today. If you know of anyone in Sanya who should be a member of IBPA and is not, please persuade to come to the Press Room and join. Associate membership is open to all.

Patrick Jourdain

Chairman's Report 2014

I am glad to report that our organization is in good standing in every regard. But I hurry to add that we should speed up the renovation process that we initiated at our 50th anniversary.

Members are reminded that they have both a duty and a self-interest to recruit new members. The Executive is reminded that we could better use the possibilities that Internet gives a scattered organization like ours.

Per Jannersten

Secretary's Report

The executive have decided to add one item to the list of my jobs: to keep the Job descriptions up-to-date. As a consequence, I have added one sentence to the text.

Herman De Wael

Editor's Report

Bridge (including IBPA) has been dominated in the past 12 months by the German doctors cheating scandal from Bali. We congratulate the WBF for resolving the issue in satisfactory fashion by revoking the German Team's gold medals and awarding the Championship to the USA team. Congratulations to them and to Poland and France, silver-medal and bronze-medal winners respectively.

Thanks to my faithful technical reviewer P.O. Sundelin and ever-diligent proofreaders Katie Thorpe and Phillip Alder. It is nearly impossible to produce written bridge material without error, but these three reduce mine to a manageable level. We must also give a nod of appreciation to Deep Finesse.

Our most frequent contributors to the Bulletin in the past year were Phillip Alder, Fritz Babsch, Anant Bhagwat, David Bird, Tim Bourke, Mark Horton, Ron Klinger, Fernando Lema, Brent Manley, Barry Rigal, Ana Roth and Erdal Sidar. We thank them and remind members that you are all encouraged to contribute material at least once per year. Our crack team of translators is prepared for most earthly languages.

John Carruthers

Liaison Officer's Report

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

Panos Gerontopoulos

Membership Secretary's Report 2014

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Members	292	282	270	277
Of whom Printed Copies	49	37	27	21
Of whom new/rejoining	15	20	25	42
Have not renewed as of 23/7/14	29	29	37	28
Resigned	6	116*	23**	24***

* 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 in 2013

*** All those who have not paid since 2008 have been marked as resigned in 2014

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.

Members who have notified resignation or died since the 2013 AGM

Heather Dhondy, Bernt Sigvardsson, Katalin Jakab (died 26/1/13), Eric Laurant, Jens Auken (died 18/1/14), Ahto Uisk, Nedju Buchlev, Lewis Griffin, Guido Ferraro (died 16/2/14 not a member since 2011), Michael Cornell, Jude Goodwin, Tony Forrester

Those below have not paid since 2008 and marked as resigned

Halit Bigat, Vlad Racoviceanu, Michael Davis, Flemming Kalund, Erich Liduin, Derek Rimington, Peter Smith, Anthony Valk, Peter van der Linden, Xaio Wu, Bronius Zibaitis, Patrick Piganeau

New in 2013/14 Bali to Cavendish 16/9/14

Patrick Choy rejoining, Brad Coles, Peter Buchen, Pierre Schmidt, Ben Green rejoining, Nicolas Hammond, Andy Hung, Chris Depasquale, Ishmael del Monte rejoining, Armin Eschweiler, Simon Fellus, Bob Hamman, Marshall Lewis, Jerry Lie, Andrew McIntosh, William Haughie, Barbara Travis, Tom Townsend, Mario Kaifmann, Simon Hinge, Bill Jacobs, Kata Vass, Gene Snyder, David Turner, Neil Kimpleman, Alan Sontag (rejoining), Bob Jones, Geeske Joel (rejoining), Allan Livgard, Sartaj Hans, Kido Yoshiro, Bernard Dehaye, Anne Gladiator, Marek Malysa , M Cichocki, Robert Donkersloot (rejoining), Bjarni Kristansson, Michel Abecassis (rejoining), Francesca Canali

Jeremy Dhondy

Accounts for 2013 (excerpt)

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2013

Assets	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Trade debtors	600	0
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>74,410</u>	<u>72,568</u>
Total assets	75,013	72,568
Current liabilities		
Award Money in advance	2000	
Trade and other payables	<u>92</u>	797
Total Current Liabilities	2092	
Net assets	<u>72,921</u>	<u>71,771</u>
Reserves		
Retained profit brought forward	71,771	74,648
Profit and loss account	1150	-2,877
Total reserves	<u>72,921</u>	<u>71,771</u>

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION
INCOME STATEMENT
For the year ended 31 December 2013

	Note	2013	2012
		\$	\$
Income		20,550	14,979
Interest received		58	58
Sponsored award money		4,500	2,960
Subscriptions due		6,471	4,074
Subscriptions due – printing		765	540
Subscriptions paid in advance	I	4,413	2,751
Subscriptions paid in advance – printing	I	180	1,506
Surplus on exchange rate		1,659	590
WBF grant		2,500	2,500

Expenditure	19,396	17,856
Printing and postage	2,235	2,837
Editor's travel	600	500
Editor's fee	10,600	10,600
IBPA awards	2,567	1,588
Bank charges	694	571
Deficit on exchange rate	0	0
Filing Fees	0	160
Membership secretary's expenses	500	500
Treasurer's expenses	500	0
President's expenses	500	500
President's travel	1,200	600
Entertaining	0	0
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	1,150	-2,877

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2013

I.Subscriptions paid in advance

Subscriptions paid in advance according to the income statement confirm a liability for the year ended 2013 to the extent of \$4,593.

I.Assets

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

I.Cash Funds 31st December 2013.	US\$
HSBC – Euro Account (Euro 27,915)	38,435
HSBC – US\$ Account	19,222
Paypal	16,756

Per Balance Sheet	74,413

Richard Solomon



IBPA Budget for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014

All figures in US dollars

IBPA Budget for the years 2013, 2014, 2015 (draft 29th Sep 2014)

All figures in US dollars

Income		2013	2014	2015
Subscriptions 280 @ \$42	=	11,760	11,760	11,760
Print subs @ \$45	=	2,250	1,350	1,080
WBF Grant	=	2,500	2,500	2,500
Award sponsors @ \$1000	=	4,000	5,500	5,000
Interest received	=	200	100	60
Total income	=	20,710	21,210	20,400
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	1,200	1,200

Bulletin Hands columnist	=	900	900	1,000
Bulletin printing and postage	=	2,000	1,800	1,100
President's allowance	=	500	500	500
President's travel	=	1,000	1,200	1,200
Treasurer's allowance	=	500	500	500
Treasurer's Travel	=	1,000	1,000	1,000
Membership Secretary allowance	=	500	500	500
IBPA Award prizes	=	2,400	2,600	2,400
IBPA Award costs	=	200	200	200
Credit card charges	=	500	500	500
Bank charges	=	300	500	500
Miscellaneous	=	400	400	400
		21,200	21,800	21,000

Note 1: The three-year sponsorship paid by Mr. Nickell in 2013 is to be spread over the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Note 2: The Travel budget for 2013 and 2014 was set at \$3400 but in 2013 only \$1800 was claimed as the Treasurer did not come to Bali and the Editor's allowance was reduced when he was appointed an npc. Similarly in 2014 the Treasurer and Editor are not able to come to Sanya. But the allocation for 2015 (Chennai, India) is unchanged.

The loss/profit on exchange rate can be explained more clearly by showing:

Balance in accounts at		End 2012 Actual	End 2013 Actual	End 2014 Budget
In US dollars				
In Malta (Euro account 27,892)	=	36,771	36,000	35,000
In Malta (Dollar account)	=	27,623	27,000	34,000
In Scotland (pounds)	=	6	6	6
In Paypal		8,168	8,000	1,000
Total in US dollars		72,568	71,000	70,000

Richard Solomon & Patrick Jourdain