



WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

**MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
Thursday, 7th October 2010 at 10.30 am**

In Attendance

Mr José Damiani, President in the Chair
Mr Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, President Emeritus
Mr Robert S. Wolff, Past President

Mrs Sevinç Atay, Member
Mr Yves Aubry, Member
Mr Patrick Choy, Member
Mr Marc De Pauw, Member
Mr Ernesto d'Orsi, Member
Mr Jean-Louis Derivery, Member
Ms Georgia Heth, Member
Mr Mazhar Jafri, Member
Mr Radislaw Kielbasinski, Member
Mr Al Levy, Member
Mr Dan Morse, Member
Mr George Retek, Member
Mr Gianarrigo Rona, Member
Mr Jonathan Steinberg, Member
Mr John Wignall, Member

Also in Attendance

Mr Jeff Polisner, General Counsel
Ms Carol von Linstow, Secretary to the President

Excused

Mr Bernard Pascal, Member

By Invitation as observers

Mr Jens Auken

Mr Ata Aydin

Mrs Joan Gerard

Mr Panos Gerontopoulos

Mr David Harris

Mrs Anna-Maria Torlontano

Mrs Chen Zelan

The President called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. After declaring a quorum, the meeting proceeded as follows.

The President welcomed Mr Bobby Wolff, ex-president of the WBF to the meeting as well as Mrs Chen Zelan, from China, Mrs Esther Sophonpanich, President of Zone 6, Mr Rich DeMartino, President of the ACBL.

1. Item 19 – Future Championships***a) 2013 Bali***

The President then introduced the delegation from Indonesia who gave a presentation for 2013 in Bali at Nusa Dua.

The members felt that the WBF owed Indonesia this championship since it had been cancelled in 2001 and Indonesia has been extremely keen to host an event.

It was decided that a meeting would be set up between the President, the President Elect and the Indonesians for the following week to discuss terms and conditions.

2. Item 15 – Organization, programmes and plans of the new Legislature

The President gave the floor to the President Elect to outline his plans for the new administration.

He started by stressing the value of team work and the need to work together with a common purpose.

He proposed a schedule of a meeting of the Officers in the first 3 months of the year, of the Management Committee in the middle of the year, and of the Council late in the year. The expenses could be spread among the costs of

Zonal and WBF Championships, but this needs discussion with Zonal Presidents.

Committees in his opinion are better restricted to seven people at most.

He made further points regarding Laws, Regulations, Championships, Communication and Professional Training. His report is attached to these Minutes as Exhibit 2.

The President thanked the President Elect and took the opportunity to mention that the WBF teaching programme had recently been updated and is available in various languages.

3. Item 32 – Zonal Presidents' Report

a) Zone 6

Mrs Esther Sophonpanich, President of Zone 6, gave her report and thanked Mr Jafri for his assistance in introducing her to colleagues in Zone 4 who she had not met previously now that Zone 6 and Zone 4 have merged together and they have officially changed their name to Asia Pacific Bridge Federation (APBF).

The zone should try to attract new countries such as Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and Brunei and the President confirmed that the WBF is prepared to help them with the teaching programme and anything else that they may need.

The President thanked Mrs Sophonpanich for her report and congratulated her on having agreed to merge with Zone 4. He also thanked Mrs Zelan and Mr Choy for their assistance in this.

b) Zone 2

Mr Rich Di Martino, President of ACBL, read his report and this is attached to these Minutes as Exhibit 3b.

The President thanked Mr DeMartino for his report and said he appreciated the efforts he was making particularly with the Juniors.

c) Zone 1

Mr Rona summarized the report for Zone 1, copy of which is attached as Exhibit 3c. He noted that the report had been written jointly with Mr Yves

Aubry who is the newly elected President of Zone 1. He also gave each member of the Executive a commemorative medal from the EBL's 50th anniversary.

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The President announced that there would be further meeting following the Congress on Friday, 8th October, at which time we will hear the final zonal reports.

Finally, Mr Wignall announced that the WBF Executive Members and all the helpers had a presentation to make to the President in recognition of his many years as President. A toast was then proposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 to be reconvened on Friday, 8th October following the meeting of Congress.