



THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

**MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Lille, France
Monday, 13th August 2012 – 14:00**

In Attendance

Mr Gianarrigo Rona, President in the Chair
Mr Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, President Emeritus
Mr José Damiani, Chairman Emeritus

Mrs Sevinç Atay, Member
Mr Yves Aubry, Member
Mr Bruce Blakely, Member
Ms Chen Zelan, Member
Mr Patrick Choy, Member
Mr Marc De Pauw, Member
Mr Jean-Louis Derivery, Member
Mrs Joan Gerard, Member
Mr David Harris, Member
Ms Georgia Heth, Member
Mr Mazhar Jafri, Member
Mr Radoslaw Kielbasinski, Member
Mr Bernard Pascal, Member
Mr George Retek, Member
Mr John Wignall, Member

In attendance via Skype

Mr Al Levy, Member

Also in Attendance

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

Excused

Mr Ernesto d'Orsi, Member
Mr Nick Nickell, Member
Ms Sylvie Willard, Member
Mr Robert S. Wolff, Past President

Invited

Mr Ata Aydin
Mr Panos Gerontopoulos
Mr Jan Kamras
Mrs Sheena Rayner
Mr Fotis Skoularikis
Mrs Lilian Sun
Mrs Anna Maria Torlontano

The President called the meeting to order at 14:00. He declared that there was a quorum, and the meeting proceeded as follows:

1. Approval of the Minutes

President asked for the approval of the members for the Minutes of the 1st and 2nd meetings of the Executive here in Lille as well as the Minutes of the Congress meeting. These were approved unanimously.

2. Report of the Women's Committee- agenda item 24

Mrs Torlontano read her report on Women's activities over the past year and is filed with these Minutes as Exhibit 2-3rd.

The President thanked Mrs Torlontano for her report and congratulated her on the excellent job that she is doing.

3. Headquarters in Lausanne – agenda item 9

Mr De Pauw presented his report to the Executive filed with these Minutes as Exhibit 3-3rd.

4. Zone 2 North America – ACBL - agenda item 16

Ms Heth reported on discussions held with Zone 2 on certain points and this report is filed as Exhibit 4-3rd with these Minutes.

5. Technological Matters – agenda item 10

Mr Jan Kamras read reports submitted by Mr Levy and by Mr Fotis Skoularikis both of which are filed with these Minutes as Exhibit 5-3rd.

Mr Levy said that he was very grateful to Fotis for his contribution which has been outstanding.

Mr Wignall said that this was the future of the WBF – we need an up-to-date website.

The President left the meeting and Mr Wignall, 1st Vice-President, took over the chair.

6. Zonal Presidents' Reports

a. Zone 1 – Yves Aubry, President

Mr Aubry presented his report filed as Exhibit 6a-3rd to these Minutes. Mr Wignall thanked Mr Aubry for a very full report.

b. Zone 2 – read by Bruce Blakely on behalf of Sharon Anderson, President

Mr Blakely read the report for Zone 2 filed as Exhibit 6b-3rd. Mr Wignall thanked Mr Blakely for the report.

c. Zone 3 – read by Mrs Gerard on behalf of the President

Mrs Gerard read the report for Zone 3 filed as Exhibit 6c-3rd. Mr Wignall expressed his thanks to Mr d'Orsi for his report.

d. Zone 4 – read by Mr Jafri on behalf of the President

Mr Jafri read the report for Zone 4 filed as Exhibit 6d-3rd. Mr Wignall thanked Mr Jafri for his report.

e. Zone 5 – Mrs Sheena Rayner, President

Mrs Rayner read her report filed as Exhibit 6e-3rd. She particularly thanked Mr Derivery, former President of Zone 5, for his excellent work.

f. Zone 6

Zone 6 did not present a report at the meeting but one was received later and is attached as Exhibit 6f-3rd.

g. Zone 7 – Mr Wignall, President

Mr Wignall read his report filed as Exhibit 6g-3rd.

h. Zone 8 – Mr Pascal, President

Mr Pascal read his report filed as Exhibit 6h-3rd. Mr Wignall thanked Mr Pascal for his report.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:15 to be reconvened on Tuesday, 14th August at 15:30.