



July 18, 2018, Semriach, Austria

Executive Meeting Minutes

PRESENT MARIA FALK DE LOSADA, ROBERT GERETSCHLÄGER, SERGEY DORICHENKO, JAROSLAV ŠVRČEK, AND ALEXANDER SOIFER. ABSENT TWO MEMBERS: PETER TAYLOR AND KIRIL BANKOV.

AGENDA:

1. TAKEOVER OF THE PRESIDENCY.
2. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.
 - A. PRESIDENT'S 3 AMENDMENTS.
 - B. REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE, TO BE OR NOT TO BE.
3. OFFICERS NOMINATIONS.
4. COMMITTEES NOMINATIONS.
5. *MATH COMPETITIONS* EDITOR & PUBLICATION OFFICER
6. ICME-14, SHANGHAI-2020.
7. 9TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS, 2022.
8. SURVIVAL OF THE FEDERATION.

DETAILS

1. President informed the Members about the 'conspiracy' of Vice Presidents to take over the presidency on July 23, 2018. In fact, the President's term was ending on that day, and this joke was intended to lighten up the meeting, facing serious issues.
2. The Members approved three Constitutional Amendments, proposed by the President, establishing – subject to the approval by the Membership at the General Meeting – two 4-year term limits for certain Officers and Members of the Standing Committees, and a full voting membership on the Executive for Past Presidents of the Federation, who are willing to continue their contributions to the Executive and the Federation. The vote was unanimous on each of the amendments. President indicated that the absent Kiril Bankov was in favour, and Peter Taylor against one amendment, granting past presidents voting rights. President assured the Members that Peter will have an

ample opportunity to present his view at the next Executive Meeting and at the General Meeting.

3. The President proposed the slate of the Officers. Members unanimously approved all nominations. The following Officers have been approved and forwarded to the General Meeting:

Kiril Bankov, Bulgaria, President

Robert Geretschläger, Austria, Senior Vice-President

Sergey Dorichenko, Russia, Vice-President

Krzysztof Ciesielski, Poland, Vice-President

David Crawford, United Kingdom, Secretary

Alexander Soifer, USA, Publication Officer and Immediate Past President

Peter Taylor, Australia, Treasurer

4. The President proposed the Membership on Standing Committees:

AWARDS COMMITTEE:

Alexander Soifer, USA, Chair (due to the Constitution)

Iliana Tsvetkova, Bulgaria

Maria Falk de Losada, Colombia

Peter Taylor, Australia

Robert Geretschläger, Austria

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

Robert Geretschläger, Austria, Chair (due to the Constitution)

Alexander Soifer, USA

Romualdas Kasuba, Lithuania

Members additionally nominated

Yahya Tabesh, Iran

Geza Kós, Hungary

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

Europe 1 Francisco Bellot-Rosado

Europe 2 Jaroslav Svrcek, Czech Republic

Oceania Peter Taylor, Australia

Members additionally nominated

Asia M. Suhaimi Ramli, Malasia

5. President suggested that it is critically important for the Federation to save the journal. He indicated his willingness to serve as the Editor if someone will do typesetting. Sergey Dorichenko offered to check with Moscow on doing the typesetting.
6. President informed the Members that in ICME-2020 in Shanghai, Peter Taylor will serve as the Co-Chair of the Topic Study Group on Competitions, and Sergey Dorichenko will be a member,
7. President read an informal proposal of Bulgaria, written by Kiril Bankov, to host the 9th Congress of the Federation in 2022. Other possibilities included South Africa and Cypress. The members enthusiastically supported the Bulgarian bid.
8. President expressed his concern about the future of the Federation. He believed that “Giftedness” area of interests was broader, and also leaders of IMO did not attend our Congresses particularly well. Robert Geretschläger indicated that IMO leaders formed their own (informal) group.

The meeting lasted for 3 hours.

Respectfully submitted by Alexander Soifer, President.