Minutes of the General Assembly  
World Union of Olympic Cities  
Tuesday, December 10th, 2013, 02:00pm  
Beau-Rivage Palace  
Lausanne – Switzerland

List of Attending Member Cities

- Amsterdam  
- Athens  
- Barcelona  
- Beijing  
- Busan  
- Lake Placid  
- Lausanne  
- Los Angeles  
- Moscow  
- Qingdao  
- Qinhuangdao  
- Quebec  
- Reno  
- Rotterdam  
- St. Louis

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The Chairman opens the General Meeting and thanks the members for being present.

1. **New Concept Presentation**

    1.1. **Strategy Presentation**

    The Chairman underlines the importance of this General Meeting for the future of the UMVO. He lists the key points of the new concept:

    - Enlarge our network of cities interested in using sport as a tool for city development
    - Maintain UMVO as an exclusive club of Olympic cities, but also increase our network of interested cities
    - Increase our knowledge during the annual summits
    - Reinforce our collaboration with IOC with a strong partnership
    - Clarify UMVO organization and governance
    - Balance our budget

    The UMVO new concept is presented by David Simon, Executive Committee Member, representing Los Angeles and Philippe Furrer, on behalf of the IOC (for the details of the UMVO new concept, see the document “UMVO New Concept Presentation”).

    David Simon also underlines the importance of:
    - a contact list of all other member cities to be shared among the members. It is essential to communicate with the entire group throughout the year in order to be more productive as a group and to be able to implement initiatives between members.
    - a working liaison with the IOC
    - more frequent discussions between the Executive Committee by phone or by Skype.

    David Simon says these changes are going to empower the members as cities to take more advantage of UMVO membership.

    Philippe Furrer underlines the importance for the IOC of being a strategic partner for the UMVO. Since the association is Olympic, the IOC has to be part of the discussion and the development of the association. According to him, fundamentally the important point is that the IOC fully recognises and supports the recent efforts to reposition the UMVO.

    The Chairman informs the General Meeting that the new concept was adopted the day before by the Executive Committee with an unanimous approval.
The Chairman opens the discussion.

Mr. Paquet (Quebec) asks for precisions about the meaning of “public entity” to be clarified.

The Chairman answers that generally the members are cities, but in some cases the city chooses to delegate an organization or an individual to be their representatives.

Mr. Provatas (Athens) underlines the importance of being an association composed exclusively by cities. He also adds a second remark. He says that he would disagree if in the future this new summit (LSCSS) would be exclusively held in Lausanne, because the UMVO is a common union for the promotion of the Olympic ideals.

The Chairman specifies that this point has not been changed since the beginning of the association. It is a possibility for the cities to delegate their representation within the association to an external organization.

Mr. Paquet adds that as long as it is within the approval of the cities, this should be up to the cities to decide how they want to pursue their objectives. So he does agree if “public entity” means that it has to be approved or delegated by the city.

Mr. MacLean (Reno Tahoe) asks a question about the Executive Committee Member and the possibility for the city to delegate a representative to the Executive Committee.

Mr Randall (Lake Placid) says that it should be the cities’ responsibility to indicate to the UMVO who will be their representatives.

The Chairman declares that the question related to the statutes will be discussed after the strategy. He proposes to add an amendment to the article 5 of the statutes in order to precise the possibility to delegate a representative.

The General Meeting agrees.

Henk Stockhof (Amsterdam) comments that he cannot estimate the value of the new concept. He can subscribe to the goals but he says that he does not feel really comfortable to vote for this new concept.

The Chairman says that for the moment the General Meeting has to vote on the general presentation of the new concept on the basis of the written document previously sent to the UMVO members.

The Chairman puts the new concept to the vote.

The new concept is unanimously approved by the General Meeting.
1.2. New Statutes

The Chairman explains that the articles 12 and 18 had been changed following the Executive Committee Meeting. He also announces that the Executive Committee approved the new statutes with these two modification, in the Executive Committee Meeting held the day before, on December 9th.

- Article 1: adopted
- Article 2: adopted
- Article 3: adopted
- Article 4: adopted
- Article 5: amendment “Members cities can if its not the Mayor, designate the representative – individual or organization – to vote on behalf of the city. The designation will be sent to the Chairman before the meeting” Article adopted with the amendment.
- Article 6: adopted
- Article 7: adopted
- Article 8: adopted
- Article 9: adopted
- Article 10: adopted
- Article 11: adopted
- Article 12: adopted with the correction « The General Meeting is composed of the active members and associate members of the association. »
- Article 13: adopted
- Article 14: adopted
- Article 16: correction “at least every year” instead of “at least every two years”. Article adopted with the modification.
- Article 17: correction of the minimal number of members from seven to eleven “The Executive Committee is composed of at least eleven Members and at most thirteen”. Amendment: “The members designate a representative for the term”.
- Article 18: with the modification proposed by the Executive Committee. The Executive “proposes” and not “defines”. “The Executive Committee proposes the strategic orientations of the Association” Article adopted with the modification.
- Article 19: adopted
- Article 21: mistake of gender: “the Chairman is elected for a four year term and he is eligible for re-election” Modification: “the Chairman is elected for a four year term and is eligible for re-election” Modification adopted.
- Article 22: adopted
• Article 23: adopted
• Article 24: adopted
• Article 25: adopted
• Article 26: adopted
• Article 27: adopted
• Article 28: adopted

The statutes are unanimously approved by the General Meeting.

2. Minutes of the 2012 General Meeting

The minutes of the 2012 General Meeting are approved without any comment.

3. New members and resignations

New member: Innsbruck is welcomed by the General Meeting as an active member.

Resignations: Annecy, Mexico and Durban.

4. New members of the Executive Committee

The Chairman proposes the re-election of the current Executive Committee members.

He also announces that Barcelona proposes the candidature of Ms Maite Fandos to the Executive Committee.

According to the new statutes, the Executive Committee is now composed by 10 members. The candidature of Barcelona allows to reach the minimum number of the Executive Committee members (11 members), as defined in the new statutes (art.17).

The Chairman proposes to elect the eleven Executive Committee members. The proposition is accepted.
Composition of the Executive Committee:

1. Mr. Daniel Brélaz, Chairman (Lausanne)
2. Mr. Dimitri Avramopoulos (Athens)
3. Ms Maite Fandos (Barcelona)
4. Mr. Gilbert Felli (IOC)
5. Mr. Jingmin Liu (Beijing)
6. Mr. Hawley MacLean (Reno)
7. Mr. Fotis Provatas (Athens)
8. Mr. Denis Oswald (IOC)
9. Mr. Craig Randall (Lake Placid)
10. Mr. David Simon (Los Angeles)
11. Mr. Marc Vuilleumier (Lausanne)

The Executives Committee is unanimously elected by the General Meeting.

Barcelona is welcomed as a new member of the Executive Committee.

Ms Maite Fandos thanks the General Meeting for welcoming Barcelona as an Executive Committee member.

5. Membership fees

Annual membership fees for the years 2014 remain at 5000 Euros for active members and 4000 Euros for associate members.

The membership fees are unanimously approved by the General Meeting.

6. Accounts 2012

The accounts show a deficit that must be reduced by the expansion of the activities.

At the moment, the City of Lausanne assumes the deficit. The goal in the future is to balance the budget with the venues of sponsors for the next editions of Lausanne Smart Cities & Sport.
There is reduction of all the expenses in 2012, except for the Conferences. The Chairman explains that the reason for this is linked to the Lausanne Summit organised in Rio de Janeiro in 2011. Indeed, Rio de Janeiro paid some expenses linked to Summit that were not within the association’s budget. In 2012, the Summit was in Lausanne, so all the expenses were within the budget.

The 2012 accounts are unanimously approved by the General Meeting.

7. Miscellaneous

- The Chairman announces that he received two days ago a project from Mr. Avramopoulos, Founder member of the UMVO. This project was presented yesterday to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee decided to study more deeply the proposition of Mr. Avramopoulos.

- The Executive Committee also discussed the date of the first edition of the LSCSS to be held in Lausanne in the beginning of November 2014. They will decide the exact date and communicate it to the UMVO members at the beginning of 2014.

- The Executive Committee also nominated the General Secretary: Mélanie Duparc, who works for the City of Lausanne.

- According to the new statutes, the Executive Committee has to elect two vice Presidents. In January 2014, a vote will be organised by email in order to elect these two vice Presidents.

- The Chair wants to discuss with the IOC the possibility of nominating the vice Presidents. The IOC says that they won’t interfere in the election process of the UMVO. They mention that the IOC has to make sure that the platform of the UMVO is not used as a promotional platform by the candidate cities.

An extraordinary Executive Committee Meeting is requested to discuss this point.

- The Chairman proposes that the financial accounting service of the City of Lausanne continues to be the Statutory Auditor of the Association. The General Meeting approves this proposition.

- There will be no UMVO House in Sochi during the Winter Games 2014. The Chairman announces that he will not attend the Olympic Games because of Lausanne’s for the YOG 2020.

- As the Lausanne Summit will be very different in 2014, the budget for 2014 is not completely defined yet. The Executive Committee agrees to postpone the validation of the budget and to wait for valid information to establish it. The budget will be transmitted to the General Meeting during the first trimester of 2014.

Lausanne, December 15th, 2013, Mélanie Duparc

Approved by the General Assembly, November 5th 2014