Minutes of the General Assembly
World Union of Olympic Cities
Wednesday, October 12th, 2015, 09:00am
IOC Headquarters
Lausanne - Switzerland

List of Attending Member Cities

- Amsterdam
- Antwerp
- Athens
- Barcelona
- Beijing
- Buenos Aires
- Busan
- Denver
- Innsbruck
- Lake Placid
- Lausanne
- London
- Los Angeles
- Paris
- Qingdao
- Qinhuangdao
- Reno Tahoe
- Richmond
- Rotterdam
- Sapporo
- Sarajevo
- St. Louis
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The President opens the General Assembly and explains that, 2015 has been very important fruitful and successful year for the Union. Then the President gives the floor to Mélanie Duparc, Secretary General of the World Union of Olympic Cities (hereinafter referred to as the Union).

The Secretary General starts the General Assembly by inviting the Executive Committee Members to introduce themselves to the other Members of the Union.

The Executive Committee Members briefly introduce themselves and the Secretary General welcomes Marta Carranza who is the new representative for the city of Barcelona.

1. Minutes of the 2014 General Assembly

The Minutes of the 2014 General Meeting are approved without any comment.

2. 2015 Activities

Association

The Secretary General explains that this year has been a very important one for the Union as the changes proposed and discussed during the last General Assembly have to be implemented. The presentation of the main changes carried out are presented in the 2015 Activity Report.

First of all, the Secretary General announces that Marta Carranza is a new representative for the city of Barcelona. Besides this change, the Executive Committee regularly managed the current business of the association with four Executive Committee conference calls throughout the year.

The year 2015 has been marked by a fantastic growth in terms of Members. There are eight new Olympic City Members. The new Members introduced themselves with a few words.

The feedback from the first edition of the Smart Cities & Sport Summit was very positive. Almost 200 participants were present last year with 48 cities attending the Summit. In comparison with the previous year, this was by far the best edition.

Collaborations

The Secretary General underlines that the collaboration with the IOC is becoming stronger. The Agenda 2020 is driving many changes within the IOC and the Union.

Strategy

The Secretary General presents the strategy’s orientation explained in detail in the 2015 Activity Report regarding the Associations’ visibility, the Members’ visibility and the New Members. The Union is continuing to work on the three objectives presented the previous year which are:

- Number one – Growing in terms of Members
- Number two – Growing in terms of Activities
- Number three – Growing in terms of recognition

The Secretary General explains that in terms of Members, this year’s objective has been met with the eight new Members.
In terms of Activities, the Union has been working on a project in order to organize activities for the Union’s Members during the Olympic Games in Rio: a visit to discover Rio’s Olympic Legacy and a temporary exhibition.

Regarding the Members’ participation, a formal request was sent to the IOC in order to get accreditations for the Union’s Members. If that happens, the Secretary General explains that the rules and the conditions to get them will have to be defined.

Another element that the Union is trying to develop is the exchange of knowledge and experiences between the Olympic cities. A “Toolkit” is being put in place in order to present these good practices.

The “Toolkit” has two main objectives:

- Firstly, it provides a source of knowledge for the Union’s Members which can help them in their own Olympic Legacy-related programs.
- Secondly, it gives the opportunity to Members who are keen to share their own programs with others to do so, granting exposure and recognition of their work.

This Toolkit will include projects from direct and indirect legacy as well as commemoration of the Games and will be published in 2016.

Another initiative, the Smart Cites & Sport Summit, was launched the previous year, in 2014. It is dedicated to any city interested in using sport as a tool for city development. This initiative was a great success. The content was designed for city representatives and the exchanges during the Q&A session. Discussions and networking were quite fruitful.

The Secretary General announces that the Union is currently working on an online platform to stay connected with all of the participants throughout the year the Smart Cities & Sport online platform. This will enable the Union to promote good practices from Olympic cities and from non-Olympic cities.

The objective is to launch it on January 1st, 2016 and to announce it during the Summit.

Finally to enhance the visibility of the Union, the Secretary General presents the new website of the Union to the General Assembly (www.olympiccities.org). The Union’s website includes all the basic information about the Union, a presentation of each City Member of the Union and some information about the Executive Committee Members.

3. New Members and Resignations

The Secretary General explains that there was no resignation in 2015 and 8 new Members: Antwerp, Albertville, Buenos Aires, Calgary, Paris, Richmond, Sapporo and Stockholm.

4. 2014 Accounts

The charges of the 2014 Summit were covered by the Incomes. Even more, thanks to subsidies from the City of Lausanne, the Accounts show a benefit of 88'250.64 CHF which allowed to minimize the deferred loss of 157'182 CHF to 68'932.32 CHF at the end of 2014. In 2014, the Accounts were reviewed by independent account auditors from the City of Lausanne and the General Assembly has to decide whether they want to continue trusting them or not.
The General Assembly unanimously approved the 2014 Accounts and approved to keep entrusting the City of Lausanne auditors for the Accounts 2015.

5. **Membership Fees for 2016**

Annual Membership Fees for the years 2016 remain at 5,000 Euros for Active Members and 4,000 Euros for Associate Members.

The Membership Fees are unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

6. **Summit 2016**

The Secretary General announces that the next Summit will be held on October 10-12, 2016.

7. **Miscellaneous**

No miscellaneous.

*Lausanne, October 28th, 2015, Mélanie Duparc, General Secretary*

*Approved by the General Assembly, October 10th, 2016*