Minutes of the General Assembly
World Union of Olympic Cities
October 10th, 2016, 05:15pm
Olympic Museum
Lausanne – Olympic Museum

List of Attending Member Cities

- Amsterdam
- Antwerp
- Athens
- Barcelona
- Beijing
- Buenos Aires
- Busan
- Innsbruck
- Lake Placid
- Lausanne
- London
- Los Angeles
- Paris
- Pyeongchang
- Qingdao
- Québec
- Reno Tahoe
- Richmond
- Rotterdam
- Sapporo
- Singapore
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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.

1. **Minutes of the 2015 General Assembly**

The Minutes of the 2015 General Meeting are approved without any comment.

2. **2016 Activities**

   2.1. **Association and New Members**

The Secretary General announces that the City of Singapore joined the Union in 2016 and that four Olympic Cities not yet Members of the Union are participating in the 2016 Summit in Lausanne.

The Secretary General welcomes Christopher Chan from Singapore who is the Secretary General of the Singapore National Olympic Council.

   2.2. **IOC Collaborations**

Memorandum of Understanding

The Secretary General explains that, following the official recognition in July 2015, which granted the Union a provisional recognition, the Union and IOC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), on June 23, 2016. This MoU acknowledges the role and the contribution of the World Union of Olympic Cities in supporting Olympic Cities maintain and develop a positive Olympic legacy. She further explains that under the establishment of this cooperation, both the Union and the IOC aim at ensuring that the spirit of the Olympic Games and the Youth Olympic Games remains alive in the Olympic Cities once the events have concluded.

She mentions that the IOC acknowledges the role of the Union and its contribution particularly in the following:

1. Operating and developing the network of Olympic Cities across the world
2. Collecting and promoting best practices to perpetuate the Olympic Games heritage
3. Ensuring that past and future host cities become role models by leveraging sport to contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (in particular #11 – Sustainable cities and communities as well as #3 – Good Health and Well-being).

**Olympic Order awarded to Mr. Brélaz**

The Secretary General explains that in terms of symbolic recognition, the same day in June 23rd in Lausanne, during the Olympic Day ceremony at the Olympic Museum, IOC President Thomas Bach awarded Mr. Brélaz with the Olympic Order in recognition of his important and active contribution to the Olympic Movement.
and its values as the Mayor of Lausanne the Olympic Capital and as the President of the World Union of Olympic Cities.

**Exhibition of Olympic Stadiums**

The Secretary General announces that the Olympic Museum will inaugurate an exhibition of the Olympic Stadiums called “Stadiums, Theatres of Sport”. She explains that the exhibition sets out to look at the stadium, from its beginnings in Antiquity to the stadium of the future, the exhibition will look at the stadium, its role and impact on a city and its inhabitants.

The Secretary General mentions that the exhibition will be presented in Lausanne from October 2016 to May 2017 and that as of May 2017, the exhibition will become a travelling exhibition. She invites the Members to the presentation of the exhibition on Wednesday 4:30pm – 5:30pm and to the cocktail after at 6:00pm where they will be able to discover the exhibition and get more information if they are interested in hosting it.

### 2.3. Union’s Activities

**Smart Cities & Sport Summit**

The Secretary General explains that the Annual Meeting of the World Union of Olympic Cities and the Smart Cities & Sport Summit are growing in terms of participation and international recognition. She says that the second edition held in 2015 confirms the success of the concept and the interest of the participants. The participation is constantly growing compared to the previous editions of the Smart Cities & Sport Summit and of the Lausanne Summit. She confirms that the feedback of the participants is also very positive.

- Total number of participants: 253
- Total number of cities: 54
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LS: Lausanne Summit / Smart Cities: Smart Cities & Sport Summit

Launch of the new platform

The Secretary General reminds the Members that in order to build on the success of the Smart Cities & Sport Summit open to any cities interested in using sport as a tool for urban development, the Union launched a new online platform on January 1st, 2016 www.smartcitiesandsport.org. She explains that the platform and its content is totally open and accessible to anyone interested in sport and that the website was built to be a meeting point for cities, a platform where they can find information and resources and where they can Learn – Share – Connect.

The Secretary General announces that in terms of traffic to the platform, the results have been very positive with more than 1’000 different users coming from all around the world since the beginning of 2016 and that the partnership for the promotion of the platform has been successful for now, notably with the Director of NASC in the United States, and with the different sport medias that the Union is linked to (SportCal, SportBusiness, Inside the Games and Around the Rings). She says that the platform is also a fantastic tool in strengthening the brand “Smart Cities & Sport”, in keeping in contact with the participants of the Summit all year round and in promoting the Summit.

Collaboration with SportAccord Convention

The Secretary General reminds the Members that following the 2014 SportAccord Convention and the low attendance of cities, the Union contacted the SportAccord Convention in order to collaborate with them and that it was an opportunity for the Union because they were organizing the convention in Lausanne.

She announces that the Union proposed to contribute to the City Forum by collaborating in the programme, defining the topics and finding speakers and supporting them in terms of communication, giving visibility to the Smart Cities & Sport network as well as a discount for cities. The partnership they proposed to the
Union was not suitable for 2016, but the Union will continue the dialogue with them for the 2017 Sport Accord Convention.

Rio Olympic Games 2016

The Secretary General explains that, following a process of discussion and negotiation with the IOC, the Members of the Union were not able to benefit from accreditation to the Olympic Games. She says that a collaboration with the city of Rio was initiated in 2015 in order to organize specific activities for Olympic Cities during the Olympic Games and to take this opportunity to showcase the history of the Olympic Games and the legacies of other Olympic Cities. A specific visit onsite and an exhibition were announced last year. She says that unfortunately, after several attempts to organize these activities with the Organizing Committee of the Rio Olympic Games, the City of Rio and the Olympic Museum, it was impossible to bring these projects into fruition.

The Secretary General announces that, in collaboration with the AISTS (International Academy of Sports Science and Technology), the Union invited Olympic City Members to an on-site visit of the Olympic Golf Course in Rio, with a presentation of the sustainability plan for this area.

The Secretary General says that Olympic City Members were also invited to attend the Cocktail of Lausanne Olympic Capital at the Swiss House which was a good opportunity for networking with IOC representatives and with several International Sports Federations represented.

Collection of good practices - collaboration with the AISTS

The Secretary General clarifies that the AISTS is collecting several positive stories on and good practices in sustainability that they have taken away from the Games in Rio called the Rio Sustainability Stories. She says that, following this experience, the Union wishes to form a partnership with the AISTS in order to continue this project for the upcoming Games. The objective is to collect good practices and good legacies (soft or hard) of the Olympic Games (from organizing committees, host cities, different partners (e.g. sponsors, institutional partners, IF’s or related to hospitality houses) in order to share it among the Members and to promote it.

Habitat III

The Secretary General explains that Habitat III is the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development which will take place in Quito, Ecuador, from October 17th to 20th, 2016. She says that this conference takes place every 20 years and its objective is to observe the development of cities and to encourage cities to follow the New Urban Agenda. This Agenda is an action-oriented document which aims at setting global standards of achievement in sustainable urban development and at rethinking the way people build, manage, and live in cities.

The Secretary General announces that the Union will have a side event during Habitat III which will be a round table discussion that brings together representatives of Olympic Cities and urban experts. She explains that every Olympic City representative will present their former or future strategy of using the Olympic Games to rethink the urbanization of their cities.

The Secretary General points out that this opportunity of having a side-event at the UN Conference is perfectly aligned with the strategy of the Union in terms of supporting the Olympic Cities to maintain and develop a positive and long-term impact of the Olympic Games, and that it will also give the Union international visibility.
Olympic Legacy Toolkit

The Secretary General announces that by the end of 2016, the Toolkit called “Keeping the Flame Alive” will be published. She says that the Toolkit covers different topics and was created as a means of fuelling the conversation about how cities keep the Olympic flame alive by doing a variety of activities and having different projects and initiatives. She further explains that it is also an effort to highlight and promote the best practices and great examples of the work being done in Olympic Cities across the world in regards to legacy.

The Secretary General announces that 30 good practices have been collected so far and that since there are still a few validations pending, the publication has been delayed.

2.4. Future Development

2017 Summit

The Secretary General mentions that in 2015, the Union announced that from 2017 onwards, the annual Summit will be hosted every other year by another city. She says that the Union has started discussing with Olympic City Members interested in hosting the 2017 edition of the Summit and that the Union has also been in contact with the IOC about the possibility of collaborating with the Olympism in Action Congress in Lima, Peru. She reveals that for the moment, no decision has been made since there is a need for further information.

Collection of good practices

The Secretary General announces that in 2017, the Union will continue to collect good practices from Olympic Cities focusing in 3 different areas:

1) Commemoration of the anniversary of the Games: More and more cities are celebrating the Games’ anniversary and there is a need for exchanges about this and also a need for guidelines related to the use of the Olympic properties for these celebrations.

2) Infrastructures: It is a major challenge for cities that host or have hosted the Olympic Games to build the infrastructures and then to ensure their mid-term and long-term use after the Games. The objective would be to have a panorama of the different infrastructures of the previous Games with an update on how these infrastructures are being used today.

3) Activation: The Olympic Games are a fantastic opportunity to promote the Olympic values in a city and to engage the population. Following the Questionnaire that was sent to Members this year, a collection of innovative ideas and projects organized by Olympic cities will be presented.

3. Resignations

The Secretary General announces that there were no resignations in 2016.

4. Accounts 2015

The Secretary General mentions that the final 2015 Accounts are presented in annex. She reveals that the deficit has been continuously decreasing since the 2013 and the 2015 Accounts present a benefit of 28’176.87 CHF.
The accounts are approved by the General Assembly.

The Secretary General explains that the Union cannot stay with the same account auditor more than three years, and she proposes to have another auditor in Lausanne since the Union’s accounts follow the Swiss regulation. She proposes one company that the City of Lausanne works with, named Caracas Consulting.

The proposition is approved by the General Assembly.

5. Membership Fees for 2017

According to the decision made by the Executive Committee, the Secretary General proposes that the membership fees for 2017 remain the same as in previous years:

- 5,000 Euros for Active Members
- 4,000 Euros for Associate Members

The amounts are unanimously accepted by the General Assembly.

6. Modifications of the Statutes

The General Secretary explains that Mr. Brélaz ended his term as the Mayor of Lausanne earlier this year and that, after 7 years as the President of the World Union of Olympic Cities, he would like to retire from his role of Executive Committee Member and President. The current Statutes do not allow him to retire, since paragraph a of article 17 mentions that he is elected for life.

The General Secretary, according to the decisions previously made by the Executive Committee Members, proposes the four following modifications to the Statutes:

1. Deletion of paragraph a. of art. 17.

2. Modification of paragraph b. of art. 17 in order to give the possibility to the city of Athens and the city of Lausanne of designating two Members each.

3. Proposition to have only the Members mentioned under paragraph c. (of the new version of the Statutes) elected for four years with a maximum of 3 mandates.

4. Proposition of adding function of Honorary President.

Below are the four modifications as they will appear in the Statutes (changes are in blue):

**Article 17 - Definition**

*The Executive Committee is composed of at least eleven Members and, at most, thirteen.*

*The Executive Committee is composed of the following Members:*

a. Members for life, the Mayor of Athens and the Syndic of Lausanne in function on the date of the constitution of the Association (Messrs. D. Avramopoulos and D. Brélaz, hereafter referred to...*
as the “Founder Mayors”);—

a. The cities of Athens and Lausanne (the “Founder Cities”) may designate, through their political executive bodies, one two Members each;

b. The IOC may designate two Members;

c. Other Members of the Association upon proposal by the Executive Committee or General Meeting.

The Members of the Executive Committee mentioned under b) c) and d) above are elected for a period of 4 years. A maximum two-year prolongation can be requested in order to coincide with the end of a communal term.

A maximum of three mandates is possible.

The Members designate a representative for the term. In all cases, the right to designate includes the right to revoke.

**Article 5 – Member Categories**

Honorary Members: persons who have rendered eminent services to the Association may be admitted as Honorary Members. By law and during their entire life, the President of the IOC and, as founders of the Association, the Mayor of Athens and the Syndic of Lausanne at the date of the constitution of the Association are Honorary Members. Upon the proposal of the Executive Committee, the General Assembly may elect as Honorary President a former President of the World Union of Olympic Cities who has rendered exceptional services to the Union. The Honorary President has the right to attend the Executive Committee Meetings.

Below are the decisions made by the General Assembly regarding the four aforementioned modifications to the Statutes:

1. Deletion of paragraph a. of art. 17 is unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

2. Modification of paragraph b. of art. 17 in order to give the possibility to the city of Athens and the city of Lausanne of designating two Members each is unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

3. Proposition to have only the Members mentioned under paragraph c. elected for four years is unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

4. Proposition of adding function of Honorary President is unanimously approved by the General Assembly.
7. **Elections**

**President**

The Secretary General concludes that all of these changes also have an impact on the future Presidency of the Union. And that since these changes have been approved, a new President has to be elected. The current President, Mr. Brélaz, encourages the Members to consider Mr. Grégoire Junod, current Mayor of the City of Lausanne as a candidate for President of the World Union of Olympic Cities.

The General Assembly unanimously elects Grégoire Junod as the new president of the World Union of Olympic Cities. Grégoire Junod thanks the General Assembly for their election and their trust.

**Honorary President**

In order to symbolically thank Mr. Brélaz for his invaluable commitment and support of the Union since its foundation, the General Assembly elects Daniel Brélaz as an honorary president unanimously.

**Candidacy to the Executive Committee**

The Secretary General reminds the General Assembly that the Executive Committee has 11 Members and that according to the Statutes, up to 13 Members can be elected to the Executive Committee.

The City of London, represented by Simon Cooper, Head of Sport, expresses its will to be candidate for the Executive Committee. Simon Cooper introduces himself to the General Assembly and explains the city of London’s motivation to be a part of the Executive Committee. His letter of motivation can be found in annex.

The General Assembly takes a vote regarding his candidacy and the election is accepted by the Assembly.

The Secretary General congratulates Simon Cooper on his election.

**Elections in 2017**

The Secretary General reminds that the City Members elected as Executive Members that are currently at the Executive Committee were all elected in 2013 for a 4-year term. The next elections will be held in 2017.

8. **Miscellaneous**

Jean-François Martins from the city of Paris asks Gilbert Felli about the collaboration between the IOC, the IPC and the association. His question concerns the legacy of the Paralympic Games and whether collaboration with the IPC is possible.

The Secretary General answers that, for the moment, the collaboration with the IOC is the main priority for the Union and it is evolving very positively. Gilbert adds that the IPC is a part of the Olympic Movement and that there is no complication in collaborating with them.
The Secretary General thanks the General Assembly for their participation and closes the Assembly.

Lausanne, October 29th, 2016, Mélanie Duparc, Secretary General

Approved by

Grégoire Junod
President of the World Union of Olympic Cities
Mayor of Lausanne

Mélanie Duparc
Secretary General of the World Union of Olympic Cities