Minutes of the General Assembly
World Union of Olympic Cities
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- Barcelona
- Beijing
- Buenos Aires
- Calgary
- Gangneung
- Innsbruck
- Lake Placid
- Lausanne
- London
- Los Angeles
- Mexico City
- Montréal
- Munich
- Paris
- Qingdao
- Québec
- Reno Tahoe
- Richmond
- Rotterdam
- Sapporo
- Singapore
- Sarajevo
- St. Louis
The President opens the General Assembly and gives the floor to the Secretary General to handle the different points on the agenda.

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda is approved by the General Assembly without any comments.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of the 2016 General Assembly**

The Minutes are approved by the General Assembly without any comments.

3. **General Updates**

   3.1. Proposal of Modification of the Statutes

   The President explains that the Executive Committee approved a modification of the Statutes. He presents the modification that would be, according to his point of view, beneficial for the development of the association, which is to increase the allowed number of Executive Committee Members from thirteen to fifteen.

   Proposed modification of Article 17:

   **Article 17 - Definition**

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

   The Executive Committee is composed of the following Members:

   a. The cities of Athens and Lausanne (the “Founder Cities”) may designate, through their political executive bodies, 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 c) 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.

   The General Assembly unanimously approved the modification of statutes.

   3.2. Elections

   **Executive Committee Members**

   The Secretary General announces that five of the current Executive Committee Members are finishing their four-year terms: Barcelona, Lake Placid, Los Angeles, Reno Tahoe and Beijing. In total, according to the modification of the Statutes, which has been previously voted, eight seats are to be filled by elections. The Secretary General then gives the floor to each of the seven candidates:

   1. Barcelona: Mr. David Escude, Sports Commissioner of the City of Barcelona
   2. Beijing: Mr. Jingmin Liu, Executive Vice Chairman of BODA (Beijing Olympic City Development Association), Vice President of the Union
   3. Lake Placid: Mr. Craig Randall, Mayor of Lake Placid
   4. Los Angeles: Mr. David Simon, President of the Southern California Committee for Olympic Games (SCCOG), Vice President of the Union
5. Reno: Mr. Brian Krolicki, Chairman of Reno Tahoe Winter Games Coalition
6. Innsbruck: Mr. George Spazier, CEO of Innsbruck-Tirol Sports
7. Paris: Mr. Jean-François Martins, Vice-Mayor of Sport, City of Paris

In order to proceed to the vote, the Secretary General proposes that the vote will be held by show of a hands and the Executive Committee Members will be elected at the same time.

The proposition is approved by the General Assembly.

The Secretary General submits the elections to the vote.

The seven Olympic City Representatives are elected unanimously by the General Assembly.

**Election of the Secretary General**

The President explains that 2017 also marks the end of the Secretary General’s term. According to Article 23 in the Statutes, the Secretary General is elected by the Executive Committee on the proposition of the President of the Union. The President proposes Mélanie Duparc to continue the implementation of the strategy decided by the Union’s Members and to manage the secretariat.

The President submits the election to the vote.

The General Assembly unanimously elects Mélanie Duparc for a new term as Secretary General.

3.3. New Members and Resignations

The Secretary General announces that three cities joined the Union: Mexico City, host of the 1968 Summer Olympics, Munich, host of the 1972 Summer Olympics, and Gangneung, a city that will host a part of the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Games. She then gives the floor to each new Member to let them present their city to the other Members.

The Secretary General announces that there were no resignations in 2017.

3.4. New Collaborator

The Secretary General announces that the secretariat of the association is also growing which demonstrates the importance of developing the association’s activities and its services to its Members. The city of Lausanne has decided to support the association with a yearly subsidy of 46,000 CHF and to hire a new, part-time collaborator entirely dedicated to the World Union of Olympic Cities. The Secretary General introduces Anne-Sophie Nivet, who started in June 2017 as Research Coordinator and who will be responsible for the collection of data regarding the legacy and the development of services and tools tailored to the Olympic City Members.

4. **Collaboration with the IOC**

The Secretary General gives an update about the development of the collaboration with the IOC: Under the umbrella of the Memorandum of Understanding concluded between the IOC and the Union on the 23rd of June, 2016, both organisations agree on a collaboration until 2020. This collaboration focuses on Olympic legacy. The IOC and the Union acknowledge that their differences in terms of role, approach, objectives and instruments generate a fruitful complementarity that can create synergies. As a strong network of Olympic cities, the Union maintains and develops close relationships with city representatives in charge of managing the Olympic legacy and legacy projects. The Union is pleased to continue its work on collecting
stories and creative narratives on concrete cases that showcase the cities’ heritage. These collected stories and best practices will contribute to documenting Olympic legacies and feeding the global research process of the IOC Legacy Capture Project. The Secretary General thanks the IOC representatives for their involvement and commitment to the Union.

5. 2017 Activities

5.1. Smart Cities & Sport Summit

The Secretary General explains that the third edition of the Smart Cities & Sport Summit, held in October 2016, is considered to be a success. The third edition confirms the relevance of the concept and the interest of the participants. With 249 participants, the participation is stable compared to the previous edition of the Smart Cities & Sport Summit and the feedback from the participants was very positive.

Participation:
- Number of Participants: 249
- Number of cities: 48
- International Sports Federation: 17

5.2. Collaboration with the SportAccord Convention

The Secretary General reminds the Members that 2017 was the beginning of a very fruitful collaboration with the SportAccord Convention. The World Union of Olympic Cities contributed to organizing, to defining the topics and to selecting the speakers for the City-to-City session and the City Forum. The Smart Cities & Sport Network was officially recognized as a supporting partner of the SportAccord Convention. The Network was officially in charge of the City-to-City session. This opportunity allowed the Smart Cities & Sport Network to gain visibility during the convention and to develop its network within cities. The Secretary General announces that after this positive beginning of collaboration, the SportAccord Convention team decided to renew the partnership for 2018. As a result of this collaboration, the SportAccord Convention has also become an official supporter of the Smart Cities & Sport 2017.

5.3. Olympic Legacy Toolkit

The Secretary General gives an update on the Olympic Legacy Toolkit and announces that after several months, the first cases have been published online on the Union’s website at www.olympiccities.org. The Toolkit covers different topics and was created as a means of fuelling conversation about how cities keep the Olympic flame alive by doing a variety of activities and having different projects and initiatives. 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 cases are available online and will also work as a showcasing platform for Olympic City legacies. A PDF format has also been made available for Members only which will include confidential information. The full cases gather practical information including: the internal and external partners involved, finance and cost, use of the Olympic brand, human resources and time as well as contact details and are available in printable version on the Olympic City Members’ portal.
6. 2018 Activities

The Secretary General gives an overview of the activities for the following year.

6.1. 2018 Summit

The Secretary General reminds the General Assembly that, as per the strategy defined back in 2013, the annual Summit will continue to be organized in Lausanne once a year and in a city abroad the following year. This means that in 2018, the Summit will be held in Lausanne on October 29-31, 2018.

6.2. Platform and Community

The Secretary General explains that since the launch of both the Summit and the platform of the Smart Cities & Sport, the World Union of Olympic Cities has received interest from non-Olympic cities wishing to become official members of the Smart Cities & Sport Network. As defined, Smart Cities & Sport is not an association but rather an open network with free content on the online platform which is openly accessible to any city using sport as a tool for city development. Therefore, there is no official recognition of cities who regularly attend the Summit, who contribute to the platform or for those that engage with the platform. The secretariat will continue to work on this and to develop creative ways to strengthen a long-term relationship with those non-Olympic cities.

6.3. SportAccord Convention

The Secretary General gives more details about the collaboration with the SportAccord Convention and the new partnership being developed for 2018 which also includes a contribution to the City-to-City session and the City Accord (formerly called the City Forum).

The partnership is mainly focused on the City-to-City session and the City Accord. In return, the Smart Cities and Sport would send out newsletters which would include news about the SportAccord Convention. The partnership also includes mutual recognition as partners for both the Summit and the convention as well as free passes to each organisation’s annual event.

6.4. SportAccord Convention Affiliation

The Secretary General explains that earlier during the year, the Executive Committee agreed to submit a membership request to become an Associate Member of the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF, formerly known as SportAccord). Being an Associate Member of GAISF will be beneficial for the World Union of Olympic Cities in terms of recognition and will consolidate its presence within the international sports world. She announces that the official decision of the GAISF will be put to a vote during their General Assembly in Bangkok in April 2018.

6.5. Presence at Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Olympic Games

The Secretary General announces that, as usual, the City of Lausanne will organize the traditional cocktail of the Lausanne Olympic Capital during the PyeongChang Olympic Games and will be happy to invite all the Olympic City Members of the Union to participate. She adds that no further project is intended to be developed for the PyeongChang Games for the World Union of Olympic Cities.
6.6. 2019 Bid Process

According to the decision of the Executive Commission, the Secretary General proposes to the General Assembly to open the bid process for the 2019 Smart Cities & Sport Summit as early as October 2017. She also shares a recommendation from the Executive Committee to open the bid process exclusively to Asian Cities in order to guarantee a geographical tour of the Summit.

The propositions are unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

7. Finances

7.1. Overview of Accounts

The Secretary General mentions that the final 2016 Accounts are presented in annex. She reveals that the deficit has been continuously decreasing since the 2013 and that it was completely reimbursed in 2016. The Accounts present a benefit with a positive balance (after reimbursement of the debt) of 17,050.39 CHF.

The accounts are approved by the General Assembly.

7.2. Annual Membership Fees

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.

8. Miscellaneous

The Secretary General asks the Members if they have any miscellaneous items they would like to share.

There are no miscellaneous items brought to the attention of the General Assembly.

The President thanks the General Assembly for their participation and closes the Assembly.

Lausanne, October 29th, 2017, Mélanie Duparc, Secretary General

These Minutes have not yet been approved by the General Assembly.