

## **Extraordinary General Assembly of the ICCA Consortium Whakatane (New Zealand) - 15:35-18:00, January 15, 2011**

Physically present: Taghi, Maurizio, Nigel, Janis, Grazia + Jeremy Ironside and Gonzalo Zambrana (honorary members) and Vivienne Solis Rivera (friend of the Consortium).

Present via skype: Harry and Holly (Natural Justice), Stan Stevens (honorary member and treasurer)

The president opens the GA at 15:35, welcomes the participants and reads the agenda, which is approved. He recalls that this is an extraordinary GA called by well above one fifth of the Members (10 members over a total of 23) to take advantage of the meeting among members that can validate the agreements taken at the Nagoya Assembly whose minutes were not ready there on time to be signed.

The auditor of account reads the report of the treasurer for 2010 and the preliminary report for 2011. The Members are reminded that only those who have paid past dues can vote in the General Assembly and both FPP and IPACC pay on the spot. Among the Members present in the extraordinary GA, six have paid dues and can formally vote. Maurizio formally asks other Members to adopt the treasurer's Reports and this is done.

The main purpose of the meeting is to formally approve and sign the revised Statutes of the Association, annexed to these minutes and circulated electronically by the chair of the Statutes Committee (Harry Jonas) and by the coordinator (Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend) in the proposed slightly revised form (most changes were discussed and approved in Nagoya, and just a few were added by Harry following members' suggestions as decided there). Harry describes again the changes of the new proposed Statutes versus the original ones.

Nigel and Maurizio propose that the advance notice for the GA is "as much as possible but with a minimum of six weeks".

Decision: with the added change just noted, the new Statutes in Annex to these minutes are formally approved and adopted.

The President reminds everyone that we need to also formally re-approve and sign a few decisions that were agreed during the larger GA in Nagoya.

Nigel Crawhall reads the list of current Members. Following e mail conversations with Jessica Brown, it is decided that Quebec Labrador Foundation remains as a Member and if New England Biolabs Foundation wishes to become a Member, it should go through the formal procedure foreseen in the Statutes. It is also decided that Jessica Brown should be invited to be an honorary member.

It is agreed that the same Committee chaired by Harry will produce a think piece regarding the desired qualifications of Members (entry instrument). It is also agreed that the same Committee will clarify what would "prejudice the goals of the Consortium" and related procedures (exit instrument).

Nigel Crawhall reads the list of Members under the approval process. Each case is shortly discussed. Regarding Gaia, Janis and Grazia offer the perspectives of trusted advisors who raised some concerns about the role of Gaia in Colombia. Nigel states that IPACC works very closely with the African Biodiversity Network – which is somehow the "African face" of Gaia and appears to be excellent and very dedicated to an extremely precautionary approach to sacred sites. Also Gaia appears to be playing an important role in the CBD Alliance and supporting the rights to integrity of nature and indigenous peoples. It is decided to send a note to Gaia asking for their reply to the issues raised regarding Colombia and their position about ICCAs in general. It is also noted that the African Biodiversity Network should be contacted about the possibility of membership.

The President recalls that the original auditor of accounts Jannie Lasimbang (Pacos Trust) has requested Maurizio Farhan Ferrari (Forest Peoples Programme), present in the meeting, to take-on her role and that Maurizio accepted. The President stresses that this is a role for a Member to take, with no need for professional capacity. Maurizio accepts to keep on that role for three years or – in all cases – until he will decide to resign.

Nigel Crawhall finally reads the names of the ten members of the Steering Committee approved in Nagoya.

Decision: the 23 current Members, the new auditor of accounts and the 10 members of the Steering Committee are formally approved.

Janis Alcorn asks for periodic updates on the work of the Steering Committee, possibly every 3 months. This is agreed.

The GA is declared closed at 18:00.

**List and signatures of attending Members:**

| <i>Member</i>                           | <i>representative</i>     | <i>signature</i> |
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| <i>Fundacion Urundey and Yangareko</i>  | Janis Alcorn              |                  |
| <i>Cenesta and Corporacion Ecozoica</i> | Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend |                  |
| <i>Forest Peoples Programme</i>         | Maurizio Farhan Ferrari   |                  |
| <i>President of ICCA Consortium</i>     | Taghi Farvar              |                  |
| <i>IPACC and GFC</i>                    | Nigel Crawhall            |                  |