AICO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – September 6, 2018

LOCATION: Convention Center, Long Beach – USA

ATTENDANCE:

✓ Mr. Roman BABUT, President
✓ Mr. Mark MAESTRONE, First Vice-President
✓ Mr. Massimiliano BRUNO, Second Vice-President
✓ Mr. Christophe AIT-BRAHAM, Secretary
✓ Mr. Branislav DELEJ, Treasurer

Thursday 6 September 2018

Start : 10h00 - End : 12h00

The EB prepare the AICO meeting plan for the following days.
Mark explains the work of the volunteers, the members to prepare this WOCF, and shows the place of the fair, with tables, the number of participants, and so on.

Discussion about the organization of the General Assembly and election of tomorrow.
Confirmation of the designation of Massimiliano Bruno, as supervisor of the ballots operations, together with Ms. Stephanie Coppex for IOC.

Later, discussion about the main points that will be discussed from the new EB members elected, specially about the future organizations of meetings, fairs and so other.

At least, discussion about the publishing of the Pin Catalogue of Branislav.
The same Branislav explains his work, the aspects to improve, and his collaboration with his friend Peter Wade.

AICO Memorabilia Committee: Olympin proposes the candidacy of Mrs Ingrid O’Neil to join the AICO Memorabilia Committee. The EB approves and thanks Ms. O’Neil for her future involvement.

Christophe AIT-BRAHAM
AICO Secretary
GENERAL ASSEMBLY & ELECTION
Friday, 7 September 2018, Long Beach, California, USA

General Assembly: Part 1

Submitted by the Election Chairman, Massimiliano BRUNO

Start : 13h00 - End : 16

At 13h00 starts the General Assembly

Stephanie Coppex exposes the office who represents The Olympic Sports Heritage and her function of AICO observer, also for this Assembly and for the Election task.

At 13h30 President Babut invites the Chairman of the Election Committee Massimiliano Bruno and the IOC observer Stephanie Coppex to verify if the Assembly is legally formed.

The chairman confirms Assembly legally formed with presence of 8 Members on 14.

The members no present voted by internet sending their votes to the Chairman of the Election Commitee and to Ms. Stephanie Coppex.

At 13h50, President welcome and presents the AICO 2nd term and activity and financial report 2016-2018 and the program. Approved by unanimity.

At 13h58, after the thanks for the outgoing 3 EB members, all new candidates are presented and Chairman allowed to all to presenting themselves in maximum 2 minutes.

At 14 The Chairman and the IOC observer starts voting process

The ballots are consigned to the members entitled.

The total ballots consigned are 24, for 14 members

8 Of them are present and vote phisically ( SOSC, PCOSP, UICOS, SPI, AFCO, OLYMPIN, OSLO PIN CLUB AND OLYMSPORT), and 6 of them voted by internet ( MOSFIT, SOF, BOPC, UEFO, HDOFM AND IMOS)

At 14h30 the voting stopped.

Began the count of the ballots, at the presence of the Chairman and Ms. Stephanie Coppex, otherwise the members present at the Assembly.
Here are the definitive results checked and approved in presence of the IOC observer Stephanie Coppex:

AIT-BRAHAM CRISTOPHE VOTES 50
MAESTRONE MARK VOTES 58
DELEJ BRANISLAV VOTES 62
REED SCOTT VOTES 70

The first three candidates are proclaimed elect members

After a food break at 15h00 starts the new EB meeting

Mr. Maestrone proposed to confirm the EB as the preview with Roman Babut as President.

Dr. Delej proposes Mr. Ait Braham Christophe as new President.

This last point is approved also for the other new roles:

AIT-BRAHAM Christophe President
DELEJ Branislav 1st Vice President
BRUNO Massimiliano 2nd Vice President
MAESTRONE Mark Secretary
BABUT Roman Treasurer

General Assembly: Part 2

Submitted by the AICO Secretary, Mark MAESTRONE

In attendance:
Christophe Ait-Braham, President (CAB)
Branislav Delej, 1st Vice President (BD)
Massimiliano Bruno, 2nd Vice President (MB)
Mark Maestrone, Secretary (MM)
Roman Babut, Treasurer (RB)
Stephanie Coppex, IOC Observer (SC)
+ 4 members of the public

15h10: The General Assembly is called back to order.

1. Stephanie Coppex announces the following positions have been elected by a majority of board members: Christophe Ait-Braham, President; Branislav Delej, 1st Vice President;
Massimiliano Bruno, 2nd Vice President; Mark Maestrone, Secretary; Roman Babut, Treasurer

[President Christophe Ait-Braham takes over as chair of the meeting]

2. The Executive Board wants to stress that there will be benefits for all. Member Associations are asked to provide their needs to AICO as integral to the continuation of the organization. In a few weeks the EB will contact the membership asking them to provide their time tables for any upcoming meetings to prevent conflicts as has occurred with the 2018 LA Olympic Fair and the show in Italy.

3. Sid Marantz (USA – Olympin Collectors Club) asks if AICO should be notified of other non-Olympic Fair events, as the Olympin Collectors Club holds other meetings during the year. As long as the meetings are open to all Olympic collectors, size does not matter. Notification will help lessen conflicts and provide more interest for Olympic collectors worldwide.

4. At the 2016 AICO General Assembly in Gothenburg, Sweden, two new candidates for AICO membership were accepted as provisional members: the China Sport Philately and Collection Association (CSPCA) in China, and the 1000-Club in Norway. With the two-year probationary period concluded, the General Assembly votes unanimously to grant both clubs full membership in AICO.

5. Jean-Pierre Piquot (France – AFCOS) recommends that the assembly declare that there can be only one World Olympic Collectors’ Fair per year.

6. Sid Marantz asks that dates for both the 2019 Warsaw and 2021 Paris WOCFs be firmed up. [Note: 2019 Warsaw dates are 24-26 May.] He asks that the host of 2020 be decided soon so that the Olympin Collectors Club can set the dates for their own convention.

15h23: The president declares the 2018 General Assembly of AICO closed.
AICO Executive Board Meeting
Long Beach Convention Center
Long Beach, CA
Saturday, 8 September 2018
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

In attendance:
Christophe Ait-Braham, President (CAB)
Branislav Delej, 1st Vice President (BD)
Massimiliano Bruno, 2nd Vice President (MB)
Mark Maestrone, Secretary (MM)
Roman Babut, Treasurer (RB)
Stephanie Coppex, IOC observer (SC)

1. Meeting convened by CAB at 10:00 AM.

He welcomed and thanked all the administrators. He recalls his wish to open peaceful and constructive exchanges within the board. Each administrator has one vote for each decision to be voted on.
AICO will have to listen to and serve its members.
Today, everyone expresses their priorities. The question will be asked to our members. All of these elements will enable us to define a roadmap for the coming years.

2. Discussion of AICO Priorities

RB requests to SC other financial fees for the development and upgrading of the website.
She replies that for Mr. Gabet is better and less expensive for AICO to link directly to the IOC Library.

A. MB: Italian meetings of memorabilia and philatelic collectors and exhibitors are expected to increase in the future. Suggests AICO work with Italians in developing an exhibition in Milan in 2019 during the 134th IOC Session [MM Note: the session has since been moved to Lausanne.] Encourage more Open Class exhibiting which combines all disciplines of Olympic collecting. This would hopefully increase youth participation.
B. MM: Technical field. Continue developing the AICO website with a view toward coordinating more closely with the Foundation’s website. This would allow AICO to take advantage of the resources and technical abilities of the Foundation’s IT staff, while reserving AICO resources for other Olympic collector projects.

C. RB: At next year’s Olympic Fair in Warsaw, the intention is to develop an exhibition that would include a display from the IOC Philatelic Collection. Foresees some difficulty in obtaining non-European exhibits. Without commissioners, exhibitors would have to bring their exhibits by hand.

1. MB: Possible solution might be to have a combination of virtual and real exhibits.
2. RB: This would require that exhibits be invited or curated (if not already known).
3. CAB: Added combination of exhibit types should include Youth.
4. BD: Because pin collections are too heavy and bulky to transport, perhaps pin exhibits could be photographed and presented in that format.
5. RB: The Chinese Pin Championships are using a set of judging regulations that they have developed. It would be useful to take a look at these and see how/if they can be used to develop regulations on wider scale.
6. RB: Adds that the primary organizer of Warsaw 2019 (the 25th World Olympic Collectors’ Fair) is the Polish Olympic Committee.

D. BD: Recommends we start and finish work on the NOC Pin Catalog. He has talked to Pete Wade and says there is no problem with cooperation. The website’s current version is static. Pete and AICO will cooperate on building an internet pin catalog. Agrees to put the pin catalog on the IOC website. IOC’s IT staff will define scanning criteria for the pins. Pete Wade’s collection consists only of NOC pins. There should be a Youth Olympic Games pin catalog as well. BD wants all sports/Olympic pins in catalog.

1. BD makes a motion that he be made the manager of all work on the pin catalog. Board is concerned about costs.
2. SC: The EB must develop a “wish list” of all projects for the Foundation.
3. RB: Potential payments for scans must be discussed. Should Pete Wade be reimbursed for scans being used? Should we pay according to a bulk upload? Should volunteers be paid by piece? All questions to be answered.
4. RB: MM should be the designated liaison with the IOC IT staff, not the EB.
5. SC: Foundation needs list of proposed IT projects including database size, number of catalogs, etc. This will help with prioritizing.
6. BD: Work on pin catalog would be spread over 2 years. First step is development of the database which would span the period from 1904 to the present.
7. SC: Asks that communication with her be with a unified voice rather than emails from each board member on every issue.

8. EB votes unanimously to appoint BD as manager of the pin catalog.
3. EB votes unanimously to appoint MM as manager of liaison with IOC IT.

4. Membership Fees.

A. CAB proposes that EB review structure of fees. Should fee structure be simplified to more closely follow vote structure? It is understood that the General Assembly must approve any changes.

B. CAB raises issue of how Membership Fees should be used to directly benefit members. The question will be asked to members to better meet their expectations.

C. Any changes to fee structure would mean a change to AICO Statutes. This would require approval by the Foundation.

D. CAB agreed to contact David Maiden to solicit his ideas and opinions on changing the fee structure, and adding an AMICUS membership category for non-dues-paying members.

5. MB: will prepare information on the proposed Milan exhibition.

6. CAB concludes the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Mark MAESTRONE
AICO Secretary