

General Assembly of Members WAN-IFRA WAN-IFRA FR

Monday 3 June, 2019, 15:00 - 16:00 Glasgow, UK

1. Opening of Assembly

CEO Vincent Peyrègne opened the meeting welcoming the members and reminding them of the contents of the agenda.

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the General Assembly of Members held in Amsterdam on 13 December 2019 and circulated to members on 9 May 2019 were unanimously approved

1. New WAN-IFRA Governance Framework

The members were alerted to the proposed updates to the WAN-IFRA framework through documents circulated in advance of the meeting. In particular, all received the detail of the suggested modifications to the Statutes. President Michael Golden pointed out that the main novelty is the establishment of an Executive Board, which will be responsible to direct and supervise the Association, and represent it with regards to third parties.

The new Statutes were approved with no votes against, and the abstention of the representative for the German member association Mr Valdo Lehari Jr.

4. Membership Development Report

CEO Vincent Peyrègne said that WAN-IFRA was joined in the first six months of 2019 by 24 new members representing fees for an annual income of 25,000€. He explained that while this indicates a positive trend in engagement, and the continued relevance of WAN-IFRA for the industry, the income from the new memberships is not sufficient to offset the 17 member terminations over the same period of time. This leaves the Association with an overall negative member churn of minus 79,000€ in the period January-June 2019.

Mr Peyrègne announced a more extensive report on membership development for December 2019.

5. Report of the Treasurer 2018, ratification of annual accounts and Appointment of a Certified Auditor

Treasurer Paul Verwilt took the floor.

While commenting the balance sheet Mr Verwilt warned the members that these are consolidated numbers, concerning the whole of WAN-IFRA. This is particularly significant with regard to the liquidity. The balance sheet should be read keeping in mind that the indicated amount of 2,781,437€ in the line "bank accounts" includes funds in the Indian subsidiary that cannot leave the country, and relevant subventions to the Media Development activities, which will be entirely spent in programmes and are otherwise unavailable. Overall the only relevant change is the increase in outstanding invoices, mainly due to the fact that invoices have been established later than in recent years.

The main information from the profit and loss statement is a very positive final result for 2018 of 260,000€. The main reasons for this are the stabilisation of membership and events income, as well as reduced personnel costs.

The revenues show a reduction mainly due to the Expo, and which we were able to offset with cost cuts. In an effort to stabilize the revenues it is advisable that WAN-IFRA focuses on membership and events.

The equity on 31 December 2018 raised to 566,000€. Mr Verwilt concluded noting that all in all, WAN-IFRA had a good two years and this trend needs to be maintained.

The members unanimously approved the financial report.

Pricewaterhouse Cooper was selected as certified auditor.

2. Elections of Officers

CEO Vincent Peyrègne presented the candidatures of Fernando de Yarza López-Mandrazo as new WAN-IFRA President, and of Stig Ørskov as Vice President. The members unanimously elected them to a two-year mandate.

Outgoing President Michael Golden was confirmed as honorary member of the Supervisory Board.

Mr Peyrègne thanked Mr Rick Stunt and Mr Dave Callaway for their service on the Board of WAN-IFRA.

He subsequently moved to the candidatures for the Supervisory Board. The members proceeded to confirm by unanimous consent the election of 14 new members, and the re-election of 29 existing members, as detailed in the document in annex.

The General Assembly of Members was presented with the composition of the Executive Board as voted for the next two years by the Supervisory Board:

Fernando De Yarza, Spain, President
Lisa Mac Leod, South Africa, Vice President
Stig Ørskov, Denmark, Vice President
Paul Verwilt, Belgium, Treasurer
Gerald Grünberger, Austria, Chair Association Directors Committee
Warren Fernandez, Singapore, President World Editors Forum
Phillip Crawley, Canada, Globe and Mail
Karin Pettersson, Sweden, Schibsted
Marcelo Rech, Brazil, RBS

7. Miscellaneous

The members approved the establishment of WAN-IFRA FR in the new offices in 69 Rue du Chevaleret, 75013 Paris.

The next General Assembly of Members will be scheduled alongside the Congress 2020 to be held in Zaragoza, Spain.

WAN-IFRA President Fernando de Yarza López-Mandrazo

General Assembly of Members Secretary

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SUPERVISORY BOARD

14 NEW MEMBERS

Bosnia Herzegovina	Mujo Selimovic
France	Pierre Louette
Germany	Stephanie Caspar
Germany	Herbert Kaiser**
Hong Kong	Gary Liu**
Indonesia	Jayant Bhargava
Philippines	Sandy Prieto
Ireland	Stephen Rae
Japan	Toshikazu Yamaguchi
Singapore	Anthony Tan
Slovakia	Alexej Fulmek
Taiwan	George Shuang
UAE	Mohammed Fahad Al- Harthi
Singapore	Warren Fernandez

29 RE ELECTED MEMBERS

Daniel Dessein**	Paul Verwilt*
Argentina	Belgium

Brazil	Marcelo Rech
Canada	Philip Crawley*
Chile	Ricardo Hepp
Czech Republic	Libuse Smuclerova*
El Salvador	José Roberto Dutriz
Estonia	Gunnar Siiner
Ecuador	César Pérez Barriga*
France	Sophie Gourmelen
Germany	Valdo Lehari jr.*
Ghana	Edith Dankwa
Hungary	Tibor Kovacs*
Ireland	Liam Kavanagh*
Italy	Alessandro Bompieri*
Luxemburg	Alvin Sold *
Norway	Tove Nedreberg
Portugal	Cristina V. Soares
Russian Federation	Eugene Abov*
Saudi Arabia	Saleh Alhumaidan**
South Africa	Ishmet Davidson
Spain	José Manuel Lozano

Sinha Ratnatunga	Sture Bergman	Hans H. Coninx	Oleksandr Chovhan*	Sergey Okhrimenko	Kevin Beatty*	Miguel Henrique Otero Castillo
Sri Lanka	Sweden	Switzerland	Ukraine	Ukraine	United Kingdom	Venezuela

8 TERMINATIONS

France	François Dufour
Japan	Kojiro Shiraishi
Singapore	Patrick Daniel
Slovakia	Peter Mertus
United Kingdom	Rick Stunt
USA	David Callaway
USA	Scott C. Schurz

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