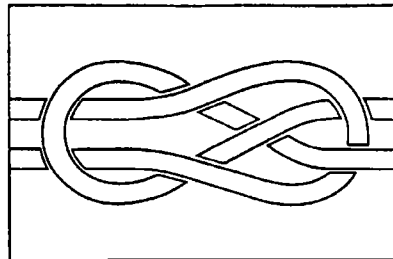

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INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEXILLOLOGY VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA JULY 28 TO AUGUST 2, 1999

For registration information, or any other assistance regarding ICV 18, please contact Chantal Webb at:

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If received by **May 15, 1999**, the registration fee is US\$325 for Congress participants and US\$150 for accompanying persons. After May 15, 1999, the registration fee is US\$350 for Congress participants and US\$175 for accompanying persons. The accompanying-persons' fee includes the welcome reception, all tours, cocktail reception at the Lieutenant-Governor's residence, and the closing luncheon. The Congress-participants' fee includes the events listed above, as well as coffee breaks, lunches, all paper presentations, and simultaneous translation of presentations into English and French. Neither registration fee includes the Congress proceedings.

The Laurel Point Inn is now full. Alternate arrangements have been made at The Magnolia Hotel. Although it is a ten-minute walk from the Congress venue, the Magnolia is a new and very

attractive hotel in the heart of Old Victoria. The single room rate is CDN\$149; please mention that you are attending ICV 18. The hotel's telephone number is +1 (250) 381-0999; toll free in Canada and the United States +1 (877) 624-6654.

The deadline to submit papers has been extended to **May 15, 1999**. Participants should submit their papers to:

The Honourary Secretary
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L'Association canadienne de vexillologie
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SCARBOROUGH ON M1M 3B1
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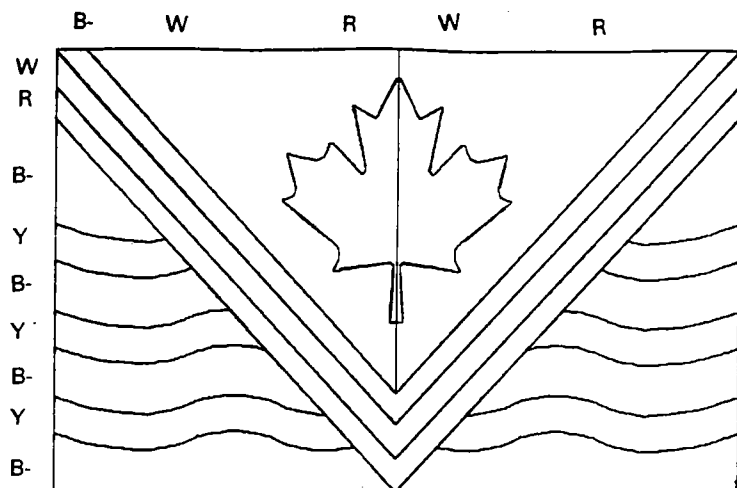
The Congress proceedings will be published in 2000 by the Canadian Flag Association / L'Association canadienne de vexillologie. The cost of the proceedings is anticipated to be US\$40 each. People who would like to receive further information and be placed on CFA's mailing list should contact Kevin Harrington at the address listed above.

FIAV Members are requested to bring their association's or institution's flag to the Congress so that their flags may be displayed.

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ICV 18 FLAG



The maple leaf and the colors red (Pantone Matching System 485) and white symbolize Canada, the host country. The leaf's depiction in the counter-charged form is borrowed from the flag of the Canadian Flag Association/L'Association canadienne de vexillologie (CFA), one of the two co-hosts. The red, white, and blue (Pantone Matching System 285) inverted chevrons are borrowed from the flag of the North American Vexillological Association (NAVA), the other co-host. The yellow (Pantone Matching System yellow) and blue waves are borrowed from the British Columbia flag, the host province, and represent Victoria and Vancouver Island's relationship to the western Pacific Ocean, *i.e.*, the western sun over the Pacific.

The blue and yellow colors are borrowed from the FIAV flag, thus linking the three associations responsible for the Congress—FIAV, CFA, and NAVA. The three inverted chevrons also represent "The Eighteenth International Congress of Vexillology, V_ictoria, V_ancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada." The Congress flag is balanced by the upward pull of the maple leaf and the downward pull of the waves, and has a ratio of 2:3. The Congress flag also serves as the flag of NAVA's thirty-third annual convention. The flag's designer is Truman G. Pope of Muncie, Indiana, USA. (black-and-white art courtesy of David Martucci)

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**AGENDA FOR THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE FIAV GENERAL ASSEMBLY
To BE CONVENED JULY 29, 1999
VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

Note: Pursuant to an August 11, 1997 decision of the General Assembly at its Fifteenth Session in Cape Town, South Africa, the General Assembly will use *Bourinot's Rules of Order* (ISBN 0-7710-8336-X) on a trial basis.

1. Call to order by President; official opening of the Sixteenth Session
2. Verification by the President of written credentials of delegates from FIAV Members
3. Roll call of delegates; recognition of quorum by Secretary-General; declaration by President that the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly is constituted
4. Appointment by President of tellers to count votes
5. Approval of the minutes of the Fifteenth Session of the General Assembly held August 11, 12, and 14, 1997 in Cape Town, South Africa (published in *Info-FIAV* number 10, May 1998)
6. Reports by the Board:
 - (a) President (Michel Lupant)
 - (b) Secretary-General (Charles Spain)
 - (c) Secretary-General for Congresses (Bruce Berry)
7. Announcements:
 - (a) proposals to host ICV 20 (2003)
 - (a) proposals to host ICV 21 (2005)
 - (c) candidates for FIAV membership (arranged in order membership applications were received):
 - (i) Societatea Română de Vexilologie (SRV) (received 1999 Jan 26) (see page 6)
 - (ii) Great Waters Association of Vexillology (GWAV) (received 1999 Jan 27) (see page 6)
 - (iii) New England Vexillological Association (NEVA) (received 1999 Jan 29) (see pages 6-7)
 - (d) candidates for the FIAV Board
8. Report of the membership commission (Aleš Brožek, Phillippe Rault, and Whitney Smith):
 - (a) Membership status of APCRA (formerly CIDECE)
 - (b) APCRA's proposed international commission for protocol and protection of state symbolism
9. Report of the standing orders commission (Don Healy, Roman Klimeš, and Ralph Kelly)
10. Report on ICV 19 (July 23-27, 2001, York, United Kingdom)
11. Consideration of candidates for membership:
 - (a) SRV
 - (b) GWAV
 - (c) NEVA

Note: New Members may vote only after all candidates for membership have been considered.
12. Selection of ICV 20 (2003) host
13. Discussion about ICV 21 (2005) host
14. Consideration of Board's proposed constitutional amendments (see pages 7-13) and FRC's proposed constitutional amendment (international vexillological meetings outside of ICVs) (see pages 14-15)
15. Consideration of WVRI's proposed resolution number 1 (removing FRCSL as a Member of FIAV) (see pages 15-16)
16. Consideration of WVRI's proposed constitutional amendments:
 - (a) WVRI's proposed resolution number 2 (ICV registration fees) (see pages 16-17)
 - (b) WVRI's proposed resolution number 3 (proxy voting) (see pages 17-18)
17. Consideration of Board's proposal for a limited FIAV website
18. Consideration of membership status of APCRA (formerly CIDECE)
19. Discussion about publication of ICV proceedings in general and specific status of proceedings from:

ICV 5	1973	London, United Kingdom	FI
ICV 10	1983	Oxford, United Kingdom	FI and HSFS (former Member)
ICV 14	1991	Barcelona, Spain	ACV
ICV 15	1993	Zürich, Switzerland	SSV
ICV 16	1995	Warszawa, Poland	CFZ, FDC, and PTW
ICV 17	1997	Cape Town, South Africa	SAVA
20. Consideration of APCRA's proposed international commission for protocol and protection of state symbolism (published in *Info-FIAV* number 7, November 1996)
21. Consideration of DGF's proposal to create an accuracy code for flag data
22. Consideration of DGF's proposal to create standards for papers that are delivered at ICVs
23. Further consideration of the International Association of Flag Manufacturers' (IAFM) proposal for a

- US\$100 award to recognize the best paper delivered at an ICV
24. Consideration of continued use of *Bourinot's Rules of Order*
 25. Election of 1999-2001 Board:
 - (a) President
 - (b) Secretary-General
 - (c) Secretary-General for Congresses
 26. Adjournment *sine die* of the Sixteenth Session by President (new Board takes office)



Charles Spain
 FIAV Secretary-General
 Houston, April 27, 1999

COMMENTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

Item 2: Every FIAV Member is **strongly** encouraged to appoint a delegate and alternate to represent it in Victoria. If no person from a FIAV Member is able to come to Victoria, that FIAV Member is **strongly** encouraged to appoint as its delegate either the delegate of another FIAV Member or one of the three FIAV Officers.

Credentials may be mailed in advance to the FIAV President, but copies must also be brought to Victoria. If at all possible, credentials should be on the Member's official stationery.

The suggested form of written credentials is as follows:

To the President of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques:

[Choose one of following two paragraphs:]

[Name of FIAV Member association or institution] appoints [name of person (and alternate, if desired)], who is a member of [name of FIAV Member association or institution], as its delegate to the Sixteenth Session of the FIAV General Assembly, to be convened July 29, 1999, in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. [or]

[Name of FIAV Member association or institution] regrets that none of its members is able to attend the Sixteenth Session of the FIAV General Assembly, to be convened July 29, 1999, in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. [Name of FIAV Member association or institution] therefore names as its delegate to the General Assembly [name of person], who is also the delegate of [name of other FIAV Member association or institution] [or] who is also the FIAV President [or] Secretary-General [or] Secretary-General for Congresses.

[Delegate's name] has full powers to act on behalf of [name of FIAV Member association or institution] during the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly [or] The powers of [delegate's name] to act on behalf of [name of FIAV Member association or institution] during the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly are limited as follows: [describe].

[signature of authorized representative of FIAV Member association or institution]

[printed name]

[title]

[date]

[seal (optional)]

Item 6: The Board will present both oral and written reports in Victoria.

Item 7: The Board has not received any formal proposals to host ICV 20 (2003) or ICV 21 (2005). The President, Michel R. Lupant, and Secretary-General, Charles A. Spain, Jr., announce their intention to stand for re-election. The Secretary-General for Congresses, Bruce B. Berry, will announce in Victoria whether he will stand for re-election.

Item 8: The Secretary-General has requested, but not received, a written report from the membership commission. If a written report is received in sufficient time, the Secretary-General will publish it in advance of the Session in *Info-FIAV*.

Item 9: The Secretary-General has requested, but not received a written report from the standing orders commission. If a written report is received in sufficient time, the Secretary-General will publish it in advance of the Session in *Info-FIAV*.

- Item 11: The Board recommends the following candidates for membership be approved as Full Members:
- (a) Societatea Română de Vexilologie (SRV)
 - (b) Great Waters Association of Vexillology (GWAV)
 - (c) New England Vexillological Association (NEVA)

Item 14: The Board recommends the approval of its proposed constitutional amendments. There are comments for each one of the amendments; these comments follow the text of the amendment. The Board emphasizes that the first of its proposed amendments is not intended to make any substantive changes to the Constitution, but is instead offered (1) to establish uniform translations and abbreviation of FIAV's name and (2) to make nonsubstantive changes in numbering, spelling, punctuation, usage, and grammar. The Board hopes that this first amendment will be noncontroversial. In proposing these nonsubstantive changes, the Board is specifically *not* placing on the agenda for debate a general substantive revision of the Constitution. The Board recommends the disapproval of FRC's proposed constitutional amendment in light of the Board's less restrictive proposed constitutional amendment on the same subject.

Item 15: The Board recommends the disapproval of WVRI's proposed resolution number 1 to remove FRCSL as a Member of FIAV. The President traveled to Sri Lanka in April 1999 and met with Mr. Kumaran Fernando, chairman of FRCSL. In addition, both the President and Secretary-General have maintained an e-mail correspondence with Mr. Fernando. The Board is convinced that FRCSL is taking such steps as it can to promote vexillology, despite the difficulties Sri Lanka continues to experience. Mr. Fernando has encouraged FIAV Members with concerns about FRCSL's status to e-mail him at unasl@slt.lk.

Item 16: The Board recommends the disapproval of WVRI's proposed constitutional amendments:

(a) WVRI's proposed resolution number 2 (ICV registration fees): The Board believes that this is a matter to be decided by the Congress organizers, perhaps in consultation with the Board. The Board is aware that past Congress organizers have set the registration fee in US dollars due to the US dollar's stability, rather than any political agenda, so that currency fluctuations will not destroy the Congress budget. Regarding different Congress registration fees for citizens of the host country, the Board agrees this should be avoided if possible, but recognizes the problems that arise when the host country's currency is weak and/or there is a substantial difference in earning capacity for workers from the host country and workers from industrialized countries (such as the G7 members).

(b) WVRI's proposed resolution number 3 (proxy voting): The Board believes that it should remain the right of each FIAV Member to choose any representative it wishes to represent it in FIAV affairs.

WVRI's other comments:

(a) Translation: The Board strongly supports the simultaneous translation of papers delivered at ICVs into all four official FIAV languages, provided that a reasonable minimum number of Congress attendees (perhaps five) require such translation. The Secretary-General, who has a specific interest in ICV 18 as he was the president of NAVA when NAVA agreed to co-host ICV 18 with CFA, has donated US\$1,000 to help pay for simultaneous translation into German and Spanish. The Board also recognizes that simultaneous translation imposes a serious financial burden and that this is ultimately a fiscal matter to be determined by the Congress organizers.

On the general subject of translation, the Board notes that two years ago in Cape Town Roman Klimeš volunteered to translate the FIAV Constitution into German and Tomás Rodríguez Peñas volunteered to translate the FIAV Constitution into Spanish (*Info-FIAV* no. 10, at page 12). The Secretary-General will publish these translations in *Info-FIAV* when they are received.

(b) Specifying the colors of the FIAV flag: The Board appreciates WVRI's support.

Item 17: The Board recommends the approval of its proposal for a limited FIAV website. The website would contain a brief explanation of vexillology and the purpose of FIAV, the names and contact information (including links) for all FIAV Members, names of former Members, names and contact information for the Officers, names of past Officers, information on upcoming and past International Congresses of Vexillology and their flags, the text of the Constitution and Flag Information Code, lists of Laureates of the Federation and Vexillon recipients, a short history of FIAV, and the text of recent issues of *Info-FIAV*. The FIAV website would not provide general flag information, but would instead refer visitors to the websites of FIAV Members. The Board would be responsible for maintaining the website and for paying any expenses associated with it (the Board, however, would be allowed to receive voluntary contributions, if offered).

Item 18: As it has not yet received the report of the membership commission, the Board takes no position at this time on the membership status of APCRA (formerly CIDEA).

Item 20: As it has not yet received the report of the membership commission, the Board takes no position at this time on APCRA's proposed international commission for protocol and protection of state symbolism.

Item 21: As it has not yet received a detailed proposal, the Board takes no position at this time on DGF's proposal to create an accuracy code for flag data.

Item 22: As it has not yet received a detailed proposal, the Board takes no position at this time on DGF's proposal to create standards for papers that are delivered at ICVs.

Item 23: The Board recommends that IAFM's proposal for IAFM to donate a biennial US\$100 award to recognize the best paper delivered at an ICV be formally accepted and that the award be chosen by a jury composed of (a) one juror selected by IAFM, (b) one juror selected by the FIAV Board, and (c) one juror jointly selected by the two jurors previously selected by IAFM and the FIAV Board. The Board believes that all awards and recognitions given at ICVs should ultimately be under the general supervision of FIAV, and this procedure for jury selection would establish joint FIAV/IAFM control over the IAFM award.

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

Societatea Română de Vexilologie(SRV)

c/o Maria Dogaru

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78214 BUCARESTI

Romania

Type: association
President/Other: Maria Dogaru, president
Secretary: ?
Telephone: ?
Fax: + 40 (1) 312 5841 (Maria Dogaru)
Established: 1998 Apr 3
Territory: Romania
Periodical Publication: yes, but name unknown (Romanian; since 1998 ?)
No flag information available

Great Waters Association of Vexillology (GWAV)

c/o Peter J. Kinderman

3075 Madison Rd.

CINCINNATI OH 45209-1741

USA

Type: association
President/Other: Peter J. Kinderman, president
Secretary: David S. Breitenbach, secretary
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Fax: + 1 (513) 533-3337 (Peter J. Kinderman)
e-mail: flaggsusa@prodigy.net (Peter J. Kinderman)
Established: 1991 May 11
Territory: United States: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Wisconsin
Periodical Publication: *Flagwaver* (English; semiannual since 1996)
No flag information available

New England Vexillological Association (NEVA)

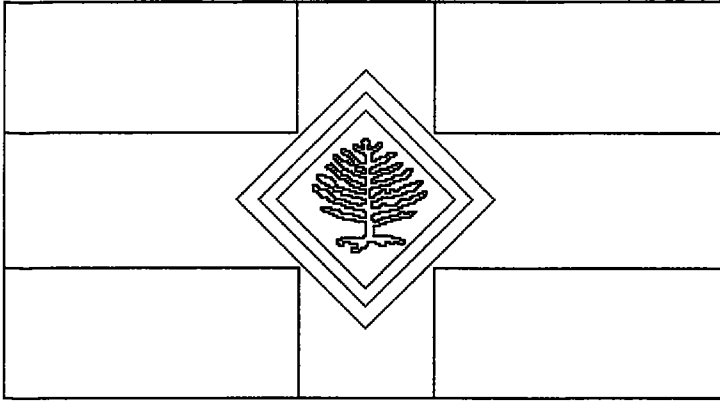
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USA

Type: association
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Established: 1991 Apr 21
Territory: United States: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont
Periodical Publication: *New England Journal of Vexillology* (English; biannual since 1995)



The NEVA flag is the traditional flag of England (white bearing a St. George's Cross in red), the namesake of the New England region of the United States. In the center is a white diamond edged in blue and white, emblazoned with a green pine tree. The pine tree is the traditional symbol of New England, while the blue fimbriation represents two "V"s, one inverted on the other, representing vexillology. The red-white-blue colors recall the colors of the United States flag. (black-and-white art courtesy of David Martucci)

PROPOSALS OF THE FIAV BOARD

Resolution

Resolved by the voting Members of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques,

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

(a) New article 1 is enacted and existing articles 1 through 24 are renumbered and nonsubstantively amended as follows:

CONSTITUTION OF THE FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS VEXILLOLOGIQUES [INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS]

- I. NAME AND PURPOSES [OF THE FEDERATION]
- Art. 1 The name of this association is the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques, which is abbreviated as "FIAV." The official translations of FIAV's name are: International Federation of Vexillological Associations (English); Internationale Föderation Vexillologischer Gesellschaften (German); and Federación Internacional de Asociaciones Vexilológicas (Spanish).
- Art. 2 [1-] FIAV [The International Federation of Vexillological Associations] unites those associations and institutions throughout the world whose object is the pursuit of vexillology, which [that] is the creation and development of a body of knowledge about flags of all types, their forms and functions, and of scientific theories and principles based on that knowledge.
- Art. 3 [2] FIAV [The International Federation of Vexillological Associations (hereafter called "the Federation")] has as its purposes:
- (a) To create a strong bond among those associations and institutions and to encourage and coordinate their work, studies, and research;
 - (b) to promote [periodically] the organization of International Congresses of Vexillology and to lend its support to their organizers;
 - (c) to encourage the creation in all countries of associations and institutions dedicated to vexillology; and
 - (d) to sanction international standards facilitating the development of these activities.
- Art. 4 [3] FIAV [The Federation], being strictly scientific, has no commercial ends and renounces any political or religious activity or stand.
- II. HEADQUARTERS

- Art. 5 [4] The administrative headquarters of FIAV [~~the Federation~~] are located at the residences of its two Secretaries-General. If necessary, the General Assembly may establish [~~it may also have~~] a legal headquarters for FIAV.
- III. MEMBERSHIP
- Art. 6 [5] An applicant for membership in FIAV [~~the Federation~~]:
- (a) must be an organization of the type expressed in article 2 [~~Art. 1 of the Constitution of the Federation~~];
 - (b) must be committed to the purposes of FIAV [~~the Federation~~] expressed in article 3 [~~Art. 2 of its Constitution~~]; and
 - (c) must be constituted in conformity with the laws of the country where it is located.
- Art. 7 [6]
- (a) Full membership in FIAV [~~the Federation~~] is open to any association or institution anywhere in the world having as its principal purpose the scientific study of vexillology. Associate membership in FIAV [~~the Federation~~] is open to other associations or institutions anywhere in the world having vexillology as a center of subsidiary interest.
 - (b) The processing of membership applications is the responsibility of the Board [~~of the Federation~~]. The Board may [~~at its discretion devolve the function upon~~] delegate this responsibility to a person appointed by it [~~them~~] for this purpose. The procedure consists of the following:
 - (1) [a] The applicant [~~candidate member~~] shall submit [~~is to complete the~~] a membership application [~~form~~], which must be received by the Board no later than six months before the convening [~~opening~~] of the next session of the General Assembly [~~of the Federation~~].
 - (2) [b] The Board shall consider the application [~~form~~] and make a recommendation to the General Assembly relative to the applicant and shall communicate that recommendation to the applicant and to existing Members [~~members of the Federation~~] not later than three months before the convening [~~opening~~] of the next session of the General Assembly.
 - (3) [c] The Board may recommend acceptance of the applicant as a Full Member, as an Associate Member, or may recommend rejection of the application.
 - (4) [d] The General Assembly at its next session [~~meeting~~] shall vote on the application. An authorized representative of the applicant may appear at the [~~meeting~~] session to represent its case. A rejected applicant has the right to reapply for membership at any later session of the General Assembly.
 - (c) The Board and the General Assembly, in making their decisions about an applicant, shall have regard to the following:
 - (1) [a] the [~~The~~] existence of a written constitution and its provisions;
 - (2) [b] the vexillological and non-vexillological activities of the applicant, including [~~t-~~] meetings, [~~it-~~] publications, and [~~iii-~~] international relations;
 - (3) [c] in the case of an association, the number of its dues-paying members (minimum of five);
 - (4) [d] registration of its members in International Congresses of Vexillology [~~sponsored by the Federation~~];

~~(5) (e)~~ the length of time it has existed; and

~~(6) (f)~~ the presence of an autochthonous ~~[autochthonous]~~ and authorized representative of the applicant at the session of the General Assembly at which there is to be a vote on ~~[dealing with]~~ the ~~[membership]~~ application.

Art. 8 ~~[7]~~ The voluntary resignation of any Member must be received in writing by the President ~~[of the Federation];~~ The resignation ~~[it]~~ is effective ~~[upon]~~ on the date of its receipt.

Art. 9 ~~[8]~~ At its discretion, the Board may require a Member to furnish evidence of its continued qualification for membership under the terms set forth in article 7 ~~[Art. 6]~~. On the basis of this evidence, the Board may make a recommendation to the General Assembly on the continuation or modification of the membership of the association or institution. If the recommendation is made to remove a Member from FIAV ~~[the Federation]~~ or change its status from full to associate membership, the Member in question must be notified at least three months in advance of the session of the General Assembly at which there is to be a ~~be a~~ vote on the matter. The Member shall be invited to present its defense before the General Assembly, but shall not participate in the vote on the matter.

Art. 10 ~~[9]~~ Each Member ~~[of the Federation]~~ regulates its own affairs in complete freedom, limited only by the laws in effect in the territory where it functions. FIAV ~~[The Federation]~~ may not limit the rights of the Members in this respect.

Art. 11 ~~[10]~~ Members ~~[of the Federation]~~ shall not undertake any activities contrary to the interests of FIAV ~~[the Federation]~~.

Art. 12 ~~[11]~~ FIAV ~~[The Federation]~~ may not act on behalf of its Members without their authorization expressed in the General Assembly. Members may not make commitments nor act on behalf of FIAV ~~[the Federation]~~, nor may they hold international vexillological ~~[for vexillology]~~ meetings on their own.

Art. 13 ~~[12]~~ The General Assembly may name as "Laureates of the Federation" ~~[individuals]~~ persons who have made outstanding contributions to vexillology. The ~~[This]~~ status as a Laureate ~~does not confer any right within~~ FIAV ~~[the Federation]~~.

IV. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Art. 14 ~~[13]~~ (a) The General Assembly is composed of the Officers ~~[officers of the Board]~~ together with a delegate from each of the Full and Associate Members ~~[of the Federation]~~. Each delegate must present to the President ~~[of the General Assembly]~~ written credentials from the Member represented. A Member may delegate any or all of its powers in writing to a delegate from any other Member or to an Officer ~~[officer of the Federation]~~.

(b) ~~[The]~~ A session of the General Assembly is not ~~[validly]~~ constituted unless delegates of at least half ~~[its duly represented]~~ of the Full Members ~~[, as determined at the beginning of the session,]~~ are present, except as provided for in article 25 ~~[Art. 24]~~.

(c) Each Full Member and each Officer ~~[officer of the Board]~~ is entitled to one vote in the General Assembly.

Art. 15 ~~[14]~~ Majorities in the General Assembly ~~[sessions are constituted]~~ consist of the following fractions of those Full Members present and voting:

(a) A ~~[a]~~ simple majority in the election of Officers ~~[an officer]~~. If more than two ~~[2]~~ candidates stand for election for ~~[of]~~ an Office ~~[officer,]~~ and ~~[if]~~ no candidate receives a ~~[one reaches the]~~ simple majority, then the candidate with the least votes shall ~~[will]~~ be eliminated from the next ballot, and so on.

(b) Two-thirds ~~[two-thirds]~~ for ordinary resolutions, ~~[, and]~~

(c) Three-quarters ~~[three-quarters]~~ for amendments to the Constitution or

dissolution of FIAV [~~the Federation~~].

- Art. 16 [~~15~~] The [~~powers of the~~] General Assembly [~~are the following~~]:
- (a) elects [~~The election of~~] Officers [~~the President and the two Secretaries-General~~];
 - (b) examines and approves [~~examination and approval of~~] the administration of the Board and the Commissions [~~commissions~~];
 - (c) examines [~~the examination of~~] all questions concerning FIAV [~~the Federation~~] and in particular the organization of the International Congresses of Vexillology;
 - (d) interprets [~~interpretation of~~] the Constitution [~~of the Federation~~];
 - (e) names [~~the appointment of~~] Laureates of the Federation pursuant to article 13 and awards [~~the awarding of~~] such other distinctions as it deems appropriate to persons or institutions who have shown particular merit in the field of vexillology;
 - (f) determines [~~the determination of~~] the amount and disposition of the annual dues, if any, to be paid by Members; and
 - (g) establishes such Commissions as it deems necessary and appoints Commissioners [~~the appointment of special commissions~~].

Art. 17 [~~16~~] The General Assembly holds a session [~~meets~~] at least once every two years, normally on the occasion of each International Congress of Vexillology. [~~It must be convened by the~~] The Board convenes a session of the General Assembly. The Board must give notice of the agenda, including any amendments to the Constitution, to all Members at least three months in advance [~~with notification of the agenda including any proposed amendments to the Constitution~~] of the session.

Art. 18 [~~17~~] The General Assembly may be called into an emergency session if extraordinary conditions require this, as determined by the Board, or if three-quarters of the Full Members request this of the Board.

V. ADMINISTRATION [~~OF THE FEDERATION~~]

Art. 19 [~~18~~] (a) The administration of FIAV [~~the Federation~~] is entrusted to a Board which acts only by unanimous agreement. The Board is composed of three Officers: the President [~~of the Federation and its two Secretaries-General~~], the Secretary-General, and the Secretary-General for Congresses.

(b) The Officers [~~Board~~] are [~~is~~] elected at the end of each session of the General Assembly and serve [~~serves~~] until the election of the new Officers [~~Board~~] at the next session of the General Assembly. Consent of the [~~nominees~~] candidates for election is required. The Officers [~~Members~~] are eligible for re-election.

(c) The [~~two Secretaries-General shall~~] Secretary-General and the Secretary-General for Congresses must reside [~~in~~] on different continents. [~~One~~] The Secretary-General manages the Permanent Secretariat of FIAV [~~the Federation~~] and the [~~other~~] Secretary-General for Congresses manages the Permanent Secretariat of the International Congresses of Vexillology. The Board is considered to be in continuous session, conducted by correspondence. In addition it must meet at least once between International Congresses of Vexillology.

Art. 20 [~~19~~] The Board [~~of the Federation~~]:

- (a) manages [~~Manages~~] the current affairs of FIAV [~~the Federation~~] and establishes the duties and obligations of its Officers [~~officers~~];
- (b) issues directives which it considers necessary to the success of the activities of FIAV [~~the Federation~~], including the International Congresses of Vexillology;

- (c) establishes such Commissions [~~commissions~~] as it deems necessary and appoints Commissioners [~~members~~];
- (d) convenes [~~convokes~~] sessions of the General Assembly [~~Assemblies in accord with Arts.:~~] pursuant to articles 17 [~~16~~] and 18 [~~17 of the Constitution~~];
- (e) represents FIAV [~~the Federation~~] in its relations with other national and international institutions; and
- (f) manages membership procedures [~~in accordance with Art. 6 of the Constitution~~] pursuant to article 7 and encourages [~~the adherence to the Federation of new members~~] new Members to support FIAV.

Art. 21 [20] All acts binding [~~upon the Federation~~] on FIAV must be signed by all Officers [~~the President and both the Secretaries General~~]. Current correspondence may be signed [~~either~~] by any single Officer [~~the President or one of the Secretaries General~~].

VI. LANGUAGES

Art. 22 [24] The official languages of FIAV and the International Congresses of Vexillology [~~and of the communications of the Federation~~] are [~~shall be~~] English, French, German, and Spanish. Other languages may be used [~~as well, where~~] when appropriate.

VII. PUBLICATIONS

Art. 23 [22] The official journal of FIAV [~~the Federation~~] is *The Flag Bulletin* [~~THE FLAG BULLETIN~~] (ISSN 0015-3370). In addition, FIAV [~~the Federation~~] shall publish a newsletter concerning its activities at least once a year for the benefit of its Members, which may be freely reproduced. The General Assembly may initiate or authorize other publications.

VIII. SYMBOLS

Art. 24 [23] [~~The Flag of the Federation is as~~] FIAV's flag is described and illustrated in the *Recueil du I^e* [~~1^{er}~~] *Congrès International de Vexillologie Zurich 1967*. The General Assembly may initiate or authorize other symbols for FIAV [~~the Federation~~].

IX. DISSOLUTION

Art. 25 [24] Dissolution of FIAV [~~the Federation~~] may be considered only at a session of the General Assembly attended by at least three-quarters of the Full Members. Members prevented from attending the General Assembly may submit written, notarized votes. This General Assembly establishes the terms of the dissolution.

(b) Comment: To (1) establish uniform translations and abbreviation of FIAV's name and (2) make nonsubstantive changes in numbering, spelling, punctuation, usage, and grammar. In proposing these nonsubstantive changes, the Board is specifically *not* proposing a general revision of the Constitution. In order to limit the scope of the proposed constitutional amendments before the General Assembly, the Board has proposed all other specific substantive changes in individual sections of this resolution. If the General Assembly deems any of the changes proposed by section 1—excepting the proposed translations and abbreviation of FIAV's name—are in fact substantive, then the Board withdraws from consideration the portions deemed to be substantive.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

(a) Article 12 is amended as follows:

- Art. 12
- (a) FIAV may not act on behalf of its Members without their authorization expressed in the General Assembly. Members may not make commitments nor act on behalf of FIAV [~~, nor may they hold international meetings for vexillology on their own~~].
 - (b) Members may not hold international vexillological meetings outside of International Congresses of Vexillology. This prohibition, however, does not apply to a joint vexillological meeting by two or three neighboring Members in a year in which an International Congress of Vexillology is not held.

(b) Comment: To modify the prohibition against international vexillological meetings outside of International Congresses of Vexillology. Under the revised article, it would not be considered a violation of the prohibition if individual members of one or two associations and/or institutions were to attend a vexillological meeting hosted by another FIAV Member as guests, so long as such attendance is incidental and not actively advertised by the host to nonmembers of the host association or institution.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

(a) Articles 13 and 16(e) are amended as follows:

Art. 13 The General Assembly may name as "Laureates of the Federation" persons who have made outstanding contributions to vexillology. The General Assembly may delegate this power to the Board. The status as a Laureate does not confer any right within FIAV.

Art. 16 The General Assembly:

. . .

(e) names Laureates of the Federation pursuant to article 13 and awards such other distinctions as it deems appropriate to persons or institutions who have shown particular merit in the field of vexillology (this power may be delegated to the Board); and

(b) Comment: To recognize in the Constitution the existing practice by which the General Assembly allows the Board to confer the Vexillon award and bestow Laureate status.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

(a) Article 19(c) is amended as follows:

Art. 19

(c) The Secretary-General and the Secretary-General for Congresses must reside on different continents. The Secretary-General manages the Permanent Secretariat of FIAV and the Secretary-General for Congresses manages the Permanent Secretariat of the International Congresses of Vexillology. The Board is considered to be in continuous session, conducted by correspondence. ~~[In addition it must meet at least once between International Congresses of Vexillology.]~~

(d) If an Officer dies, resigns, or otherwise does not carry out the duties of the office, those duties shall be performed by the remaining Officers.

(b) Comment: To eliminate the suggestion that the Board is required to travel and conduct an in-person meeting between International Congresses of Vexillology and to codify existing practice concerning the death or unavailability of an Officer.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

(a) Article 21 is amended as follows:

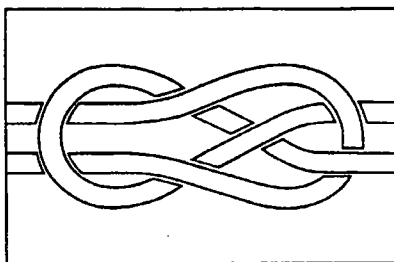
Art. 21 FIAV's assent to an agreement imposing a binding obligation on FIAV may only be given by a written document signed by all Officers. ~~[All acts binding upon FIAV must be signed by all Officers].~~ Current correspondence may be signed by any single Officer.

(b) Comment: To clarify that article 21 applies only to agreements between FIAV and another parties, as opposed to Board actions affecting only FIAV.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

(a) Article 24 is amended as follows:

Art. 24 (a) FIAV's flag is described ~~[and illustrated in the *Recueil du II^e Congrès International de Vexillologie Zurich 1967*.]~~ as follows: "On a blue field, extending horizontally from hoist to fly, two yellow halwards forming two interlaced loops." The color blue is defined as Pantone Matching System U293 and the color yellow is defined as Pantone Matching System U123. The Flag is illustrated as follows:



(b) The General Assembly may initiate or authorize other symbols for FIAV.

(b) Comment: To incorporate the definition and design of FIAV's flag directly into the Constitution and to specify the color shades by reference to the Pantone Matching System.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

(a) Articles 17 and 25 are amended as follows:

Art. 17 The General Assembly holds a session at least once every two years, normally on the occasion of each International Congress of Vexillology. The Board convenes a session of the General Assembly. The Board must give notice of the agenda, including any amendments to the Constitution or motion to dissolve FIAV, to all Members at least three months in advance of the session.

Art. 25 (a) ~~[Dissolution of]~~ A motion to dissolve FIAV may be considered only at a session of the General Assembly ~~[attended by]~~ at which delegates of at least three-quarters of the Full Members are present. ~~[Members prevented from attending the General Assembly may submit written, notarized votes.]~~

(b) Instead of sending a delegate, a Full Member may chose to submit to the President a written, notarized statement expressing that Member's vote in favor of, or in opposition to, the motion to dissolve. A Full Member that submits any such statement shall be considered present at the session for the purpose of determining that the session is constituted to consider a motion to dissolve.

(c) The ~~[This]~~ General Assembly establishes the terms of the dissolution.

(b) Comment: To clarify the procedures for dissolution.

SECTION 8. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Severability. Each of sections 1 through 7 of this resolution may be separately considered by the General Assembly, and approved or disapproved individually.

(b) Font. Additions to the Constitution are indicated by underlining and deletions to the Constitution are indicated by ~~[enclosure in brackets and strikeouts]~~. The "current" text of the Constitution in sections 2 through 7 assumes the passage of section 1. If approved, the modified text shall appear in nonunderlined font without the bracketed and struck out text.

(c) Comments. The comments to sections 1 through 7 of this resolution are provided for explanatory purposes only and do not form part of the proposed amendment.

(d) Effective date. Each of sections 1 through 7 of this resolution receiving approval shall be immediately effective at the time of its approval.

PROPOSAL OF THE FLAG RESEARCH CENTER



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Dear Kin:

The Flag Research Center wishes to submit to the FIAV General Assembly to be held this summer in Victoria BC the following motion, which will amend the FIAV Constitution, if adopted:

Moved, that Article 11 of the Constitution be amended to read: FIAV may not act on behalf of its Members without their authorization expressed in the General Assembly. Members may not make commitments nor act on behalf of the Federation, nor may they hold international meetings for vexillology on their own. An international meeting is defined as one involving Members from countries other than those officially encompassed by the host Member. Notwithstanding this prohibition, a Member holding a vexillological meeting in any year in which no International Congress of Vexillology is held may invite participation by a Member from a contiguous country.

Sincerely, yours,

Whitney Smith, Ph.D.

The Secretary-General restates FRC's proposed constitutional amendment into the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE FLAG RESEARCH CENTER

Resolved by the voting Members of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques,

(1) Article 11 is amended to read as follows:

Art. 11 ~~[The Federation]~~ FIAV may not act on behalf of its Members without their authorization expressed in the General Assembly. Members may not make commitments nor act on behalf of ~~[the Federation]~~ FIAV, nor may they hold international meetings for vexillology on their own. An international meeting is defined as one involving Members from countries other than those officially encompassed by the host Member. Notwithstanding this prohibition, a Member holding a vexillological meeting in any year in which no International Congress of Vexillology is held may invite participation by a Member from

a contiguous country.

(2) Additions to the Constitution are indicated by underlining and deletions to the Constitution are indicated by [~~enclosure in brackets and strikeouts~~]. If approved, the modified text shall appear in nonunderlined font without the bracketed and struck out text.

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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

Hereby I am making a proposition to the agenda for ICV in Victoria, Canada:

AUSSCHLUSS VON FLAG RESEARCH CENTRE OF SRI LANKA ALS MITGLIED DER FIAV

[EXCLUDING THE FLAG RESEARCH CENTRE OF SRI LANKA AS A MEMBER OF FIAV]

Begründung: Obwohl diese Organisation schon seit 1988 Mitglied der FIAV ist, hat bis jetzt niemand einen einzigen vexillologischen Blatt von diesser Organisation gesehen. Und die Vertreter dieser Organisation konnten wir bei den internationalen Kongressen auch nicht begrüßen. Es war immer die gleiche Person, die sich mit Vollmacht von Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka präsentierte (Mr. Ralph Bartlett aus Australien). Auf die direkten Fragen, die die Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka betrafen, hat Mr. Bartlett überhaupt nicht oder sehr ausweichend geantwortet. Er argumentierte u.a. damit, daß in Sri Lanka Bürgerkrieg herrsche und daß sie (FRC of Sri Lanka) kein Geld für Briefmarken hätte. Aber Geld für die Briefmarken um eine Vollmacht nach Australien zu schicken, dafür war aber das Geld immer da. Es ist ein unerträglicher Zustand. Damit muß endlich Schluß sein. Für die Beibehaltung der Mitgliedschaft sprechen keine Argumente, für den Ausschluß aber sehr viele. Es ist skandalös, daß FRC of Sri Lanka volles Stimmrecht hat, aber andere verdiente Organisationen wird dieses Recht nicht zugebilligt (z.B. Mauritius Verlag).

[Rationale: Even though this organization has been a Member of the FIAV since 1988, until now no one has seen a vexillological paper from this organization. And we are unable to greet the representative of this organization at the International Congresses. It was always the same person, who has the full authority of the Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka—Mr. Ralph Bartlett from Australia. To the direct question of whether the Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka existed, Mr. Bartlett did not

even answer. He argued, among other things, the Sri Lankan civil war and that the FRCSL had no money for stamps. But money for stamps to send the full authority to Australia, for that, money was always there. It is an unbearable situation. An end to this must finally come. For keeping them as Members there is no argument, for the exclusion there are very many. It is a scandal that FRC of Sri Lanka has a full voice (vote) but other honored organizations lack this right, for example, Mauritius Verlag.]

The Secretary-General restates WVRI's concerns into the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 1 PROPOSED BY THE WORLD VEXILLOLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Resolved by the voting Members of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques, that the Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka be removed as a Member of FIAV.

Vorschläge für Änderungen und Ergänzungen der FIAV-Verfassung

[Recommendations for Amending and Supplementing the FIAV Constitution]

Artikel 2:

Internationale vexillologische Kongresse.

Hiermit wird Vorschlag gemacht, daß die Organisation (bzw. die Organisationen), die durch FIAV-Vollversammlung beauftragt wurden, den Internationalen vexillologischen Kongress zu organisieren, dazu verpflichtet werden müssen, daß:

a) Kongressgebühren in gleicher Höhe für inländische als auch für die ausländische Teilnehmer erhoben werden. Leider waren wir Zeugen der Unsitte, daß die Kongressorganisatoren in Warschau 1995 (Polen) und Kapstadt (Südafrika) die Gebühren in unterschiedlicher Höhe für inländische und ausländische Teilnehmer erhoben haben. So geht es wirklich nicht. Ich finde es als dreiste Frechheit.

b) Kongressgebühren dürfen nur in der Landeswährung erhoben werden.

Leider waren wir die ausländischen Kongreßteilnehmer in Warschau 1995 und Kapstadt 1997 wiederum gezwungen die Kongreßgebühren in US Dollars zu bezahlen. Und wiederum sind wir Zeugen dieser Unsitte bei den Organisatoren des Kongresses 1999 in Kanada - die Gebühren werden wiederum in US-Dollars verlangt. Besonderen bitteren Beigeschmack hat diese Angelegenheit: Wir sind keine US-Kolonie und wollen es auch nicht werden. Jedem Staat seine Währung. Lehnen sie ab, die Gebühren in US-Dollars zu bezahlen.

[Article 2:

International Congresses of Vexillology.

With this recommendation it is suggested that the host Organization has the following duties:

a) *Congress fees should be at the same rate for citizens and foreigners.*

Unfortunately we were witnesses in Warsaw and South Africa to fees set at different rates for resident and foreign participants. This really will not work. I find it a shameful affront.

b) *Congress fees should be paid in a country's currency.*

Unfortunately we, the foreign Congress participants in Warsaw in 1995 and Cape Town in 1997, were forced to pay Congress fees in US dollars. And again we were witnesses to this in 1999 in Canada. This situation has an especially bitter taste: We are not a US colony and we will not become one. Every State has its currency. Give up paying dues in US dollars.]

The Secretary-General restates WVRI's concerns about ICV registration fees into the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2 PROPOSED BY THE WORLD VEXILLOLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Resolved by the voting Members of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques,

(1) New article 24 and its heading are enacted as follows:

IX. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES OF VEXILLOLOGY

Art. 24 The organizer of an International Congress of Vexillology shall set a single, uniform Congress registration fee, which must be paid by all participants regardless of nationality. The Congress organizer must set the registration fee in the currency of the host country.

Artikel 13:

Abstimmung in Abwesenheitsvertretung (Proxy Voting).

Bei mehreren Internationalen vexillologischen Kongressen waren wir Zeugen, als bei der Abstimmung manche Delegierten nicht nur mit zwei Händen gestimmt haben sondern auch mit der Zunge (als dritte Stimme). Die Kummulierung der Stimmen in den Händen einer Person finde ich nicht tragbar. Aus diesem Grunde muß eine eindeutige Regelung für die Abstimmung in Abwesenheitsvertretung (Proxy Voting) geschaffen werden. Ein entsprechender Vorschlag wurde schon im Jahre 1997 dem General-Sekretär Dr. Emil Dreyer zugesandt und befindet sich im Archiv der FIAV. Dieser Vorschlag wurde bei der FIAV-Vollversammlung im Jahre 1997 in Kapstadt verhandelt, aber nicht angenommen. Es waren besonders die Vertreter der nordamerikanischen Vexillologen, die aus Angst um ihre Vormachtstellung besonders heftig gegen diesen Vorschlag argumentiert haben. Ich finde es besonders abwägig, wenn eine willkürlich ausgewählte Person, ohne Einhaltung irgendwelcher Regeln berechtigt wird, eine ihr ganz fremde Organisation zu vertreten. Desalb mein Vorschlag zu Regelung der Abstimmung in Abwesenheitsvertretung:

- a) eine physische Person darf nur eine Stimme haben, entweder Stimme einer Organisation oder eigene Stimme als FIAV Funktionär
- b) sie muß Mitglied der Organisation, die sie vertritt, sein (schriftlicher Nachweiß)
- c) sie muß entweder die Staatsangehörigkeit des Staates, in dem die Organisation ihren gewöhnlichen Sitz hat, besitzen, oder einen ständigen Aufenthalt (Permanent Resident) in diesem Staate haben.

[Article 13:

Proxy Voting.

At many International Congresses of Vexillology, we witnessed many delegates voting by using not only two hands, but also their tongues as the third voice (vote). I find it unacceptable to have this accumulation of votes in the hands of a single person. On this basis, there must be a clear rule for proxy voting. A suggestion was made in 1997 to Dr. Emil Dreyer, FIAV Secretary-General, and it can be found in FIAV's archives. This suggestion was made and discussed at the General Assembly in Cape Town, but not accepted. The delegates of the North American vexillological groups were particularly opposed to this suggestion out of fear of losing their voting power. I find the manner in which these delegates are selected to be especially stupid as there are no rules and the delegates are complete strangers to the organizations they represent. Therefore, my suggestion for regulating proxy voting is as follows:

- a) *a physical person can only have one vote, either a vote as an organization's delegate or as a FIAV Officer*
- b) *the delegate must be a member of the organization that the delegate is representing, and the delegate must have written credentials*
- c) *the delegate must be a citizen or permanent resident of the nation in which the organization is located.]*

The Secretary-General restates WVRI's concerns about "proxy voting" into the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 3 PROPOSED BY THE WORLD VEXILLOLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Resolved by the voting Members of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques,

(1) Article 13 is amended to read as follows:

- Art. 13 (a) The General Assembly is composed of the ~~[officers]~~ Officers of the Board together with a delegate from each of the Full and Associate Members of the Federation. Each delegate must present to the President of the General Assembly written credentials from the Member represented.
- (b) If the Member is an association or institution that is composed of members, then the person serving as the Member's delegate must be a dues-paying member of the association or institution. If the Member is an institution with no members, then the person serving as the Member's delegate must be an officer of the institution. [A Member may delegate any or all of its powers in writing to a delegate from any other Member or to an officer of the Federation.] A person may not serve as the delegate of more than one Member, nor may a person serve as both a delegate and an Officer. A person serving as a delegate must be a citizen or permanent resident of at least one of the countries in the territory where the Member functions.

- (c) The General Assembly is not validly constituted unless at least half its duly represented Full Members, as determined at the beginning of the session, are present, except as provided for in Art. 24.
- (d) Each Full Member and each [~~officer~~] Officer of the Board is entitled to one vote in the General Assembly.

(2) Additions to the Constitution are indicated by underlining and deletions to the Constitution are indicated by [~~enclosure in brackets and strikeouts~~]. If approved, the modified text shall appear in nonunderlined font without the bracketed and struck out text.

Artikel 21:

Unter Berufung auf Artikel 21 der heute gültigen Fassung der FIAV-Verfassung, finde ich es als sehr notwendig endlich die deutsche Fassung der FIAV-Verfassung auszuarbeiten und durch die FIAV-Vollversammlung anzunehmen. Die ersten notwendigen Schritte wurden schon im Jahre 1997 gemacht, als ich in Zusammenarbeit mit anderen deutschen Vexillologen (z.B. D. Beutel, J. Tenora etc.) eine deutsche Übersetzung der FIAV-Verfassung vorbereitet habe und dem damaligen General-Sekretär Dr. Emil Dreyer zugesandt habe. Zwar wurde dieser Punkt bei der FIAV-Vollversammlung im Jahre 1997 in Kapstadt über diese Problematik diskutiert, aber es wurden keine Beschlüsse angenommen. Die deutsche Sprache ist eine der wichtigsten vexillologischen Sprachen der Welt. Diese Sprache ist entweder alleinige Amtssprache bzw. eine von mehreren Amtssprachen in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Schweiz und Belgien - aus diesen drei genannten Staaten stammen insgesamt 7 Mitglieder der FIAV (von insgesamt 39).

Aber nicht nur die deutsche Sprache gebührt einer ihr zustehenden Respekt. Das gleiche gilt auch für die Spanische. Deshalb empfehle ich auch Ausarbeitung der spanischen Version der FIAV-Verfassung.

[Article 21:

Pursuant to article 21 of the current FIAV Constitution, I find it noteworthy that we will finally get a German translation of the FIAV Constitution, through the work of the FIAV General Assembly. The first important step was taken in 1997 when I, working with German vexillologists, i.e., D. Beutel, J. Tenora, etc., prepared a German translation of the FIAV Constitution and sent it to the then Secretary-General Emil Dreyer. Although this issue was discussed at the 1997 General Assembly in Cape Town, there was no action taken. The German language is one of the most important vexillological languages in the world. German is one of the official languages of Germany, Switzerland, and Belgium; out of these three nations there are at least seven Members of FIAV (out of a total of 39).

But German is not the only language that should be afforded a certain level of respect. The same also goes for Spanish. For this reason, I recommend that we work on a Spanish translation of the FIAV Constitution.]

[The Secretary-General does not regard the comments about article 21 to be a proposed resolution by WVRI.]

Artikel 23:

Hiermit unterstütze ich ausdrücklich die Bemühungen der FIAV Funktionäre, die sie auf der Seite 1 der *Info-FIAV* Nr. 11 zu Ausdruck gebracht haben. Es ist nötig, daß endlich die Farben der FIAV-Flagge spezifiziert werden. Der Vorschlag der FIAV-Funktionäre ist ohne wenn und aber zu unterstützen.

[Article 23:

I expressly support the action taken by the FIAV board, which is published on page one of Info-FIAV no. 11. It is necessary to finally specify the colors of the FIAV flag. The proposal of the FIAV board should be supported.]

[The Secretary-General does not regard the comments about article 23 to be a proposed resolution by WVRI.]

The Secretary-General expresses his appreciation to Andreas Herzfeld, Michael J. Mucchetti, and Kirsten Bode-Mucchetti for their assistance with the English translation.

