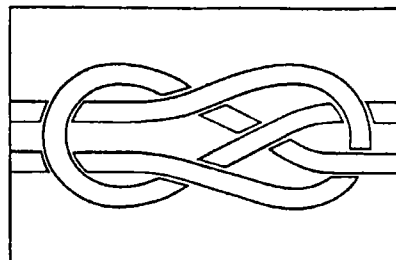


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## FIAV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE BY JANUARY 22, 2001

Any vexillological association or institution that wishes to be considered for FIAV membership in 2001 at the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly must submit an application to the FIAV Board by mailing the application to the Secretary-General, Charles Spain. To be considered timely, the Secretary-General must receive the application on or before January 22, 2001.

The application consists of a letter that explains how the association or institution meets the membership requirements set forth in articles 2, 3, 6, and 7 of the FIAV Constitution (see pages 46 and 47) and any attachments the association or institute believes will assist the Board in making its recommendation to the General Assembly. In its application, the association or institute should state whether it wishes to be considered for Full or Associate membership.

The Board strongly encourages all current FIAV Members to spread the word to all potential applicants. All three Board Members will be pleased to answer questions and help in any way they can.

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## NOMINATIONS FOR THE VEXILLON AWARD AND LAUREATES OF THE FEDERATION

The Board encourages any FIAV Member or other person to nominate individuals for the Vexillon Award and the title "Laureate of the Federation." Nominations should be sent to the Secretary-General and should include a detailed explanation of the nominee's accomplishments. The Board would appreciate receiving any such nominations on or before April 1, 2001.

At the suggestion of the Flag Society of Australia, FIAV established the Vexillon Award in 1989 to recognize the person or persons who have made the most important contribution to vexillology during the two years preceding the International Congress of Vexillology. Since 1989, the Flag Society of Australia has graciously provided the plaque for the Vexillon, and the FIAV Board has selected the recipient of the Vexillon.

The FIAV Constitution allows the General Assembly to name as "Laureates of the Federation" persons who have made outstanding contributions to vexillology. Beginning in 1991, the General Assembly has delegated this power to the Board. Only four people have been named Laureates to date: E.M.C. Barraclough (1983), Whitney Smith (1991), Otfried Neubecker (1999), and William G. Crampton (1999).



On September 3, 1999, FIAV President Michel Lupant (standing, left) and Jifí Tenora visited the Colombo home of Kumaran Fernando (standing, right), chairman of the Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka. Photograph courtesy of Jifí Tenora.

## FIAV PRESIDENT VISITS SRI LANKA

Michel Lupant, FIAV President writes about his post-ICV 18 experiences:

After the Congress in Victoria, Jifí Tenora and I traveled around the world, visiting Hawaii, Fiji, Samoa, American Samoa, New Zealand, Australia, Bali, Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and the United Arab Emirates. We discovered the wonderful landscape of each country and met with vexillologists who organized meetings with local authorities, helping us discover a lot of unknown flags. The trip was great, but on the last day I was arrested in Abu Dhabi because I had photographed the police badge that was mounted on a wall!

In Sri Lanka, we met with Kumaran Fernando, the chairman of the Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka (FRCSL). I have exchanged letters and material with the FRCSL since the beginning of the 1980s, and I wanted to meet Kumaran during my trip around the world. My friend Glen Hodgings, a Canadian diplomat working at that time in Colombo, organized a meeting between Kumaran, Jifí, and me in Kumaran's home. I had a good exchange with Kumaran about the FRCSL and the development of vexillology in Sri Lanka.

M. Lupant

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## CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

On November 22, 1999, the Secretary-General received the following membership application:

Warsaw, 12 November 1999

To the Board of FIAV,  
Michel Lupant, President,  
Charles Spain, Secretary-General,  
Graham Bartram, Secretary-General for Congresses

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

Hereby the Instytut Heraldyczno-Weksylologiczny (Institute of Heraldry and Vexillology) applies for the membership in the International Federation of Vexillological Associations. The basis data are as follows:

Type: institution  
Director and Chief Artist: Alfred Znamierowski  
Secretary: Beata Gierblińska  
Scientific advisors: dr Marek Adamczewski, dr Wojciech Strzyżewski  
Researcher: Włodzimierz Chorązki  
Artists: Piotr Dąbrowski, Marek Kreusch  
Telephone: (48 22) 793-05-10  
Fax: (48 22) 793-80-12  
Established: 1 September 1997  
Territory: Poland  
Periodical Publications: *Flagi miast polskich* (Flags of Polish Cities). Bimonthly in colour. The first issue will be published on 1 January 2000.

The main activities of the Instytut Heraldyczno-Weksylologiczny:

1. Research of origin and development of all Polish flags.
2. Maintaining and expanding of the central archive of flags of Polish, districts, powiats and provinces.
3. Designing of flags and coats of arms for Polish powiats and districts.

I would like to state that also the Flag Design Center is still active, especially in the field of flag artwork and research. Owing to efforts of some renown vexillologists from Italy, Germany and France it will become in year 2000 an international vexillological institution with its own page in Internet and publishing vexillological journal in English, German, French, Spanish and Italian (with summaries in English).

Sincerely

/s/ Alfred  
Alfred Znamierowski  
Director of IHW

### Instytut Heraldyczno-Weksylologiczny (IHW)

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Established: 1997 Sep 1  
Territory: Poland  
Periodical Publication: *Flagi miast polskich* (Polish; bimonthly since 2000)

On November 2, 2000, the Secretary-General received the following membership application:

Nihon Kishougaku Kyoukai  
Japanese Vexillological Association  
Tsukushino 4-19-7  
Machida Tokyo  
Japan 194-0001  
22 October 2000

Mr. Charles Adkin Spain Jr.  
Secretary-General FIAV  
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USA

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

The Nihon Kishougaku Kyoukai, also known as the Japanese Vexillological Association or JAVA, hereby applies for membership in the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques.

The Japanese Vexillological Association was formed 1 January 2000 in Tokyo, for the purpose of furthering the scientific research into all aspects of Japanese flags, symbols, and history. The Association conforms to the laws of Japan.

We currently have 11 dues paying members and 3 honorary members. We meet every month.

We intend to start building a world-wide website in both Japanese and English on which our members' research and our journal will appear within the next year.

There will be one or two autochthonous member of the Association present at the 19<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Vexillology in York, England. Someday we would like to host a Congress in Japan.

A copy of the Association's constitution and provisions is attached to this application.

I intend to represent the Association at the General Assembly.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Nozomi Kariyasu  
Nozomi Kariyasu  
President  
Japanese Vexillological Association

**Nihon Kishougaku Kyoukai (JAVA)**  
**Japanese Vexillological Association**  
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Home Page: <http://www.j-flags-java.org>  
Established: 2000 Jan 1  
Territory: Japan  
Periodical Publication: none

## LETTERS

The Secretary-General received the following letter from Władysław Serwatowski immediately before ICV 18:

[July 26, 1999]

Dear Vexillologists and FIAV Executives,

Due to the construction of the new home for the Earth Flag Center in Warsaw, I am unable to attend the XVIII ICV in the Canadian British Columbia capital city, Victoria, from July 28 to August 2, 1999.

I am sharing vexilloemotions with all of you, and I would like to express a tribute to the speakers, Canadian exhibition and workshop organizers, the FIAV Board, and especially the participants in the conference. The participants' contributions will be crucial to its success and will provide many valuable insights.

I would like to inform you that Earth Flag Center has started publishing the papers presented in Warsaw during the XVI ICV in *Weksyli@na*. Unfortunately, I do not have the text of all the lectures in electronic form. The papers appear in their original languages as follows:

*Weksyli@na* number 2/17/1999:

Krzysztof Braun, "Die Wappensymbolik der Städte Nordmasowiens," pages 1-2  
Aleš Brožek, "Search for Ideal Municipal Flags," pages 2-4

*Weksyli@na* number 3/18/1999:

Paul Dechaix, "La Vexillologie Savoyarde," pages 1-4

*Weksyli@na* number 4/19/1999:

Frederick G. Brownell, "The National Flag of South Africa: Evolution of the Final Design," pages 1-4  
Anibal Gotelli, "Déclaration de Varsovie sur la nécessité de réglementer le protocole et les caractéristiques des drapeaux,"  
page 4

*Weksyli@na* number 5/20/1999:

Anibal Gotelli, "Bases y Propuestas para el Progreso de la Vexilología y la Organización de la Comunidad Vexilológica Internacional," pages 2-7

*Weksyli@na* numbers 6-7/21-22/1999:

Emil Dreyer, "Military Flags of the Canton of Bern: A Concise History," pages 1-6

You can reach *Weksyli@na* at [www.paiz.gov.pl/wserwatowski](http://www.paiz.gov.pl/wserwatowski).

With my best regards,

Władysław Serwatowski

At ICV 18, FIAV posthumously recognized Dr. Otfried Neubecker as a Laureate of the Federation. On November 22, 1999, the Secretary-General received the following letter from Irmgard Neubecker, Dr. Neubecker's widow:

IRMGARD NEUBECKER

Carl-von-Ossietzky-Straße 9  
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Telefon 0611 / 46 38 79

Wiesbaden, 16.11.1999

Mr.  
Charles A. Spain, Jr.  
Secretary-General

504 Branard Street  
Houston, Texas 77006-5018

Sehr geehrter Herr Spain,

die Auszeichnung für meinen Ehemann, Dr. Ottfried Neubecker, habe ich richtig erhalten. Ich danke Ihnen und Ihrer Gesellschaft sehr herzlich. Herr [Klaus] Günther, Wiesbaden, war so freundlich, mir die Auszeichnung zu überbringen.

Sollte Sie mal de Wef nach Wiesbaden führen, so würde es mich sehr freuen, wenn Sie mich besuchen würden.

Mit den besten Grüßen

Ihre

/s/ Irmgard Neubecker

[Translation:

Dear Mr. Spain,

I received the award honoring my husband, Dr. Ottfried Neubecker. I want to express my very cordial thanks to you and your society. Mr. [Klaus] Günther from Wiesbaden had the kindness to deliver the award to me.

If a trip should lead you one day to Wiesbaden, I would be very delighted to welcome you in my home.

Yours truly,

/s/ Irmgard Neubecker]

The following two letters were sent to the Secretary-General in response to a question about the origin of the FIAV officers' flags. See *Info-FIAV* number 12, at page 2 (July 1999). Jos Poels found the flag designs in the papers of the late William Crampton. The first letter is from Emil Dreyer, the immediate past Secretary-General:

[September 11, 1999]

Dear Kin,

In fact the FIAV officers' flag designs were by William Crampton. The first time he used a FIAV president's flag, as far as I know, was in a letter to me on 8 January 1995, where he put a black and white flag beneath his address on the letter head. He later showed me the designs of the other flags, but we never came to the point where we seriously considered proposing the use of these flags to the GA. I liked those flags, they are handsome, but it seemed to me that William was just using his president's flag for fun (at least at the beginning), since he was on one side a thorough, serious vexillologist but on the other hand a very spirited, self-critical man. I was opposed to introduce them officially for two reasons: 1) I considered my job as a FIAV official as an honorary task and had no aims to be "decorated" by whatever special signs (flags, uniforms, money, medals or whatever), and 2) for practical reasons it would be quite expensive to have such flags made (who would pay?), just to be used once every two years, and how to pass them on to the next officer once you're out of office (since you had paid, they would be your property)? Obviously my point of view prevailed and we abandoned to officially propose the use of those flags.

See you in York (unless you come to Switzerland before 2001).

Kind regards,

Emil

The second letter is from Ralph Bartlett, the immediate past Secretary-General for Congresses:

[November 10, 1999]

Dear Kin and Emil,

I hope that you are both well. Just a brief note to let you both know that I, too, became aware of William Crampton's FIAV Board Members' flags in approximately 1995, from William himself. I believe that he designed these flags himself.

Very best wishes,

Ralph

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE FIAV GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
JULY 29-30, 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 used *Bourinot's Rules of Order* (ISBN 0-7710-8336-X) on a trial basis.

Day 1

**1. Call to order by President; official opening of the Sixteenth Session** The President called the meeting to order on July 29, 1999, at 7:15 p.m. and officially opened the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques.

**2. Verification by the President of written credentials of delegates** The President verified the written credentials of the following FIAV Members and Candidates:

AVV	Gustav Tracchia
BDA	Peter B. Edwards
CFA	Kevin Harrington
CEBED	Michel R. Lupant
CBFA	Whitney Smith
DGF	Andreas Herzfeld
FDC	Alfred Znamierowski
FI	Graham Bartram
FRC	Whitney Smith
FRCSL	Ralph C. G. Bartlett
FSA	Ralph Kelly
GWAV (candidate)	Peter J. Kinderman
HAVSOM	Adrian Strickland
KVV	Philippe Rault
NFF	Peter J. Orenski
NEVA (candidate)	David B. Martucci
NZFA (formerly FANZ)	John Moody
NF	Michael Krag-Juel-Vind-Frijs
NAVA	David B. Martucci
PH	Gustav Söderlund
PTW	Alfred Znamierowski
SSV	Günter Mattern-Cuendet
SEV	Tomás Rodríguez Peñas
SRV (candidate)	Michel R. Lupant
SFV	Michel R. Lupant

SAVA	Frederick G. Brownell
TWMF	Scot M. Guenter
UHT	Jiří Tenora
USFF	Edward B. Kaye
VK	Jiří Tenora
WWRI	Jiří Tenora
ZI	Gerd Vehres

**3. Roll call of delegates; recognition of quorum by Secretary-General; declaration by President that the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly is constituted** The Secretary-General called the roll as follows:

Members present: AVV; BDA; CFA; CEBED; CBFA; DGF; FDC; FI; FRC; FRCSL; FSA; HAVSOM; KVV; NFF; NZFA; NF; NAVA; PH; PTW; SSV; SEV; SFV; SAVA; TWMF; UHT; USFF; VK; WWRI; and ZI.

Members absent: APCRA; ACV; CISV; CFZ (Associate Member); HS; HVK; MBV (Associate Member); NVVV; SVB; and VSHS.

Officers present: Michel R. Lupant, President; Charles A. Spain, Jr., Secretary-General; and Bruce B. Berry, Secretary-General for Congresses.

The Secretary-General determined that 29 of 37 of the Full Members were present, which satisfied the constitutional requirement that delegates of at least half of the Full Members be present. The Secretary-General recognized the presence of a quorum, and the President declared that the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly was properly constituted.

**4. Appointment by President of tellers to count votes** The President appointed Dieter Linder and John Moody.

**5. Approval of the minutes of the Fifteenth Session of the General Assembly held August 11, 12, and 14, 1997 in Cape Town, Western Cape, South Africa** Moved by FSA, seconded by NFF, "That the minutes of the Fifteenth Session of the General Assembly, as published in *Info-FIAV* number 10, May 1998, be approved with the following two amendments: (1) page 15, line 32, change from 'cold we reconsider' to 'could we reconsider' and (2) page 20, lines 53 and 54, change from 'not in principle' to 'in principle'." Carried by two-thirds majority. For the record, BDA noted the concerns it raised in the Fifteenth Session about the then-secretary-general (see *Info-FIAV* number 10, May 1998, at page 16) were based on erroneous information conveyed to BDA, and BDA expressed its confidence in the then-secretary-general and sincerely regrets the misunderstanding.

**6. Reports by the Board**

(a) President. Michel Lupant—The President paid tribute to past FIAV presidents, especially the late William Crampton, and to the Congress hosts, Chantal Webb and James Webb. The President aggressively contacted vexillologists around the world, with the hope that many more vexillological associations and institutions will apply for FIAV membership. He noted the trial adoption in Cape Town of *Bourinot's Rules of Order* and expressed the hope for productive and respectful discussions in this Session of the General Assembly. The President thanked the current members of the Board for their hard work and offered greetings in English, French, Spanish, and German.

(b) Secretary-General. Charles Spain—Four issues of *Info-FIAV* (numbers 11-14) were produced and mailed in the last biennium. The information on each Member was expanded, and a project was begun to publish in *Info-FIAV* the minutes of the first twelve General Assembly Sessions. The Secretary-General acknowledged the generous assistance of Whitney Smith in assembling a complete set of minutes. German and French (revised) translations of the Constitution were also published in *Info-FIAV*, and work was begun on a Spanish translation. Finally, the Secretary-General worked with the Board to propose a revision of the Constitution, including an official name for FIAV and standard translations into English, German, and Spanish.

The Secretary-General reported that while he was not requesting reimbursement for expenses, those expenses were not insignificant. The four issues of *Info-FIAV* cost US\$738.21 (photocopying US\$442.90 [donated]; postage US\$295.31), averaging approximately US\$4.29 for each individual copy mailed to Members. The Internet domain [www.fiaf.org](http://www.fiaf.org) was registered at a cost of US\$100.00. Plaques to honor the two new "Laureates of the Federation" were purchased at a cost of US\$183.16. Miscellaneous correspondence, telephone calls, books (copies of *Bourinot's Rules of Order*), and office supplies cost US\$277.88. The total out-of-pocket expenses to the Secretary-General for 1997-1999 were US\$856.35. The Secretary-General noted that funding of FIAV's administrative expenses is an issue that must be addressed in the near future.

(c) Secretary-General for Congresses. Bruce Berry—The Secretary-General for Congresses made



his chief priority working with the ICV 18 hosts, CSA and NAVA, and ICV organizers, Chantal Webb and Jamie Webb. As an organizer for ICV 17, the Secretary-General for Congresses was able to share his experience in planning and running a Congress. He has received offers from HAVSOM and NF to host the 2003 Congress in Malta and in Stockholm. In closing, the Secretary-General for Congresses commented on the harmony with which the Board carried out its work during the past two years.

## 7. Announcements

(a) proposals to host ICV 20 (2003). NF and the Royal Army Museum announced their interest to cohost in Stockholm in the first week of August 2003.

(a) proposals to host ICV 21 (2005). HAVSOM announced its interest to host in Malta.

(c) candidates for FIAV membership (arranged in order membership applications were received):

(i) Societatea Română de Vexilologie (SRV) (received 1999 Jan 26)

(ii) Great Waters Association of Vexillology (GWAV) (received 1999 Jan 27)

(iii) New England Vexillological Association (NEVA) (received 1999 Jan 29)

(d) candidates for the FIAV Board:

(i) President. Michel Lupant announced his candidacy for re-election.

(ii) Secretary-General. Charles Spain announced his candidacy for re-election.

(iii) Secretary -General for Congresses. Ralph Bartlett, Graham Bartram, and Jiří Tenora announced their candidacies for election.

## 8. Report of the membership commission (Aleš Brožek, Philippe Rault, and Whitney Smith)

(a) Membership status of APCRA (formerly CIDEC). The commission recommended that APCRA's membership be changed in 2001 from Full to Associate because APCRA has not supplied (1) an explanation of the incorporation of CIDEC into APCRA and (2) and explanation of the purposes and organization of APCRA.

(b) APCRA's proposed international commission for protocol and protection of state symbolism. The commission did not make a recommendation.

## 9. Report of the standing orders commission (Don Healy, Roman Klimeš, and Ralph Kelly)

### REPORT OF THE 1997-1999 FIAV STANDING ORDERS COMMISSION

The standing orders commission was reestablished at ICV 17 (1997) in Cape Town with a membership consisting of Don Healy (continuing), Roman Klimeš, and Ralph Kelly. The commission was charged with the task of reviewing *Bourinot's Rules of Order* (ISSN 0-7710-8336-X), to establish its suitability as a set of rules of order to govern the conduct of FIAV General Assembly sessions. A decision was made in Cape Town to use these Canadian rules on a trial basis during the General Assembly session in Victoria.

The standing orders commission did not have an opportunity to meet prior to this session of the General Assembly due to the unexpected nonattendance of two of its members and, as a statement of fact, the commission members did not undertake correspondence that established a uniform view on these matters. My report, therefore, is, of necessity, an interim one.

Many of the matters contained in *Bourinot's Rules of Order* are addressed in the FIAV Constitution or relate to parliamentary procedures beyond the scope of the needs of the General Assembly. Specifically, the procedures for notices of meetings, attendance quorums, voting majorities, and election of Officers are dealt with adequately in the FIAV Constitution. The order of business is also adequately covered by existing procedures of the FIAV Board.

The areas of useful guidance for the chair of the General Assembly (the FIAV President or another person acting as the President's substitute, with the consent of the General Assembly) relate to the rules concerning debate, motions, amendments, points of order, and questions (*Bourinot's Rules of Order* articles 30 to 50 on pages 42 to 63). These rules appear to conform substantially to the practices that have evolved for conducting General Assembly sessions

The relevant rules, as properly applied to FIAV, can be summarized as follows:

1. A motion must be proposed and seconded at the General Assembly session before it is debated. [Note: The General Assembly should consider dropping the requirement that a motion which has been timely submitted and published in the agenda must still be proposed and seconded at the General Assembly session. Motions already published in the agenda could be considered to have been seconded by a member of the Board.] A motion that is not seconded may not be considered. Once the motion is seconded, the President puts the question of the motion to the General Assembly for debate. If necessary, the President may restate the motion in a formal or more precise style of language. After the President puts the question on the motion for debate, the motion belongs to the General Assembly and may be withdrawn only by the consent of the General Assembly.

2. The delegates of FIAV Members have a right to speak about the motion during debate on the question; however, in order to manage time, the President may limit the number of times each delegate may speak and the length of speeches, as long as any such limitations are uniform. Notwithstanding any such limitations, a delegate may always make a substantive correction of fact or remedy a misquote.

3. A motion to amend a motion currently under consideration (the “main motion”) may be proposed and seconded, and the motion to amend is debatable and must be voted on before the delegates vote on the question of the main motion. More than one motion to amend can be proposed, including a motion to amend the motion to amend. Each motion to amend should be voted on in the order in which it was proposed, except for a motion to amend a motion to amend, which should be voted on immediately before the motion to amend to which it relates.

4. An amendment may alter the intent or effect of the main motion, but the President should reject a motion to amend that would nullify the main motion or a motion to amend that is not relevant to the main motion.

5. Once the question on a main motion has been debated and a vote is conducted, that decision (including any amendments to it) becomes the decision of the General Assembly. Further motions on the same subject matter at the same session of the General Assembly are not in order, unless they were timely submitted and published in the agenda. However, a delegate may make a motion to reconsider (if the original motion failed) or rescind (if the original motion passed).

6. In debates, the President selects from those delegates who indicate a wish to speak and normally there is no mandatory sequence of speakers for or against the motion. Speakers should address the President in making their remarks, even if the speaker wishes to ask a question of another delegate. A speaker has the right to be heard without interruption so long as the speaker’s remarks are relevant to the question under debate and the remarks do not offend propriety. The President can overrule remarks or questions that are not relevant or that offend propriety.

7. If a delegate believes a breach of the rules of order has occurred, the delegate can interrupt debate on the question of a motion by raising a question of privilege. The President must immediately rule on the question of privilege before allowing further debate.

8. The following procedural motions can be made during the debate of the question of a main motion:

(a) Motion to put the question to a vote—must be seconded and is debatable; this motion is used to end debate on the pending motion (which could be a motion to amend the motion) and force a direct vote on the pending motion. If the motion to put the question carries, then the pending motion must be voted on without any further debate or amendment.

(b) Motion to proceed to the next item of business—must be seconded and is not debatable; this motion is used to set aside the question being considered and proceed to the next item on the agenda. Although, the main motion, including, any motions to amend the main motion, is deemed to have failed, further motions on the same subject as the main motion are permissible because there was no vote on the main motion.

(c) Motion to defer the question—must be seconded and is debatable; this motion postpones consideration on the question of the motion (including any motions to amend the motion) to either a specified time (so more urgent business may be conducted) or indefinitely (thus, “killing” the motion). If a motion is deferred indefinitely, then a motion to reconsider the motion to defer must be made, seconded, debated, and carried before the question is reconsidered.

(d) Motion to refer the question to committee (commission)—must be seconded and is debatable; this motion is used when the subject of the motion requires further consideration than can be given at the current General Assembly session.

(e) Motion to adjourn the meeting—must be seconded and is not debatable; if carried, this motion sets aside the question being considered, and when the General Assembly reconvenes, it proceeds to the next item on the agenda. A motion to resume debate on the previous question may be made when the General Assembly reconvenes, and if the motion is seconded and—after debate—is carried, then the General Assembly returns to consider the previous question.

9. The President is responsible for maintaining order during the General Assembly session, both as to proper procedure and decorum. If the President believes that a speaker is out of order, the President should call the speaker to order by simply saying, “Order, please.” The speaker must stop while the President explains the point of order. The President’s ruling on a point of order is not debatable, but may be challenged by a motion to dissent to the ruling of the chair. Such a motion must be seconded, is not debatable, and must be put to a vote immediately. If the motion to dissent to the ruling of the chair passes, the President’s ruling is overturned. If the President is unable to

establish order, the President may adjourn the session to a later time or day. The President does not have the authority to discipline or penalize delegates; this may only be done by the General Assembly by a motion, which must be seconded and which is debatable.

10. When all the business of the session has been accomplished and the President is satisfied there is no other business that should be addressed, the President may, on his own authority and without a motion, finally adjourn the session without fixing a time and day for another meeting. If all the business has not been accomplished, the President may suggest that the session be adjourned to a later time or day, but an appropriate motion must be made, seconded, and passed. The President should adjourn the session without a motion if, at the relevant time, a quorum is not present at the session's outset or the quorum is subsequently lost.

11. The minutes should accurately record the actions taken and decisions made at the session. The minutes should not attempt to be a verbatim account of the session, but can include reference to the major issues discussed during debate. The minutes should be complete, clear, and succinct. The minutes should be affirmed at the next session or approved as corrected by an appropriate motion that has been seconded. There should be no debate on the policy or merits of a question dealt with in the minutes, and remarks on the minutes should strictly relate to the alleged error.

On behalf of the commission, I recommend that the General Assembly authorize the standing orders commission to assess whether the use of *Bourinot's Rules of Order* at this General Assembly session was effective in facilitating the efficient, orderly, and fair conduct of the session. If the commission is so continued, it could present an expanded report at the next session on the use of *Bourinot's* and possibly draft a stand-alone set of FIAV rules of order (including, for convenience, relevant provisions of the FIAV Constitution).

Ralph D. Kelly  
July 29, 1999

10. **Report on ICV 19 (July 23-27, 2001, York, United Kingdom)** FI announced the dates and location of the Nineteenth International Congress of Vexillology.

11. **Consideration of candidates for membership** The President surrendered the chair to the Secretary-General so he could present the candidature of SRV.

(a) SRV. Moved by CEBED, seconded by NFF, "That SRV be admitted as a Full Member." Carried by two-thirds majority.

The Secretary-General surrendered the chair back to the President.

(b) GWAV. Moved by FRCSL, seconded by KVV, "That GWAV be admitted as a Full Member." FI asked if GWAV and NEVA were subdivisions of NAVA. NAVA and the Secretary-General responded that NAVA has no regional subdivisions or chapters. Carried by two-thirds majority with WVRI requesting it be recorded as voting against and DGG requesting it be recorded as present and not voting.

(c) NEVA. Moved by the Secretary-General, seconded by FRCSL, "That NEVA be admitted as a Full Member." Carried by two-thirds majority with WVRI requesting it be recorded as voting against and DGG requesting it be recorded as present and not voting.

The President recognized SRV's, GWAV's, and NEVA's delegates, and they were given seats in the General Assembly.

12. **Selection of ICV 20 (2003) host** Moved by FI, seconded by CEBED, "That NS and the Royal Army Museum cohost the Twentieth International Congress of Vexillology in Stockholm. Carried by two-thirds majority.

13. **Discussion about ICV 21 (2005) host** Postponed.

14. **Consideration of Board's proposed constitutional amendments, FRC's proposed constitutional amendment, and SSV's proposed revision to the Board's proposed constitutional amendment**

#### Resolution by the FIAV Board

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

#### SECTION I. 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. 4 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 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 [40] Members ~~[of the Federation]~~ shall not undertake any activities contrary to the interests of FIAV ~~[the Federation]~~.
- Art. 12 [44] 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 meetings ~~[for vexillology]~~ on their own.
- Art. 13 [42] 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 [43] (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 [44] 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 ~~[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 [45] 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 [46] 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 [47] 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 [48] (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 [49] 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 [46] and 18 [47 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~~] vexillological associations and institutions to apply for FIAV membership.
- 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 [21] 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 11<sup>e</sup> [44] 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 is mentally or physically incapable of carrying 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.

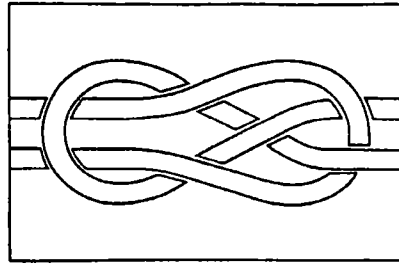
(b) Comment: To clarify that article 21 applies only to agreements between FIAV and another parties, as opposed to Board actions affecting only FIAV.

### 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<sup>e</sup> Congrès International de Vexillologie Zurich 1967*.] as follows: "On a blue field, extending horizontally from hoist to fly, two yellow halyards 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 [Fhis] 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

