

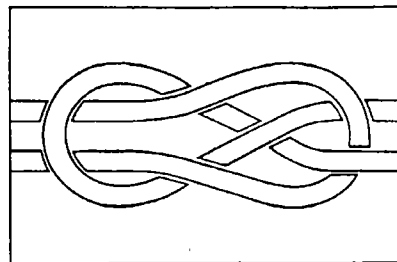
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## LETTERS

The Secretary-General received a copy of the following letter on April 3, 2001 from the Flag Research Center, with a request that it be published:

Dear Anna,

I was very surprised to receive your email about my comments at the Congress in Victoria. When I was in Guadalajara in 1998, I asked Sebastian about publication of the Congress Report for 1991. He told me that it wasn't possible to publish the report. Or did I misunderstand? If so, I apologize for having given the wrong information in Victoria.

I am delighted to know that you intend to publish the 1991 Congress Report. I join with other vexillologists in looking forward to this important work.

Cordially yours,

Whitney

P.S. Please note the correct spelling of my name.

## CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Secretary-General received the following letter on May 25, 2001 from Flags of the World:

Charles,

I received your letter concerning FOTW's application to FIAV. I must apologize for not following through completely with this process. Following your phone call in the winter, I opened discussion on the FOTW mailing list about the need to establish a constitution for FOTW. The overwhelming response (about 4 comments!) was that the mailing list rules serves as our constitution. Upon pressing, we agreed to modify the mailing list rule, incorporating a series of three articles as Section V, "FOTW: MANDATE AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE" which (worded to represent the situation assuming acceptance of our application) reads:

(1) FOTW is an Internet group, the sole purpose of which is the advancement of the pursuit of vexillology, that is the creation and development of a body of knowledge about flags and flag usage of all types.

(2) FOTW exists in conformity with the laws that govern the Internet and was founded in 1993. FOTW comprises two parts, a mailing list, and a website. It exists in continuous virtual session, exchanging vexillological information on an hourly basis. It publishes the Flags of the World web site on the Internet at <http://www.fotw.ca/flags> (and its mirrors). The mailing list is monitored by the Listmaster, the website is coordinated by the Director.

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(3) The Listmaster is the autochthonous and authorized representative of FOTW at the General Assembly of the FIAV. If the Listmaster does not attend the General Assembly, he can nominate a proxy.

The entire text of the mailing list rules is attached as a text-file to this e-mail. Please let me know if you require further details, or would prefer to receive this in letter format.

Rob Raeside  
Director, Flags of the World  
Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada

<http://www.fotw.ca/flags>  
[rob.raeside@acadiiau.ca](mailto:rob.raeside@acadiiau.ca)

The Secretary-General received the following letter on May 31, 2001 from the Vlaggen Dokumentatie Centrum Nederland/Flag Documentation Centre Netherlands:

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Your ref.: your letter May 16, 2001

Our ref.: DV Amsterdam, May 22, 2001.

E-mail: [d.w.visser@chello.nl](mailto:d.w.visser@chello.nl) or [vdcn@wxs.nl](mailto:vdcn@wxs.nl) Homepage: <http://www.wxs.nl/~vdcn>  
Dear Sir,

According your request dated Mai 16, 2001 hereby we can tell you that in principal the VDCN is not having a written constitution because it is not a society and having no members, we have sponsors.

The Flag Documentation Center Netherlands is a non-commercial and political strict neutral institution.

Goals: collecting and sending out information about flags, heraldry and history on a non-commercial bases.  
printing, publishing or reprint flagbooks (on a non-commercial bases).  
printing flagbooks of those writers who cannot find a suitable publisher (on a non-commercial bases).

We have never attended an international Congress (too expensive for us). We will also not attend York because I'm not allowed yet to travel [by my doctor] second which is also a strong point the costs are too high (admission, hotels etc.). We rather spend the money to get better equipment to publish our magazine Vlaggen-Info in full colour (like 103) and publishing books for others and with others.

Hope this will be enough information.

Closing with the most kind regards,

/s/ Derkwillem Visser Jr.  
Derkwillem Visser Jr.  
Vlaggen Dokumentatie Centrum Nederland

The Secretary-General received the following letter on June 8, 2001 from the Societatea de Genealogie, Heraldică și Arhivistică "Paul Gore":

Dear Mr. Spain,

Thank you for all things you are doing for us. Unfortunately, none of our society members will be able to take part in the General Assembly to be held in York.

Therefore, we have asked Mr. Lupant, Honorific member of our Society to represent us and we have delegated the needed vote and authority.

Our Society has a statute approved at the General Meeting of October 25, 1999 and registered by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Moldova on October 12, 2000.

We will send you a copy of our statute by mail. We apologize for sending it in Romanian, since there is no English translation of it. We will send copies of the statute to Mr. Lupant, Mr. Bartram as you requested.

Best regards,  
Silviu Tabac

The Secretary-General received the statute on June 22, 2001 and notes that even though it is in Romanian and he is a Texan, he can pretty much "figure out" what the statute says.

The Secretary-General received the following letter on June 14, 2001 from The Heraldry College of the Estonian Heritage Society:

1. The Heraldry College is a part of the Estonian Heritage Society and it acts on the basis of the EHS constitution. It does not have its own constitution.
2. Vexillology, besides heraldry and faleristic, is one of the three main directions.
3. The main accent is on research work and on creative work based on research work. For example: creating flags and coats of arms for local authorities and for public offices. The College gives help with planning exhibitions and consulting. The College doesn't have its own regular magazine yet, but has published several articles in different magazines and newspapers. International co-operation is mainly with Finland—Patrioheraldikot and Kari.K.Laurila.

If the College doesn't meet all the requirements to be a Full Member of FIAV, we would be glad if we get at least Associate Member status.

Also, we have to tell you that with all regrets that none of us is able to come to York because of our work.

With best wishes

Priit Herodes - president

Kalmer Saar - secretary

The Secretary-General received the following letter on June 22, 2001 from the Instytut Heraldyczno-Weksylologiczny:

Warszawa, 11 June 2001

Mr. Charles A. Spain  
FIAV Secretary-General  
504 Branard St.  
Houston, TX 77006-5018

Dear Charles,

The Instytut Heraldyczno-Weksylologiczny (IHW) does not have a written constitution. It is an institution

providing services (arms and flag design), conducting vexillological research, and publishing (three times a year) a vexillological Katalog Weksyliów Samorządowych.

At present the activities of the Flag Design Center are suspended. In a few months it will resume its activities as an international center of vexillological research which will also provide all kind of services to the public (designing, artwork for publishers, information, consultation).

The relationship of the IHW with the Polskie Towarzystwo Weksylologiczne (PTW) is such as between The Flag Research Center and NAVA. The IHW Director and three of his collaborators are members of the PTW.

As I have already mentioned the IHW is publishing Katalog Weksyliów Samorządowych. From March 2000 to April 2001 four volumes (68 - 116 pages each) have been published. The next one will be published in July 2001. It is published and disseminated in form of simple computer CD. This journal deals exclusively with the flags of Polish selfgoverned entities (provinces, counties, cities and rural districts). It provides the reader all data on each particular flag, including exact design, excerpts from the laws, symbolism and history. Since the cost of each issue is substantial I could not afford to send copies to FIAV officers. The officers will have an opportunity to examine all the issues also in printed form in York.

Sincerely,

/s/ Alfred  
Alfred Znamierowski  
IHW Director

Since the publication of *Info-FIAV* number 17, the Board has updated the summary of the membership applications as they relate to the criteria set out in article 7(c) of the FIAV Constitution as follows:

Candidate name	Constitution	Interest in vexillology; Activities	Dues-paying members	Registration at past ICVs	Existence since	Representative at York
IHW	none	principle; research, design, and documentation of Polish flags; publication	none (institution)	yes	1997	yes
JAVA	constitution	principle; monthly meetings, website	19 (3 nondues-paying)	no	2000	yes
VDCN	none	principle; journal	none (institution)	no	1978	no
SVO	unknown	principle; unknown	unknown	no	1996	no
CSVA	bylaws	principle; biennial meetings, website, newsletter	21	yes	2000	yes
HCEHS	none	subsidiary; no publications of its own, but has published articles in different magazines and newspapers; international cooperation with Finland	0 (7 nondues paying)	no	1988	no
SGHAPG	statute	subsidiary; monthly meetings, news published in column of national archives publication	51	no	1997	no
FOTW	no formal constitution or bylaws, but has mailing list rules	principle; website	0 (252 nondues paying)	yes	1993	yes
VAST	bylaws	principle; semi-annual meetings, website, newsletter	35	yes	1991	yes

## MEMBER UPDATES

The following changes in Member contact information has been received since the publication of *Info-FIAV* number 15:

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### Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde (NVvV)

President/Other: Anton Warnies, interim president

### Confederate States Vexillological Association (CSVA) (candidate)

Periodical Publication: *Stars and Bars* (ISSN 1535-6779; English; quarterly since 2001; available online at [www.csvex.org/stars\\_bars.html](http://www.csvex.org/stars_bars.html))

## CONSTITUTION (FRENCH TRANSLATION)

This translation of the FIAV Constitution, as amended in 1999, is the work of Michel Lupant, with the assistance of Kathleen Beirne and Jean Renault. Please note that in the event of a conflict, the English text of the Constitution controls because it was the text adopted by the General Assembly.

### CONSTITUTION DE LA FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS VEXILLOLOGIQUES

- I. NOM et BUTS
- Art. 1. Le nom de cette association est « Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques », en abrégé « FIAV ». Les autres traductions officielles de ce nom sont, en anglais : « International Federation of Vexillological Associations », en allemand : « Föderation Vexillologischer Gesellschaften » et en espagnol : « Federación Internacional de Asociaciones Vexilológicas ».
- Art. 2. La FIAV réunit à travers le monde les associations et institutions dont l'objet est l'étude de la vexillologie, qui est la création et le développement d'un ensemble de connaissances sur les drapeaux de tous types, sur leurs formes, leur utilisation ainsi que les théories scientifiques et les principes basés sur ces connaissances.
- Art. 3 La FIAV poursuit les buts suivants :
- (a) Créer un lien solide entre les associations et institutions précitées, encourager et coordonner leurs travaux, études et recherches ;
  - (b) promouvoir la tenue de Congrès internationaux de vexillologie et soutenir les organisateurs ;
  - (c) encourager la création dans tous les pays d'associations et d'institutions consacrées à la vexillologie ; et
  - (d) d'établir des critères internationaux pour aider au développement de ces activités.
- Art. 4 La FIAV, étant strictement scientifique, ne poursuit aucun but lucratif et s'interdit toute activité et prise de position politique ou religieuse.
- II. SECRÉTARIAT
- Art. 5 Les centres administratifs de la FIAV sont situés aux résidences des deux secrétaires-généraux. Si nécessaire, l'Assemblée générale peut établir un siège social pour la FIAV.
- III. MEMBRES
- Art. 6 Pour devenir membre de la FIAV il faut:
- (a) être un organisme du type décrit dans l'article 2 ;

- (b) se consacrer aux buts de la FIAV décrits dans l'article 3 ; et
  - (c) que l'organisme soit constitué selon la législation en vigueur dans le pays où il fonctionne.
- Art. 7
- (a) La qualité de membre actif de la FIAV est accessible à toute association ou institution, partout dans le monde, ayant comme but principal l'étude scientifique de la vexillologie. La qualité de membre associé de la FIAV est possible pour toute association ou institution, partout dans le monde, ayant la vexillologie comme centre d'intérêt subsidiaire.
  - (b) Le traitement des demandes d'affiliation est de la responsabilité du Conseil. Le Conseil peut transmettre cette demande à une personne choisie par lui dans ce but. La procédure se déroule comme suit:
    - (1) Le candidat devra soumettre une demande d'affiliation, qui doit être reçu par le Conseil au moins six mois avant la convocation de la prochaine Assemblée générale.
    - (2) Le Conseil examinera la demande et fera une proposition au sujet de la demande à l'Assemblée générale et fera connaître cette proposition au candidat et aux membres au moins trois mois avant la convocation de la prochaine Assemblée générale.
    - (3) Le Conseil peut proposer l'affiliation comme membre de plein droit ou comme membre associé ou peut en proposer le rejet.
    - (4) A sa session suivante l'Assemblée générale votera sur la demande d'admission. Un représentant mandaté du candidat peut être présent pour proposer la candidature. Une demande rejetée peut être représentée à toute session ultérieure de l'Assemblée générale.
  - (c) En prenant leur décision le Conseil et l'Assemblée générale tiendront compte des points suivants :
    - (1) l'existence d'un texte de constitution et ses dispositions ;
    - (2) les activités vexillologiques et non vexillologiques du candidat : réunions, publications, et relations internationales ;
    - (3) dans le cas d'une association, le nombre d'affiliés cotisants (le nombre minimum d'affiliés est de cinq) ;
    - (4) la participation de ses affiliés à des Congrès internationaux de vexillologie ;
    - (5) la durée de son existence ; et
    - (6) la présence d'un représentant autochtone et mandaté du candidat à la session de l'Assemblée générale au cours de laquelle devrait être votée sa demande d'affiliation.
- Art. 8 La démission volontaire de tout membre doit être adressée par écrit par le Président. La démission est effective à la date de sa réception.
- Art. 9 Le Conseil peut, s'il le désire, demander à un membre de fournir la preuve qu'il continue à satisfaire aux critères précisés dans l'article 7. Grâce à cette preuve ou en son absence, le Conseil peut proposer à l'Assemblée générale la continuation ou la modification de la qualité de membre de l'association ou de l'institution. Si la proposition est faite de révoquer un membre de la FIAV ou de changer son statut de membre actif en celui de membre associé, le membre visé doit être averti au moins trois mois avant la session de l'Assemblée générale au cours de laquelle un vote est prévu sur cette question. Le membre sera invité à présenter sa défense devant l'Assemblée générale, mais ne pourra pas voter en la matière.
- Art. 10 Chaque membre régit ses propres affaires en pleine liberté, sous réserve du respect des lois en vigueur dans le pays où il fonctionne. La FIAV ne peut pas limiter les droits des membres en cette matière.
- Art. 11 Les membres ne doivent pas entreprendre des activités contraires aux intérêts de la FIAV.



- Art. 12 (a) La FIAV ne peut pas agir au nom de ses membres sans une autorisation accordée en Assemblée générale. Les membres ne peuvent pas prendre des engagements ou agir au nom de la FIAV.
- (b) Les membres ne peuvent tenir des réunions internationales de vexillologie en dehors des Congrès internationaux de vexillologie. Nonobstant cette interdiction, un membre organisant une réunion vexillologique l'année ou il n'y a pas de Congrès international de vexillologie peut inviter un membre d'une nation contiguë.

Art. 13 L'Assemblée générale peut nommer des personnes ayant fortement contribué à la vexillologie comme Lauréats de la Fédération. Ce statut de 'Lauréat' ne confère aucun droit au sein de la FIAV.

#### IV. ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE

- Art. 14 (a) L'Assemblée générale est composée des membres du Conseil et d'un délégué de chaque membre de plein droit ou associé. Chaque délégué doit présenter au président des lettres de créances provenant du membre représenté. Un membre peut déléguer par écrit certains ou tous ses pouvoirs à un délégué d'un autre membre ou à un membre du Conseil.
- (b) Une session de l'Assemblée générale n'est constituée que si la moitié de ses membres de plein droit sont présents, excepté le cas prévu à l'article 25.
- (c) Chaque membre actif et chaque membre du Conseil dispose d'une voix lors des votes à l'Assemblée générale.

Art. 15 Les majorités lors des Assemblées générales sont constituées sur base des fractions suivantes des membres de plein droit présents et votants :

- (a) Une majorité simple pour l'élection d'un membre du Conseil. Au cas où il y a plus de deux candidats pour ce poste et si aucun d'eux n'obtient la majorité simple alors le candidat ayant reçu le moins de votes sera éliminé du scrutin suivant, et ainsi de suite.
- (b) Deux-tiers pour les résolutions ordinaires.
- (c) Trois-quarts pour les amendements à la Constitution ou la dissolution de la FIAV.

Art. 16 L'Assemblée générale :

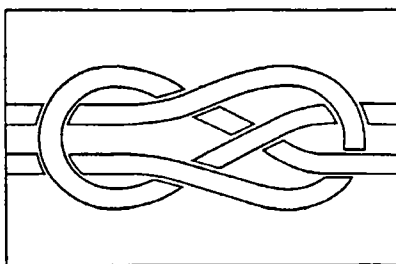
- (a) élit les membres du Conseil ;
- (b) examine et approuve l'administration du Conseil et des Commissions ;
- (c) examine toutes les questions concernant la FIAV et en particulier l'organisation des Congrès internationaux de vexillologie ;
- (d) interprète la Constitution ;
- (e) nomme les Lauréats de la Fédération conformément à l'article 13, et octroie toute autre distinction qui semblent appropriées à des personnes ou institutions qui ont des mérites particuliers dans le domaine de la vexillologie (ce pouvoir peut être délégué au Conseil) ;
- (f) fixe le montant et la disposition de la cotisation annuelle à payer par les membres, si nécessaire ; et
- (g) crée des Commissions si elle l'estime nécessaire et nomme les Commissaires.

Art. 17 L'Assemblée générale tient une session au moins une fois tous les deux ans, normalement à l'occasion du Congrès international de vexillologie. Le Conseil convoque une session de l'Assemblée générale. Le Conseil doit communiquer le programme, incluant tout amendement à la Constitution, à tous les membres au moins trois mois avant la session.

Art. 18 L'Assemblée générale peut être convoquée en réunion extraordinaire si des circonstances extraordinaires l'exigent, jugées comme telles par le Conseil ou si les trois quarts des membres actifs le demandent au Conseil.

#### V. ADMINISTRATION

- Art. 19 (a) L'administration de la FIAV est confiée au Conseil qui agit uniquement par consentement unanime. Le Conseil est composé de trois membres : le Président, le Secrétaire-Général et le Secrétaire-Général pour les Congrès.
- (b) Les membres du Conseil sont élus à la fin de chaque session de l'Assemblée générale et fonctionnent jusqu'à l'élection des nouveaux membres au cours de l'Assemblée générale suivante. Le consentement des candidats à l'élection est requis. Les membres du Conseil sont rééligibles.
- (c) Le Secrétaire-Général et le Secrétaire-Général pour les Congrès doivent résider dans des continents différents. Le Secrétaire-Général s'occupe du secrétariat permanent de la FIAV et le Secrétaire-Général pour les Congrès s'occupe du secrétariat permanent des Congrès internationaux de vexillologie. Le Conseil est considéré comme étant en réunion ininterrompue tenue par correspondance.
- (d) Si un membre du Conseil décède, démissionne, ou est mentalement ou physiquement incapable d'exercer les devoirs inhérents à sa charge, ses fonctions seront exercées par les membres restants du Conseil.
- Art. 20 Le Conseil
- (a) s'occupe des affaires courantes de la FIAV et établit les devoirs et les obligations de ses membres ;
- (b) publie des directives considérées comme nécessaires pour le succès des activités de la FIAV, y compris les Congrès internationaux de vexillologie ;
- (c) constitue les Commissions jugées nécessaires et en désigne les membres ;
- (d) convoque les sessions de l'Assemblée générale en accord avec les articles 17 et 18 ;
- (e) représente la FIAV dans ses relations avec d'autres institutions nationales et internationales ; et
- (f) s'occupe de l'instruction des procédures en accord avec l'article 7 et encourage les associations et institutions vexillologiques à présenter leur candidature comme membre de la FIAV.
- Art. 21 Tous les actes engageant la FIAV doivent être signés par tous les membres du Conseil. La correspondance courante peut être signée par chacun des membres du Conseil.
- VI. LANGUES
- Art. 22 Les langues officielles de la FIAV et des Congrès internationaux de vexillologie sont l'anglais, le français, l'allemand et l'espagnol. D'autres langues peuvent également être utilisées quand cela s'avère opportun.
- VII. PUBLICATIONS
- Art. 23 L'organe officiel de la FIAV est *The Flag Bulletin* (ISSN 0015-3370). En plus la FIAV publiera une feuille d'informations au sujet de ses activités au moins une fois l'an à l'intention de ses membres. Ces textes peuvent être reproduits librement. L'Assemblée générale peut lancer ou autoriser d'autres publications.
- VIII. SYMBOLES
- Art. 24 (a) Le drapeau de la FIAV est décrit comme suit : « Sur un champ bleu, s'étalant horizontalement du guindant au battant, deux drisses jaunes formant deux boucles entrelacées ». La couleur bleue est définie sur base du Pantone Matching System U293 et la couleur jaune est définie sur base du Pantone Matching System U123. Le drapeau est illustré comme suit :



- (b) L'Assemblée générale peut proposer ou autoriser d'autres symboles pour la FIAV.

#### IX. DISSOLUTION

- Art. 25 (a) Une motion pour dissoudre la FIAV ne peut uniquement être prise en considération qu'à une session de l'Assemblée générale à laquelle au moins trois quarts des membres de plein droit sont présents.
- (b) Au lieu d'envoyer un délégué, un membre de plein droit peut choisir de soumettre au Président une déclaration écrite et légalisée exprimant le vote du membre en faveur ou opposé, à la motion de dissolution. Un membre de plein droit qui soumet une telle déclaration sera considéré comme présent à la session ayant pour intention de déterminer que la session est habilitée à considérer une motion de dissolution.
- (c) L'assemblée générale détermine les termes de la dissolution.

Adoptée le 27 septembre 1989 par l'Assemblée générale qui s'est tenue durant le treizième Congrès international de vexillologie de Ballarat, Victoria, Australie.

Modifiée le 12 août 1997 (Article 14(a)) par l'Assemblée générale qui s'est tenue durant le dix-septième Congrès international de vexillologie de Cape Town, Afrique du Sud.

Modifiée le 29 juillet 1999 (addition du nouvel article 1 et par conséquent changement de numérotation des articles restants) par la seizième session de l'Assemblée générale qui s'est tenue durant le dix-huitième Congrès international de vexillologie de Victoria, Colombie britannique, Canada.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Continuing the process begun in 1999 of reprinting in *Info-FIAV* the minutes of the 1969 to 1991 sessions of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General in this issue reprints the minutes from 1989, along with an unofficial summary.

In addition, the Secretary-General notes that the GA 10 summary printed in *Info-FIAV* number 17, at page 29, should be corrected to read as follows:

- Quorum present as ASM, CISV, FRCSL, HSFS, NVvV, and VSHS are inactive members for quorum purposes



- On motion of current Secretary-General for Congresses, Ralph G.C. Bartlett elected as Secretary-General for Congresses
- Motion by FDC to adopt FIAV Constitution submitted by FIAV Board in 1987 approved
- Motion by FRCSL to amend article 21 of new FIAV Constitution to add Spanish as an official language approved
- Secretary-General's request that GA authorize him to write letter of salutation to William Pedersen approved

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

Protocol of the General Assembly, 25-27 September 1989

Melbourne and Ballarat, Victoria, Australia

- I. The meeting was called to order by FIAV President Hugh Boudin at 8:37 P.M. on 25 September 1989 at St. Mary's College, University of Melbourne. The FIAV Secretary General read the list of FIAV members and written credentials were presented by the following accredited delegates: Flag Design Center (Whitney Smith); Flag Research Center (John Purcell); Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka (Ralph Bartlett); Flag Society of Australia (Ron Strachan); North American Vexillological Association (Grace Cooper); Nordisk Flagselskab (Lisbeth Langkilde); Sociedad Española de Vexilología (Carlos Fernández Espeso); Societas Vexillologica Belgica (Hugh Boudin); Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags (Whitney Smith). The Secretary General for Congresses, William Crampton, was also present. The President noted that the Centro Italiano di Studi Vexillologici had indicated its intention to submit credentials for a delegate, but those credentials had not yet arrived. The President called on the FIAV Secretary General to indicate the number of active members of FIAV in accord with Article 11 of the FIAV Statutes. The number of active members being 17 and there being 9 members duly represented, the President noted that the required minimum quorum was present.
- II. The FIAV Secretary General was called on by the President to summarize the protocol of the FIAV General Assembly from San Francisco in 1987. The delegate from the Societas Vexillologica Belgica moved the adoption of the protocol, which was seconded by the delegate of the Sociedad Española de Vexilología. The text of the protocol was unanimously approved.
- III. The President indicated that he had received no applications for new prospective members of FIAV. At the request of an attending non-delegate, the conditions for FIAV membership were read. In response to question from another non-delegate, the President indicated that those without credentials as delegates were entitled to listen to the proceedings of the General Assembly but not to vote or speak. At that time a further delegate -- John Hall of the Flag Institute -- joined the General Assembly.
- IV. The President indicated that no report had been received from the Statutes Commission appointed at the 1987 General Assembly. On the other hand there were still available for consideration the text of the two proposals for revised statutes which had been submitted to the 1987 General Assembly. The President asked whether it was the pleasure of the current General Assembly to consider these at its next sitting and no objections were raised.

V. The President asked for proposals concerning meeting sites for the 14th International Congress of Vexillology (1991) and the 15th International Congress of Vexillology (1993). The delegate from the Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka indicated that he had telephone and fax communications from the Associació Catalana de Vexil.lologia confirming the desire it had expressed in 1987 to serve as the host of the 14th International Congress of Vexillology, to be held in the city of Barcelona. The delegate of the Tumbling Waters Museum moved the acceptance with thanks of the offer of the Associació Catalana de Vexil.lologia to organize that congress, which motion was unanimously approved. The official FIAV flag and gavel would, the President indicated, be sent to the Associació Catalana de Vexil.lologia through the courtesy of the delegate of the Sociedad Española de Vexilología. The President indicated that Kevin Harrington, President of the Canadian Flag Association, and Peter Edwards, President of the Heraldry Society of Canada, would be invited to the next sitting of the General Assembly to discuss the possibility of the 15th International Congress of Vexillology being held in Canada. Other delegates suggested possibilities of meetings in Asia or Eastern Europe. It was agreed by general consensus that the next Secretary General for Congresses should report at the 14th International Congress of Vexillology concerning a definitive sponsor for the subsequent congress.

VI. The President on behalf of the FIAV Board asked the General Assembly whether or not it was willing to accept for presentation at the current International Congress of Vexillology a paper submitted by an individual (Jifí Tenora) who was not able to attend in person. A general discussion ensued of the desirability or undesirability of establishing such a practice. It was pointed out that some individuals might have every intention of attending, but would be prevented at the last moment by unforeseen circumstances. On the other hand there was also the possibility of many individuals submitting papers without being present to deliver them and answer questions, which would also create problems for those responsible for publishing the proceedings. The delegate from the Flag Design Center moved that the paper submitted by Jifí Tenora be accepted for presentation at the present International Congress of Vexillology, providing that time was available in the schedule, and that in the future any non-attending presenters would be required to sign an agreement with the organizers of an International Congress of Vexillology under terms to be established by FIAV. The motion was seconded by the Secretary General for Congresses. During further discussion the suggestion was made that such presentations would be included in an annex to the proceedings and that one of the conditions for the agreement should be that the presenter at least be required to register as a non-attending congress participant, paying the appropriate registration fees.

VII. The FIAV Secretary General submitted a written report of his activities over the previous two years. The Secretary General for Congresses delivered an oral report on his activities which included intensive correspondence with the Flag Society of Australia concerning the 13th International Congress of Vexillology. He indicated that the response had been prompt and cooperative in all regards. He also indicated that he had had unsuccessful contacts with potential organizers of future International Congresses of vexillology and that he had continued working on the handbook which was in the future to serve as a guide for congress organizers. This handbook should become a permanent item passed on to all future organizers and therefore should incorporate the programs of each congress, comments by participants, and other relevant notes. It should be the responsibility of the Secretary General for Congresses to maintain this handbook. Finally, he suggested that the flags of all past International Congresses of Vexillology should be brought to each congress by the FIAV Secretary General. The delegate of the Flag Design Center pointed out some of the practical problems which would be involved (difficulty of transporting an increasing number of flags around the world; the likelihood of different sizes and manners of hoisting for such flags; and the requirements for maintenance of the collection). He moved that the FIAV Secretary General be called on to submit a report on the entire question for future consideration. The delegate from the Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

VIII. The President called on the FIAV Secretary General to make an announcement at the next session of the current International Congress of Vexillology regarding possible nominees for the three elective positions on the FIAV Board. By unanimous consent the sitting adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

IX. The General Assembly was reconvened at 8:50 P.M. on 27 September at the Mid-City Motel in Ballarat. A quorum of accredited delegates was present. The President announced that dossiers concerning the 14th International Congress of Vexillology had been received from the Associació Catalana de Vexillologia and would be distributed the following day to delegates. Furthermore they would be able to see a video tape concerning Barcelona, also received.

X. At the request of the President, Kevin Harrington of the Canadian Flag Association spoke concerning possible hosting of the 15th International Congress of Vexillology. Mr. Harrington indicated that he had no mandate from members of the association and that therefore it would be premature to make any promises. General discussion followed on other alternatives. It was agreed by general consensus that the Secretary General for Congresses should approach authorities in one or more countries of Eastern Europe responsible for museums and other institutions to see if arrangements



could be made for the organization of the 15th International Congress of Vexillology through their auspices. Although previous congresses had been organized by vexillological organizations or institutions, it was felt that FIAV could preserve its own interests and program, while coordinating technical details through a government organization. Such a congress would help vexillologists in the country in question to get official recognition for their activities which would otherwise be impossible and it would allow all participants to see important collections of flags and documentation otherwise unavailable. It was agreed that immediate attention was necessary so that approval to the final plan could be given in 1991.

XI. The delegate of the Tumbling Waters Museum requested consideration of a motion which he had previously circularized to delegates concerning the Flag Bibliography International program of the Flag Heritage Foundation. The motion read:

Whereas the Flag Heritage Foundation has provisionally approved a program to be known as the Flag Bibliography International which is designed to develop a professional, annotated, on-line, and continuously updated bibliography of all published and manuscript materials relating in any way to flags and to make that bibliography available to vexillologists and other interested individuals and institutions; and

whereas the success of the Flag Bibliography International program will depend upon adequate funding from a variety of sources, including possibly foundation and government grants which are competitive and require proof of public interest in the proposed project; and

whereas the Statutes of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations state that the purposes of the Federation include coordinating the work and studies of vexillological associations and institutions and of sanctioning international standards facilitating the development of the science,

therefore the General Assembly of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations, assembled in Melbourne, Australia, endorses the Flag Bibliography International program and calls upon its member associations and institutions, the individuals belonging to them, and other individuals and organizations concerned with the advancement of vexillology to assist the Flag Heritage Foundation in bringing this operation into operation.

XII. The delegate of the Sociedad Española de Vexilología suggested that international assistance should be gained from UNESCO, national libraries, ministries of culture, and similar institutions. He was concerned, however, what use would be made of the FIAV name. The Secretary General for Congresses wanted to know about the status of the Flag Heritage Foundation. The delegate of the Tumbling Waters Museum indicated that no use was intended of the FIAV name except submitting the motion, if passed,

as part of a grant application for financial assistance from private or public foundations. He explained that the Flag Heritage Foundation was a not-for-profit institution recognized by the Internal Revenue Service of the United States as an educational, scientific, and charitable institution devoted to the advancement of vexillology. Its legal control was in the hands of a Board of Directors and that he himself had no paid position with the Foundation. The Foundation had undertaken modest exhibits in the past and wished to make a major contribution to vexillology by updating and expanding existing vexillological bibliographies and making these available in computerized form to scholars and other interested persons. He made the formal motion to approve the letter previously submitted conditional upon receipt by the FIAV Board of a letter from the Chairman of the trustees of the Foundation setting forth its legal status, the nature of its Flag Bibliography International program, an explanation of other activities and goals of the Foundation, and a promise not to make use of the FIAV name for purposes other than grant applications. The delegate of the Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka seconded the motion. The delegate of the North American Vexillological Association indicated that the program itself seemed a worthwhile one but that more knowledge was needed about the Foundation. After further discussion approval was given to the motion with 7 voting in favor and 1 abstaining.

XIII. At the request of the President, Tony Burton of the Flag Society of Australia explained the award which that society proposed to establish on a permanent basis as part of future International Congresses of Vexillology. The "Vexillon" consists of a metal plaque on a wooden base given "for excellence in the promotion of vexillology." It is intended as a perpetual award to honor those who have striven to advance vexillology and its design reflects these ideals and achievements. The original would be maintained by FIAV and brought to each International Congress of Vexillology. The individual receiving the award would be given a miniature version and a sheet explaining its significance. The delegate of the Flag Design Center asked whether it was intended to be given only to individuals or to associations, institutions, and other bodies. The delegate of the Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka indicated that it was intended only for individuals. The President pointed out that the FIAV Board at its meeting had voted to accept the Vexillon for presentation at the 13th International Congress of Vexillology without a commitment to accepting the award in the future. The contributions of those making speeches at the Congress were to be judged by the President, Grace Cooper, and Bruce Luxford. The delegate of the Flag Design Center indicated he favored acceptance of the award conditional upon the right of the General Assembly to determine all details concerning its presentation

in the future. Others pointed out that earlier presentations by Soviet vexillologists and by the Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek had been made without any FIAV control and sometimes without its advance knowledge, which was not proper. The delegate of the North American Vexillological Association indicated that a project rather than a presentation at a congress should also be considered eligible. There was general agreement that this was appropriate and that the award should reflect the most important contribution to vexillology during the two years preceding a given International Congress of Vexillology. The President suggested that in this light it could well become the Nobel Prize of vexillology. The Secretary General for Congresses moved to accept with appreciation the offer of the Flag Society of Australia for the institution of the Vexillon as a FIAV award. The motion was seconded and received unanimous approval. The delegate from the Flag Institute queried whether the FIAV flag was included in the design and was told by Mr. Burton that it was not, but that its colors were those of the Vexillon.

XIV. The President called for nominations for the three officers of the FIAV Board. The delegate of the Flag Design Center nominated Reverend Hugh Boudin for President; this was seconded by the delegate of the Flag Institute. No other nominations were made. The candidate left the room and the Secretary General for Congresses took the Chair. The delegate of the Flag Institute was sent to ask if Reverend Boudin would accept election, receiving an affirmative reply. He was unanimously reelected to the position of President. The President resumed the Chair and called for nominations for the position of FIAV Secretary General. The delegate of the Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka nominated Dr. Whitney Smith. No other individual was nominated. The candidate left the room and a general discussion ensued. The delegate of the Flag Institute determined that the candidate would accept election and Dr. Smith was reelected. The President called for nominations for the position of Secretary General for Congresses. The current Secretary General for Congresses nominated Ralph G.C. Bartlett. The nomination was seconded by the delegate of the Flag Institute. There were no other nominations. The candidate was unanimously elected.

XV. The President raised the question as to whether the current General Assembly wished to consider the possibility of voting for the proposals submitted by the Statutes Commission in 1987 or for the proposal for a FIAV Constitution submitted by the FIAV Board in 1987. The delegate for the Flag Design Center suggested that the question had taken too much time during several previous General Assemblies and therefore it was important to make a final resolution on the question, if possible, and move on to issues more directly related to vexillology. The delegate of the Flag

Research Centre of Sri Lanka suggested that possibly a set of general principles rather than a complete constitution would be sufficient. The delegate of the Flag Design Center insisted that details of the constitution were in fact needed. To promote constructive debate, he moved the adoption of the constitution by the FIAV Board in 1987, striking out in Article 13, paragraph 2, the words "and each officer of the Board." The delegate of the Flag Society of Australia seconded the motion. The delegate of the Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka asked if provisional approval only was appropriate; the delegate of the Flag Institute insisted that it was important to settle the issue definitively. William Crampton, who had not stood for reelection as Secretary General for Congresses, noted that the proposed amendment concerned the right of FIAV Board members to participate at General Assemblies and that under the existing statutes he had no right to continue in the present General Assembly. The FIAV Secretary General on the other hand indicated that it had previously been determined that new members of the FIAV Board assumed their duties at the termination of the General Assembly session at which they were elected and that consequently Mr. Crampton had a rightful place in the current General Assembly. XVI. After discussion of the advisability of including Board members in future General Assemblies, should the proposed constitution be adopted, the delegate of the Flag Design Center withdrew his amendment of the Board proposal. The delegate of the Flag Society of Australia withdrew his second to that part of the motion. Following further discussion a vote was taken on the motion which was unanimously approved except for abstention by the delegate of the Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka. Thus the Board proposal for a FIAV Constitution replaced the statutes adopted by the 1983 General Assembly.

XVII. The delegate of the Sociedad Española de Vexilología indicated that that association had some reservation regarding Article 21 of the new Constitution because other languages should have the possibility of being recognized as official. After general consideration of the possible problems involved (for example, in translating the constitution and/or in publishing congress proceedings), the delegate of the Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka moved to add Spanish to the list of official languages in Article 21 and to correct the typographical error in the relevant sentence so that "language" would read "languages." The delegate of the North American Vexillological Association seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

XVIII. The FIAV Secretary General expressed the wish that the General Assembly direct him to write a letter of salutation to William Pedersen, a Danish vexillologist with great interest in Australian flags who was unfortunately unable to attend the congress. Unanimous general agreement approved this sentiment. The General Assembly was adjourned at 11:25 P.M.

PROPOSAL OF THE FIAV BOARD  
CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

I. PURPOSES OF THE FEDERATION

- Art. 1. The International Federation of Vexillological Associations unites those associations and institutions throughout the world whose object is the pursuit of vexillology, 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. 2. 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;
  - d) to sanction international standards facilitating the development of these activities.
- Art. 3. The Federation, being strictly scientific, has no commercial ends and renounces any political or religious activity or stand.

II. HEADQUARTERS

- Art. 4. The administrative headquarters of the Federation are located at the residences of its Secretaries-General. It may also have a legal headquarters.

III. MEMBERSHIP

- Art. 5. An applicant for membership in the Federation
- a) must be an organization of the type expressed in Art. 1 of the Constitution of the Federation;
  - b) must be committed to the purposes of the Federation expressed in Art. 2 of its Constitution
  - c) must be constituted in conformity with the laws of the country where it is located.
- Art. 6. Full membership in 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 the Federation is open to other associations or institutions anywhere in the world having vexillology as a center of subsidiary interest.
- The processing of membership applications is the responsibility of the Board of the Federation. The Board may at its discretion devolve the function upon a person appointed by them for this purpose. The procedure consists of the following:
- a) The candidate member is to complete the membership application form, which must be received by the Board no later than six months before the opening of the next General Assembly of the Federation.
  - b) The Board shall consider the form and make recommendation to the General Assembly relative to the applicant and shall communicate that recommendation to the applicant and to existing members of the Federation not later than three months before the opening of the next General Assembly.

- c) The Board may recommend acceptance of the applicant as a Full Member, as an Associate Member, or may recommend rejection of the application.
- d) The General Assembly at its next meeting shall vote on the application. An authorized representative of the applicant may appear at the meeting to represent its case. A rejected applicant has the right to reapply for membership at any later General Assembly.

The Board and the General Assembly in making their decisions about an applicant shall have regard to the following:

- a) The existence of a written constitution and its provisions;
- b) the vexillological and non-vexillological activities of the applicant, including
  - i. meetings
  - ii. publications
  - iii. international relations;
- c) in the case of an association, the number of its dues-paying members (minimum of five);
- d) registration of its members in International Congresses of Vexillology sponsored by the Federation;
- e) the length of time it has existed; and
- f) the presence of an autochthonous and authorized representative of the applicant at the General Assembly dealing with the membership application.

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

Art. 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 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 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 General Assembly which is to 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. 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. The Federation may not limit the rights of the Members in this respect.

Art. 10 Members of the Federation shall not undertake any activities contrary to the interests of the Federation.

Art. 11 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 the Federation, nor may they hold international meetings for vexillology on their own.

Art. 12 The General Assembly may name <sup>as</sup> Laureates of the Federation individuals who have made outstanding contributions to vexillology. ~~This status does not confer any right within the Federation.~~

