

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL



In my last message I reported about the quadrennial meeting of our Society, which was to be held on Sunday morning, August 15, 2004 at 10:30 am. As for the meeting place for our convention in 2004, I informed you about the invitation by the

Mayor of Marousi to be his guests in the local townhall.

However, new developments will possibly change this location, as I was recently informed by our Greek Executive Committee member Dr. Kostas GEORGIADIS that the *Hellenic Olympic Committee* will very likely allow us to make use of the Amphitheatre in their Athens office at the address: 52 Avenue Dimitriou Vikelas, 152 33 Halandri.

In addition we received an invitation from our member Georgios DOLIANITIS. I will present more detail in the next issue.

When you read this, all of you will have received a letter from me, asking you to forward your nominations for the election of a new Executive Committee in 2004.

Please send your nomination before March 1, 2004 to me, so that I can then start with the procedures for the actual elections, as the ISOH Constitution states in:

Article Seven (Executive Committee)

a. The management of the affairs of ISOH will be

entrusted to an Executive Committee [EC] consisting of nine [9] members. Eight [8] members will be elected as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary-General, Treasurer, and four [4] other members. One [1] other member will be appointed by the President of the International Olympic Committee, at his discretion.

b. Election of members of the Executive Committee will occur just prior to the Games of the Olympiad and will be held via postal or electronic vote. In the event of an equal number of votes [ex-aequo] being cast for two or more candidates for the fourth position on the Executive Committee, a deciding ballot will be held at the ISOH Convention immediately following the postal ballot. If this still results in a tie, the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall have the deciding vote.

I want the official vote finished by the end of July 2004, so that at the quadrennial meeting in Athens the new Executive Committee for the period 2004-2008 can be installed.

Unfortunately, we had once again to decide that no less than eleven members had to be revoked of their membership, owing to failure in paying their dues for two consecutive years.

This is a constant source of irritation to me. Especially so, because a simple letter to me informing me that they want their membership stopped, would have been more polite to us as an organization.

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