

THE FIRST QUADRENNIAL MEETING OF ISOH

The first quadrennial meeting of ISOH took place at 1:00 PM (1300) on Tuesday, 30 July 1996. It was held at the Main Interview Room of the Olympic Stadium on the break day of track & field athletics. The meeting was chaired by President Ian Buchanan (GBR) alongside Secretary-General Bill Mallon (USA). The following members were in attendance:

Ian Buchanan (GBR)
Bill Mallon (USA)
David Wallechinsky (USA)
John Lucas (USA)
Kostas Georgiadis (GRE)
Athanasios Tarassouleas (GRE)
John Loaring (CAN)
Ian Jobling (AUS)
Fékrou Kidane (IOC/ETH)
Norbert Müller (GER)
Jirí Kössl (CZE)
Karl Lennartz (GER)
Alexander Driega (CAN)
Cüneyt Koryurek (TUR)
Tay Wilson (NZL)
Séamus Ware (IRL)
Philip Barker (GBR)
Peter Matthews (GBR)
Don Potts (guest)
Harry Gordon (apologies received)
Esmail Kadkbozadeh (apologies received)
Daniel Schamps (apologies received)

The first order of business was the proposed amendments and changes to the constitution which had been sent for a postal vote. One of these was, in fact, to allow postal voting for officers, executive committee, and constitutional changes and amendments. All of the proposed amendments and constitutional changes (listed in last issue) passed almost unanimously by postal vote. The members in attendance approved this method of changing the constitution in this case, which will allow the constitution to be amended via postal vote in the future.

The following officers for the Olympiad 1996-2000 were elected by the postal vote or appointment and their appointment was announced by President Buchanan:

President	Ian Buchanan (GBR)
Vice-President	Bill Mallon (USA)
Secretary-General	Tony Bijkerk (NED)
Executive Committee	Karl Lennartz (GER)
	Wolf Lyberg (SWE)
	Kostas Georgiadis (GRE)
	Fékrou Kidane (IOC)

Mr. Kidane was the member appointed from the IOC at behest of the IOC President. A tie (*ex-aequo*) for the fourth position among the elected Executive Committee members had occurred via postal vote. The members involved were Ture Widlund (SWE) and Conrado Durántez (ESP). The tie was broken via a private ballot at the ISOH Meeting, with Mr. Durántez being elected.

President Buchanan proposed another amendment to the constitution which would increase the officers by the addition of the position of Treasurer. Previously this function has been performed by the Secretary-General. A vote of the members present agreed to amend the constitution to add the office of Treasurer. Voting for a Treasurer was then done at the meeting. After proposals, David Wallechinsky was elected as the Treasurer for the next Olympiad. Thus, the final Executive Committee will be as follows for 1996-2000:

President	Ian Buchanan (GBR)
Vice-President	Bill Mallon (USA)
Secretary-General	Tony Bijkerk (NED)
Treasurer	David Wallechinsky (USA)
Executive Committee	Karl Lennartz (GER)
	Wolf Lyberg (SWE)
	Kostas Georgiadis (GRE)
	Conrado Durántez (ESP)
	Fékrou Kidane (IOC)

Fékrou Kidane brought up the point that, in the future, it would be ideal if the Executive Committee were composed of members from the various continents. It was agreed that this is an excellent idea but will require amending the constitution. In addition, at this time, we have very few Asian and African members, and only one South American member. [*Editor's Note: Since the meeting, I have received letters expressing similar sentiments from several different members.*]

Norbert Müller and Karl Lennartz brought up the problems in using English as the only language at the meeting. We had to apologize for that but at the moment do not have facilities to allow translation services. Fékrou Kidane also brought up the possibility of holding future meetings at a more central location with easier access. This will also be considered for the future.

Ian Jobling brought up the ISOH meeting to be held in Sydney in 2000. He noted that there will be an International Olympic Historical Congress prior to those Games in Australia and invited all to attend if possible. It will be held in Brisbane.

President Buchanan tendered thanks to IOC President Samaranch for giving ISOH and its journal financial support for the past three years. He also thanked Bill Mallon for his editing of the journal, which will end after the last issue of 1996.

Discussion of Olympic Web Sites was brought up and the possibility of an ISOH Web Site was mentioned. The Barcelona Centre for Olympic Studies has published a comprehensive listing of Olympic-related Web Sites and serves as an excellent source for finding Olympic-related information on the Internet. (see herein)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM (1415).