

# IQA Congress Meeting

2016 – 02 – 13

## MEMBERS

| <b>Organization</b>                  | <b>Official Acronym</b> | <b>Country/Nation</b> | <b>Representative</b>                     | <b>Present?</b>                      |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Asociación Argentina de Quidditch    | AAQ                     | Argentina             | Matías Puszczuk<br>Eva Alexandra          | DNA<br>DNA                           |
| Australian Quidditch                 | AQA                     | Australia             | Setiadi                                   |                                      |
| Australian Quidditch                 | AQA                     | Australia             | Hannah Monty<br>Laurens Grinwis           | DNA<br>Late                          |
| Belgian Quidditch Federation         | BQF                     | Belgium               | Plaat Stultjes                            |                                      |
| IQA - President                      | IQA                     | IQA                   | Brian Gallaway                            | Yes                                  |
| Quidditch Canada                     | QC                      | Canada                | Chris Daw                                 | Yes                                  |
| Quidditch Canada                     | QC                      | Canada                | Jill Staniec                              | Yes                                  |
| Associació de Quidditch de Catalunya | AQC                     | Catalonia             | Marc Garganté                             | DNA                                  |
| Fédération du Quidditch Français     | FQF                     | France                | Orel Cosseron                             | DNA                                  |
| Deutscher Quidditchbund              | DQB                     | Germany               | Nina Heise                                | Yes                                  |
| Associazione Italiana Quidditch      | AIQ                     | Italy                 | Andrea Miglietta                          | Yea                                  |
| Quidditch México                     | QMX                     | Mexico                | Alberto Santillán<br>Jerona van der Gevel | Late<br>DNA                          |
| Muggle Quidditch Nederland           | MQN                     | Netherlands           | Jørgen Helgeland<br>Stenløkk              | Yes<br>Yes                           |
| Norges Rumpeldunkforbund             | NRF                     | Norway                | Yeray Espinosa                            | Yes                                  |
| Asociación Quidditch España          | AQE                     | Spain                 | Alper Erişen                              | Yes                                  |
| Quidditch Association in Turkey      | TRQ                     | Turkey                | James Burnett                             | Yes                                  |
| QuidditchUK                          | QUK                     | United Kingdom        | Mel Piper                                 | Yes                                  |
| QuidditchUK                          | QUK                     | United Kingdom        |   | Yes                                  |
|                                      |                         |                       |   | <i>Proxy:<br/>Logan<br/>Anbinder</i> |
| US Quidditch                         | USQ                     | United States         | Eric Schnier                              |                                      |
| US Quidditch                         | USQ                     | United States         | Sarah Woolsey                             | Yes                                  |
| US Quidditch                         | USQ                     | United States         | Mary Kimball                              | Yes                                  |
| <b>Non-Voting</b>                    |                         |                       |   |                                      |
| Secretary                            | IQA                     | IQA                   | Ashley Cooper                             | Yes                                  |
| Quidditch Austria                    | QAT                     | Austria               | Lukas Linser                              | DNA                                  |
| Associação Brasileira de Quadribol   | ABRQ                    | Brazil                | Vinicius Costa                            | DNA                                  |
| Associazione Italiana Quidditch      | AIQ                     | Italy                 | Michele Clabassi                          | DNA                                  |
| Muggle Quidditch Nederland           | MQN                     | Netherlands           | Bram Vries                                | DNA                                  |
| Norges Rumpeldunkforbund             | NRF                     | Norway                | Kai Haugen Shaw                           | DNA                                  |
| Polska Liga Quidditcha               | PLQ                     | Poland                | Jagoda Sadecka                            | Yes                                  |
| Quidditch Association in Turkey      | TRQ                     | Turkey                | Bedriye Ecem Satıcı                       | DNA                                  |

## **OBSERVERS**

- Rebecca Alley – Executive Manager, European Committee.
- Karen Kumaki – Expansion Rep
- Harrison Homel – IQA Executive Director

## **AGENDA**

### ***Pre-Meeting Secretary's Business***

- *Attendance Register*
- *Notice Regarding Minutes*

### ***1. Confirmation of Electronic Votes***

- *World Cup Eligibility*
- *Board of Trustees*

### ***2. Membership Status of Spain***

- *Requesting to become full Member NGB*

### ***3. Committees of IQA***

#### *Background and Discussion:*

- *Need to determine what areas committees have direct authority, advisory capacity, etc.*
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- *We need to draft some sort of volunteer agreement for committee members (outlining their role, and noting that their names will be listed on our website)*

### ***4. Nominations and Elections Committee***

#### *Background:*

- *IQA hasn't specified a process for nominating and electing the Board of Trustees. A process needs to be specified for future elections.*

#### *Actions and Discussion Items:*

- *Establish a Nomination and Elections Committee, to consist of board members (who aren't running for re-election) plus a chair coming from Congress.*
- *Work together with our new board to determine our nomination and election process.*
- *Need to write a full charter for this committee.*
- *One example process from WFDF: [WFDF Election Policy](#)*

### ***5. Rules Committee***

*Actions and Discussion Items:*

- *Rules Committee Charter: <https://goo.gl/WbI9h8>*
- *Selection of a new committee chair*
- *We need to give the Committee clear direction, and determine their responsibilities*
- *Mexico brought forward the issue of when we make changes to the rulebook:*
  - *“Most sports (if not all) rule themselves with world championship calendars, meaning, they wouldn't make changes to their Rulebook until the end of the World Championship, is there a way we can establish something like this?”*

## **6. Regional Committees**

*Background:*

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*Actions and Discussion Items:*

- *Ratification of proposed European Committee Charter: <https://goo.gl/yHSbLs>*
- *Formation of new regional committees: Americas Committee, Asia/Oceania Committee*
- *Continental events for 2017*
- *Peru and FIQA*

## **7. Events Committee**

*Actions and Discussion Items:*

- *Need a committee charter and direction*
- *Process for evaluation of bids, awarding of IQA events*
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## **9. Requests from IQA Technology Director**

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- *We're making progress on translating the rulebook to Spanish, but we don't have enough translators to do other languages. Would like to know if Congress can contribute anyone.*

## 10. Other Business

- IOC / ARISF / SportAccord / AIMS
- Setting next meeting time

## MEETING

### Pre-Meeting Secretary's Business

**Register:** *See above*

**Notice Regarding Minutes:** *Minutes will be published in long form to the members of Congress and the IQA. A summarised version will be published publicly.*

### 1. Confirmation of Electronic Votes

- *World Cup Eligibility*
- *Board of Trustees*

#### **Summary:**

*Summary of electronic voting for World Cup Eligibility and the Board of Trustees candidates. Electronic voting occurred over months between previous congress meeting and current meeting.*

#### World Cup Eligibility

**VOTE 12:0 (8 abstention) – PASSED**

#### Board of Trustees

*(Candidate) (For/Total Votes)*

**Chris Daw: 10/18**

**Karen Kumaki: 7/18**

**Nicholas Oughtibridge: 10/18**

**Alicia Radford: 11/18**

**OUTCOME - Elected: Chris Daw, Nicholas Oughtibridge, Alicia Radford**

**Unsuccessful: Karen Kumaki**

### 2. Membership Status of Spain

- *Requesting to become full Member NGB*

#### **Summary:**

*- Spain has met all requirements to become an NGB.*

**MOTION (James): Motion to accept Spain as a full member NGB for 2015-16 season**

**SECONDED (Alberto)**

**In favour: QMX, QUK (2), AIQ, DQB, QD, NRF, BQF, USQ (3), IQA, QC (2)**

**Against: -**

**Abstain: -**

**VOTE 14:0 (0 abstention) – PASSED**

**- In future new members will only be added at the start of each season, based on QDI statistics from the previous season.**

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- *The IAP2 Spectrum defines level of impact for public committees. It may help to think about where we want our own committees to fall within this spectrum (note that it may vary from issue to issue): <http://goo.gl/SSQVNP>*
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***Summary:***

- ***IQA Committee members' names will now appear on the IQA website***
- ***Brief discussion regarding whether the role of committees is to act or give advice for congress to act upon. No outcome.***

### **4. Nominations and Elections Committee**

*Background:*

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*Actions and Discussion Items:*

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- *Work together with our new board to determine our nomination and election process.*
- *Need to write a full charter for this committee.*
- *One example process from WFDF: [WFDF Election Policy](#)*

***Summary:***

- ***Nominations and Elections committee formed, which oversees the election process for the board of trustees***

**MOTION: Motion to form a Nominations and Elections Committee that creates and oversees the election process for the Board of Trustees.**

**SECONDED (Alper).**

**In favour: IQA, QD, QUK (2), NRF, DQB, USQ (3), QMX, AIQ, QC (2)**

**Against: -**

**Abstain: -**

**VOTE 13:0 (0 abstention) – PASSED**

- *Chris Daw appointed as chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee.*
- *Board of Trustee members will be appointed for 2 year terms.*
- *Board of Trustee appointments will be staggered; 3 this season (already elected) and 4 the following season.*
- *Discussion over what time of year new trustee members should be elected. No official decision made.*

## **5. Rules Committee**

*Actions and Discussion Items:*

- *Rules Committee Charter: <https://goo.gl/6v0LxP>*
- *Selection of a new committee chair*
- *We need to give the Committee clear direction, and determine their responsibilities*
- *Mexico brought forward the issue of when we make changes to the rulebook:
  - *“Most sports (if not all) rule themselves with world championship calendars, meaning, they wouldn't make changes to their Rulebook until the end of the World Championship, is there a way we can establish something like this?”**

*Summary:*

- *Discussion over the function and aim of the rules committee.*
- *Voting over adopting sections of the “Charter on the Standing Committee on Rules”.*

**MOTION (Brian): Motion to adopt the "Purpose' and 'Presenting to Congress' sections of the "Charter of the Standing Committee on Rules ". The other sections will be edited and brought back to Congress for approval.**

**SECONDED (James)**

**In favour: NRF, USQ (3), QD, QUK (2), AQE, BQF, DQB, QC (2), AIQ, QMX, IQA**

**Against: -**

**Abstain: -**

**VOTE 15:0 (0 abstention) – PASSED**

- *Jill Staniec appointed as chair of the IQA Rules Committee.*
- *General consensus to work towards a unified international rulebook, as opposed to regionally specific variations.*

*- Likely looking towards publishing a rulebook made from minor corrections and alterations to USQ Rulebook 9.*

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*Actions and Discussion Items:*

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*Summary:*

*- Discussion over the role of Regional Committees.*

*-Vote to adopt Terms of Responsibility for the European Committee.*

**MOTION (Brian): Motion to adopt the Terms of Responsibility for the European Committee.**

**SECONDED (Mel)**

**In favour: NRF, USQ (3), QD, QUK (2), AQE, BQF, DQB, QC (2), AIQ, QMX, IQA**

**Against: -**

**Abstain: -**

**VOTE 15:0 (0 abstention) – PASSED**

*- Voting to establish new Pan American and Asia-Oceania Committees.*

**MOTION (Alper): Motion to create Pan American Committee.**

**SECONDED (Alberto)**

**In favour: NRF, USQ (3), QD, QUK (2), AQE, BQF, DQB, QC (2), AIQ, QMX, IQA**

**Against: -**

**Abstain: -**

**VOTE 15:0 (0 abstention) – PASSED**

**MOTION (Mel): Motion to create Asia-Oceania Committee.**

**SECONDED (Jørgen)**

**In favour:** NRF, USQ (3), QD, QUK (2), AQE, BQF, DQB, QC (2), AIQ, QMX, IQA

**Against:** -

**Abstain:** -

**VOTE 15:0 (0 abstention) – PASSED**

- *Alberto Santillán appointed as chair of the Pan American Committee.*

- *No Asia-Oceania representatives present.*

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***Summary:***

- *Discussion over lack of attendance and possible repercussions. Suggestion of expulse members which regularly fail to attend. No official decision made.*

- *Voting regarding whether to reduce quorum due to poor attendance.*

**MOTION (Jill): Move to change quorum to 50% eligible votes from 66%.**

**SECONDED (Laurens)**

**In favour:** IQA, QC (2), BQF, QMX

**Against:** - QUK (2), QD, DQB, QIA, AQE

**Abstain:** - USQ (3)

**VOTE 5:6 (3 abstention) – NOT PASSED**

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