

AIPC 62nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Video conference, 30 June 2020

MINUTES



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1. Welcome and record of presence/proxies

The official invitation was distributed on May 1, 2020. According to the register for the General Assembly 58 official delegates were present, and the number of proxies submitted was 6 for a total of 64 members present / represented. As AIPC has a total of 186 members, the requirement for a quorum as per article 23 of the by-laws was met.

2. Approval of the Agenda

It was noted that a draft agenda was sent out along with the official invitation to all official delegates on May 1 and the final agenda on June 15. Members were asked to approve the agenda of the meeting.

The agenda was approved as follows;

YES 100% | NO 0% |

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 61st General Assembly

Members approved the minutes of the 61st General Assembly as follows:

YES 98% | NO 2% |

4. Opening Keynote / President's Management report

AIPC President Aloysius Arlando presented the President's Report for the period of July 2019 to June 2020 highlighting the following points:

- AIPC launched its change process last year in its ambition to offer more value to its members
- COVID-19 brought economies worldwide to a standstill and our industry is no exception
- Venues across the globe go through the phases of survival, adaptation, recovery
- Collaboration and partnerships are of key importance to address current and future challenges, resulting into tangible output (such as the Community Outreach webinars and the Good Practices Guides produced under the G3 umbrella)
- Increased efforts are needed to convince authorities and event organizers that organized events can take place in a safe and secure way
- In parallel, event venues need to fundamentally revisit their business models and bring innovation to the next level
- AIPC will do the same by implementing the AIPC 2.0 programme in close collaboration with its member community and business partners
- We are there to connect, to drive innovation and provide value to the society – all things which are needed more than ever.

Aloysius Arlando also introduced Sven Bossu as the new CEO of AIPC.

5. Presentation of AIPC Strategic Business Plan

Sven Bossu presented the AIPC Business Plan of AIPC which consists of six pillars with each pillar being sponsored by one Board member:

- Membership
- Venue Business Model
- Business Partners
- Community Outreach & Partnerships
- Research & Education
- Future Ready Leaders Programme

6. 2019 Financial report and report from the Auditors

The Financial Report for 2019 was presented by AIPC Treasurer Jan van den Bosch.

AIPC Auditors Jonas Scharf (Congress Center Basel) and Ralf Nüsser (Congress-Center Koelnmesse) had reviewed and recommended approval of the financial report as presented.

Members approved the 2019 Financial report as follows;

YES 100% | NO 0% |

7. 2021 budget and membership fee

AIPC Treasurer Jan van den Bosch presented the budget proposed by the Board in order to deliver the AIPC program plan as presented. Mr. van den Bosch noted that 2020 has a challenging year also financially and explained the proposed 2021 budget aims to bring the P&L of AIPC back to the level of 2019. Mr. van den Bosch also informed that the Board does not propose any changes to the membership which will remain at 1895EUR for 2021.

Members approved the 2021 budget and member fee as follows;

YES 96.23% | NO 3.77% |

8. Board Election

Aloysius Arlando introduced the three candidates running for the open seat in the Board:

- Kurby Court (Calgary TELUS Convention Centre)
- Julianne Jammers (SwissTech Convention Center)
- Lindiwe Rakharebe (Durban International Convention Center)

Each candidate presented themselves and their objectives for their potential term in the AIPC Board.

Members voted as follows re-electing Julianne Jammers to the Board;

Kurby Court – 5.26 %
Julianne Jammers - 56.14 %
Lindiwe Rakharebe – 38.60 %

9. Modification to the AIPC bylaws

Sven Bossu outlined the approach of the Board to revising the AIPC bylaws:

- Compliance with the revised Belgian association code
- Governing organs: clarified terminology and responsibilities
- Alignment with current operational practices
- Improving coherency and consistency

Sven Bossu explained that as the changes in the bylaws require a quorum of 2/3 of AIPC members present or represented, an extraordinary general assembly will be organized in September during the 2020 Annual Conference.

10. New members presentation

Aloysius Arlando welcomed the three new members which have joined AIPC since the 61st General Assembly:

- Calgary Stampede BMO Convention Centre
- Messukeskus, Expo and Convention Centre (Helsinki)
- Shenzhen World Exhibition & Convention Center

11. Any other agenda item and replies to the questions raised by the members



No questions were received.

12. Closing remarks

Aloysius Arlando invited the members to vote on the motion to adjourn the 62nd AIPC General Meeting and the motion was approved as follows:

YES 94% | NO 6% |

Aloysius Arlando thanked Lumi for their help with organizing the online General Assembly and other business partners for continuous cooperation. Aloysius Arlando extended his thank you to Rod Cameron who has moved on from AIPC to pursue new professional challenges and congratulated Rod Cameron for his long standing work for AIPC over two decades and developing many current AIPC initiatives.

Aloysius Arlando informed that the 2020 AIPC Annual Conference has been rescheduled to take on 24 and 25 September 2020 in Paris a hybrid event and invited delegates to indicate through the following survey whether they will attend the 2020 Annual Conference:

I will come to Paris in person: 39.13%

I will join remotely: 47.83%

I will not attend the 2020 Annual Conference: 13.04%