

Minutes
IOV General Assembly
Prague, April 27-29, 2012

The IOV General Assembly opened at Martinicky Palace, Prague, Czech Republic on April 27, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by George Frandsen (USA). The official IOV welcome was delivered by President Carmen Padilla (Philippines). Her presentation included highlights from the past years in photographs, which had been professionally arranged and were projected onto a screen for the attendees to view.

Zdenek Psenica (Czech Republic), SG of the Folklore Association of the Czech Republic welcomed the participants. Rina Lazar (Israel), assembly co-chair, reviewed the schedule with the participants.

Simultaneous translation of general assembly meetings was provided in English, Czech, French and Spanish. The minutes of the general assembly held in 2007 in Volos, Greece were accepted by unanimous consent.

George Frandsen presented the reports of the Legal Committee and the Secretary General. He reviewed the accomplishments of IOV from 2007 through the present, and explained the certification IOV has received from UNESCO, the ICH Section and ECOSOC. He reminded the body of the responsibilities of the certification. Secretary General's report is attached.

A presentation on the IOV Bylaws was given by George Frandsen, Guy Dugal (USA), Mila Santova (Bulgaria) and Rikus Draijer (Netherlands):

George Frandsen Explained that the bylaws are a compilation of the old statutes, the Implementing Rules and Regulations and other IOV policies (all of which have previously been approved) and a few new provisions. They were combined into one document for easier reference and named "Bylaws," in keeping with the requirements for legal personality in the United States, where IOV's secretariat and head office are located.

Some changes were noted, including a provision that the general assembly meet every second year. Some changes in terminology were introduced, including "Board of Directors" to replace Executive Board, and "Executive Committee" to replace Presidential Council. Authority

and responsibility lies with the Board of Directors, so many duties formerly assigned to the Presidential Council will now belong to the board.

Reference was made to the recent nonprofit corporate filing in Washington State, giving IOV legal personality in the United States, which is required in order for the Secretary General to conduct business. Other changes were discussed by Guy Dugal and Mila Santova.

Guy Dugal: Presented financial report for 2011 and to date 2012. Presented budget. Both were approved upon a motion duly seconded.

Guy explained the Financial Accountability and Fee Sharing Plan, a new formula for dividing membership fees among the national section, regional organization and IOV World. The formula will allow regional executive secretaries to cover basic expenses. This formula will become the policy of IOV effective January 1, 2013.

Purpose:

1. To share membership fees among the national, regional and world organization.
2. To decentralize IOV by putting responsibility on regional and national levels
3. To Implement a system of financial transparency on all levels of IOV
4. To require accountability for use of membership fees at all levels.
5. To strengthen existing national sections and finance the development of new ones.

In countries with national sections:

1. All membership fees will be collected in national sections (later amended to provide that national sections retain the portion they would be entitled to keep).
2. National section portion of fees will be retained by section, with the rest sent to IOV Treasurer.
3. Fees are set allocated for national sections (40 percent), regional offices (20 percent), head office (40 percent).

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In countries without national sections:

1. Membership fees are collected by the Regional Exec. Secretaries.
2. Fees are sent to IOV Treasurer.
3. Fees are set aside for regional offices (30 percent) and head office (70 percent)

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Exceptions:

1. New members joining from the IOV World web site: first year fees go 100 percent to head office. (If a national section refers the new member to the web site to join, fees will be divided according to the formula.)
2. IOV Senators: contributions go to head office.

Before January 15 of each year, the national sections must submit a budget and brief description of how their portion of the fees will be used. National and Regional financial reports are filed annually showing expenses with copies of invoices and receipts. Fees are to be used exclusively for the purpose of building the national section. A comment was made that after national sections keep their portion of the fees, and 20 percent are allocated to the region, less than \$10 USD will be sent to the world headquarters. From this, the headquarters has been expected to print and mail a membership card, print and mail a festival calendar, provide newsletters and maintain an office with a staff. The impossibility of this situation was noted. A suggestion was made to increase membership fees, however it was not incorporated into the motion to accept the fee sharing and financial plan.

A motion to accept the fee sharing and financial plan was made and seconded. The voice in favor was unanimous, with no abstentions.

Mila Santova: Explained how the new commission structure will work. She referred to ICOM, where the same or similar structure has been used successfully. All commissions will be incorporated into three commissions. The following was introduced as a new section of the bylaws:

Section 21.1 Number and Name. There shall be three commissions within IOV. They shall be called the performances and practice commission; the research commission, and the communications and publishing commission.

Section 21.2 Commission Chairs. The general assembly will select the chairs of the three commissions. The chairs will be experts in the subject matter of the commission, will have the title of vice president of IOV and will be members of the executive committee.

Section 21.3 Structure of Commissions. The Commission Chair will organize a commission in each of the regions. The regional chairs will organize a commission in each national section within the region. At the national level, "sub-commission" may be formed around topics such as dance, music, architecture, medicine, handicrafts, and so on.

Section 21.4 Role of Regions and National Sections. Regional commission chairs will nominate national commission chairs, subject to executive committee approval. Specialized commissions on the national level may be formed on the initiative of individual members, the national or regional commission chairs, or the executive committee.

Section 21.5 Selection of Commission Members. Membership on the commissions will be open to any member of IOV in accordance with the IOV policy of nondiscrimination.

Rikus Draijer: will chair the Commission on Performances and Practices. The priority of the commission is to develop minimal standards or guidelines for festivals and dance groups. The process is to be completed within 2 years. The first step will be to call a meeting of a working committee on minimal guidelines for folkloric festivals. The CIOFF process was referred to as one that has been in operation long enough to be functioning smoothly, and it was noted that in CIOFF, festivals are part of a national section, which monitors the quality and can check the accuracy of reports. It was stated that IOV should develop useful guidelines that are more than just a restatement of CIOFF's.

Reports were given by David A. Carlquist (USA), chair of the election committee. He explained how the election process would take place the next day. He asked that anyone wanting to nominate a member to a position do the following: 1. Ask the nominee if he or she is willing to serve; 2. Provide the nominee with a description of the position; 3. Obtain the signature of the nominee on the board member contract. The name should then be placed in nomination by submitting it, and a written statement from the candidate, to David Carlquist.

A report was given by the youth committee, chaired by Olvin Valentin (Puerto Rico). The report included presentation by Emma Dugal (USA) on the First IOV World Youth Congress in 2008, Emma Chen Hoefler (Germany) on the Second World Youth Congress held in 2010, and Andreas Sohlberg (Sweden) on the upcoming Third World Youth Congress, which will take place in Sweden that last week of June.

Ali Khalifa reported on *Folk Culture*, the quarterly journal to which IOV contributes. This year marks the fifth year the journal has been printed in Bahrain. Funding for the publication comes from the King of Bahrain

On the morning of April 29, election of officers was schedule to take place. Hans Holz (Austria) introduced a motion to limit the terms of the President and Vice-President to two. His

motion was seconded. After some discussion concerning whether the provision would be retroactive, or begin with today's vote, a vote on the motion was taken. It passed.

John Raman (Belgium) read the list of national sections eligible to vote. Votes were counted by David Carlquist, Daniela Santos and John Raman.

The following officers were elected upon individual motions, each duly seconded:

President:	Carmen Padilla
Secretary General:	George Frandsen
Vice President Performance and Practices:	Rikus Draijer
Vice President Research:	Mila Santova
Vice President Publications:	Ali Khalifa
Vice President Special Projects	Emma Chen Hoefler
Treasurer:	Guy Dugal
Secretary:	Rina Lazar

Ali Khalifa was nominated to run for president, but he declined. Marcel Oelbrandt (Belgium) was nominated for both Secretary General and Vice President Performance and Practices, but he declined both. Therefore, all candidates ran unopposed.

The remainder of the time was spend listening to presentations from those listed in the program, which is attached. Because they were "non-business" in nature, minutes were not recorded.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes of the IOV General Assembly, held in Prague, Czech Republic from April 27 through April 29, 2012 are complete and accurate.

Dated: June 30, 2012



George M. Frandsen
Secretary-General