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# **1 OPENING**

# 1.1 WELCOME ADDRESS

ISC President, Mr. Alberto Martin Paracuellos welcomed all Delegates, Alternate Delegates and Appointed Observers. He thanked the Italian Aero Club, and especially, Mr. Sandro Gargini, the ISC Delegate for Italy, for hosting the 75th ISC Plenary. All members stood for the FAI Anthem.

### 1.2 IN MEMORIUM

A presentation was shown in remembrance of those members of our skydiving community who passed away in 2024, and a moment of silence was held.

#### 1.3 ROLL CALL

The roll call was conducted by Ms. Vera Asquith, the ISC Recording Secretary to note the level of attendance to the meeting and to establish a quorum (per IR 3.8.1)

Roll Call Results for the February 1st morning session were:

35 Delegates Present, 13 Proxies (48 total)

Absolute majority - 24. 2/3 majority - 32

#### 1.4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence had been received by the ISC Recording Secretary.

# 1.5 VERIFICATION OF DELEGATE'S AUTHORITY

Mr. Martin Paracuellos announced that all Delegates had been confirmed with the FAI. The list of NACs (who were represented by an ISC Delegate at the plenary) is included as an appendix to these minutes. (Appendix 1)

#### 1.6 APPROVAL OF PROXIES (FAI BY-LAWS 3.1.3, 3.3.2 AND 3.3.3.).

Ms. Asquith reported that all Proxies were confirmed. The list of proxies is included as an appendix to these minutes. (Appendix 1)

#### 1.7 DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Attendees were requested to express a potential conflict of interest. No conflict of interest was declared.

# 1.8 VOTING MATTERS

Mr. Martin Paracuellos informed those present of the voting procedures (per ISC Internal regulations 3.10). For public votes, he requested a show of hands, and for secret ballots, the vote would be conducted using the FAI approved electronic voting system. He instructed that at any time, a secret ballot could be requested from the floor. The majorities required were established by Ms. Tash Higman and presented to the Delegates.

#### 1.9 APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

A request was made for two impartial persons to act as scrutineers. Ms. Marylou Laughlin and Mr. Bert Ham volunteered for this role. A vote was taken to accept these two volunteers to act as scrutineers.

#### Vote: With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, Ms. Laughlin and Mr. Ham were approved.

#### 1.10 ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Martin Paracuellos explained that, per ISC IRs 3.8.3, at least two-thirds of the Delegates present (or represented by proxy) must agree to add an item to the published Agenda.

#### 1.10.1 Late Bids:

It was explained that several late Bids were received after the October 1st deadline, and for each of these Bids, a vote would be taken to have them added to the Agenda. Also, if accepted, these Bids would be voted upon after the presentation of the discipline included in that Bid and for multiple competitions in a Bid, the vote to approve the Bid would be taken after the last discipline presented.

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve of the following bids to be added to the agenda:

11th FAI European Championships of S&A, Klatovy, Czech Republic, 7-13 July 2025 (Appendix 2) With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, this Bid was added to the agenda

6th FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving AE/DY, Aix-Marseille France, 2-5 April 2026 (Appendix 3) **With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, this Bid was added to the agenda** 

6th FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving FS/VFS, Lille, France, 9-12 April 2026 (Appendix 4) **With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, this Bid was added to the agenda** 

6th FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving & Para Skydiving, Warsaw Poland, 21-26 Apr.2026 (Appendix 5) With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, this Bid was added to the agenda

39th World S&A Championship, Spisska Nova Ves, Slovakia, Aug.29-Sept.8, 2026 (Appendix 6) With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, this Bid was added to the agenda

1.10.2. Proposal from Argentina - Night Record Category

Mr. Martin Paracuellos stated that this proposal had been discussed during the Open Meetings, and that the proposal was not supported by the R&R Committee.

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve of adding this Proposal to the agenda. With 6 votes against, and 0 abstentions, the proposal was added.

# 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2024 PLENARY MEETING

The minutes of the 74th ISC Plenary Meeting were published on the ISC Website on 5 March 2024. The delegates were asked if there were any errors or omissions and with none noted, a vote was taken to approve the Minutes.

# With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, the Minutes of the 74th ISC Plenary Meeting were approved.

# **3 FAI REPORT**

The FAI Report had been presented by the FAI Secretary General, Mr. Markus Haggeney, during the Open Meeting. The FAI Report will be included as an Addendum to the Meeting Minutes. (Appendix 7)

# 4 ISC PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

# 4.1 PRESIDENTS REPORT

ISC President, Mr. Martin Paracuellos, presented his report, which covered ISC activity in 2024. He shared that it had been a busy year for himself and the Bureau, and was satisfied with how his first year in office had gone. He thanked the Bureau, delegates and competitors for their contributions. Work throughout the year included issuing several IBDs, making changes to the Media Working Group, and having increased interaction with FAI, especially with the Media Team. He would like to reintroduce the newsletter and encouraged the delegates to have their NAC members sign up to the FAI mailing list.

Mr. Martin Paracuellos then congratulated Mr. Gernot Rittenschober on his work in reviewing and reorganising the ISC G-1 and G-2 Records. In addition to accurately categorizing the existing records, a revised procedure was established where the Jury still prepares the Record Claim, it is sent to FAI at the end of each FCE and is paid by ISC. If needed, the relevant ISC Competition Committee will be consulted to confirm the accuracy of the contents of any dossier. Also, an agreement was made with FAI to pay 75 CHF to have records that were claimed at FCEs ratified (for combined World and Continental records, only one payment). The new SC5 chapter 3 proposal is for only the best world record of a team or competitor will be claimed and paid by ISC (no multiple records by the same claimant). A comment was made by Ms. Gillian Rayner that with ISC paying for all the Continental Records, this would ultimately increase our Budget. Mr. Rittenschober received a round of applause.

Mr. Martin Paracuellos then pointed out that he was happy with how the 2024 ISC Competitions were run and that all rounds were completed. He added that all FAI Controllers and Jury Presidents submitted reports and that he had submitted a proposal to amend SC5 to require all FAI Controllers to submit a report in future.

Mr. Martin Paracuellos shared that ISC has a good working relationship with FAI, and that he has been working closely with the FAI President, other Commission Presidents and FAI Secretariat (especially in the areas of Media and Finance). Regarding finances, he referred to his promise to get access to the Special Reserves and that has now been accomplished.

Regarding the World Games, Mr. Martin Paracuellos shared that Ms. Natasha Higman (the German Delegate) is involved with the World Games Association, and is the link between the German Federation and the WGA. He reminded the delegates that ISC was not included in the upcoming World Games in China, and indicated that we would like to be included in the future. He went on to mention the Bid from China to hold the Style and Accuracy Landing competition in 2025, and pointed out that a growing number of Asian Countries are participating in ISC Competitions.

Mr. Martin Paracuellos reminded the Delegates of the rule which states that the Committee Chairs are proposed by the Bureau (IR 6.3.1). He stated that many complaints were received throughout the year about the Chair of the Style and Accuracy Landing Committee from competitors, NACs and that a protest had been received. Also, that the Committee had internal problems and was not functional. A proposal had come forward for a replacement Chair of the Style and Accuracy Landing Committee and the Bureau will support this proposal.

The President's Report can be found on the ISC Website as Annex 4.1 of the agenda.

# 4.2 DECISIONS BY THE ISC BUREAU

Mr. Martin Paracuellos summarised the ISC Bureau decisions (IBDs) made during 2024. The IBD's can be found as Annex 4.2 of the agenda.

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve the 2024 IBDs.

# With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, the 2024 IBD's were approved.

# 4.3 LETTERS OF INTENT

Mr. Martin Paracuellos presented a letter of Intent from Brazil to host a World Cup for all outdoor Disciplines in 2027. He stated that after receipt of this letter of Intent, the Extended Bureau had proposed an amendment to SC5 to permit a NAC to Bid for a World Cup Mondial. It was agreed that Brazil should submit their Bid by July 1st, and if approved, an IBD would be issued to allow this Bid to be made public. Other potential bidders would be aware that this "Mondial" would have priority over any other Bids. A presentation was given by the Brazilian Delegate, Ms. Carmem Pettena.

Mr. Mike Teague, CP Committee Chair, shared that a letter of Intent was received from Denmark to host the CP Competition in 2027.

# 4.4 PRESENTATION FROM INDONESIA

Mr. Ardya Rifiantara, the Alternate Delegate of Indonesia (and Secretary of the Indonesian Skydiving Committee) introduced himself and other members of his delegation: Mr. Irvan, President of the Indonesian Skydiving Committee and ISC Delegate, Mr. Nange, Vice President of Indonesian Skydiving Committee, and Mr. Samuel, Staff of Indonesian Skydiving Committee.

Mr. Rifiantara stated that they have a mission to promote more Skydiving activity in the Asian region and they are already seeing growth. Mr. Rifiantara noted that Indonesia is ready to host skydiving and indoor skydiving competitions, including Continental FCE's, a Cat.2 event (Asian Series Skydiving), and they intend on Bidding for the FAI Asian Indoor Skydiving Championships in 2026. He remarked that a problem in that region is communication between members and hopes that, with the help of ISC's Vice President, Mr. Omar Alhegelan, other Asian members will be on board with their mission.

#### 4.5 NEW DELEGATES

Mr. Martin Paracuellos indicated that ISC has two new Delegates, Ms. Egestina Levani from Albania, (who introduced herself) and Mr. Loai Al-Gitely from Libya. They were welcomed with a round of applause.

# 4.6 PROPOSAL FROM GERMANY

Ms. Natasha Higman, Delegate for Germany, provided a media presentation that included photos from the World Games in Birmingham, to demonstrate the vast array of sports, large spectator opportunity, inter-sport interactions and wide media coverage that the World Games have. She pointed out that a benefit of participating in these games is that some National Federations will provide additional funding to sports organisations that are included in an event that is classified as a World Games.

On behalf of the German Aeroclub and German Parachute Federation, Ms. Higman asked for ISC's support by working together with FAI to try to get skydiving back into the World Games. The next Games will be in Germany in 2029. Ms. Gillian Rayner, on behalf of FAI, thanked Ms. Higman for her enthusiasm and said that, at the General Conference, a motion was approved that FAI be committed to continuing its participation in the World Games, and would provide up to 15,000 CHF per year towards them. Ms. Higman asked that ISC support the World Games and put money aside as well.

Ms. Ron Miasnikov (ISR) encouraged delegates to approach their own NACs to support ISC in the World Games. She also suggested that Indoor Skydiving be included, if possible. Ms. Higman confirmed that without any tunnels nearby, Indoor Skydiving would probably not happen. Mr. Martin Paracuellos indicated that, as a previous Meet Director at two World Games, he feels that it is important that we are represented in the World Games and would fight to get us into future Games.

Ms. Higman asked that a vote was taken to indicate support of this request. With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, it was approved unanimously.

# **5 FINANCE REPORT**

Ms. Natasha Higman, ISC Finance Secretary, presented a summary of the Income and Expenses for 2024. She stated that participation at our competitions was higher than predicted, so ISC's income was 110,000 CHF rather than the estimated 87,000. She asked Committee Chairs that, in future, they be bolder with their estimates of numbers of participants.

She went on to say that the costs associated with the running of competitions include the processing of records, and the travel costs of Judges and Juries. Regarding expenses for 2025, Ms. Higman pointed out that costs will be higher as, with many more competitions. there will be an increased number of Juries and Judges.

She explained that expenses are broken down into two columns, one for day-to-day operating expenses and one for Special Reserves. In 2024, ISC gained access to the Special Reserves, so some expenses (for long-term sport development) from that year were allocated there, including the cost of developing the Electronic COPs. The 2024 actual expenses were 129,000 CHF, as opposed to the estimated 140,000 CHF. Ms. Higman reminded the plenary that ISC is a non-profit organization and we should not be making a profit.

# 5.1 FINANCE PROPOSALS

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Ms. Higman presented proposals regarding procedure, as follows:

#### **Bid Application Fee**

Once a Bid is received by the President and Finance Secretary, an invoice will be prepared for the Bid Application Fee, and payment will be made by the due date on the invoice. It was made clear that Bids would not be included in the agenda if the invoice is not paid.

#### Wording Change

The term "Deposit" to be changed to "Performance Bond". The purpose of this Performance Bond is to ensure that the organiser conducts the competition according to the rules. This change is to make it clear to organisers that it is not an advance payment of Sanction Fees.

#### Timelines for Payment,

Two proposals were made regarding timing of payments of the Performance Bond and Sanction Fees.

Ms. Higman did note that we will continue to have the challenge about fees being paid in Swiss Francs.

# 5.2 BUDGET REQUESTS FROM SPECIAL RESERVES

Ms. Higman informed the Plenary that over the past year, FAI has developed a policy which enables the Commissions to access and spend Special Reserves for long-term projects. Committee Chairs were then asked to make funding requests, the total value of which were included in the budget prepared for the FAI General Conference (64,0000 CHF). This total was approved at the GC. Committee Chairs had been asked to present their requests during their Committee presentation, and voted upon at that time.

# 6 MEDIA AND WEBSITE

Ms. Elisabet Mikaelsson, Chair of the Media Working Group, presented her report to the Plenary. She summarised that there was good cooperation with Ms. Faustine Carrera, FAI Communications Manager, who is responsible for media and communications and that there were regular articles highlighting competitions, athletes, coaches and delegates. There were 86,996 visits to the ISC website on fai.org.

Regarding Social Media, she remarked that it was a great year for the ISC. She reported that Facebook followers have doubled and a milestone was reached with over four million views. She continued to say that FB and Instagram, with over 61,000 followers, play an important role in building community, emphasising athlete achievements and promoting ISC, Ms. Mikaelsson thanked the EdgE for the tremendous work they have done over the years, with four posts each week (2 on FB and 2 on Instagram), many of which were reposted by FAI on their page.

Ms. Ron Miasnikov (ISR) questioned why the EdgE had just been dismissed from their contract with ISC after all these years, and indicated that it was the Deputy Chair in place at that time who ended the contract. Ms. Mikaelsson responded that she had only heard of this within the past two days, and as the current Chair of the Committee at that time, she was not consulted. She indicated that the EdgE contract was approved by the Plenary and should be cancelled by the Plenary. In response to a question about the Facebook page, Ms. Mikaelsson explained that the Facebook page has always been owned by FAI and all posts prepared by the EdgE are approved by her.

Mr. Martin Paracuellos responded that since Ms. Mikaelsson was stepping down, a replacement Chair was needed, and felt that Ms. Agnieszka Sobczynska (FIN) was a suitable, qualified replacement. He explained that she was appointed as Deputy Chair via an IBD and she then began working with his authority. He described the terms of the EdgE contract (payment on a three-month basis) and stated that they ended the agreement with the EdgE at the end of the year, when their contract ended. He went on to say that Ms. Sobczynska felt that she can do this job herself (free of charge) and had already been making posts. He believed that using the FAI Media structure is also a valuable tool, and this year, upon receipt of receiving information from FAI Controllers, they have been writing articles about ISC events. He stated that he felt that the EdgE had not been focusing on the competitions.

Ms. Mikaelsson expressed that she had approved of Ms. Sobczynska's appointment as Deputy Chair and when asked, told her to not begin doing work until after the Plenary. She indicated that Social Media views and followers have decreased in the month of January. Discussion from the floor ensued with comments in favour of keeping the EdgE (all referring to the fact that professionals should handle media, that the rate they are charging is very reasonable, and that it is the Plenary that should have made this decision, not the Media Working Group). Mr. Martin Paracuellos disagreed and said that Social Media should go to FAI, and felt that Ms. Sobczynska is qualified and could do the work for free. In defence of the EdgE, Ms. Mikaelsson summarized how they get their content. Ms. Natasha Higman, Finance Secretary, explained that there was automatically an end of the EdgE contract on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and we would now have to agree to enter into a contract. Ms. Mikaelsson replied that this happens every year, where she gets approval from the Plenary to continue ISC's contract with the EdgE. It was noted by Ms. Miasnikov that since Ms. Sobczynska is not a Delegate, what must be voted on first is a change in the IR's to allow a person who is not a Delegate to be able to be elected Chair (agreed to by Mr. Rittenschober)

A media presentation, which was prepared by Ms. Sobczynska, was shown.

Mr. Martin Paracuellos made the comment that Loopia, the server that stored ISC's media, was running out of space. Ms. Mikaelsson stated that when she originally approached FAI about media storage, she was told that they had enough storage space for now, but not forever. However, Mr. Martin Paracuellos confirmed that there is unlimited storage space and that the domain "worldskydiving.org" will remain.

In answer to a question from the floor, Mr. Martin Paracuellos confirmed that Ms.Sobczynska was appointed by her NAC as an Appointed Observer. Mr. Albert Berchtold (USA) expressed that he believed that most people in the room were not aware that there was an opening for a replacement Media Working Group Chair, and he believed other volunteers would have come forward if they had known.

# 7 CISM

Cpt. Tamas Banszki, President of CISM Parachuting Committee, expressed that it was an honour for him, as the new CISM representative, to be present at the ISC Plenary. As a Hungarian citizen and sportsman, having the Military World Championships in Hungary was a special time for him. It was a successful event with 32 nations and 350 athletes participating. Cpt Banszki described the live scoring system (Airshots) which was used for the Style and Accuracy Landing events, and said that InTime was used for Formation Skydiving. He thanked Mr. Martin Paracuellos for attending as the ISC representative, and expressed that it was an emotional moment when he replaced outgoing CISM President, Gernot Rittenschober.

Future events will be a Parachute-Ski event at the Military Winter Games in Switzerland, the Military World Championships in Qatar, and the Military World Games will be held in North Carolina in 2027. They are still looking for a host for 2026. Cpt. Banszki invited nations to host military test events, and acknowledged the new incoming Military teams, as well as those who have returned.

# 8 PARACHUTE-SKI COMMITTEE

Mr. Michael Egger, Committee Chair, presented his report. As Chair for 27 years, he announced his retirement. Mr. Egger thanked the members of the Committee for their hard work and acknowledged Ulf Tingnert, Gunter Berendt, Henny Wiggers and Sandro Gargini, who were also retiring from the Committee this year. Mr. Anton Gruber, from Austria, would be taking over as Chair. Mr. Egger shared that there was only one competition last year, but there will be more events in 2025 (World Cup Series in France and Italy, as well as the World Championships in Austria).

# 8.1 BUDGET REQUEST

Mr. Egger spoke about the benefits of the Parachute-Ski World Ranking list, which had not been updated since 2023, since the death of the person responsible for it, Mr. Franz Singraber. He presented the Committee's Budget Request of a one-time payment of 1130 CHF to reactivate, improve and operate this Ranking List, which is published on the ISC Website. He reminded those present that at the last PS World Championships, a profit of 5000 Euro was made since they provide their own juries. Delegates were asked to vote to approve this Budget Request.

# <u>Vote: With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, the Special Reserve Budget request of 1130 CHF</u> was approved.

# 8.2 PARACHUTE-SKI COMPETITION RULES

Mr. Egger indicated that there would be no changes to the Parachute-Ski Competition Rules for 2025.

#### 8.3 FUTURE PARACHUTE-SKI COMPETITIONS

Mr. Egger provided an update regarding the upcoming 19<sup>th</sup> FAI World Parachute-Ski Championships which will be held in St.Johann Im Ponngau, Alpendorf, Austria, from 13-17 March 2025.

He also informed the plenary of other competitions in 2025: Praloup France in January, which was run successfuly, Sappada Italy in February, and the Military Parachute-Ski World Championships in Switzerland. He asked organisers to come forward with bids for future competitions.

#### 8.4 COMMITTEE CHAIR APPROVAL

The ISC Bureau made a proposal to approve Mr. Anton Gruber as Chair of the PS Committee.

#### Vote: With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, Mr. Gruber was approved as Committee Chair.

In closing, a round of applause was held for Mr. Egger, in recognition of his many years of service.

# 9 STYLE AND ACCURACY LANDING

Ms. Pascale Dumarcet, Deputy Chair, indicated that she was representing Ms. Ani Stamenova (Committee Chair), who was unable to attend the Plenary meeting. Ms. Dumarcet presented the list of the 2024 Committee Members and thanked them for their work throughout the year. She reported on the competitions which were held in 2024, which included six World Cup Series events, the DIPC in Dubai, and the World Championships in Prostejov, which had 25 NACs and 180 entrants participating. Eight World, and 14 Continental records were set. Two Bids were received for S&AL Competitions in 2025 and 2026, and would be voted upon later in the S&AL presentation.

Ms. Dumarcet stated that, as a result of Committee discussions and a survey which had been conducted, there were two issues, the future of the Style Event and the fee structure. The Committee came up with a proposal to separate the disciplines, with Style being run first, followed by Accuracy Landing (and a continuation of Style). Ms. Dumarcet announced that the Style and Accuracy Landing Committee has had a ranking list (FCEs and SCEs) in place for Accuracy Landing for the past three years, and they will soon have a ranking list for Style and Overall as well. She then presented the composition of the proposed S&AL Committee.

#### 9.1 COMPETITION RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

The following is a brief summary of the S&AL rule changes proposed by the Committee:

#### Competition Rule change proposals:

- 3.1 Addition of the words "First Category"
- 3.2 New rule allowing individual events to be held during an SCE
- 7.2.2.1 and 7.2.2.2 Additional sentence to clarify that for the junior classification only, all juniors can continue into rounds 9 & 10.
- 7.2.2.3 New rule clarifying that juniors who participate in rounds 9 or 10 cannot receive a higher rank in the male/female rankings.
- 7.2.2.5 and 7.2.2.6 Clarification for classification of juniors
- 7.3.1 One additional coach added to the composition of Delegation
- 7.3.2 Doubling of coaches, interpreters and competitors for World Cups to increase participation
- 7.5.3.1 Change of calculation for "Overall Nation". Only teams with at least 4 competitors in both events will be considered.
- 7.5.5, 7.5.5.1, 7.5.5.2 Providing two options for Organisers to run both events simultaneously, or to divide them into Style first, following by Accuracy two days later (and continue Style if not completed)

Mr. Gernot Rittenschober commented that the new rule about the two options for the timetable is not necessary, because it would have been possible to do this with the current rules.

The Plenary were asked to approve the proposed Style and Accuracy Landing Competition Rule changes.

### With 0 votes against, and 4 abstentions, the proposed rule changes were approved.

The Plenary pproved Rule Changes can be found as an appendix to these Minutes (Appendix 8)

# 9.2 FUTURE STYLE AND ACCURACY LANDING COMPETITIONS

#### 11th FAI and 8th Junior FAI European Championships of Style and Accuracy Landing, 2025

During the Open Meeting, Mr. Libor Jirousek, from the Czech Republic, had presented the Bid to host the European Cup of Style and Accuracy Landing Championships to be held 6-13 July in Klatovy, Czech Republic. The organisers assured the Plenary that both the FCE and World Series competitions could be held simultaneously.

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve this Bid from Czech Republic for the EC, S&AL, 2025 Secret vote: With 6 votes against, 2 abstentions, and 40 votes in favour, the 11th European Cup of Style and Accuracy Landing was awarded to Klatovy, Czech Republic.

#### 16th FAI World and 1st Asian Cup of Style and Accuracy Landing, 2025, China.

During the Open Meeting, Ms. Jessie Zeng, from China, had presented the Bid to host the World Cup of Style and Accuracy Landing, to be held in Jiangxi, China from 19-24 October, 2025. The Bid can be found on the ISC website as an Annex to the Meeting Agenda. (Annex 9.3.1).

# <u>Secret vote:</u> With 1 vote against, 1 abstention, and 46 votes in favour, the 16th FAI World Cup and 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Cup of Style and Accuracy Landing was awarded to China.

# 39th World Style and Accuracy Landing Championship, Spisska Nova Ves, Slovakia, Aug. 29 - Sept. 8, 2026

During the Open Meeting, Mr. Richard Koloszi from Slovakia, had presented a Bid to host the 39th World Style and Accuracy Landing Championships in Spisska Nova Ves, Slovakia, Aug.29-Sept.8, 2026. Mr. Gernot Rittenschober (AUT) pointed out that the Bid contained two possible schedules (Plan A or Plan B) and that, according to the S&AL rule changes that had been approved by the Plenary, the organiser must declare which schedule would be used. Mr. Kolszki replied that they will propose Plan B, (to hold the Style and Accuracy Landing events in parallel) and that a new Bid would be prepared.

Based on having plan B with 6 competition days as the schedule plan, a vote was held to award the 2026 World Championships of S&A to Spisska Nova Ves, Slovakia.

# Secret Vote: With 1 votes against, 3 abstentions and 44 in favour, the 9th World Style and Accuracy Landing Championships were awarded to Slovakia.

#### 9.3 NAC PROPOSALS

A proposal had been received from Romania to add a sentence to 7.5.3.2 of the S&AL Competition Rules, and to adjust point 4.3 and 5.2 of SC5. After discussion with the S&AL Committee, the Romanian Delegate withdrew the Proposal.

A proposal had been received from Bulgaria, regarding renumeration for S&AL Judges. Ms. Natasha Higman, as Finance Secretary, commented on the negative effects of judges renumeration, (tax laws, immigration problems, etc). Mr. Martin Paracuellos also remarked that the Judges Committee was against this proposal. The proposal was subsequently withdrawn by Bulgaria.

### 9.4 COMMITTEE CHAIR APPROVAL

The ISC Bureau made a proposal to approve Mr. Gerhard (Conan) Wagner (GER) as Chair, and Mr. James Hayhurst (USA) as Deputy Chair of the S&AL Committee for 2025-2026.

# <u>Vote:</u> With 14 votes against, 2 abstentions and 32 in favour, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Hayhurst were approved as Chair and Deputy Chair.

Mr. Wagner gave his thanks to the Plenary for their support.

# **10 FORMATION SKYDIVING**

Mr. Mark Szulmayer, Committee Chair, introduced himself and indicated that he had presented the summaries of the Competitions from 2024 during the Open Meetings. He thanked both Macau and Beaufort for hosting such well-run competitions.

# 10.1 FUTURE FORMATION SKYDIVING COMPETITIONS

Mr. Szulmayer informed the plenary about two Bids which had been presented at the Open Meeting.

#### Bid from Czech Republic - 2026 World Championships of Formation Skydiving

During the Open Meeting, Mr. Martin Dlouhy, Organiser, had presented the Bid to host the 27th FAI World Championships of Formation Skydiving (along with AE), to be held in Prostejov, Czech Republic in August, 2026. (Bid: Annex 10.3.3 of the agenda)

#### Bid from Skydive Arizona - 2026 World Championships of Formation Skydiving

During the Open Meeting, Mr. Shawn Hill, Organiser, had presented the Bid to host the 27th FAI World Championships of Formation Skydiving (along with AE, CP, CPF, SP) to be held in Eloy, Arizona in October, 2026. (Bid: Annex 10.3.4 of the agenda)

Mr. Szulmayer went on to say that in the original Prostejov Bid, they stated that they would use Lets for FS, but after the FS Committee expressed dissatisfaction with this choice, the Organiser confirmed that the Aircraft to be used for FS and AE will be Caravans. Mr. Szulmayer stated that the FS Committee is satisfied with both Bids on the table, and it is up to the Delegates to consider which Bid best suits their competitors.

For for Indoor in 2026, there were also two Bids, a combined Bid from France and a Bid from Poland,.

# Combined Bid from France (Marseille and Lille) - 6th World Cup of Indoor Skydiving 2026

During the Open Meeting, Ms. Alexandra Petitjean, Alternate Delegate for France, had presented the Bid from Weembi in Lille to host the Indoor World Cup - FS, VFS, 8-way and Indoor Para Skydiving. The Bid originally had VFS being held in Marseilles along with AE, but during the open meeting, Ms. Petitjean confirmed that VFS would now be held in Lille.

### Bid from Poland - 6th World Cup of Indoor Skydiving 2026

During the Open Meeting, two representatives from Flyspot (Max and Aneta), had presented the Bid to host the Indoor Events at Flyspot in Warsaw.

Mr. Szulmayer reported that the FS Committee had a preference for the combined French Bids, as it will have an 8-way competition and lighting will not be a consideration as the Artistic Events will not be run at the same venue.

# 10.2 PROPOSED COMPETITION RULE CHANGES

The following is a brief summary of the FS rule changes proposed by the Committee:

#### Competition Rule change proposals:

#### Indoor and Outdoor Rules

- 2.2 Clarification of a grip
- 6.2.1 Fixing inconsistent wording of events and use of "open"
- 7.1.5 Updated coding used in pool diagrams (change of vertical orientation for VFS)
- 7.2 Improved diagram indicating allowable grip location

#### Indoor rules:

2.2, 4.4.1, 5.4, 5.6 - Change the word "jump" to "performance"

#### **Outdoor rules:**

2.13.3 – Added to fix consistency between indoor and outdoor rules

13 FAI – FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE, ISC – INTERNATIONAL SKYDIVING COMMISSION – WWW.FAI.ORG 75<sup>TH</sup> ISC PLENARY MEETING, ROME ITALY, 1-2 FEBRUARY 2025 5.2.6.2 – Penalty for incorrect video resolution/frame rate (20% reduction instead of a "0") 2.15, 4.8.1, SC5 5.2.6 – Introduce conditional rejump in the case of an NV due to solar interference

### Sporting Code, Section 5

3.3.3.2 - Clarification of "Same Grip" in sequential records

#### **Pool Changes**

FS - Block 3 - No change to the Block. Identifier added to make it easier to understand.

FS - Block 20 - Change from "Piver-Viper" to "Zipper-Zipper"

VFS – Block 12 – Had already been changed for Indoor (IBD 2024-14) and the same change is now applied to the outdoor rules.

VFS – Block 2 – No change to the Block. The Bottom of the block has been re-named "Craw"

VFS Dive Pool diagrams have been updated using the USPA diagrams. (Thank you to USPA for permission to use their diagrams, which are copyrighted but have been made available by the USPA for non-commercial use.)

The Plenary were asked to approve the proposed Formation Skydiving Competition Rule changes. With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, the proposed rule changes were approved.

The plenary approved Competition Rule changes are appended to these minutes. (Appendix 9)

#### Proposal from Italy to amend SC5 – addition of record category

Mr. Szulmayer then referred to the Proposal from Italy to Amend SC5 – addition of a record category. He confirmed that the Committee did not recommend this proposal, as a record should represent worthwhile achievements, and this record would fall between the Head-up and Head-down records.

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve this Proposal from Italy. Vote: 29 with against, 5 abstentions, 3 and in favour, the proposal was NOT approved.

# 10.3 COMMITTEE CHAIR APPROVAL

Mr. Szulmayer pointed out that he had invited a new member to the FS Committee, Mr. Jan Klapka, and stated that he looked forward to working with this Committee in the year to come.

The ISC Bureau made a proposal to approve Mr. Mark Szulmayer as Committee Chair and Mr. David Grauwels as Deputy Chair for 2025-2026.

#### <u>Vote: With 0 votes against, 0 abstentions, Mr. Szulmayer was approved as Chair and Mr.</u> <u>Grauwels as Deputy Chair.</u>

# **11 ARTISTIC EVENTS**

# 11.1 PROPOSED COMPETITION RULE CHANGES

Ms. Ron Miasnikov presented the proposed competition rule changes for the Artistic Events. The following is a brief summary of the AE rule changes proposed by the Committee:

#### Competition Rule change proposals:

Indoor Solo Freestyle:

2.7 – Added. For clarification, regarding being able to use the transparent part of the diffuser

4.8.1 – Regarding reflights – "at the discretion of the Chief Judge" added.

4.8.4 – Regarding reflights – music issues and performance requirements.

4.8.5 – Regarding reflights – the performer's responsibility to confirm speed.

6.2 - Added text - "poor body position"

Addendum A – Wording added regarding executing Compulsories below the diffuser.

Compulsory Descriptions ISF-3 and ISF-5 – rewording

# AE Outdoor Rules:

- 5.2.3.4 Additional wording to require the submitted video to be 1 unedited video.
- 5.3.5 Added. No more than a difference of 2 rounds between events and no more than 4 rounds per event per day.
- 7.2 Additional wording to make it clear than on the 2nd day of the conference, teams can still train.

Freestyle Compulsory Description FR-3 - rewording

### The Plenary were asked to approved the proposed Artistic Events Competition Rule changes. <u>Vote: With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, the rule changes proposed by the AE Committee</u> <u>were approved.</u>

The plenary approved Competition Rule changes are appended to these minutes. (Appendix 10)

# 11.2 BUDGET CONSIDERATION RE: MUSIC

Ms. Miasnikov briefed the plenary of the history of the use of music by Indoor AE competitors. There had been issues around music copyrights and the Committee managed to find a solution to use music legally. She explained the three types of licences, one for the flyer to use with their choreography, the second for the live stream, and a third licence, to include music along with the video on the results page. Until now, due to technical issues (outside noise), this third licence had not been used. A solution had been found where the video can be combined with the music source onto one file, and put on the results page. Ms. Miasnikov anticipated that this might encourage more traffic on the results page.

She further elaborated that this Licence was 1000 Euros for one year, but now it has gone up to 5000. She suggested that sponsors might be found who would pay for this. She stated that a discussion should be had by the Media Group and the Finance Secretary to decide if this cost is feasible and whether or not to invest this money every year.

# 11.3 FUTURE ARTISTIC EVENTS COMPETITIONS

Ms. Miasnikov detailed the upcoming indoor events. In 2025, the World Indoor Skydiving Championships will be held in Charleroi Belgium, and noted that Airspace have run successful competitions in the past. Also, two Bids had been received for the 2026 Indoor Competitions, one from France, which is a split Bid between two locations (one for AE and DY and the other for FS, 8-way, VFS and Indoor Para Skydiving) and the other from Poland, which would have all events in one location. Ms. Higman, Finance Secretary, cautioned that the France Bid might be costly, as there would be two juries.

# Combined Bid from France (Marseille and Lille) - 6th World Cup of Indoor Skydiving 2026

During the Open Meeting, Ms. Alexandra Petitjean (FRA), had presented the Bid from Marseille to host the Indoor World Cup – AE and DY. This Bid originally had VFS being held in Marseilles along with AE, but during the open meeting, Ms. Petitjean confirmed that VFS would now be held in Lille.

# Bid from Poland - 6th World Cup of Indoor Skydiving 2026

During the Open Meeting, two representatives from Flyspot (Max and Aneta), had presented the Bid to host the Indoor Events at Flyspot in Warsaw.

Ms. Miasnkov went on to explain the upcoming outdoor events. Teuge, Netherlands will host the 2025 World Cup in August. She noted that the Bids for 2026 had been presented and discussed during the Open Meeting.

# Bid from Skydive Arizona - 2026 World Championships of Artistic Events

Mr. Shawn Hill, Organiser, had presented the Bid to host the 16th FAI World Championships of Artistic Events (along with FS, CP, CPF and SP), to be held in Eloy, Arizona in October, 2026.

#### Bid from Czech Republic - 2026 World Championships of Artistic Events

Mr. Martin Dlouhy, Organiser, had presented the Bid to host the 16th FAI World Championships of Artistic Events (along with FS), to be held in Prostejov, Czech Republic from 14-20 August, 2026.

Ms. Miasnikov confirmed that for the Czech Republic, the aircraft that would be used for AE is the caravan. She went on to say that the AE Committee believes there are pros and cons for both Bids, and both organisers have proven their abilities in the past. Also, she cautioned that if the plenary voted for Prostejov, they would lose Speed and Canopy Piloting.

Mr. Albert Berchtold (USA) noted that the Bid for Prostejov, which was posted on the Plenary cloud, had been altered to include Speed, and the plenary had not voted on this new adjusted Bid. Mr. Martin Paracuellos explained that during the Open Meetings, Skydive Arizona had declared that they would

not run a Speed Competition alone and Prostejov had agreed that they would include Speed if Eloy did not win the Bid for the other events. It was then confirmed that an adjusted Bid had been uploaded to the Cloud accidentally and should only have included the change of aircraft. It was agreed that this Bid be considered without the Speed Event included. Mr. Rittenschober, Speed Committee Chair, confirmed that it was agreed during their presentation that if Eloy dropped Speed, that Prostejov would submit a late Bid to include that event.

Mr. Berchtold believed that it is unfair that the details for an event which been made public in a timely submitted Bid, can now be used to formulate a new competitive late Bid. Mr. Rittenschober expressed concern that a Speed Event might not take place and that it was unfortunate that the back-up Prostejov Bid was leaked. Mr. Martin Paracuellos confirmed that Prostejov had been asked to submit an amended Bid to include Speed, which was to be kept confidential until after the other Bids had been voted upon. He apologized that this Bid had accidently been uploaded by the CZE Delegate, Ms. Sarka Ferrerova.

Mr. Mark Szulmayer (AUS) pointed out that the Arizona Bid includes CP, and there is a separate Bid for CP on the table. He continued on to say that If the plenary votes for Eloy in its entirety, they are voting against Australia for CP.

Mr. Shawn Hill (USA) remarked that Skydive Arizona had submitted a Bid a year ago, which was rejected. He had since learned that a joint Bid with another organiser was acceptable, and if they had known, they would have included WS and CF at that time. He reminded the plenary that Skydive Arizona has hosted several competitions in the past, some at the request of ISC. He continued to say that their hope was to run CP with the other disciplines, which has not been done before, and would be beneficial to the competitors.

It was then proposed by Mr. Martin Paracuellos to vote for to approve the FS and AE Bids. Ms. Petitjean (FRA) suggested that the four disciplines be voted upon at one time. Mr. Berchtold agreed that the Bid should not be separated out and the entire Bid should be voted upon in its entirety. He then suggested that all the Committees give their presentations and then the Bids should be voted upon at the end. Mr. Shawn Hill commented that when a Bid is prepared, the pricing is done by factoring in all of the events, and the cost is reduced by having more disciplines. He suggested that it be considered as a Mondial. Ms. Higman replied that a Mondial is given priority and that the Eloy Bid is not for a Mondial. Ms. Miasnikov (ISR), expressed that she was in favour of the bid from Eloy, as AE has never been run with CP. Mr. Rittenschober (AUT) proposed that the vote be postponed until after the Canopy Piloting presentation. Mr. Larry Hill (USA) stated that by having multiple events, costs would be reduced for ISC.

Mr. Rittenschober announced that an email had been received for a very late Bid from Elsinore that they would run the Speed event. Mr. Martin Paracuellos declared that this Bid would not be considered at this late time because it had not been reviewed by the Bureau, nor the Committees involved, and that the time to request a 2/3 majority to include it on the agenda had passed. Mr. Randy Connell (USA) stated that he would retract the Bid.

# 11.4 COMMITTEE CHAIR APPROVAL

Ms. Miasnikov presented the AE Proposed Committee including Ms. Sylvia Wagner as Deputy Chair and Mr. Omar Alhegelan as a new member.

The ISC Bureau made a proposal to approve Ms. Ron Miasnikov as Committee Chair and Ms. Sylvia Wagner as Deputy Chair for 2025-2026.

#### <u>Vote: With 0 votes against, 0 abstentions, Ms. Miasnikov was approved as Chair and Ms. Wagner</u> <u>as Deputy Chair.</u>

# **12 DYNAMIC COMMITTEE**

Mr. Kristian Moxnes, Committee Chair, introduced the members of the proposed Dynamic Committee, with a new member, Radek Meduna (CZE) who will replace Domi Kiger, (FRA) who had stepped down. He indicated that there are two sets of Competition Rules, one Dynamic and one for Solo Speed.

Mr. Moxnes summarised the events of 2024 as well as upcoming events. The Macau competition ran well, and there were no junior categories. This year's DY competition will be held in Charleroi, Belgium, and he shared that the organiser anticipates that it will be difficult to provide the minimum time (30 minutes) between rounds. The schedule has traditionally been set up to have a DY round, then another event, followed by another round. With FS not being run, this might prove to be a challenging situation.

# 12.1 FUTURE DYNAMIC FLYING COMPETITIONS

Two Bids were received for 2026, a combined Bid from France and one from Poland (see the AE notes above for details).

Mr. Moxnes expressed that the Committee does not have a preference, as both tunnels are adequate for Dynamic. This is the first year for Solo Speed, and to date there are 6 NACs for Open and 7 NACs for Junior registered in that event.

# 12.2 PROPOSED COMPETITION RULE CHANGES

Mr. Moxnes reported that after three years of not achieving the minimum requirement for Dynamic 4way for Juniors, the Committee suggested removing that category from the competition rules. Mr. Exi Hoenle (GER) suggested that the Juniors not be dropped, as in the past years a category wasn't removed if the minimum requirement wasn't met. Mr. Moxnes agreed to let the category stay. Ms. Miasnikov felt that having DY 4-way Jr. is unrealistic and Mr. Martin Paracuellos agreed that the category should remain.

The following is a brief summary of the DY rule changes proposed by the Committee:

Competition Rule change proposals:

#### Sporting Code, Section 5

5.2.5 – added, regarding minimum time from between rounds

Mr. Moxnes reiterated that with AE and FS separated, organisers will struggle to provide the requirement of 30 minutes between performances. As a possible solution, after speaking to Mr. Overdijk from R&R, he suggested a change to SC5 that states that 15 minutes is required between all events including DY4, DY2 and DS (Dynamic Solo).

# Dynamic 2-Way, Dynamic 4-Way and Solo Speed

5.1.3 – Added wording, describing procedure for achieving the prescribed number of 32 entrants.

Mr. Moxnes described the battle system, where there are tournament brackets of 32 teams or performers. The Committee had brainstormed several scenarios on how to deal with the problem of getting to a number of 32, if more than 32 entrants who are registered. He said there are already a limited number of judges, and with the addition of Dynamic Solo the judging panel increased by one, if more than 15 entrants were registered. A possible solution was to go on merit, and they took away the proposed requirement of the NACs prioritising the athletes. Mr. Moxnes presented an example of the number of NACs who participated in previous competitions.

6.5.1.2 – Housekeeping (changing "no performer" to "nobody") Housekeeping – Changing the wording of the "Eagle" Annex A1, A2, A3 – Adding the words: "infringements" and "omissions"

# Dynamic 2-Way and Dynamic 4-Way

4.5 – adding reference to SC5 5.2.5

5.6.3 – Added wording to make the rule more clear

6.3.9 – Adding the word "not" (to get rid of the challenge procedure)

6.5.2.4.1 – rewording regarding review of the flight by the judges.

Annex A2 – Adding V-7 Bottom Loop, V-8 Crossing Layout (D4W & D2W) and M-9 Head-up Inface Shuffler (D4W & D2W).

# Dynamic Solo Speed (DS)

3.2 – added wording "time or". More appropriate wording for this rule

- 4.5.1 added wording, referring to SC5 5.2.5 regarding time between performances
- 5.3.5 Change and addition of wording regarding the tournament bracket

5.5.2 – Change of wording regarding number of flights in finals

6.3 - Adding the word "not" (to get rid of the challenge procedure)
6.5.4.1 – rewording regarding review of the flight by the judges.
New Divepool Vertical – V-8 Crossing Layout
Annex A-3 – Compulsory Exit Sequence – wording change regarding exiting the tunnel

### The Plenary were asked to approved the proposed Dynamic Competition Rule changes. <u>With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, the rule changes proposed by the Dynamic Committee</u> <u>were approved.</u>

The plenary approved Competition Rule changes are appended to these minutes. (Appendix 11)

# 12.3 BUDGET REQUEST

Mr. Moxnes stated that the Dynamic Committee would like to create videos of the DY divepool for all events, as the descriptions can be quite confusing The cost would be 4200 Euros (or 3960 CHF).

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve this Budget Request. <u>Vote: With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, the Special Reserve Budget request of 4200 Euros</u> (3960 CHF) was approved.

# 12.4 COMMITTEE CHAIR APPROVAL

The ISC Bureau made a proposal to approve Mr. Kristian Moxnes as Committee Chair and Mr. Mauri Vaisto as Deputy Chair of the Dynamic Committee for 2025-2026.

#### <u>Vote: With 0 votes against, 0 abstentions, Mr. Moxnes was approved as Chair and Mr. Vaisto as</u> <u>Deputy Chair.</u>

# 13 VOTE TO AWARD THE WORLD CUP OF INDOOR SKYDIVING

The Plenary were asked to vote, by secret ballot, to award the world cup of indoor skydiving for 2026 to either France or Poland. The following two Bids were voted on separately: *France:* 

- 6th World Cup of Indoor Skydiving AE/DY, Aix-Marseille France, 2-5 April 2026
- And: 6th World Cup of Indoor Skydiving FS/VFS, Lille, France, 9-12 April 2026

Poland:

6th World Cup of Indoor Skydiving & Indoor Para Skydiving, Warsaw Poland, 21-26 April 2026

Vote results:

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France:31 votes in favour 16 against and 0 abstentionsPoland:25 votes in favour, 23 against and 0 astentions

# The 6th World Cup of Indoor Skydiving was awarded to Aix Marseille and Lille, France

# 14 SKYDIVING FOR DISABLED

Ms. Emily Bombardi, Committee Member, presented the report of the Skydiving for Disabled Committee. Emily thanked everyone for their support, comments and assistance in helping the committee in continuing to fine-tune the rules.

Ms. Bombardi gave a presentation of how the Indoor Para Skydiving event is run. In summary, it is a race that is a circuit with four targets that are touch responsive. Working time starts when the first target is touched, or 30 seconds after the athlete enters the tunnel, and ends when the required draw has been completed, or at 75 seconds. It is judged live by three judges. Regarding scoring, sensors are connected to a time-keeping screen and the scores are calculated using a formula. A spreadsheet is used to input the athlete's raw time, multiplied by their compensation co-efficient, plus penalties. The Committee is looking into having an ISC approved Scoring System. She went on to say that these proposed rules are the same as what is currently being used in Disabled Skydiving Competitions.

# 14.1 COMPETITION RULES

Ms. Bombardi observed that the rules which were initially submitted were not on the ISC Template and required changes to be in line with ISC requirements. She believed that after receiving input from the

Judges Committee and the Rules and Regulations Committee, the rules being presented would be ready to be approved, with the understanding that there would be some areas of the rules that still required some review and final approval from these committees.

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve these "Draft" rules, with the understanding that the Skydiving for Disabled Committee will continue to consult with R&R, JC and the Bureau in finalising them. Once approval has been given by these committees, an IBD will be issued by the Bureau in time for the final rules to be published, by May 1st. Mr. Overdijk, from R&R asked that, until published, the rules being circulated should contain the words "DRAFT".

# <u>Vote: with 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, the draft of the Indoor Para Skydiving rules were approved.</u>

### Additions to Sporting Code Section 5 regarding Indoor Para Skydiving:

Ms. Bombardi reported that in consultation with R&R, the Committee prepared a proposal for additions to SC5, to include Indoor Para Skydiving as a new Discipline, summarised as follows:

1.1.1.4 – Addition of a new discipline – Indoor Para Skydiving (IPS)
3.1.1.1, 3.2.1.1, 3.2.11, 3.2.12.2 – Additions to Records
3.1.3.2, 4.6.1.2 – IPS added as a new category regarding judges
5.2.5.3 – Time between flights - Addition of IPS
5.4.2.a.2.a, 5.4.2.b.2.a, 6.1 – IPS added to various lists as a new category
6.1.2.4.c, 6.2.3.1(ii)(iii) – Addition of IPS regarding Judge requirements, evaluation

Mr. Overdijk, R&R Committee Chair, confirmed that these rule change proposals have been verified by R&R, and stressed that time is of the essence, so the final rules should be submitted to the relevant committees for approval by March 1st, so they can be published by May 1st.

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve the proposed additions to SC5, to include Indoor Para Skydiving as an ISC Discipline.

#### Vote: With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, the additions to SC5 were approved.

The approved rule changes to SC5 for Para Skydiving are appended to these minutes (appendix 12)

Ms. Gillian Rayner, on behalf of FAI, stated that this is a historical moment for FAI, as this is the first event in FAI that caters specifically to people with Special Needs. The Plenary provided a round of applause for the Committee, in congratulations for their work in bringing this project to fruition.

# 14.2 BUDGET REQUEST

Ms. Bombardi explained how the Classification System works (annex to the rules). The Classification board is comprised of doctors, body flight experts, etc. whose role it is to make an evaluation and determine a coefficient for each athlete. The Committee requested 6000 CHF for a 3-day workshop, the aim of which is to develop a training program to qualify candidates to appropriately train classifiers. The workshop would be held in a meeting room at a tunnel.

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve an expenditure of 6000 chf for this workshop. **Vote: With 0 votes against, and 1 abstention, the budget request was approved.** 

#### 14.3 COMMITTEE CHAIR APPROVAL

The ISC Bureau made a proposal to approve Ms. Domitille Kiger as Committee Chair and Ms. Emily Bombardi as Deputy Chair of the Skydiving for Disabled Committee for 2025-2026.

# <u>Vote: With 0 votes against, 0 abstentions, Ms. Kiger was approved as Chair and Ms. Bombardi as Deputy Chair</u>

# **15 INDOOR SKYDIVING**

Ms. Sarka Ferrerova, Committee Chair, reported that the Indoor Skydiving Committee is working on the "Guidelines for Event Organisers" document. These guidelines are in place to assist them in organising FCE's. It was pointed out by Mr. Zeljko Tanaskovic, JC Committee Chair, that the word "Handifly" should be changed to Indoor Para Skydiving. Ms. Ferrerova pointed out that all Indoor Competitions had already been voted upon,

### 15.1 COMMITTEE CHAIR APPROVAL

The ISC Bureau made a proposal to approve Ms. Sarka Ferrerova as Committee Chair and Ms. Rai Ahmed as Deputy Chair of the Indoor Skydiving Committee for 2025-2026.

#### <u>Vote: With 0 votes against, 0 abstentions, Ms. Ferrerova was approved as Chair and Ms. Ahmed</u> <u>as Deputy Chair</u>

# **16 CANOPY FORMATION**

Ms. Natasha Higman, Deputy Chair, had been asked by Mr. Pasi Pirttikoski, Committee Chair, to speak on behalf of the Canopy Formation Committee. She presented the members of the 2024 CF Committee and the proposed 2025 Committee.

#### 16.1 PROPOSED COMPETITION RULE CHANGES

Ms. Higman detailed the proposed amendments to both the Canopy Formation Competition Rules and to SC5. The following is a brief summary of the CF rule changes proposed by the Committee:

#### Competition Rule change proposals:

4.10.3 – Added wording to further define what type of malfunction could result in a rejump, and under what circumstances a rejump is not granted. And, change of wording from "first complete formation" to "the attempt at the second formation in the drawn sequence"

5.2.2 – Added wording to provide rules for drawing additional rounds if needed.

#### Proposed Amendments to SC5:

3.2.3.3 – Added a record category "Highest Average" for 4-way Rotations

3.3.2 – Ms. Higman proposed a rule change regarding the CF Performance "Largest Formation" Record, to adjust the rules to recognize not only the persons in the formation, but now also include videographers and alternates who are immediately available as part of the Record Formation "Team" (both amounting to not more than 120% of the size of the largest formation record). In answer to questions from the floor, Ms. Higman confirmed that this change would not retire any existing Largest Formation records, that the composition of the team is up to the organiser (number of videographers and alternates), and that the cost of the record and diplomas would be borne by the organiser.

Mr. Ronald Overdijk, R&R Chair, expressed that he believed that the credit for records should only be given to those people who actually perform the record. Mr. Overdijk asked for a secret vote to approve this particular rule, SC5 - 3.3.2.

<u>Secret Vote regarding SC5 3.3.2: With 9 votes against, 3 abstentions and 36 in favour, the proposed rule change to SC5 3.3.2 was approved.</u>

The Plenary were then asked to vote for the remaining proposed rule changes. (4.10.3, 5.2.2 and 3.2.3.3)

# Vote: With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, these rules changes were approved.

The plenary approved Canopy Formation Rule changes are appended to these Minutes (Appendix 13)

#### 16.2 CANOPY FORMATION COMPETITIONS AND RECORDS

Ms. Higman reported on the 21st FAI World Canopy Formation Championships which were held in Prostejov, Czech Republic from 31 August to 6 September, 2024. The events included 2-way sequential, 4-way sequential and 4-way rotation. Unfortunately, teams who had indicated that they would attend, did not, and as a result, 4 NACs were not represented for Rotations. The CF Committee recommends keeping 4-way Rotations as an event, as there is no additional cost to ISC and there would be more Sanction Fees. Ms. Higman thanked the organiser for a good competition.

During the year there was a record attempt which was unsuccessful, but was an indicator of there being a thriving Canopy Formation community, and many CF jumpers are interested in building these formations.

Ms. Higman announced that a Bid had been received from Elsinore to host the 22nd FAI World Canopy Formation Championships, to be held in Lake Elsinore, CA in October, 2026 (along with Wingsuit Flying). She indicated that the Bid would be voted upon after the WS presentation.

# 16.3 COMMITTEE CHAIR APPROVAL

Ms. Higman presented the proposed composition of the incoming committee.

The ISC Bureau made a proposal to approve Ms. Natasha HIgman as Committee Chair and Mr. Pasi Pirttikoski as Deputy Chair of the Canopy Formation Committee for 2025-2026.

#### <u>Vote: With 0 votes against, 0 abstentions, Ms. Higman was approved as Chair and Mr. Pirttikoski</u> as Deputy Chair

# **17 CANOPY PILOTING**

Mr. Mike Teague, Committee Chair, presented the Canopy Piloting report.

# 17.1 CANOPY PILOTING COMPETITIONS

#### 10th FAI World Canopy Piloting and 4th FAI Canopy Piloting Freestyle Championships, 2024

Mr. Teague shared that the competition, which was held in Pretoria, South Africa in September was very successful, and included 17 NACs and 49 competitors in Canopy Piloting and 15 NACs and 35 competitors in Canopy Piloting Freestyle.

#### 12th FAI World and 6th European Cup of Canopy Piloting and 3rd FAI World and 2nd European Cup of Canopy Piloting Freestyle

This competition will be held in Eloy, Arizona in September and the Committee is very excited about this upcoming event.

# For the 2026 CP WPC, Two Bids were received:

# 11th World Canopy Piloting Championships and 3rd World Canopy Piloting Freestyle Championships, 2026

Mr. Teague announced that there were two bids on the table for 2026, one from Sydney, Australia and one from Skydive Arizona. He indicated that the Committee was excited about both of these Bids, however, the rates in the Australian Bid are lower, as their dollar is cheaper and the Committee's viewpoint is to have the competitions move around and not always be in the same location. A CP competition has not been held there in 17 years. Regarding the USA Bid, the Committee appreciates the quality of the pond at Skydive Arizona.

# World Cup of Canopy Piloting and Canopy Piloting Freestyle, 2027

Mr. Teague conveyed that a letter of Intent had been received from Denmark, and they would be submitting a bid at the Plenary in 2026. He pointed out that this would be subject to what happens with Brazil.

# 17.2 PROPOSED COMPETITION RULE CHANGES

#### CP Freestyle rule change proposals:

Mr. Teague presented the proposed rule changes and noted that they were as presented in the open meeting, with no updates being made since that time. He summarised that most changes related to the drawings, and making the scoring simpler by removing the "Technical" aspect and using only "Presentation". The "Technical" score given would be the Degree of Difficulty of the move performed.

The following is a brief summary of the CPF rule changes proposed by the Committee:

#### Competition Rule change proposals:

Definitions: Body (image) – clarification of the definition of where the lower leg is

- Definitions: Sentence added regarding "closed course" indicators
- 3.4.4 Changed regarding the duration of the competition

6.1.4.3 – reference change

6.1.4.5 – Added wording regarding the landing

6.2.5, 6.3.1, 6.4.1 – Changed – to reflect the new scoring method

6.2.6 – Changed – adding types of penalties applied

6.3.2 - Changed - regarding the announcement by the judges of the upcoming competitor/moves

7.2, 7.3.1 – Housekeeping - Improved wording

7.4 - Changed - regarding the DOD (degree of difficulty) calculation

Annex B – Updated drawings and wording of moves.

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve the proposed amendments to the CP Freestyle rules. **Vote: With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, the CPF rule changes were approved.** 

The plenary approved CP Competition Rule changes are appended to these minutes. (Appendix 14a)

# CP Rule change proposals:

Mr. Albert Berchtold (USA) asked for a separate vote regarding Addendum A – A2, change in description of course measurement.

Mr. Teague summarised the change to A2, which relates to the measurement of the width of the course. He detailed that the proposal was for the measurement to be taken from the inside of the upright section of the markers, ignoring the base. (10 meters wide, +- 20 cm). He indicated that 90% of courses are measured this way. He continued to say that the committee did not want to penalise "legacy" courses, which fall into the +- 20% allowance. Mr. Teague stated that the committee would like to standardise the building of courses after 2024.

Mr. Berchtold commented that this proposed change had been put forward at the 2024 plenary, had been heavily debated, and voted down. He brought up the subject of course construction (permanent vs semi-permanent courses), and the benefit of a permanent, fixed course providing ease of course changes, more accuracy, and the assurance that the buoys are always in the same spot. He pointed out that, with the proposed change, a fixed course would not necessarily conform, as the diameter of the buoy has changed over the years. He proposed that the measurement should be from the centre of the buoy. He believed that, with this new proposed rule, records would be affected, as there would be inconsistencies between the different courses.

Mr. Teague countered that he believed that the measurement had always been meant to be between the insides of the buoys.

A secret vote was taken to approve the CP Committee's proposal (Addendum A2) regarding the marker placement in the course layout.

# VOTE: With 19 votes against, 9 abstentions and 20 in favour, the proposed rule change was approved. (simple majority)

The following is a brief summary of the CP rule changes proposed by the Committee:

Competition Rule change proposals:

Definition - Sentence added regarding course closure

Definition - Housekeeping - changing "Annex" to "Addendum"

Definition - Addition of "Camera Operator"

- 3.4.3 Clarification regarding combined champion
- 3.4.4 Changed regarding duration of the competition
- 4.2.5 Added description of "Full Drag Distance" which was omitted last year
- 5.4.2 Change in wording regarding training jumps
- 6.5.3 Addition of "out flying" at G5
- 7.1.3.1 Rewording regarding "additional persons"

8.1.5 – Added rule regarding submission of competition videos

The Plenary were asked to vote to accept the remaining proposed amendments to the CP Competition Rules.

# Vote: with 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, the proposed competition rules were approved.

The plenary approved CP Competition Rule changes are appended to these minutes. (Appendix 14b)

# 17.3 BUDGET REQUEST

Mr. Teague requested a sum of 21,500 Euros for the purchase of a video camera and media software development. He described its benefits including increased judging speed and transparency, improved judge training and recertification, live media streaming, instant replay, remote judging, and providing the ability to increase exposure of Canopy Piloting leading up to major events such as the World Games. In answer to questions that were raised at the open meeting, Mr. Teague confirmed that other disciplines could use this system as the existing interface could handle their requirements, that if cameras improved over time, the software could still be used and that the project manager, software designers, and app designers are different people.

A request was made by Mr. Gernot Rittenschober (AUT) to have a secret vote. The Plenary were asked to vote, by secret ballot, to approve the CP Committee's Budget request of 21,500 Euros for a Video Camera System.

# <u>Secret Vote:</u> With 19 votes against, 8 abstentions and 21 in favour, the budget request was approved (simple majority).

#### 17.4 COMPETITION CHAIR APPROVAL

Mr. Teague indicated that the Committee had many zoom meetings throughout the year, there is a Canopy Piloting Facebook page, and that the delegates are welcome to address the committee throughout the year. He presented the list of proposed committee members for 2025.

The ISC Bureau made a proposal to approve Mr. Mike Teague as Committee Chair and Mr. Rainer (Exi) Hoenle as Deputy Chair of the Canopy Piloting Committee for 2025-2026.

#### <u>Vote: With 0 votes against, 0 abstentions, Mr. Teague was approved as Chair and Mr. Hoenle as</u> <u>Deputy Chair</u>

# **18 SPEED SKYDIVING**

Mr. Gernot Rittenschober, Committee Chair, presented the report of the Speed Skydiving Committee.

# 18.1 PROPOSED COMPETITION RULE CHANGES

Mr. Rittenschober reported that the Committee's proposals for rule changes had been provided in the agenda and presented at the Open Meeting. He declared that no changes were made to the proposed changes since that time. The following is a brief summary of the proposed Competition Rule changes:

#### SP Competition Rule Change Proposals:

- 2.1 Wording Change (from SMD to PLD), to be in line with WS, plus the addition of alternate mounting sites.
- 2.2 Sentence returned to the rules (after being omitted in 2024 version regarding AGL)
- 2.4 Replacing the start of the "Performance Window" from "exit" to "10 mps vertical speed"
- 3.1.2 Additional text clarifying the requirements for a valid classification
- 4.1.4 Additional text to indicate that the competitor is ultimately responsible for the safety of his/her equipment.
- 4.1.9 Additional text regarding custody of helmets (a practice which has been occurring but was not mentioned in the rules)
- 7.1.3 Deleting the word "competition" (records)
- 9.2 Additional text to indicate that "average values" are displayed in the results list

Annex 1 – Additional text indicating that NACs can send multiple mixed teams

4.1.2, 4.1.7, 5.3.1, 5.3.4, 6.3.3, 8.2.1 – Housekeeping – corrected typos, grammar, etc.

#### Sporting Code Section 5 – Proposed Rule change proposal:

3.3.4.4 – To remove this paragraph as it not applicable for SP records that are established with the utilization of approved scoring systems and judging procedures

# The Plenary were asked to vote to accept the proposed amendments to the SP Competition Rules. **Vote: With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, the proposed competition rules were approved.**

The plenary approved Competition Rule Changes are appended to these minutes. (Appendix 15)

# 18.2 SPEED SKYDIVING COMPETITIONS

Mr. Rittenschober indicated that one Bid was received, from Skydive AZ, to host the 6th FAI World Speed Skydiving Championships, in October, 2026.

# 18.3 BUDGET REQUEST

Mr. Rittenschober presented the SP Committee's request to purchase a set of 50 PLD's. These PLD's are the newest GNSS generation, which will acquire additional satellites. He continued to say that if 50 units are not enough, they would have the opportunity to borrow others from different NACs who own them. These units would be made available for all ISC competitions. In response to a question regarding whether or not the competitor's PLD's can be used, Mr. Rittenschober explained that the competition sets must be used as they would have identical set-up and firmware and would all be of the same generation of PLDs.

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve this budget request of 4900 CHF for the purchase of 50 PLDs.

#### Vote: With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, the budget request was approved.

# 18.4 COMMITTEE CHAIR APPROVAL

Mr. Rittenschober presented the proposed list of Committee Members.

The ISC Bureau made a proposal to approve Mr. Gernot Rittenschober as Committee Chair, and Mr. Arnold Hohenegger as Deputy Chair of the Speed Skydiving Committee.

<u>Vote:</u> With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, Mr. Rittenschober was approved as Chair, and Mr. Hohenegger as Deputy Chair.

# 19 VOTES FOR BIDS FOR FS, AE, CP, CPF, SP FOR 2026

The Bids for the 2026 World Championships of these events had been presented at the Open Meeting and during the relevant Committee Reports.

In Summary:

- Skydive Arizona bid for the World Championships of FS, AE, CP, CPF and SP
- Prostejov, Czech Republic bid for the 2026 World Championships of FS and AE
- Sydney, Australia bid for the 2026 World Championships of CP and CPF

# FS and AE:

The Plenary were asked to vote to award the 27th World Championships of Formation Skydiving and the 16th World Championships of Artistic Events to either Prostejov or Skydive Arizona. Each Bid was voted upon separately.

<u>Vote for Prostejov: 28 votes against, 0 abstentions and 20 in favour.</u> <u>Vote for Eloy: 15 votes against, 0 abstentions and 32 in favour</u>

<u>Vote Results: With a majority of votes in favour, the 2026 FS and AE World Championships</u> were awarded to Skydive AZ, Eloy, Arizona.

#### CP and CPF:

The Plenary were asked to vote to award the 11th World Canopy Piloting Championships and 3rd World Canopy Freestyle Championships to either Skydive Arizona or Sydney. Each Bid was voted upon separately.

Vote for Australia:24 votes against, 2 abstentions and 22 in favour.Vote for Eloy:19 votes against, 1 abstention and 28 in favour

<u>Vote Results:</u> With a majority of votes in favour, the 2026 CP and CPF World Championships were awarded to Skydive AZ, Eloy, Arizona

# Speed Skydiving:

The Plenary were asked to vote to award the 6th World Speed Skydiving Championships to Skydive Arizona.

<u>Vote: With 1 vote against, 1 abstention and 46 votes in favour, the World Speed Skydiving</u> <u>Championships were awarded to Eloy.</u>

# **20 WINGSUIT FLYING**

Mr. Mike Pennock, Committee Chair presented the Wingsuit Flying Committee report.

# 20.1 PROPOSED COMPETITION RULE CHANGES

Before presenting the proposed amendments to the Wingsuit Flying Competition Rules, Mr. Pennock advised the Plenary that, prior to the meeting, the Committee had consulted with both Poland and Italy regarding their proposed changes to the competition rules and, as a result, both were satisfied with the outcome and agreed to withdraw their proposals. (These proposals can be found as annexes in the meeting agenda). Mr. Pennock then went on to present the proposed rule amendments which were based on input from competitors, the Committee and the open meeting.

The following is a brief summary of the WS rule changes proposed by the Committee:

#### Competition Rule change proposals:

1.1.2(15) – Wingsuit definition - text added to be more specific about secondary wingsuit components

2.2, 5.5.2 – Validation Window - change to the definition of the start of the validation window

2.2 – Ground Reference Point – additional text regarding the photograph

- 2.2 Designated Flight Path wording change to refer to the Validation Window.
- 2.3 Altitude Window upper boundary changed
- 2.1 Added Definitions Wingtip and Winglet
- 3.2.1.1, 3.2.2,(1)(2)(3), 3.2.3, 3.2.3.1 Added text and changes to be more specific about equipment requirements
- 4.2.1.1, 4.2.1.2 Added text to indicate that the rule does not apply to rejumps
- 5.1, 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.3 New rule regarding a separate classification for female
- 5.4.5 Added text specifying the Meet Director's responsibility regarding horizontal Spacing
- 5.4.6, 5.4.7, 5.4.71, 5.4.8, 5.4.8.1 New rules regarding the assignment of the Ground Reference point and assignment of lanes
- 5.5.3 change to the proximity rule (from 250m to 150m)
- 5.6.1 removing the words "and Chief Judge"
- 5.6.3 adding the word consecutive instead of back-to-back.
- 7.1.4, 7.1.4.1 added text relating to the publication of calculated results
- 8.3.1.4, 8.3.1.5 Increase of the composition of delegation to facilitate the addition of the female classification
- 8.5.1.5 Adding female medals
- Addendum D Added text and images to specify how a wingsuit is measured (graphics were obtained from the proposal from Italy).

Annex A – Addition of three compulsory sequences (Sequence M, N and O)

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve the proposed amendments to the Wingsuit Flying Rules. **Vote: With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions the proposed rule amendments were approved.** 

The plenary approved WS Rule changes are appended to these minutes. (Appendix 16)

# 20.2 BUDGET REQUEST

Mr. Pennock summarised the Wingsuit Flying Committee's budget request for 2,500 CHF to develop Wingsuit Acro Sequence Illustrations (both static and moving).

The Plenary were asked to approve this Budget Request for 2,500 CHF <u>Vote: With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions this budget request was approved.</u>

### 20.3 COMMITTEE CHAIR APPROVAL

Mr. Pennock presented the proposed members of the Wingsuit Flying Committee for 2025.

The ISC Bureau proposed to approve Mr. Mike Pennock as Committee Chair, and Mr. Steve Hubbard as Deputy Chair of the Speed Skydiving Committee.

### <u>Vote: With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, Mr. Pennock was approved as Chair, and Mr.</u> <u>Hubbard as Deputy Chair</u>

# THE PLENARY MEETING WAS ADJOURNED FOR THE DAY

It was proposed that on Sunday, February 2nd, the meeting commence at 8:00 am instead of 8:30 (as was outlined in the agenda). All in attendance were in favour.

#### Sunday, February 2nd

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.

#### Roll Call:

The roll call was conducted by Ms. Vera Asquith, ISC Recording Secretary, to note the level of attendance to the meeting and to establish a quorum (per IR 3.8.1)

Roll Call Results for the February 2nd session were:

- 30 Delegates Present, 13 Proxies (43 total)
- Absolute majority 22. 2/3 majority 29

#### 20.4 WINGSUIT FLYING COMPETITIONS

*5th FAI World Cup of Wingsuit Flying and the 3rd European Wingsuit Flying Championships* Mr. Pennock indicated that only one Bid had been received for the 2025 World Cup of Wingsuit Flying. During the Open Meeting, Mr. Martin Dlouhy, from Prostejov, had presented the Bid. (The Bid can be found as Annex 18.3.1 of the agenda). Upon agreement by all those present that a secret vote was not required, the vote was conducted by show of hands.

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve this Bid by Prostejov, Czech Republic. <u>Vote: With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, the 2025 5th FAI World Cup and 3rd European</u> <u>Championships of Wingsuit Flying was awarded to Prostejov.</u>

#### 6th FAI World Wingsuit Flying Championships

Mr. Pennock went on to outline the contents of the Bid for the 2026 World Championships of Wingsuit Flying, from Elsinore California. During the Open Meeting, Mr. Randy Connell, had presented the original Bid, and as a result of discussions at that time regarding rejumps and practice days, the Bid was adjusted and presented to the Plenary (v.3). Mr. Pennock explained that this was a combined Bid for Wingsuit and Canopy Formation and confirmed that the WS Committee supports the Bid. Ms. Tash Higman, from the CF Committee, expressed that they also support the Bid. Upon agreement by all those present that a secret vote was not required, the vote was conducted by show of hands.

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve this Bid by Elsinore. <u>Vote: With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, the 2026 World Championships of Wingsuit Flying</u> <u>and Canopy Formation were awarded to Elsinore.</u>

The approved Bid can be found as an appendix to these minutes. (Appendix 17)

# **21 JUDGES COMMITTEE**

Mr. Zeljko Tanaskovic, Committee Chair, provided the report of the Judge's Committee .

# 21.1 PROPOSED JUDGES COMMITTEE RULE CHANGES

Mr. Tanaskovic expressed that he had presented proposed amendments to the Judging Rules at the Open Meeting, but wanted to elaborate further on the proposed rule change regarding Chief of Training Judge costs (SC5 4.1.4). He outlined that ISC had previously been paying for the travel costs of the CJT, but the Committee believed that it would be more practical for the organiser to pay. Mr. Gernot Rittenschober (AUT) pointed out that he is fine with the organiser paying the costs, but at the same time, there is a rule that every World Cup organiser must hold a Judge's training course. He questioned if it was reasonable to put this expectation on the organiser if they have to then pay for the CJT costs. He suggests that those people who want the course should pay for it, or that the rule regarding the requirement of having a judge training course at a World Cup. Mr. Rittenschober also inquired about the originally proposed rule about pick-up of judges at the airport, and Mr. Tanaskovic confirmed that this proposal had been removed. The following is a brief summary of the JC rule changes proposed by the Committee:

#### Competition Rule change proposals:

4.1.4 – Addition of "CJT" to the list of officials whose expenses are paid by the organiser 6.6.1.1 – Improved wording, and text removed: "The CJ must not be from the organising country". 6.6.1.2 – Improved wording (as in 6.6.1.1 above) regarding "proposed judges for competition.

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve the proposed amendments to the SC5, Section" 6 (Judges Committee)

#### Vote: With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions the proposed rule amendments were approved.

The plenary approved JC Rule changes are appended to these minutes (Appendix 18)

# 21.2 BUDGET REQUEST

Mr. Tanaskovic summarised the Judge's Committee's budget request for 7,000 CHF which would be used to develop an administration system to maintain ISC Judge records. He commented that they will first check with FAI to see if their system can accommodate the needs of the Committee, and if so, the JC will not require the 7,000 CHF.

The Plenary were asked to approve this Budget Request for 7,000 CHF.

# Vote: With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, this budget request was approved.

# 21.3 NOMINATED JUDGES AND PROPOSED CHIEF JUDGES

Mr. Tanaskovic informed those present that the Nominated Judges List had been posted on the cloud and was posted on the wall. He asked all delegates to review the list and to inform him of any errors or omissions.

Mr. Tanaskovic then presented the proposed Chief Judges for upcoming Competitions in 2025. As follows:

<u>Propo</u>	sed Chi	<u>ef Judges for 2025 FCEs</u>
IFS and IVFS	-	Marc Frielingsdorg (Germany)
DY	-	Kristian Moxnes (Norway)
ISF	-	Tamara Vorst (Netherlands)
S&AL (WC)	-	Jana Matejkinova (Slovakia)
СР	-	Andrew du Toit (South Africa)
FS	-	Peta Holmes (New Zealand)
CF	-	no FCE for 2025
AE	-	Ron Miasnikov (Israel)
WS	-	Scott Callentine (USA)
S&AL (EC)	-	Darko Svetina (Slovenia)

The Plenary were asked to approve the proposed list of Chief Judges for the upcoming 2025 ISC Competitions.

#### Vote: With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions the proposed list of Chief Judges was approved.

# 21.4 COMMITTEE CHAIR APPROVAL

Mr. Tansakovic presented the proposed members of the Judges Committee for 2025.

The ISC Bureau proposed Mr. Zeljko Tanaskovic as Committee Chair, and Mr. Bert Ham as Deputy Chair of the Judges Committee.

# <u>Vote:</u> With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, Mr. Tanaskovic was approved as Chair and Mr. <u>Ham as Deputy Chair.</u>

# 21.5 JUDGE LIBRARIAN REPORT

The Judge Video Librarian report was included as an annex to the agenda. Mr. Martin Paracuellos commended Ms. Tamara Koyn on her proficiency in managing ISC's competition media and associated data. A round of applause was given in appreciation of Ms. Koyn's hard work.

# 22 TECHNICAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr Liam McNulty, Committee Chair, provided the report on behalf of the T&S Committee. He summarised that the 2023 Safety Report and the 2024 Skydiving Aircraft Accident Report had been completed and distributed, and that the project dealing with the Electronic Certificates of Proficiency (COP) is ongoing. Mr. McNulty anticipated that the project will be completed by June of 2025. He thanked Gustavo Reyes and Mr. Alberto Martin Paracuellos for the work they have done on this project. He noted that the Committee monitors Indoor Skydiving activity and reported that this year there were no fatalities, however, tunnels are privately owned and owners are reluctant to give out information.

Regarding restraints in aircraft, the Committee recommended that all skydiving aircraft should have restraints when conducting parachuting operations, but they have come to the conclusion that ISC must respect the aviation laws of the country concerned.

Mr. McNulty went on to confirm that the Injury Protocol had been finalised. It was accepted by the Plenary in 2024, after which FAI's legal team reviewed it and produced a waiver form. The Committee believed that this waiver form would be extremely cumbersome and difficult to manage, so they proposed that in SC5, a rule (4.4.1) be included to emphasise that when a competitor is entered into a competition, they accept all rules, regulations and procedures pertaining to that competition. This would eliminate the need for a waiver. He noted that the original proposal to add 4.4.2 had been withdrawn.

Mr. McNulty listed the Committee's tasks for 2025, which will include producing the 2024 Safety Report, the 2025 Skydiving Aircraft Accident report, finalising the eCOP by the end of June of 2025, monitoring indoor skydiving and creating a skydiving atlas (database).

Mr. Gernot Rittenschober (AUT) suggested that the Committee use the term "Parachute" rather than "Para" when referring to the Aircraft Accident Report. He also suggested that the Committee make a clear distinction between accidents caused by the parachuting activity itself versus accidents that do not involve skydiving, such as landing issues, etc. Mr. McNulty agreed with Mr. Rittenschober's point and indicated that the Committee will consider this. He then remarked that all accidents pertaining to parachuting should be recorded, as other skydiving operators might learn from these reports, also that all information regarding aircraft accidents can be easily found, as all Civil Aviation Authorities report on aircraft accidents.

#### 22.1 COMMITTEE CHAIR APPROVAL

Mr. McNulty presented the proposed members of the Technical and Safety Committee for 2025.

The ISC Bureau proposed Mr. Istvan Sipos as Committee Chair, and Mr. Liam McNulty as Deputy Chair of the T&S Committee.

# <u>Vote: With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, Mr. Sipos was approved as Chair and Mr. McNulty as Deputy Chair</u>

# 22.2 ISC INJURY PROTOCOL DOCUMENT

Mr. McNulty noted that he wanted to clear up the misunderstanding that if a competitor, after an incident, appears to be fine, and shows no symptoms, that the FAI Controller could agree that he/she return to competition. Mr. McNulty emphasised that this is **NOT** what the Protocol states, and what it does say is that the competitor him/herself decides whether or not to continue jumping. A lengthy discussion followed with a variety of opinions about this protocol which included the following:

Ms. Miasnikov – The Controller should have the authority to disallow the competitor to continue jumping Mr. Hoenle – Some competitions require medical personnel to be on-site, and they should have the

- authority to make a determination, and that a jumper, if conscious, can deny treatment. Mr. McNulty/Mr. Berchtold – The FAI Controller (as Safety officer), pilot, DZSO, or DZ owner can deny a person from jumping
- Mr. Teaque Suggested that it not be only the FAI Controller that has this authority (also MD, Jury)
- Ms. Rayner Questioned what the procedure would be if the competitor is told to seek medical care, and the person is then deemed fit to return to competition, but in the meantime, they miss one or more rounds, possibly affecting medal standing.
- Ms. Merz Questioned possible liability to the FAI Controller if they do not recommend that the person goes for treatment and something happens afterwards
- Mr. Connell/Ms. Miasnikov both provided examples of situations where the protocol would have been a suitable tool. Mr. Connell expressed the need for a concussion tool with his example.

Mr. McNulty ended the discussion by stating that in many jurisdictions, if a Sporting Authority does not have an Injury Protocol and something happens, they are in serious trouble.

He commended Dr. Stephan Kramer, a member of the T&S Committee, for his work on this Protocol. He went on to say that FAI's medical commission (CIMP) has adopted it and wishes to use it for other Airsport Commissions. He also noted that Dr. Kramer is now the US Alternate Delegate to CIMP. Dr. Kramer was acknowledged with a round of applause.

# 22.3 PROPOSED COMPETITION RULE CHANGES

The Technical and Safety Committee had submitted a proposal to amend Sporting Code Section 5.

4.4.1 – addition of a new clause to make it clear that an entrant accepts all FAI/ISC rules, regulations and protocols pertaining to the event, without reservation.

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve the proposed amendments to the SC5, addition of 4.4.1

# Vote: With 0 votes against and 1 abstention, the proposed rule amendment was approved.

# 22.4 SAFETY REPORT

Mr. McNulty briefly summarised the 2023 Safety report. 42 countries responded and 7.08 million skydives were made by 1.3 million jumpers. There were 33 fatalities in 2023. He then shared the causes, many of which were as a result of canopy handling, canopy control and landing issues.

The 2023 Safety Report, 2024 Parachute Aircraft Incident Report, the 2024 Safety Survey Form and the 2024 Safety Survey Notes are included as appendices to these minutes (Appendix 19 a,b,c,d)

# 23 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Mr. Ronald Overdijk, Committee Chair, presented the report on behalf of the Rules and Regulations Committee. He indicated that a number of changes are proposed throughout the year, and even more as a result of discussions from the Open and Plenary Meetings, which is challenging to the Committee.

# 23.1 SPORTING CODE SECTION 5

Mr. Overdijk highlighted several proposals which had been made after his presentation at the Open Meeting, with the following being withdrawn or defeated:

- 3.3.3.1 - The proposal from Italy regarding Mixed Records had been defeated

- 3.3.7 The USA proposal to delete the Distance of Fall record was withdrawn by USA. Mr. Overdijk had expressed that the Committee was against this proposal.
- 3.3.8 Regarding the late proposal from Argentina to include a night record "Highest Exit Altitude" and "Distance of Fall" record the R&R Committee was not prepared to include this in the rules at this time, but will work on the wording, regarding the definition of "night". Mr. Liam McNulty, proxy to Argentina, stated that there were several versions of this proposal which had been prepared and agreed to leave it until next plenary. Ms. Marylou Laughlin believed that, with the help of Mr. Michael Cooper, they had come up with wording for the definition of "night".
- The JC proposal to require the Judges-in-Training to pay a Sanction Fee had been withdrawn.
- 4.3.11 The proposal from Romania regarding S&AL Landing Zone selection had been withdrawn.
- No change to "simultaneous records"

Proposed rule changes to SC5 are briefly summarised as follows (the following list also includes rules already approved during other Committee presentations):

- Various rule changes throughout the document: Addition of reference to "Para Skydiving (IPS)" as a new discipline (1.1.1.4, 3.1.1, 3.1.3.2, 3.2.1.1, 3.2.11, 3.2.12, 4.6.1.2, 5.2.5.3, 5.4.2(a)2(a), 5.4.2(b)2(a), 6.1(10), 6.1.2.4(c), 6.2.3(ii) and (iii)
- 1.1.2.12 & 4.1.2.3 (new) The addition of the Definition of a World Cup Mondial. Mr. Overdijk
  informed Mr. Mike Pennock of the WS Committee Wingsuit that WS would only be included as
  an optional event, along with CP and PS. Mr. Pennock stated that the WS Committee would
  withdraw their proposal about adding WS.
- 1.1.2.16 Update of the Wingsuit definition
- 3.1.1 Change regarding the reference to "VFS" in Records
- 3.1.3.1 Committee added
- 3.1.3 2(a) addition of "National Championships"
- 3.1.3 2(b) Removing outdated text regarding "speed" Record, and including "SP" in list.
- 3.1.3.2(b) Addition of a statement that at least one FAI judge mut be physically present
- 3.1.3.4 Addition of "Full Break Large Formation Sequential" which was missing.
- 3.1.3.5 Addition of the words "At FCE's" regarding the jury managing the record claims.
- 3.1.3.5(a) Clarification of FAI standard procedure regarding Record claims and dossiers.
- 3.1.3.7 Updated references and renumbering
- 3.1.3.8 Clarification of text regarding the Panel of Judges being the Official Observers
- 3.2 Addition of "National Championships"
- 3.2.1 Clarification and application of this rule to both Performance & Competition records
- 3.2.3.2 Proposal from CF to remove text:."in accordance with the current Competition Rules."
- 3.2.3.3 Proposal from CF to add a new category (highest average)
- 3.2.8.1, 3.2.8.2 Addition of words "Mixed Team"
- 3.3.2 Proposal from CF regarding the Largest Formation record that the record performance is made up of a "team" consisting of the jumpers, videographers and alternates.
- 3.3.3.2 Proposal from FS Clarification of "same grip" in sequential records
- 3.3.4.4 Proposal from SP Paragraph removed as "margins of error" are not applicable
- 4.1.1.2 Proposal from ISC President The FAI Controller must submit a report
- 4.1.2.2 deleted "Skydiving World Cup of Champions" and update of competition schedule
- 4.1.4.1 addition of CJT
- 4.1.4.2 Proposal by ISC President FAI Controller's travel to be paid by ISC, organiser pays
   o for food, accommodation, etc.
- 4.1.6.4 Improved wording regarding provisional and final entries
- 4.3.10 Addition of the placing of "Continental Records" being handled by the Jury
- 4.4 Expansion of the rule to include "disciplines" and "events"
- 4.4 reference to the Injury Protocol, Injury Assessment forms, etc. added
- 4.4.3. Multiple entries amendment
- 4.5.2 The Meet Director must have experience and can have an interpreter
- 4.7.1.1 Competitions with 4 FCE's or more must have 3 on-site jurors
- 4.9.3.1 Proposal by ISC President Change to indicate that the CJ handles the recording o media

- 4.10.1 Text removed. This process of contacting NACs has not been proven to
   be effective, and had not been used by many committees.
- 4.10.2, 4.10.3 To be renumbered to 4.10.1 and 4.10.2. also remove (c)
- 5.2.3.4 Change flight direction to jump run direction
- 5.2.3.4 Wording change to "jump run"
- 5.2.5.1 Proposal from ISC President The notification system must be specified in the Bid
- 5.2.5.3 Proposal by DY Addition regarding min. time between DY/DS events
- 5.2.6.2 Regarding Video frame rate, a reduction of the penalty
- 5.2.6.12 Proposal by FS Wording change: from rejump being "given" to being "offered"
- 5.2.8.1 5.2.8.4 Additional wording regarding the decision of the jump run
- 5.2.10.2 Improved wording re: scoreboard
- 6.6.1.1 & 6.6.1.2– Proposal by JC Added wording regarding selection from the Proposed
   Judges List
- 6.6.2.1 Rewording regarding judge notification
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The plenary was asked to vote to accept the proposed rule changes to Sporting Code Section 5.

# Vote: With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, the proposed rule changes were approved.

# 23.2 INTERNAL REGULATIONS

Mr. Overdijk presented the proposals to amend the ISC Internal Regulations.

He summarised the proposed rule changes, with subsequent discussion regarding Rule 6.2.1. Two proposals had been received regarding this rule, and the R&R Committee offered a proposal that merged the two suggestions as follows: That the Chair or the Deputy Chair must be a Delegate, Alternate Delegate or Appointed Observer. If the Chair or Deputy Chair is an Appointed Observer, NAC approval must be received in writing by the ISC Delegate. Also, the Chair must attend the annual Plenary Meeting. Mr. Rittenschober (AUT) provided a reminder that any NAC cannot hold more than two Committee Chair positions. Mr. Overdijk replied that he would ensure that this clause is in the final rule.

Ms. Vesella Dzhorova (BUL) suggested that the Deputy Chair also be required to attend the Plenary, to which Mr. Rittenschober disagreed. Mr. Overdijk proposed that the rule remain as written, with the inclusion regarding the maximum number of Chairs a NAC can have.

There was also discussion regarding the ISC President's proposal (7.3.2) to enable the ISC Delegate to approve an appointed observer as Deputy Chair. Mr. Rittenschober suggested that the wording used in 6.2.1 also be used for the Deputy Chair position. It was concluded that the proposal for 7.3.2 be withdrawn and that 6.2.1 include the "Chair" and "Deputy Chair".

Proposed rule changes, to the Internal Regulations are summarised as follows:

- 3.4.1 Rewording of text regarding selection of Plenary location (to be less complicated)
- 3.6.2 Additional text regarding approval by NAC of Appointed Observers at the Plenary
- 3.7.1 Change regarding the FAI Controller's report
- 3.10.1 Additional text regarding the use of an FAI Approved electronic voting system
- 3.12 Additional text regarding documents procedure (if a document has no changes for the following year.)
- 4.3 Wording change regarding tied votes within the Bureau
- 5.3.2 Housekeeping Removed caps and corrected spelling
- 6.2.1 Revised text regarding the Chair and Deputy Chair of Committees and Working Groups, and that any NAC may not hold more than two Committee Chair positions.
- 7.2.1 Revised text to allow the Chair of a Working Group to be an Appointed observer
- 7.3.1 Rewording to align with 6.3.1
- Annex 3 Updated text to conform with new rule (from 2024 up to 5 diplomas may be awarded)
- Annex 5 Committees 2(10) New rule regarding the requirement to verify and sign off on G2 Performance records.
- Annex 5 R&R 2(5) delete the requirement to maintain the historical archive and webpage.

Annex 5 – R&R 4(4) – Delete the words "every year" and delete the reference to the Medal Policy.

A request was made to have a separate secret ballot to approve proposed rule changes 6.2.1 and 7.2.1

The Plenary to vote to approve the proposed amendments to the Internal Regulations, other than 6.2.1 and 7.2.1

# <u>Vote: With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions the proposed rule amendments (other than 6.2.1 and 7.2.1) were approved.</u>

#### Secret Vote (6.2.1 and 7.2.1) Results:

# IR 6.2.1 – With 17 votes against, 2 abstentions and 24 in favour, the proposed amendment to 6.2.1 was approved

# IR 7.2.1 – With 17 votes against, 2 abstentions and 24 in favour, the proposed amendment to 7.2.1 was approved

Mr. Rittenschober then offered a suggestion for future consideration (regarding Rule 4.10.1) that in future we have a more formal procedure regarding submission of provisional entries.

# 23.3 FCEAD

2.1.3 – Annual update of examples

2.4.1 – Additional wording regarding presentations of Bids to the Penary

3.2(4) - Wording change regarding "provisional and final entered Delegations"

3.3 – Addition of "notification system" and "official scoreboard" to list of organiser obligations Annex 2&3 – Alignment of titles of FCEs

Annex 2 – Housekeeping - Renumbering from 2.23 to 2.30 (was misnumbered in 2024 version) Annex 3 (5) – Added text regarding registration procedure

# The Plenary were asked to vote to approve the proposed amendment to FCEAD **Vote: With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions the proposed amendment is approved.**

The plenary approved Rules and Regulations Rule changes for SC5, IRs and FCEAD are appended to these minutes (Appendix 20)

# 23.4 FAI CONTROLLER HANDBOOK

- Additions/changes resulting from various approved rule changes
- Updates regarding communiction (Results site, collection of recording media, report)

#### 23.5 JURY HANDBOOK

- Adjusted wording regarding the management of protest fees
- Additions/changes resulting from various approved rule changes

#### 23.6 COMMITTEE CHAIR APPROVAL

Mr. Overdijk presented the proposed members of the Rules and Regulations Committee for 2025.

The ISC Bureau proposed Mr. Ronald Overdijk as Committee Chair, and Ms. Rina Gallo as Deputy Chair of the Rules and Regulations Committee.

#### <u>Vote: With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, Mr. Overdijk was approved as Chair and Ms. Gallo</u> as Deputy Chair

Mr. Overdijk thanked those who were leaving the Committee and asked for a round of applause for them.

# 24 FINANCE

Ms. Natasha Higman, Finance Secretary, presented the Finance Report. She described that, to determine what the Sanction Fee will be, an estimate is made of what the expenditures for the year will be, as well as a prediction of the number of entrants.

# 24.1 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

Ms. Higman explained ISC's costs, starting with competition expenditures. For the FCEs scheduled for this year, the estimated cost for Juries will be 32,000 CHF, Judges 100,000 CHF, and, as a new expense

to ISC, the FAI Controller 9,000 CHF. In answer to a question from Ms. Doris Merz (SUI) Ms. Higman pointed out that for Bids already submitted and approved, the organisers will not be asked to reduce their Bids now that they do not have to incur the travel cost of the FAI Controllers. Mr. Gernot Rittenschober (AUT) suggested that with the excess money, the organisers might contribute to the Jury costs.

Ms. Higman added that competition expenses also include the cost of Records processing, and anticipates, that for this year there will be a similar cost to what was incurred last year. In summary, the total estimated cost for competitions in 2025 will be 143,740 CHF.

Ms. Higman then identified Officer expenses. She stated that, historically, money had been put aside for a Bureau member to travel to an event, however this has not been necessary for many years as there has always been a Bureau member present in another role. She proposed allocating less money towards this expense item. Regarding the running costs of the Committees, the money previously requested was for long-term projects, such as creating images, etc. With the Special Reserves budget, this expense item can also be reduced as the only expenditure this year is from the Judges Committee for the video librarian.

She then briefed the Plenary about the Special Reserves expenses. As each budget request item was approved during the Plenary, Ms. Higman adjusted the figures, which in the end, totalled 44,280 of the 64,000 CHF which had been approved by the FAI General Conference.

She then brought up the subject of the expense of 8,500 CHF from the Media Working Group which covers 6,000 CHF for the EdgE Media Group and the remainder for other media expenses. She indicated that she had initially removed the 6,000 but has subsequently returned this amount, at the request of the delegates. Ms. Higman suggested that a tender process be put in place to select the agency that ISC works with, a fixed contract would then be put in place, and would be available for delegates to view.

She summarised the proposed Draft Budget for 2025, which includes a projected loss of approximately 15,000 CHF. The two items creating this deficit are the cost of the FAI Controllers and the return of the 8,500 for the Media Working Group (both of these items had not been included in the draft budget which was included as an annex to the agenda.)

Mr. Gernot Rittenschober (AUT) queried if the profit from 2024 could be moved forward to this year, and went on to suggest that the Sanction Fee be kept as it is, and expect to make a profit one year and a loss the next. Ms. Higman replied that ISC still made a deficit last year, but it was just not as big as expected. She stated that to have a balanced budget, ISC has two options: to reduce costs or increase the Sanction Fee.

Ms. Gillian Rayner presented a history of the costs of the Media Working Group. She elaborated that before ISC had the contract with the EdgE, the late Ms. Susan Dixon managed the media, at a cost of 18,000 Euros per year, therefore a big savings was made when the EdgE came on board. She went on to state that fourteen years ago the Chair of the MWG was the same person who was initially proposed to be the Committee Chair for 2025, and at that time, she did not last long in this position.

Ms. Alexandra Petitjean (FRA) proposed raising the Sanction Fee to enable ISC to finance having a Media Agency. Ms. Higman replied that the Bureau had proposed a SF of 100 CHF, but it can be increased to 105 or 110 CHF. Mr. Mike Pennock (NED) offered that he believed the predicted number of participants for WS in Prostejov (60) is too low, and could be increased to 70 (which would help the budget). Ms. Sarka Ferrerova (CZE) proposed that the SF be increased to 105 CHF.

The Plenary were asked to vote to raise the Sanction Fee to 105 CHF for the 2025 Competition Year. **VOTE:** With 0 votes against, 0 abstentions, the approved Sanction Fee for 2025 will be 105 CHF.

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve the 2025 Proposed Budget. VOTE: With 0 votes against, 0 abstentions, the 2025 Proposed Budget was approved.

# 24.2 DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2026:

Ms. Higman identified that with many competitions in one location, costs will be down as only one FAI Controller and one Jury (3 jury members on site) will be required. She predicted that with other costs remaining the same as 2025, a Sanction Fee of 100 CHF for 2026 would result in a balanced budget. This would form the basis of the budget that will be submitted to FAI for 2026.

Regarding Special Reserve Expenditures, Ms. Higman reminded the Committees to submit their requests for funds by the end of April of 2025. She admitted that there is not a fixed process regarding the Special Reserves, but FAI will be developing a process in the near future. She then expects the process to include a project plan, milestones, and a sequence of when the funding can be drawn down. For this year, Committees were informed that payment would only be made upon receipt of an invoice, and these will only be paid upon approval by the Committee Chair and the Finance Secretary.

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve the Draft Budget for 2026. VOTE: With 0 votes against, 0 abstentions, the 2026 Draft Budget was approved.

### 24.3 FEE SCHEDULE

The fee schedule changes will include the approved 2025 Sanction Fee, clarifications regarding records and record costs, and a statement that if CP and CP Freestyle are in one location, they will be considered as one single event.

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve the Fee Schedule as presented. **VOTE: With 0 votes against, 0 abstentions, the 2025 Fee Schedule was approved.** 

Note: Copies of the approved 2025 Proposed Budget, 2026 Draft Budget and 2025 Fee Schedule will be appended to these minutes (Appendix 21a,b,c)

Ms. Ron Miasnikov and Mr. Martin Paracuellos both thanked Ms. Higman for her efficiency throughout the year, which was followed by a round of applause for her.

#### 24.4 COMMITTEE CHAIR APPROVAL

Ms. Higman presented the proposed members of the Finance Working Group for 2025, unchanged from last year, and thanked them for their support.

The ISC Bureau proposed Ms. Higman as the Finance Working Group Chair. <u>Vote: With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, Ms. Higman was approved as Chair</u>

# 25 FIRST VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT (JURY AND FAI CONTROLLERS)

# 25.1 LIST OF APPROVED AND QUALIFIED JURORS

Ms. Rina Gallo, ISC 1st Vice President, presented the updated list of Approved and Qualified Jurors.

The Plenary were requested to vote to approve the list of approved jurors for 2025 (Appendix 22a) **Vote: With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, the list of approved Jurors was approved** 

Alberto thanked those who have volunteered to being on jury list.

### 25.2 FAI CONTROLLERS AND JURORS FOR UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Ms. Gallo presented the lists of proposed Jury Members and FAI Controllers for FCEs in 2025 and FAI Controllers for 2026. The lists will be appended to the minutes of the meeting. (Appendix 22b and 22c)

The Plenary were requested to vote to approve the FAI Controllers and Jury Members for 2025 and FAI Controllers for 2026.

#### <u>Vote: With 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, the FAI Controllers for 2025 and 2026 and Jurors</u> <u>for 2025 were approved</u>

# 26 AWARDS

Regarding the vote for awards, Mr. Alberto Martin Paracuellos read the rule from the Internal Regulations regarding procedure. If no discussion was requested, the candidate could remain in the room. Also, if no one asked for a secret vote, the voting would be done by show of hands (simple majority, no proxies).

#### 26.1 FAI GOLD PARACHUTING MEDAL

Austria had submitted a proposal to award the FAI Gold Parachuting Medal to Mr. Michael Egger. The proposal can be found as Annex 24.1 of the agenda. There was no request for discussion or for a secret vote.

The Plenary were asked to vote to award this Medal to Mr. Michael Egger (AUT)

# <u>Vote:</u> With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, the FAI Gold Parachuting Medal was awarded to <u>Mr. Egger.</u>

### 26.2 LEONARDO DA VINCI PARACHUTING DIPLOMA

Mr. Martin Paracuellos announced that there were two nominations for this award and reminded the plenary that the rule in Internal Regulations, Annex 3, regarding this Diploma had been changed and now up to five diplomas can be awarded. Sweden had submitted a proposal to award the Leonardo da Vinci Diploma to Ms. Elisabet Mikaelsson and USA had submitted a proposal to award the Diploma to Mr. Randy Connell. (The proposals can be found as Annex 24.2.1 and 24.2.2 of the agenda.) There was no request for discussion or for a secret vote.

The Plenary were asked to vote to award the Leonardo da Vinci Parachuting Diploma to both Ms. Elisabet Mikaelsson (SWE), and Mr. Randy Connell (USA).

#### <u>Vote: With 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions, the Leonardo da Vinci Diploma was awarded to</u> <u>Ms. Mikaelsson and Mr. Connell.</u>

#### 26.3 FAUST VRANCIC MEDAL

Bulgaria had submitted a proposal to award the Faust Vrancic Medal to Mr. Angel Stamenova. (The proposal can be found as Annex 24.3.1 of the agenda). There was a request from the floor that there be a discussion, and Mr. Martin Paracuellos requested that only Delegates and Alternate Delegates remain in the room for a closed-door discussion.

After discussion, a request was made that a secret vote be held to award the Faust Vrancic Medal to Mr. Angel Stamenova.

# Secret Vote: With 15 against, 2 abstentions and 9 in favour, the Faust Vranic Medal was NOT awarded to Mr. Angel Stamenov.

#### 26.4 FAI AWARDS

Delegates were reminded that they may nominate an individual to receive an FAI General Award, such as the FAI Gold Air Medal (Statutes 10.2), Sabiha Gokcen Medal (Statues 10.8) or the FAI Silver medal (Statutes 10.9) as well as the Paul Tissandier Diploma and the FAI Group Diploma of Honour.

# 27 OFFICIAL PRESENTATION OF THE FAI GOLD PARACHUTING MEDAL

Mr. Alberto Martin Paracuellos, ISC President, formally presented the FAI Gold Parachuting Medal to Mr. Michael Egger from Austria. He was acknowledged by a round of applause and standing ovation from the Plenary.

# 28 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The list of Approved Committees and Working group proposals was presented.

Mr. Alberto Martin Paracuellos again explained the situation with the Style and Accuracy Landing Committee and that, according to IR 6.3.1, the Bureau could propose a Chair and Deputy Chair (in the case of S&AL, a different person who had presented himself as an alternative candidate for the Chair Position.) He continued to say that this was not the situation with the Media Working Group, and provided an explanation (see item 6 of these minutes, paragraph 4).

He suggested that in future, the Internal Regulations could be amended to have an election process for the Committee and Working Group Chairs as, at present, there is nothing in the rules regarding election of Chairs, and the only option is for the Bureau to "propose" the Chair.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposal by the Bureau of one candidate, and the consideration of an alternative candidate who had come forward.

Mr. Gernot Rittenschober (AUT) moved that two votes be taken. One vote to approve all Committee Chairs and the Finance WG Chair, and a separate secret vote to approve the Media Working Group Chair.

The Plenary were asked to vote to approve the Committee Chairs and Finance Working Group Chair. <u>Vote: with 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, the Committee Chairs and Finance Working Group</u> <u>Chair were approved.</u>

The ISC Bureau proposed to approve Ms. Agnieszka Sobczynska (FIN) as Chair of the Media Working Group

# <u>Secret Vote: with 27 votes against, 1 abstention and 12 in favour, Ms. Sobczynska was NOT approved as Media Working Group Chair.</u>

Mr. Rittenschober suggested that if there was an alternative candidate for this position, that the Bureau could meet together to come to an agreement, and then present a new proposal for the Chair position.

Ms. Ron Miasnikov declared that the Delegate from Denmark, Ms. Natascha Enoch Larson, was a strong candidate with a great deal of media and marketing experience, and had agreed to take on the position of Media Working Group Chair, with Ms. Emily Bombardi (GUA) as Deputy and others who had agreed to being Committee Members. Several delegates commented that they had been approached in the previous days by this new candidate.

After a quick discussion, the Bureau proposed the Danish delegate, Ms. Natasha Enoch Larsen, as Chair of the media working group. A secret ballot was requested.

<u>Secret Vote: with 2 votes against, 2 abstentions and 36 in favour, Ms. Enoch Larson was approved as Media Working Group Chair.</u>

# 29 THE 76<sup>TH</sup> ISC PLENARY MEETING

During the previous ISC Plenary, held in Orlando, Florida, the 76th FAI ISC Plenary Meeting, 2026, was awarded to Saudi Arabia. Mr. Omar Alhegelan, Delegate for Saudi Arabia, presented a report on the preparations for the meeting, to be held from January 21-25, 2026. In answer to a question regarding the cost, he commented that visas are expensive and anyone who requires a Letter of Invitation, to just ask. Mr. Rittenschober requested that the Bid be revised to include an option for a participant to only attend the Open Meetings. Mr. Alhegelan agreed to add this option.

Mr. Martin Paracuellos welcomed Bids from Delegates for future Plenary Meetings.

# **30 THANK YOU AND ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Martin Paracuellos, on behalf of the ISC Bureau, Delegates, Alternate Delegates and Appointed Observers thanked the Italian NAC, and especially Mr. Sandro Gargini for hosting the 75th ISC Plenary Meeting in Rome, Italy. Mr. Gargini received a round of applause from those present.

The meeting was adjourned and the FAI Anthem was played.





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