



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PEDESTRIANS

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Minutes of the Annual General Assembly of IFP

held during the Walk21 conference in New York. 9th of October 2009.

The meeting starts at 9 AM. About 1 and a half hour of duration.

The meeting is opened by the President, Ole Thorson, Excusing Christian Thomas, Jim Walker, Celia Wade, Terence Bendixon.

Present are the following voting members:

America Walks (USA), Associação de Cidadãos Auto-Mobilizados (P), Catalunya Camina (E), Fussverkehr Schweiz(CH), Johanna.be (B), Walk England (UK), Fuss e.V. (D), ACAMINAR (Costa Rica), Walk-space.at (A)
Plus associate members (see separate list)

Each person present makes a brief presentation of her/him self and of the entity represented.

Presentation of new members:

Five organisations were present:

Geert van Waeg: Johanna.be, Belgium

Mauricio Leandro: Asociacion Caminar Costa Rica

Veronica Reynolds : Walk England, UK

Ole Thorson: European Federation of Pedestrian Associations (FEPA)

Two more have presented application for membership:

The right to Walk Foundation, India

Urban Action Network. Korea

In addition: Anne Faure (acts as individual member), France: Rue de l'Avenir. (The committee of Rue de l' Avenir has to agree and they have to fill out the application)

No opposition has been send in to IFP or presented during the meeting.

The 7 new members are voted positively.

Elections:

Of the actual board members no one has formally resigned. The President indicate that he has not the time he finds needed to lead the organization and suggest to find a member with more energy and time. Ole Thorson explains also that he has been elected President of the Spanish Accident Prevention Association, which shall consume some more of his little time.

The present members find that the best solution is that Ole Thorson continues and that two vice-presidents are elected.

For the board Geert van Waeg (Johanna.be) and Mauricio Leandro (Costa Rica) were elected.

The board decides to accept the proposal of Ellen Vanderslice as Vice-president (working on new members and fundraising) and of Geert van Waeg as vice-president for relations with international bodies. Christian Thomas (Secretary General) shall continue as representative of IFP in UN commission for safety.

Various Activities

Mauricio Leandro shall work out a Google group mail and connection between members and especially between board members. Contact to Stephan van der Speck's Linkdin group.

The Assembly accepts and supports the Appeal from NGO's for Road Safety, where Geert van Waeg has participated. Ole has also given comments through PAT-FEVR.

Geert van Waeg shall work with Decade of Action 2010-2019 – WHO (World Bank shall give 10 % of the road investments for road Safety). Some comments are asked for to the EU questionnaire and public consultation on the European Road Safety Action Programme 2011-2020.

Ole Thorson think we have to work to amplify any Road Safety concept to clearly include Urban Mobility. Mauricio shall think about new possible wording.

Mario Alves shall work on a draft for an analysis for the situation of pedestrians in the different Traffic Acts. He shall ask the members to give input. One Input is the Code de la rue de belgium. <http://www.ibsr.be/dispatch.wcs?uri=715785153&action=viewStream&language=fr>

Dieter Schwab should like a News letter (at least each semester). Through the Google group the information problem should become better.

Walk21

The relation between Walk21 and IFP might be defined in the way that IFP acts as NGO and keeps up the relations to the supranational entities, and works for new legal definitions concerning pedestrians. IFP shall work on a international campaign for the approval of the International Pedestrian Charter and promotes the translation to more languages. Walk21 act more as giving solutions to national bodies and municipalities – and continues with the conferences and their actual activities.

The members part with the feeling that there is more force in IFP and this shall be noticed in the next months.

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