

2007 GAM DRAFT AGENDA

FIDIC GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

**16.00 hrs, Wednesday September 12th, 2007
Suntec City Convention Centre, Singapore**

Only the duly appointed Delegates of FIDIC Member Associations may vote. Individual Members of FIDIC Member Associations and all registered observers and accompanying persons are welcome to attend.

Note: Agenda items marked by an asterisk () have Attachments containing the details of motions or announcements.*

- 1. Opening Address by the President, Dr. Jorge Díaz Padilla, and Recognition of GAM Guests**
- 2. Introduction of Delegates / Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting 2006***

The Executive Committee moves the approval of the GAM Minutes 2006, to be attached.

- 4. Receipt of Annual Report 2006-2007***

The Executive Committee moves the receipt of the Annual Report 2006-2007 (*The FIDIC Review 2006-2007*), to be attached.

- 5. Receipt of Auditors' Report and Approval of Accounts 2006***

The Executive Committee moves the receipt of the Auditors' Report and approval of the Accounts 2006, to be attached.

- 6. Election of New Member Associations (MA's)**

The Executive Committee (EC) has examined the Statutes and List of Members of the following Associations / Federations, and finds them to be in accordance with FIDIC's Statutes. The Executive Committee therefore recommends the approval to FIDIC membership of:

Association of Consulting Engineers Malawi (ACEM)
Kazakhstan Association of Consulting Engineers (KACE)
Russian Association of Engineering Consultants (RAEC)

Other Applications may arrive before the 2007 GAM, and if so, will be included.

7. Exclusion of Members

The Executive Committee will move the exclusion of Member Associations that are overdue on their subscription payments, if payments are not received before the GAM.

8. Recognition of Affiliate Members

The following Affiliate Members have been appointed during the year in accordance with Article 4.7, and are duly recognised:

There are no Affiliate Members for election. If applications arrive before the 2007 GAM, they will be included.

9. Recognition of Sustaining Members

The following Sustaining Members have been appointed during the year in accordance with Article 4.7, and are duly recognised:

There are no Sustaining Members for election.

10. Election of Correspondents

The Executive Committee recommends the election of the following Correspondents under Article 17:

There are no Correspondents for election.

11. Proposed Statutes and By-laws Amendments

To simplify membership categories, the Executive Committee recommends that: a) the Sustaining Membership category be merged into the Affiliate Membership category; b) the category of Correspondent be converted into a membership category called Associate Member. An Associate Member shall be one who cannot qualify as a Member Association at the present time. This is primarily for a consulting industry association which still does not represent the majority of the consulting industry of a country not having a Member Association.

Article 3.2

“2(e) In addition to the full voting membership of the Federation, there shall be non-voting classifications of membership as follows:

(i) Honorary Membership:

A person who has rendered outstanding service to the Federation may be elected as an Honorary Member by the General Assembly.

(ii) Sustaining Membership:

Any firm (or group of firms) from a country not having a Member Association, which meet(s) all of the Federation’s membership criteria.

- (iii) *Affiliate Membership:*
Any association, organisation, or group, which supports the objectives of the Federation.
- (iv) *Correspondents:*
Any individual elected by the General Assembly under the terms and conditions of Art. 17.”

to read as:

“3. In addition to the full voting membership of the Federation, there shall be non-voting classifications of membership as follows:

- (i) *Honorary Membership:*
A person who has rendered outstanding service to the Federation may be elected as an Honorary Member by the General Assembly.
- (ii) *Affiliate Member*
Any association, organisation, firm or groups of firms which is based in a country having or not having a Member Association, and which supports the objectives of the Federation.
- (iii) *Associate Member*
Any individual, organisation, firm or groups of firms which is situated in a country not having a Member Association, and which has a major part of its activity in the engineering consulting industry.

Article 4

“ADMISSION OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS, SUSTAINING MEMBERS AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS”

to read as:

“ADMISSION OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS”

Article 4.6

“6. Applications for Sustaining Membership shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee.

to read as:

“6. Applications for Associate Membership shall be shall be submitted through the FIDIC Secretariat to the Executive Committee. After approval by the Executive Committee, such applications shall be adopted only if two-thirds of the votes cast by the Member Associations at a meeting of the General Assembly and entitled to vote are in favour of the resolution.”

7. Each Associate Member and Affiliate Member shall request the renewal of its membership every five years, following the same procedure.”

Article 5

“WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS, SUSTAINING MEMBERS AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS”

to read as:

“WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS”

Article 6

“EXCLUSION OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS, SUSTAINING MEMBERS AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS”

to read as:

“EXCLUSION OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS”

Articles 6.6 and 6.7

“6. Decisions on the exclusion of Sustaining Members shall be made by the Executive Committee.

7. Recommendations for the exclusion of Affiliate Members shall be made by the Executive Committee for decision by the General Assembly.”

to read as:

“6. Decisions on the exclusion of Associate Members shall be made by the Executive Committee for decision by the General Assembly.”

7. Recommendations for the exclusion of Affiliate Members shall be made by the Executive Committee.”

Article 8.10

“10. The Executive Committee shall attend the meetings of the General Assembly and these meetings may be attended by the Honorary, Sustaining and Affiliate Members of the Federation.”

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Article 8.11

“11. Individual members and representatives of member firms, Sustaining Members, Affiliate Members, staff of the Member Associations and Correspondents of the Federation may attend the meetings of the General Assembly as observers. The Executive Committee may invite persons from outside the Federation to attend the meetings of the General Assembly as observers.”

to read as:

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Article 9.4

“(4) elect and revoke Correspondents and Affiliate Members;”

to read as:

“(4) elect and revoke Associate Members and Affiliate Members;”

Article 17: CORRESPONDENTS

“1. In a country where there is no association qualifying for membership of the Federation, any individual prepared to devote time, in an honorary capacity, to promote the establishment of such an association, may be elected as a Correspondent by the General Assembly.

2. Such a Correspondent shall be entitled to attend the General Assembly Meetings of the Federation as an observer, and may be consulted on any matters under consideration.

3. A Correspondent's election shall be for a limited period of time according to the decision of the General Assembly but shall expire in any case as soon as an association established in the country has been admitted as a Member Association of the Federation.

4. The General Assembly shall revoke the election of any Correspondents failing to implement their undertakings, or seriously prejudicing the interests of the Federation or not observing its Statutes and By-laws.”

to be deleted.

Article 18.1

“1. The revenues of the Federation shall comprise the following:

(i) Annual subscriptions paid by Member Associations, Sustaining Members and Affiliate Members.”

to read as:

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(i) Annual subscriptions paid by Member Associations and Affiliate Members.”*

Article 19.4, 19.5 and 19.6

*“4. Honorary Members and Correspondents shall pay no subscriptions.
5. Subscriptions for Sustaining Members shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.
6. Subscriptions for Affiliate Members shall be approved by the General Assembly.”*

to read as:

*“4. Honorary Members and Associate Members shall pay no subscriptions.
5. Subscriptions for Affiliate Members shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.”*

Article 20

“In the case of indebtedness of the Federation, financial contributions for the settlement of these debts shall be shared by Member Associations, Sustaining Members and Affiliate Members, in proportion to their average annual subscriptions over the preceding past five years.”

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Article 22.5

“5. The General Assembly shall dispose of any assets left after all the liabilities of the Federation shall have been met. Such assets shall be refunded to the Member Associations, Sustaining Members and Affiliate Members in proportion to their average annual subscriptions over the preceding past five years.”

to read as:

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Articles 18 to 24

Articles 18 to 24 to be renumbered as Articles 17 to 23.

By-Law VII. CORRESPONDENTS

- “1. An application for election as a Correspondent should be addressed to the Secretariat of the Federation together with a "curriculum vitae" containing information on the education and professional activity of the applicant. The application should be accompanied by a list of references.*
- 2. The Secretariat shall submit the application to the Executive Committee who, after examination of the documents, shall present its recommendation to Member Associations not less than 60 days before the date of the meeting at which the General Assembly shall vote upon such recommendation.*
- 3. Before election, Correspondents shall sign statements to be drafted by the Executive Committee that they shall do their utmost to promote the establishment in their countries of associations of consulting engineers which would be eligible for membership of the Federation in due course, and that personally they shall observe the requirements of the Statutes and By-Laws of the Federation.*
- 4. The Executive Committee shall submit a motion to the General Assembly should they consider it necessary to revoke the election of a Correspondent.”*

to be deleted.

By-Laws VIII to IX

By-Laws VIII to IX to be renumbered as By-Laws VII to VIII.

12. Approval of Budget/Subscriptions 2008*

The Executive Committee moves the approval of Subscriptions 2008, as will be shown in an attachment to be distributed at the meeting. A revised version of the 2008 Subscriptions based on the latest Annual Survey returns will be distributed at the GAM. The subscriptions show no change of the unit rate from 2004 whereby the unit rate for subscriptions is held constant at the 2004 rate of SFr 3.10 per staff member. Although the rates were due for review in 2007, the Executive Committee recommends no change in the rate at this time. The maximum rate is fixed at SFr 121,785 and the minimum rate at SFr 2000 (with no LDC discount), or SFr 500 (with the maximum LDC discount).

The Executive Committee moves the approval of Budget 2007, as shown in an attachment to be distributed at the meeting.

13. Certificates of Appreciation

14. Outgoing President's Address (Dr Jorge Díaz Padilla)

15. Hand over of Presidential Responsibility to Dr John Boyd

16. Incoming President's Address

17. Certificate of Appreciation to the retiring President Dr Jorge Díaz Padilla presented by Dr John Boyd

18. Election of Vice President

In accordance with FIDIC Statutes (Article 11, paragraph 6) the Executive Committee has resolved:

to nominate Mr Gregs Thomopulos for election as Vice President.

19. Announcement of Election of three Executive Committee Members

20. Approval of 2011 Conference Venue and Date

The Executive Committee has received proposals from Tunis and Abuja for hosting the 2011 FIDIC Annual Conference, and will present its recommendations at the GAM.

21. Recognition of FIDIC Young Professionals

Forum Steering Committee and Presentation of Certificates to the Graduates of the FIDIC 2007 Young Professionals Management Training Programme.

22. Any other Business

Members wishing to introduce items for consideration by the GAM are invited to inform the FIDIC Secretariat by 30 August 2007.

23. Closure