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Minutes of the 2nd Western Hemisphere Region Conference

The 2nd WHRConference took place at 1 World's Fair Marina, Flushing, NY, organized by CASEGHA and was held from 16-20 September 2019

ISGF Representatives present: Mario Bertagnolio, liaison member of WCom for the WHRegion, Leny Doelman, Central Branch Coordinator, Mida Rodrigues, Past-President ISGF. Vanessa Hoogenbergen, WHRCom Chairwoman, Alberto Zambrana, WHRCom Secretary.

NSGF delegations present: Argentina, Curaçao, Haiti and Mexico.

CB delegations present: Aruba, Haiti-USA, Chile, Surinam, Trinidad & Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Votes: Four NSGFs: 16 votes; CB groups: 4 votes. Total valid votes: 20 (twenty)

Tuesday 17

Members of Casegha carrying flags of the participant members held the Opening Ceremony.

09:45 The WHRConference session is opened. After verification of the quorum, (20:2+1=11) the Rules of Procedure are listed, explained and approved by the members present.

The members present approve Chairperson (Marie-Lourdes Charles), Secretary (Lyssa Dallemand) and Tellers (three members of Casegha) of the Conference. Marie-Lourdes and Lyssa take office.

11:20-12:20 The following activities were carried out: Action Time presentations of ISGF (Mario Bertagnolio), Central Branch (Leny Doelman) and WHRCom (Vanessa Hoogenbergen). WHRCom Triennial Report (Vanessa Hoogenbergen) and WHRCom Financial Report (Alberto Zambrana). CASEGHA's action time (Lyssa Dallemand).

14:30-16.45 After the Roll Call, the following activities were carried out: a) Presentations of candidates¹ to take a sit in the WHRCom (Bryan Bell-USA and Jose Luis Alvarez Fuentes-Mexico) for the period of 2019-2022, considering that Ricardo Blengini and Alberto Zambrana opted to remain in the committee for a second period and b) Presentations of candidate countries to host the 3rd WHR Conference to be held in 2022 (Argentina, Aruba and Mexico).

¹ None of the candidates attended the Conference.

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Wednesday 18

09:30-10:30 After the Roll Call, proposed amendments to the WHR's MOU are presented and discussed.

Amendments to WHR MOU are voted by means of *Voting Cards*, as follows:

Article 4. Languages. **4.1 Spanish will also be an official language within the Western Hemisphere Region. *Approved with 20 votes pro.***

Article 5. Sub Regions - 5.3. South America. *At the adoption of this Memorandum of Understanding , one (1) Sub Region that of South America has been established in 2012 by agreement with the ISGF World Committee and comprises the following Participating Organizations (NSGFs and CB Groups): Associated Member (AMO): Argentina; CB Groups: Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Venezuela; Individual members from Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. **Approved with 20 votes pro.***

Article 7 – Officers 7.1. *The Western Hemisphere Region Committee will consist of three (3) members with the following responsibilities. 1. Chairman; 2. Secretary; 3. Treasurer. **Approved with 12 votes pro – 8 votes against.***

ARTICLE 9 - Meetings and voting. 9.3 *Each voting Committee member has one vote, the Chairman has an additional casting vote. Voting to delete this paragraph. **Approved with 16 votes pro – 4 votes against.***

Article 10 - Western Hemisphere Region Conference. 10.6 *The quorum for the Western Hemisphere Region Conference shall be half plus one of the Participating Organizations of the Western Hemisphere Region, including any proxies duly submitted. **Approved with 20 votes pro.***

Article 10 - Western Hemisphere Region Conference 10.9 *Voting shall be as agreed for World Conferences of the ISGF unless otherwise agreed at a Western Hemisphere Region Conference by a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote. **Approved with 20 votes pro.***

Appendix 1. Nomination of candidates to the Western Hemisphere Region Committee *Only if there is not a candidate from one sub-region another sub-region can take more than one sit. Voting to add this sentence to existing paragraph. **Not approved with 8 votes pro – 12 votes against.***

11:00-12:30 The WHRCom requests attending members to fill a form with recommendations on: a) Actions to be included in the Action Program for 2019-2022
b) Best way of communication between WHRCom and Members and

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c) concrete actions to be developed by members.

12:50-13:00 The ActionTime for the Wconf 2020 Spain was presented by Mario Bertagnolio.

14:40-15:15 Action Time presentations of WHR countries².

15:20-17:00 International Market carried out with stands from Argentina, Aruba, Casegha- USA, Curaçao, Haiti, Mexico, Suriname, ISGF and IAG.

Thursday 19

09:15-10:30 The following activities were carried out: Twinning presentation by Twinning Coordinator Leny Doelman, International Ambassadors Guild presentation by Mida Rodrigues, Action Time presentations of WHR countries.

11:10-12:30 After the Roll Call, the NSGFs and CB groups voted for the new WHRCom member and for the Host Country for the 3rd WHRConf to be held in 2022 separately, by means of *Voting Ballots*. Tellers met to count votes.

12:35-13:00 One new member (Bryan Bell from USA) was elected to take a seat in the WHRCom, and announced. The next Host Country for the 3rd WHRConf to be held in 2022 was also announced: Argentina in the city of Cordoba. Mary Lourdes handed over the ISGF flag to Jorge Ocampo, representing Argentina, as the next Host Country. Participating members greet the appointments made and wish them success.

14:35-15:00 Photo session.

15:30 Closing of Conference with a farewell and thank you words from the leaving WHRCom Chairwoman Vanessa Hoogenbergen and Closing Ceremony with thank you words from Marie-Lourdes Charles for the Organizing Committee, for having finalized the Conference successfully.

² All attending countries presented their respective Action Time, except Trinidad & Tobago and Venezuela.

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