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### MINUTES OF THE 7th FIAP GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Held by video conference on SEPTEMBER 19th, 2020

#### **SINGLE SESSION: Saturday December 19th, 2020**

##### **1) OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE GENERAL MEETING**

The President, Riccardo Busi, welcomes all the participants to the 7th General Assembly

##### **2) START OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

The President of FIAP thanks the delegates for their presence in video conference during the 7th General Assembly.

##### **3) CALL FROM DELEGATES**

The Secretary General, Ioannis Lykouris, calls the delegates. The countries present or represented are: Algeria, Germany, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belgium, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, Colombia, Cuba, Spain, United States of America, Federation from Russia, Finland, France, Greece, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Macao, Malaysia-Selangor, Morocco, Mauritius, Norway, New Zealand, Pakistan, Panama, Poland, Dominican Republic, Romania, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey, Uruguay.

##### **4) ELECTION OF SCRUTINEERS**

The General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary General, agreed to retain the scrutineers from last year, Mrs. Conrad Mularoni (San Marino) and Vasja Doberlet (Slovenia).

##### **5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the FIAP General Assembly in 2019 in the United States are approved unanimously.

##### **6) PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Riccardo Busi begins his report by thanking the Operational Members present, the members of the Directory Board, the Directors of FIAP Services and their assistants, without forgetting the Directors of FIAP Centers and the Liaison Officers for their voluntary work. He presents the decisions and projects carried out during the last 12 months, especially the online juries, the free competition "We stay home", the competition, "The world in 2020", always free and with the patronage of FIAP, and the "FIAP Photo Academy", created for the realization of important training projects. He then mentioned the transfer of the production of FIAP cards to a specialized company in Hong Kong, the digitization of the vast historical archives of MFIAP portfolios and the opening of three new Spanish exhibition centers in San Sebastian, Reus and Ceuta, the 20th "Nature" Biennial in Russia, perfectly organized by our operational member and our director Luis Franke and the 15th FIAP World Cup of Club with a record participation of 214 clubs from 51 different countries. During the last twelve months, our on-line magazine "FIAP News" has seen an incredible development. Finally, the "We stay Connected" project, which he leads personally, has the objective to organize personal meetings with all the liaison officers. He ends his report wishing to organize a FIAP / Photomeeting Congress as soon as possible in order to forget this terrible period.

##### **7) REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL**

Ioannis LYKOURIS underlines the importance of this meeting held for the first time by video conference. The pandemic has had its side effects on photography and FIAP. Despite the fact that the photographers were forced to stay at home, FIAP organized with great success the "We Stay Home" project, where the photographers had to submit photos taken only at home during this period. Likewise, FIAP has

temporarily lifted the ban on “online judging”, in order to facilitate the juries of the salons and help the organizers of the salons to obey government restrictions. Ms. Bronwen Casey, from Australia, took over the management of FIAP News. A Regulation describing the rights and obligations related to the publication and distribution of articles in FIAP News was published for the first time. In July, a special World Natural Heritage photographic exhibition was organized by FIAP and the China Artistic Photography Society in collaboration with Photo Beijing 2020. Most importantly, in 2020 FIAP had its anniversary, it turned 70!

#### **8) AFFILIATION OF OPERATIONAL MEMBERS**

By unanimous votes, the GA grants the status of Operational Member to Club Fotográfico Kautl (Mexico) and Bakhtar News Agency (Afghanistan).

#### **9) TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE 2019 AND 2020 FINANCIAL PERIOD**

The Treasurer of FIAP, H. Gmeiner, reports that the financial situation for 2019 is positive and similar to that of 2018, with growth in assets. It also presents the financial accounts as of October 30, 2020.

#### **10) AUDITORS 'REPORT**

The auditors' report on the 2019 accounts is read.

#### **11) DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD 2021**

The Treasurer Herbert GMEINER presents the draft budget for 2021.

#### **12) APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS AND BUDGET BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The accounts and the budget presented by the Treasurer are approved unanimously by the GA.

#### **13) ACTIVITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

A report on the development of activities by the DB is presented to the GA. The report is approved unanimously.

#### **14) ACTIVITIES BY FIAP SERVICE DIRECTORS**

The various activities developed by the Directors of Fiap Services are presented.

#### **15) APPROVAL OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DIRECTORs AND DIRECTORS OF FIAP SERVICES**

The General Assembly unanimously approves the management of the Directory Board and the activity report of the Directors of FIAP Services.

#### **16) MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2021**

Treasurer H. Gmeiner proposed to keep the same membership fees for 2020. This proposal was adopted unanimously

#### **17) APPOINTMENT OF TWO AUDITORS**

The GA votes unanimously Peter MARXER (Liechtenstein) and Steffen KLOS (Germany) as auditors for the next year.

#### **18) CLOSURE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION OF THE 6TH FIAP GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The President of FIAP thanks the delegates for their constructive although virtual participation. He looks forward to seeing them again soon next year in person.

Athens, January 28, 2021

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