

# INTERNATIONAL PRACTICAL SHOOTING CONFEDERATION

Minutes of the Twenty-Sixth General Assembly  
Pietersburg, South Africa, 9:00 am, Saturday, 14 September, 2002

## ADMINISTRATION

### 1) IPSC Secretary to present list of voting Regions and proxies

#### Executive Council Present:

IPSC President	Mr. Nick Alexakos
IPSC General Secretary	Mr. Fritz Gepperth
IPSC Secretary	Mr. Vince Pinto
IPSC Treasurer	Mr. Ren Henderson
IROA President	Mr. Dino Evangelinos
IROA Vice-President	Mr. Doug Lewis

#### Regions Present:

Argentina	Mr. Juan Carlos Salerni
Australia	Mr. Des Lilley
Austria	Mr. Stettin
Belgium	Mr. Yvan Vogels
Brazil	Mr. Luiz Frota
Canada	Mr. Sean Hansen
Chile	Mr. Christian Wagner
Czech Republic	Mr. Josef Horejsi
Denmark	Mr. Tim Anderson
Ecuador	Mr. Victor Ferrero
Finland	Ms. Virpi Virtanen
Germany	Mr. Friedrich Gepperth
Greece	Mr. Dimitrios Tzimas
Hong Kong	Mr. Vince Pinto
Hungary	Mr. Ede Horvath
Indonesia	Mr. Bambang Trihatmodjo
Israel	Mr. Nachum Zarzif
Italy	Mr. Riccardo Massantini
Japan	Mr. Kazuharo Kudo
Netherlands	Mr. Kees Guichelaar
Netherlands Antilles	Mr. Arjen Van Der Meulen
New Zealand	Mr. John Farrow
Norway	Ms. Hilde S. Gronning
Philippines	Mr. Myro Lopez
Puerto Rico	Mr. Hector Orizondo
Russia	Mr. Vitali Krioutchine
Serbia	Mr. Vlasta Stanojevic
Slovak Republic	Mr. Peter Forgac
Slovenia	Mr. Damijan Pesek
South Africa	Mr. Johnny Gildenhuys
Spain	Ms. Teresa Martinez
Sweden	Mr. Johan Hansen
Switzerland	Mr. Milan Stojanovic
United Kingdom	Mr. Graham Gill
USA	Mr. Michael Voigt
Zimbabwe	Mr. John Goddard

## Voting Regions:

The following Regions were either present at the meeting and eligible to vote or submitted valid proxy forms:

Argentina	Greece	Singapore
Australia	Hong Kong	Slovak Republic
Belgium	Hungary	Slovenia
Brazil	Indonesia	South Africa
Canada	Israel	Spain
Chile	Italy	Sweden
Colombia	Netherlands	Switzerland
Costa Rica	Neth. Antilles	Thailand
Czech Republic	New Zealand	United Kingdom
Denmark	Norway	USA
Ecuador	Peru	Zimbabwe
Finland	Philippines	
France	Puerto Rico	
Germany	Russia	

## 2) IPSC President to appoint two tellers

Mr. Steen Nitschke (DEN)  
Mr. Jurgen Tegge (GER)

## 3) IPSC President's report

"Welcome to the 26th General Assembly of the International Practical Shooting Confederation. On behalf of IPSC, I would like to thank the South African Practical Shooting Association for hosting this year's General Assembly.

The best way to get started might be to take a look at this past year. A few days ago marked the first anniversary of September 11th. The World has changed since then, and our world has changed too. We have seen a flurry of new restrictions, laws and legislation, customs procedures, and travel limitations. However in spite of these complications, IPSC has remained vigorous. We have worked tirelessly on the regional level and the international level to protect our members as best we can given our time and resources, and I might add we been quite successful.

Our strength lies in our unity and our passion as a confederation of member regions. Our strength lies in the steadfast belief in the responsible ownership and use of recreational firearms and from this we will never waiver.

There are two major criteria by which we should judge ourselves, and how others will judge us. These are our members and our matches. As an international shooting organization we will be evaluated and assessed on these criteria, and that suits me just fine. Our membership continues to increase in most regions and our high-level competitions multiply each year. We continue to get better, stronger, and respected.

We need to thank the shooters, the officials, the match organizers, and the Regional Directors for these accomplishments. IPSC matches are becoming more efficient, more exciting, and well-run safe shooting competitions overall.

There is also another undeniable reality, "When you're green you grow, when you're ripe you rot". I know I speak for all of us when I say that we choose to grow. This has been and will continue to be the prime objective of the Executive Council. It is a pleasure working with this council and on behalf of IPSC, I would like to thank the Executive Council members for their generous and outstanding service and support.

Fritz Gepperth (General Secretary)  
Vince Pinto (IPSC Secretary)  
Ren Henderson (IPSC Treasurer)  
Dino Evangelinos (IROA President)  
Doug Lewis (IROA Vice President)

I wish to also thank the members of the President's Council for their contributions and assistance. Without their collective guidance and individual counsel, my job would be infinitely more difficult. No one could ask for a better team.

Tim Andersen (DEN)  
Bob Chittleborough (GBR)  
Chepit Dulay (PHI)  
Victor Ferrero (ECU)  
Luiz Frota (BRA)

Alain Joly (FRA)  
Doug Lewis (CAN)  
Richard Metcalf (USA)  
Michael Voigt (USA)  
Peter Glenn (AUS)

Teamwork and communication go hand-in-hand. Our communications are getting better and better. E-mail and the World Wide Web have been important tools for IPSC and I would like to thank Ian Fachie for his tireless efforts as the IPSC webmaster. We are extremely grateful to Ian for his invaluable time and talent.

Our continued objective is to receive full acceptance by the international sports community, and we have been steadily moving in that direction.

Our Assemblies have indeed become a gathering of friends where we come together to constructively deal with the business of the Confederation. Our international organization remains strong and our depth and experience continue to grow thanks to you, and to the support, direction, experience and commitment you give to IPSC."

DVC  
Nick Alexakos  
IPSC President

#### **4) IROA President's report**

2002 has been an active year for our International Range Officers. Level III match activity has increased again this year and we have seen Regions holding their first Sanctioned match as well as Regions who have not held a match in some years back on the list.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Regional Directors for once again supporting your Regional Range Officer Programs. This is extremely important. Your support will guarantee the continued improvement in the experience and knowledge of our Officials around the world.

I know from my personal experience that time is valuable and I would like to thank our International Seminar Instructors for taking time to conduct IROA Seminars around the World.

Vince Pinto (HKG)  
Barry Pollard (GBR)  
Steen Nitschke (DEN)  
Stefanos Cheropoulos (GRE)

I would also like to express my appreciation to IPSC President, Nick Alexakos. In spite of his busy schedule, Nick was able to make time to conduct IROA Seminars. I had the opportunity to conduct a Level II Seminar in Brazil this summer.

I would like to welcome Victor Ferrero to the International Seminar Instructors. Victor has many years of experience and superb knowledge of the rules of IPSC and his match experience will be invaluable.

At this time I also would like to thank my Vice President, Doug Lewis for all his help and support.

Currently there are 293 IROA Officials. This total represents an increase of 14% from 2001 and includes:

150 ROs  
61 CROs  
30 RMs  
8 SOs  
44 Provisional Range Officers

I would like to highlight the fact that many of these Officials are also assisting neighboring Regions on a regular basis. This is international cooperation at its best.

Finally as you watch the World Shoot unfold this week, you will see IROA members from 18 nations working shoulder to shoulder with the South African National Range Officers as a single team. This is the ultimate proof of the system. IROA and NROI personnel operating the ranges for the World Championship.

As a final note, I would like to offer my best wishes to the Assembly. It is a pleasure to see you all. If you have any specific questions about IROA or the seminars or anything else you feel I might assist you with, please do not hesitate to ask.

DVC  
Dino Evangelinos  
IROA President

#### **5) Introduction of, and brief report from, each Regional Director**

Each Regional Director spoke briefly about the latest news from their respective Regions.

#### **6) Approval of the minutes of the Twenty-Fifth IPSC General Assembly**

1. Motion: That the minutes of the previous Assembly in Philippsburg, Germany, on 22 August, 2001 be accepted as sent to the Regions.  
Moved: Brazil  
Seconded: Switzerland  
Carried For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0

#### **7) IPSC Treasurer's Report, and approval of the previous year's accounts.**

2. Motion: That the 2001 accounts be accepted as sent to the Regions.  
Moved: Australia  
Seconded: Netherlands  
Carried For-38 Against-1 Abstain-0

#### **8) Regional Development Director's Report**

Mr. Vince Pinto gave a report on the work of his committee and asked all RD's to assist him to identify prospective new regions. He also gave a detailed introduction about the two provisional regions of China and Taiwan which are to be considered for ratification.

#### **9) Provisional acceptance of new Regions**

3. Motion: China be provisionally accepted for one year.  
Moved: Hong Kong  
Seconded: Slovak Republic  
Carried For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0
4. Motion: Taiwan be provisionally accepted for one year.  
Moved: Netherlands  
Seconded: Philippines  
Carried For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0

#### **10) Final acceptance of provisional Regions**

5. Motion: Andorra be definitively accepted.  
Moved: Argentina  
Seconded: Germany  
Carried For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0
6. Motion: Guam & Micronesia be definitively accepted.  
Moved: Argentina  
Seconded: Canada  
Carried For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0
7. Motion: Serbia & Montenegro be definitively accepted.  
Moved: Switzerland  
Seconded: Russia  
Carried For-39 Against-0 Abstain-0

Note: The Assembly welcomes the newly accepted Regions and wishes them all the best of success. The IPSC Secretary instructed the tellers of the additional voting Regions (only Serbia & Montenegro qualified as a voting region)

#### **11) Declaration of vacant Regions when more than ninety days in arrears**

Our records show the following Regions risk becoming declared vacant. If there is any question concerning this situation, please contact this office immediately (section 10.8 of the constitution)

8. Motion: That El Salvador be declared vacant if not in good standing by 31 December, 2002. (requires 3/4 vote)  
Moved: Netherlands  
Seconded: Greece  
Carried For-39 Against-0 Abstain-1

#### **12) Election of the President.**

9. Motion: Election of the IPSC President by ballot  
Candidate: Mr. Nick Alexakos (CAN)  
Moved: Brazil  
Seconded: Switzerland  
Carried For-35 Against-3 Abstain-2

Mr. Nick Alexakos was re-elected for a further term of office.

#### **13) Appointment of an auditor**

10. Motion:  
That the chartered accounting firm of *Mullen Micules Chartered Accountants* be appointed as Auditors for financial year 2002.  
Moved: Israel  
Seconded: Germany

Carried For-39 Against-1 Abstain-0

## **ORGANIZATION**

### **12) IPSC Business Plan**

11. Motion:

That the 2002 Business Plan be approved.

Moved: Germany

Seconded: Serbia

Carried For-37 Against-1 Abstain-2

## **RULES**

### **13) Course of Fire Committee report**

A report was given by Mr. Dino Evangelinos

### **14) Rifle and Shotgun Committee report**

A report was given by Mr. Tim Andersen

12. Motion: That the Rifle rules as submitted be accepted.

Withdrawn

13. Motion: That the Shotgun rules as submitted be accepted..

Moved: Philippines

Seconded: Greece

Carried For-40 Against-0 Abstain-0

13A. Amended Motion: That the Shotgun rules be accepted provisionally.

Moved: USA

Seconded: UK

Carried For-32 Against-0 Abstain-1

### **15) Handgun Rules Review Committee report**

A report was given by Mr. Michael Voigt

14. Motion: That the revisions to the 14th Edition IPSC rules be accepted

Moved: Switzerland

Seconded: Germany

Carried For-32 Against-7 Abstain-1

### **16) International Classification**

15. Motion: That the International Classification System be accepted for use by

member Regions on a voluntary basis.

Moved: Greece

Seconded: Switzerland

Carried For-39 Against-1 Abstain-0

15A. Motion: (amended) That the International Classification System be accepted for use by member Regions on a voluntary basis but will not be used at anytime as a basis to gauge or determine who can participate at IPSC matches. The classification will be used solely as a classification reference for IPSC members and regions only.

Moved: South Africa

Seconded: Norway

Carried For-16 Against-11 Abstain-6

## **COMPETITIONS**

### **17) 2003 African Championship report**

A report was given by Mr. Johnny Gildenhuys.

### **18) 2003 Pan-American Championship report**

A report was given by Mr. Juan Carlos Salerni concerning the problems at this time in Argentina. The 2003 Pan-American Championship venue was changed to Ecuador by unanimous consent of all South American regions.

### **19) 2003 European Shotgun Championship report**

A report was given by Mr. Riccardo Massantini.

### **20) World Shoot XIV**

16. Motion:

That the 2005 World Shoot be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly.

Moved: Netherlands

Seconded: Philippines

Carried For-39 Against-0 Abstain-1

16a. That the 2005 World Shoot be held in the Region of Canada.

For-11 Abstain-1

16b. That the 2005 World Shoot be held in the Region of Ecuador.

For-21 Abstain-1

16c. That the 2005 World Shoot be held in the Region of Denmark.

For-7

Ecuador was declared the successful candidate on the first ballot.



## **21) World Three-Gun Championship**

### 17. Motion:

That a World 3-Gun Championship be held in a year and a region to be determined vote of this Assembly.

Moved: Zimbabwe

Seconded: Slovak Republic

Carried For-39 Against-0 Abstain-1

17. Motion: (amended) That a World 3-Gun Championship be held in the region of South Africa or USA at a date to be determined by a future vote of this Assembly.

Moved: Zimbabwe

Seconded: Slovak Republic

Carried For-39 Against-0 Abstain-1

## **22) American Handgunner Postal Match.**

### 18. Motion:

That the Assembly wishes to thank the American Handgunner Magazine for it's continued support of the International IPSC Postal match.

Moved: New Zealand

Seconded: Netherlands

Carried For-40 Against-0 Abstain-0

## **GENERAL**

### **23) World Forum of Sport Shooting Activities (WFSA) report.**

A report was given by Mr. Nick Alexakos.

### **24) World Shooting Federation (WSF) report.**

A report was given by Mr. Nick Alexakos.

### **25) Date and place of next IPSC General Assembly.**

### 19. Motion:

That the 2003 IPSC General Assembly be held in conjunction with the competition to be determined by vote of this Assembly.

Moved: Netherlands

Seconded: Argentina

Carried For-40 Against-0 Abstain-0

By vote of the Assembly, the 2003 General Assembly will be held in conjunction with the European Shotgun Championship in Italy.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Non-binding proposed actions for Assembly discussion and direction (None)

## 26) Adjournment

20. Motion:

That the 2002 IPSC General Assembly be adjourned.

Moved: Netherlands

Seconded: Brazil

Carried For-40 Against-0 Abstain-0