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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF INTERSKI INTERNATIONAL
LEVI / FINLAND, Summit Conference Center, 24 March 2022, 14.00h**

Dear friends of Interski,
please find attached the minutes of the General Assembly of Interski International held
on 24 Mar 2022.

With sporting regards

INTERSKI INTERNATIONAL

PRESIDENT
Eric Sheckleton

SECRETARY-GENERAL
Peter Mall



1. **Welcome**

The President of Interski International, Erich Melmer, opens the ordinary General Assembly at the Levi Summit Conference Center at 14.00h.

He welcomes all members present as well as the representatives of the pillar associations. A special welcome goes to the representatives of the Organising Committee of Interski 2023. On behalf of her entire team Satu Pesonen, Secretary-General of Interski 2023 in Levi, receives the President's thanks for the work done and the excellent preparations for the XXII Interski Congress.

2. **Ascertainment of voting rights**

Secretary-General Peter Mall determines the number of votes present and finds that 23 delegates with voting rights are present.

3. **Approval of the agenda**

The agenda is approved unanimously.

4. **Approval of the minutes of the 2019 General Assembly in Pamporovo**

The minutes are approved unanimously.

5. **Report of President Erich Melmer**

In his report President Erich Melmer underlines the significance of Interski International for snow sports all over the world.

Over the decades, the Interski Congress has helped forge friendships and establish working relations around the globe. Looking back on several decades of work on



behalf of the association, the President finds that direct personal communication, the exchange at workshops and lectures but also a great many talks and encounters outside the official Congress programme have served to bring the participants together time and again in order to promote and further develop all aspects of snow sports.

Erich Melmer wishes the new Presidium lots of energy and staying power and shows himself convinced that Interski International is heading into a bright future.

The President thanks all those who, together with him, have actively contributed to the association. His special thanks are due to Mr Fritz Mares for holding various different offices in Interski International and for supporting both Interski and the President himself over more than 50 years.

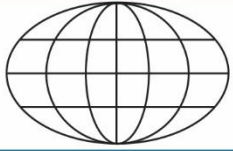
President Melmer concludes by pointing out that every single member of the General Assembly bears responsibility for shaping the future of snow sports.

6. **Report on organisational and financial activities 2019 – 2021**

Organisation:

Secretary-General Peter Mall provides an overview of activities during the period in question and of the many different tasks carried out.

As the Covid-19 pandemic did not spare Interski International as an international association, scheduled events and meetings had to be postponed.



Nonetheless, the Presidium managed to hold more than 30 virtual meetings with a focus on the issues below:

- Follow-up of the 2019 Interski Congress
- Resignation of Vice-President Dave Renouf and IVSI President Norbert Barthle
- Workshop on the future of Interski
- Setting-up of four new working groups
- Design of new website
- Rethinking of Congress structure
- General Assembly 2022
- Congress programme 2023

The working groups dealt with the following focal issues:

Organisation and Productivity – Eric Sheckleton

Future of Interski – Dieter Bubeck

Coordination of pillar associations – Petar Iankov

Membership and voting rights – Vittorio Caffi

The working group reports are enclosed with these minutes.

Financial report 2019 – 2021 (reports enclosed)

SG Peter Mall explains the financial conduct of the association during the last three years and adds that Interski International is on a solid footing financially.

The association derives its income from the Interski Congresses and the related Congress fees. In the off-years between Congresses, income from membership fees and expenditure present a relatively balanced picture.



The budget for the Congress year 2023 is to be drawn up by the newly elected Presidium and will be communicated to all members.

7. Auditors' report and approval of the financial conduct of the Presidium

Auditor Pavel Krnac reports that the books of Interski International were examined in Vienna on 14 March 2022 by Katalin Egri and himself. He underlines the careful bookkeeping and prudent financial conduct of Interski International and proposes that the General Assembly approve of the financial activities of the Presidium and the Secretary-General for the financial years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The General Assembly unanimously approves the financial conduct of the Presidium. The audit report is enclosed with the minutes.

8. Report and vote on the budgets 2021 - 23

Secretary-General Mall explains the budgets for 2021 and 2022, which are enclosed with these minutes.

The budgets are approved unanimously by the General Assembly as presented.

The 2023 budget will be drawn up by the newly elected Presidium and will be communicated to the member associations in writing.

9. Discussion and vote on motions to the General Assembly

Mr Nick Herrin briefly explains the content of the motion proposed by PSIA. The motion is enclosed with these minutes.

The General Assembly unanimously approves the motion.



10. **Applications for membership**

President Jaroslav Pavelka of SAPUL a Únie LaSŠ presents his association and the snowsport country Slovakia to the General Assembly and thanks the attendees in advance for their trust and for supporting the international snow sport community.

Slovakia's application for membership in Interski International is approved unanimously with a big round of applause.

Membership of Lithuania is currently in preparation so Lithuania can be admitted as a member at the 2023 Interski Congress.

11. **Elections**

The Presidium proposes the following election committee:

Committee head:	Justo Olivieri
Assistants:	Umberto Balin
	Rado Pisot

The proposal is adopted unanimously. The Presidium subsequently steps down from the podium to let the election committee take over.

Committee head Olivieri explains the voting procedure and puts the procedure to the vote. The General Assembly decides in favour of an open vote.

The three candidates for election make a joint presentation and outline their vision for the future of Interski International.



The result of the election is as follows:

President Interski International: Eric Sheckleton (United States of America)

1st Vice-President of Interski International: Stéphane Cattin (Switzerland)

2nd Vice-President of Interski International: Petar Iankov (Bulgaria)

Auditors: Pavel Krnac
Katalin Egri

Alle candidates are elected unanimously.

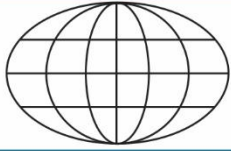
On behalf of the newly elected Presidium, President Eric Sheckleton thanks the assembly and promises to guide Interski International into a successful future together with all its member associations.

12. **Tributes**

As the first official act of his presidency, Eric Sheckleton confers honorary membership on Mr Norbert Barthle in recognition of his services to snow sports worldwide.

The outgoing President, Erich Melmer, is appointed honorary President of Interski International for decades of commitment to Interski International.

The General Assembly thanks them both with a big round of applause and standing ovations as a token of their gratitude and appreciation of the great work done.



13. **Any other business**

Secretary-General Peter Mall introduces Mr Bruno Strolz, who is in charge of the application of Lech/Zürs to host the 2027 Interski Congress. Interski Austria with the Lech/Zürs region as the host venue is the only candidate for the 2027 Congress. A vote on the venue will be taken at the General Assembly of the Interski Congress in 2023.

President Sheckleton takes the floor and thanks all participating nations for the constructive talks and their commitment to strengthen the shared vision of Interski International.

His special thanks go to the entire team of the OC Levi 2023, specifically to Secretary-General Satu Pesonen.

The President closes the General Assembly at 15.35h.