



## **MINUTES OF THE FIDIC GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

Tuesday, 15 September 2020

Geneva, Switzerland

Online

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### **1. Welcome by the President and Chairperson, William Howard, and recognition of special participants at the General Assembly Meeting (GAM)**

The President, William Howard and CEO Nelson Ogunshakin, welcomed FIDIC members, and recognised other guests and visitors, including FIDIC past presidents (Alain Bentéjac, Jae Wan Lee, Pablo Bueno, Geoffrey French, Gregs Thomopulos, John Boyd, Jorge Diaz Padilla, Richard Kell and Eigil Pedersen).

The President mentioned that in accordance with the Swiss Federal Council requirements and a COVID 19 Ordinance 2 the GAM 2020 is conducted online, notice of which was given to the MAs on 24 April 2020. The President thanked the delegates for attending the GAM online and invited the delegates to follow the online voting instructions given by the FIDIC CEO during the GAM.

### **2. Record of participating Delegates and establishing quorum**

49 member associations attended the GAM. The General Assembly is competent to exercise its statutory powers.

### **3. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting 2019 in Mexico City**

The GAM Minutes, as shown in Attachment 1 to the Agenda, moved by the Board, were approved with the comment from Serbia to record their presence at the 2019 GAM.

### **4. Receipt of Annual Report 2019-2020**

The Annual Report 2019-2020, electronic copies of which were distributed to the Member Associations prior to the GAM, was received.

### **5. Receipt of Auditors' Report and Approval of Accounts 2019**

The Auditors' Report and Accounts for 2019 was presented by Treasurer and Chair of the Risk and Audit Committee, Gavin English. Annual Accounts were approved by the GAM.

### **6. Appointment of Auditor**

The appointment of the BDO Geneva Office as auditors for 2021, as recommended by the Board, was approved.

### **7. Election of New Member Associations (MA's)**

No Applications have been received this year.



## 8. Election of Associate Members (AM's)

Colegio Federado de Ingenieros y de Arquitectos de Costa Rica (CFIA) was elected as an Associate Member.

## 9. Exclusion of Members

The FIDIC Board submitted a motion on exclusion of the following Member Associations:

Country	Member name	Acronym	Member type
Azerbaijan	National Engineering Consultancy Society of Azerbaijan	ASPI	MA
Dominican Republic	Asociacion de Ingenieria y Consultoria Dominicana	ASICDOM	Associate
Ecuador	Camara Ecuatoriana de Consultores	CEC	MA
Egypt	Egyptian Consulting Engineering Association	ECEA	MA
Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan National Association of Professional Engineers and Consultants	KNAPEC	MA
Kuwait	Union of Kuwaiti Engineering Offices and Consultant Houses	UKEOCH	MA
Macedonia, Republic of	Association of Consulting Engineers of Macedonia	ACEMA	MA
Malawi	Association of Consulting Engineers of Malawi	ACEM	MA
Mongolia	Mongolian Road Association	MRA	Associate
Montenegro	Association of Consulting Engineers of Montenegro	ACEM	MA
Paraguay	Camara Paraguaya de Consultores	CPC	MA
Philippines	Council of Engineering Consultants of the Philippines	CECOPHIL	MA
Romania	Romanian Association of Consulting Engineers	ARIC	MA
Tunisia	Association Nationale des Bureaux d'Etudes et des Ingénieurs Conseils	ANBEIC	MA
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe Association of Consulting Engineers	ZACE	MA
South Sudan	National Association of Consulting Engineers & Architects	NACEA	MA

Upon request of the Board, GAM appointed a special committee of three comprising of following persons:

1. John Gamble, Canada
2. Chituwa Sinkala, Zambia
3. Henrik Garver, Denmark

The special committee was mandated to submit to the next meeting of the General Assembly (2021) a report on the facts relating to the FIDIC Board motion for exclusion of above-listed associations.



## **10. Recognition of Affiliate Members**

The appointment of the following Affiliate Members, as approved by the Board, was noted:

- Mustafa Ahmed, Saudi Arabia
- Fenwick Elliott LLP, United Kingdom
- Marco Benedict Kapinga, Tanzania
- Hakbong Hyun, South Korea
- Fortune Murata, Malawi
- Institute of Spatial Development, Ukraine
- Maria (Kitty) Villani Cohen, Switzerland

## **11. Approval of Budget/Subscriptions 2021**

The FIDIC Board moved the approval of the Revised COVID19 Budget for 2020 and proposed budget for 2021. The projected subscription income assumed no change to the unit rate from 2019. Also, no change is proposed to the minimum subscription rate of CHF 1'900. Subscriptions for members will be calculated at the end of the year once updated statistical data on membership numbers has been received.

The budget for 2021 and subscriptions, as recommended by the Board, was approved by the GAM.

## **12. FIDIC Operations Update**

The Chairman invited the CEO to present a summary progress report of the year activities. The CEO presented to the GAM and the CEO Report was provided to all MAs.

## **13. Announcement of 2021 Conference venue, place of GAM and dates**

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic this 2020 conference could not be conducted in Geneva. Therefore, a strategic decision has been taken by the Board to recommend to the GAM to hold the next annual FIDIC International Infrastructure Conference and GAM 2021 in Geneva.

Accordingly, the future conference locations have been deferred by one year.

2021 – Geneva, Switzerland 12-14 September 2021

2022 – Singapore, Singapore / Tokyo, Japan 11-13 September 2022

2023 – Geneva, Switzerland, 10-12 September 2023

2024 – Cape Town, South Africa, September 2024

The GAM confirmed to support the Board recommendation to shift the conference locations by one year and to fix the date and place of the 2021 Conference and the GAM to be Geneva, Switzerland 12-14 September.

## **14. Recognition of FIDIC Future Leaders**

The FIDIC President acknowledged 66 candidates who applied to the first online based Future Leaders Management Certificate (FLMC) programme of which 63 concluded the programme. The names were presented, and the President congratulated them on their successful completion of the newly developed programme for 2020.



## **15. Changes to FIDIC Statutes and By Laws**

In accordance with Articles 9 (12) and 9 (13) of the FIDIC Statutes, the FIDIC Board recommended a number of modifications to the Statutes and By Laws to reflect FIDIC diversity and inclusivity principles including the composition, election and co-option of FIDIC Board members, to reflect governance improvements and statutory compliance requirements and, to introduce the use of technology to be adopted in the future.

Proposed modifications were described in the various documents making up Annexure 4 of the GAM Papers.

The GAM approved in their entirety the proposed modifications to the Statutes and By-Laws and the Board's preferred recommendation option (b) for Articles 8 (9) (new 8 (10) and 9 (9)). The resolution was carried with two-thirds of the votes in favour.

## **16. Decision on the number of members of the Board**

In accordance with Article 9 (1) of the FIDIC Statutes, the GAM fixed the following number and composition of members of the Board in office:

- Board members in office: up to 11
- Elected members: 9
- Members to be co-opted by the Board: up to 2.

The General Assembly authorised the FIDIC Board, if considered appropriate, to co-opt up to 2 individuals as members of the Board for a period of 1 year to achieve diversity and inclusion in the composition of the Board.

## **17. Election of President-Elect**

The FIDIC Board nominated the Vice-President Anthony Barry as President-Elect. Anthony Barry from Australia was declared elected as President-Elect by the GAM.

## **18. Announcement of the Election of two Board members**

The two tellers appointed by the FIDIC President were invited to give the results of the tally: Edmond Mirzakhanian from Iran and Sudhir Dhawan from India. The results were announced by Edmond Mirzakhanian from Iran as follows:

36 MAs casted 104 ballot forms and a total of 167 votes.

- Catherine KARAKATSANIS – 47 votes
- Søren ADAMSEN – 43 votes
- Rémi CUNIN – 19 votes
- James MWANGI - 58 votes.

Catherine KARAKATSANIS and James MWANGI were thereby declared elected to the FIDIC Board with acclamation.



## **19. Recognition to outgoing members of the FIDIC Board**

The Chairperson recognised the outstanding service of outgoing FIDIC Board members: Aisha Nadar (Sweden), and Reyes Juárez (Mexico). Both members addressed the FIDIC GAM.

## **20. Any other Business**

The Chairperson recognised contributions of the Chair of the Directors & Secretaries Advisory Council John Gamble and the Chair of the Future Leaders Committee Cosmin Tobolcea during the 2019 and 2020 year in office. John Gamble addressed the FIDIC GAM.

## **21. Closure**

The meeting was adjourned at around 14:07 CET, and the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, inviting them to the next GAM in Geneva in September 2021.

Date: Chairman: Mr William Howard, FIDIC President

The Board caused these minutes to be made by the FIDIC Secretariat. Dr Nelson Ogunshakin, FIDIC CEO, confirmed that they correctly record the discussions and resolutions taken by the meeting.

Date: Secretary: Dr Nelson Ogunshakin, FIDIC CEO



## **Appendix 1: Attendance record**

### **The Board was noted as consisting:**

William Howard (President)  
Anthony Barry (Vice President)  
Liu Luobing (Vice President)  
Gavin English (Treasurer)  
Reyes Juárez  
Aisha Nadar  
Mark Pehlig  
Luis Villarroya  
Sarwono Hardjomuljadi

### **In attendance:**

Dr Nelson Ogunshakin, CEO  
John Gamble



**Appendix 2: List of Member Associations countries - GAM 2020 attendees**

Australia	Kenya
Austria	Latvia
Belgium	Lebanon
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Lithuania
Botswana	Nepal
Canada	Netherlands
China	Nigeria
China, Taiwan	Poland
China, Hong Kong	Portugal
Cyprus	Republic of Uzbekistan
Czech Republic	Russia
Denmark	Serbia
Finland	South Africa
France	South Korea
Georgia	Spain
Germany	Suriname
Ghana	Sweden
Hungary	Switzerland
Indonesia	Tanzania
Iran	Thailand
Ireland	Turkey
Italy	Ukraine
Japan	USA
Jordan	Vietnam
	Zambia