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Minutes

1 Opening Address

President, Lena Halounová (LH) opened the meeting at 8:30am welcoming the participants.

2 In Memoriam

The Assembly held a moment's silence in memory of those deceased in the past term.

3 Certification of Delegate Credentials, Explanation and Confirmation of Voting Rights

LH explained the voting rights to the delegates.

4 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by the General Assembly.

5 Approval of AsMs from Ghana

Two new Associate Members applications from Ghana were approved. The attendees were informed that an application for Sustaining Membership from Ghana was approved.

6 Approval of New Fellows by Acclamation

The Assembly approved the following new Fellows:

Naser El-Sheimy, Senthil Kumar, Wenzhong Shi, Qihao Weng.

7 Ratification of Council Contracts, Agreements, MoUs

All contracts, agreements and MoUs were approved by the Assembly.

8 Member proposals to host Technical Commissions 2026-2030

8.1 TC I - China/Italy

The Chinese/Italian proposal was presented by the proposed Commission President, Cheng Wang.

8.2 TC II - Germany/UK

The German/UK proposal was presented by the proposed Commission President, Uwe Soergel, who was introduced by proposed Vice President, Jan Boehm.

8.3 TC III - Japan /Germany

The Japanese/German proposal was presented by the proposed Commission President, Junichi Susaki.

8.4 TC IV - Italy/China

The Italian/Chinese proposal was presented by the proposed Commission President, Maria Antonia Brovelli, with Hao Wu, proposed Vice President.

8.5 TC V - France/Morocco

The French/Moroccan proposal was presented by the proposed Commission President, Alessandro Rizzo, with Abnane Labbaci, proposed Vice President.

9 Election of Members to Host Commissions 2026-2030

The elections were held per acclamation.

10 Announcement of Results of Technical Commission Elections

LH announced that all proposed commissions were approved by the General Assembly:

Technical Commission I: Cheng Wang, TCP, Andrea Masiero, Vice TCP

Technical Commission II: Uwe Soergel, TCP, Jan Boehm, Vice TCP

Technical Cimmission III: Junichi Susaki, TCP, Michael Schmitt, Vice TCP

Technical Commission IV: Maria Brovelli, TCP, Hao WU, Vice TCP

Technical Commission V, Alessandro Rizzo, TCP, Adnane Labbaci, Vice TCP

11 Proposal and Discussion of Amendments to Statutes and Bylaws

11.1 ISPRS Evolution Proposal

Christian Heipke (CH) acknowledged that Nicolas Paparoditis (NP) prepared the evolution documents and that, in NP's absence, NP asked that CH present them.

CH responded to questions from delegates.

11.2 Amendments to Statutes and Bylaws

LH presented the proposed amendments to the Statutes and Bylaws.

12 Member Proposals to Host ISPRS Congress in 2030

LH welcomed the bidders for 2030 and 2029 Congresses to present their bids.

12.1 Candidate 1 – Australia

Sisi Zlatanova, as proposed Congress Director 2030, and Petra Helmholz, as proposed Congress Director 2029, presented the Australian bid for Congress, to be held in Sydney, on behalf of the Australian Ordinary Member, Locus Alliance.

12.2 Candidate 2 – China

Yang Bisheng, as proposed Congress Director, presented the Chinese bid for Congress 2030 and 2029, to be held in Wuhan, on behalf of the Chinese Ordinary Member, Society for Geodesy, Photogrammetry & Cartography.

12.3 Candidate 3 – Kenya

Eric Nyadimo, as proposed Congress Director, presented the Kenyan bid for Congress 2030 and 2029, to be held in Nairobi, on behalf of the Institute of Surveyors of Kenya, ISPRS AsM.

12.4 Candidate 4 - Republic of Korea

Ji Sang Park, as proposed Congress Director, presented the Republic of Korea's bid for Congress 2030 and 2029, to be held in Incheon, on behalf of the Korean Ordinary Member, Society of Surveying, Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Cartography.

12.5 Candidate 5 - Saudi Arabia

The Saudi Arabian bid was retracted prior to the General Assembly.

12.6 Candidate 6 – UAE

Anwaar Al Shimmari, as proposed Congress Director, presented the UAE bid for 2030 Congress, to be held in Abu Dhabi, on behalf of the UAE Ordinary Member, Federal Geographic Information Center.

13 Report of Council

13.1 Report of the President

LH reported to the General Assembly for the term. Please see her written report (GA Doc. 12.1_Presidents Report 2022-26.pdf).

13.2 Report of the Treasurer

SW thanked his predecessors, Jon Mills and Songnian Li, for leaving the financial affairs in good order.

He reported on the financial situation of the Society, which is healthy, mainly due to the steadily rising income from publications. Please see his written report (12.2_Treasurers Report 2022-26.pdf).

Sufficient funds are available to run for one 4-year term without income, as stipulated in the Financial Policy.

As many ISPRS members are in arrears, a course of action is needed. Canadian Representative Ahmed Shaker suggested offering financial support for members in developing countries who are unable to pay fees, to keep them in the Society – see the report (GA Doc. 12.2_Treasurers Report 2022-26.pdf).

SW expressed disappointment in the slow progress of TCs in paying the Society its contractual remittance from the registration fees of the symposia.

14 Report of the Financial Commission

Senthil Kumar presented the Financial Commission report. He thanked Stewart Walker for his excellent work as Treasurer. See the report (GA Doc. 13_FinCom Report 2022-26.pdf).

15 Proposal and Discussion of Amendments to Statutes and Bylaws - cont.

LH explained that British English is the official English for ISPRS as used by the United Nations.

She then presented the proposed amendments to the Statutes and Bylaws.

Jan Boehm asked for a more detailed description of Scientific Committee responsibilities. The GA agreed that these will be written in Guidelines and not in the Statutes and Bylaws. The incoming Council will need to do this.

16 Closing

The meeting was closed at 14:58.