MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH SESSION OF THE FIAV GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AUGUST 7, 2007
BERLIN, GERMANY

Summary:
- FDC resigned as Member
- GA 19 minutes approved
- www.fiav.org website established
- HGZD and IVA admitted as Members
- NAVA selected to organize ICV 23 in 2011 in area of Washington, District of Columbia, United States
- Constitution amended (1) to establish procedures for vacancies on the Board and (2) to clarify design of FIAV flag
- Designs of Officers’ flags modified
- Proposal for medals, ribbons, and lapel pins for Laureates of the Federation and Fellows of the Federation defeated
- Best Paper Award created, replacing IAFM Award

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1. **Call to order by the President; official opening of the Twentieth Session** The President called the meeting to order on August 7, 2007 at 3:45 p.m. at the Deutsches Historisches Museum in Berlin, Germany and officially opened the Twentieth Session of the General Assembly of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques.

2. **Verification by the President of written credentials of delegates from FIAV Members** The President verified the written credentials of the following FIAV Members and Applicants (LF = Laureate of the Federation, FF = Fellow of the Federation):

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3. Roll call of delegates; recognition of a quorum by the Secretary-General; declaration by the President that the Twentieth Session of the General Assembly is constituted

The SG called the roll as follows:

Members present (40): AAV, AVS, ACV, BDA, CFA, CEBED, CISV, CVS, CSV, DGF, FHF, FI, FRC, FRCSL, FSA, FOTW, CIDEC, GWAV, HVK, IHW, KVV, MZT, NVV, NEVA, NZFA, JAVA, NF, NAVA, RCVH, SSV, SEV, SVB, SGHAPG, SRV, SAV, SVA, SVI, TWMF, VAST, and WVRI.

Members absent (10): CFZ, CBFA, HS, HAVSOM, MBV, NFF, PH, PTW, UHT, and VSHS.

Officers present (3): Michel R. Lupant, President; Charles A. Spain, Jr., Secretary-General (SG); and Graham M.P. Bartram, Secretary-General for Congresses (SGC).

The SG announced that FDC submitted a letter of resignation to the President on August 7, 2007, which lowered the total FIAV Members from 51 to 50. The SG determined that 40 of the 50 Members were present, which satisfied the constitutional requirement that delegates of at least half of the Members be present. The SG recognized the presence of a quorum, and the President declared that the Twentieth Session of the General Assembly was properly constituted.

Because the representatives of 40 Members and three Officers were present for a total of 43 possible votes, the SG reminded the General Assembly that a simple majority vote would require 22 votes, a two-thirds majority vote would require 29 votes, and a three-fourths majority vote would require 33 votes, as long as the persons authorized to exercise the 43 possible votes remained present.
4. **Appointment by the President of tellers to count votes**  The President appointed Andries Burgers and Ron Strachan as tellers to count votes.

5. **Approval of the minutes of the Nineteenth Session of the General Assembly held August 1, 2005 in Buenos Aires, Argentina**  Moved by the SG, seconded by NAVA, “That the minutes of the Nineteenth Session of the General Assembly, as published in *Info-FIAV* number 22, July 2007, be approved.”  Passed by two-thirds majority.

6. **Reports by the Board:**

(a) President.  Michel Lupant—The President expressed his wish that the discussions in the General Assembly would be plain, short, and respectful. He reminded delegates of the requirement that a motion be seconded. The President noted the cordiality of the Board and how it operated on the basis of a consensus. He thanked the SG and SCG for their hard work. Carrying out his objective to be an ambassador for FIAV, the President has visited twenty-four countries in the past two years. He noted he has been in contact with vexillologists from Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Columbia, Estonia, Greece, Indonesia, Israel, Latvia, Pakistan, Serbia, and Uruguay, and he expressed hope that vexillological associations would develop in those countries.

(b) Secretary-General.  Charles Spain—The SG expressed his appreciation for the hard work of the President and the SG. He pointed out that the Officers do not always initially agree with each other, but that the cordial and collegial nature of their relationship has always led to consensus decisions with which each Officer has been comfortable.

The SG again thanked Jon Radel for both Mr. Radel’s generosity in hosting the Internet domain www.fiav.org and providing e-mail addresses for the FIAV Officers, as well as having the foresight to reserve the domain in the first place. The SG announced that the FIAV website authorized by the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly has finally been established and thanked VAST for underwriting the cost of the website, including registering the Internet domain.

The SG reported that two issues of *Info-FIAV* (numbers 22 and 23) were produced and distributed in the last two years. He noted that the amount of correspondence he received in the past two years was small, which he hoped was due to the fact that people were generally pleased with the direction the Board and FIAV have taken in recent years. The SG noted that *Info-FIAV* 22 cost US$16.65 (photocopying US$9.60 [120 pages at US$0.08 per page] and postage US$7.05) for the two copies the SG mailed to Members, costing US$8.33 each. The primary distribution of *Info-FIAV* is now by e-mailing an Adobe PDF document and by posting that document to www.fiav.org.

(c) Secretary-General for Congresses.  Graham Bartram—The SGC first thanked the President and the SG for their assistance and second thanked the individuals who have volunteered to organize the Twenty-Second International Congress of Vexillology in Berlin. He especially thanked Gerd Vehres, Andreas Herzelfeld, and the other individuals working with DGF and the Deutsches Historisches Museum.

The SGC announced that he had a new FIAV ceremonial flag made, which was present at the Congress. [Note by the SG: The new FIAV ceremonial flag and flagpole were personally paid for by the SGC].

The SG noted that pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board by the Nineteenth Session of the General Assembly, on May 15, 2006 the Board selected JAVA as the organizer of the Twenty-Third International Congress of Vexillology. The Congress will be held in Yokohama, Japan, from July 12 to 17, 2009.

The SGC reported that he had spent several weeks attending congress trade shows in Barcelona and Frankfurt, meeting hundreds of people involved in the business of organizing conventions, congresses, and exhibitions. There are resources available for little, if any, money to assist in planning congresses such as ICVs, and the SCG offered his assistance to potential ICV organizers in using these resources.

The SGC noted that FIAV needs organizers for ICV 25 (2013) and ICV 26 (2015), and asked interested parties to contact him.

7. **Announcements:**

(a) Proposals to organize ICV 24 (2011)—NAVA for the area of Washington, District of Columbia, United States.

(b) Proposals to organize ICV 25 (2013)—CVS for Praha, Czech Republic; IVA for Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India; and NVvV for Rotterdam, South Holland, Netherlands.

(c) Applicants for FIAV membership (arranged in order membership applications were received):

(i) Bannielou Breizh (BB) (received September 21, 2006).  No representative present.

(ii) Hrvatskog gr boslovno i zastavoslovno društvo / Croatian Heraldic and Vexillologic Association (HGZD) (received December 23, 2006).  Representative present.

(iii) Indian Vexillological Association (IVA) (received January 31, 2007).  Representative present.

(d) Candidates for the FIAV Board

(i) President.  Michel Lupant announced his candidacy for reelection.

(ii) Secretary-General.  Charles Spain announced his candidacy for reelection.

(iii) Secretary-General for Congresses.  Graham Bartram announced his candidacy for reelection.

8. **Report on ICV 23 (Yokohama, Japan, July 12 to 17, 2009) organized by JAVA**  The President announced that JAVA would give a report later at the Congress.
9. Consideration of applicants for membership:

The President reminded the applicants that new Members may vote only after all applicants for membership have been considered.

(a) BB—No representative was present. The Board made no recommendation on BB’s admission, and the President did not solicit a motion.

(b) HGZD—The Board recommended the admission of HGZD. Moved by the SGC, seconded by CSVA, “That HGZD be admitted as a Member.” Passed by two-thirds majority, increasing the number of FIAV Members to 51. HGZD is the sixty-second association or institution admitted as a FIAV Member, of which eleven are no longer FIAV Members.

(c) IVA—The Board recommended the admission of IVA. Moved by DGF, seconded by CSVA, “That IVA be admitted as a Member.” Passed by two-thirds majority, increasing the number of FIAV Members to 52. IVA is the sixty-third association or institution admitted as a FIAV Member, of which eleven are no longer FIAV Members.

The President recognized HGZD’s delegate, Željko Heimer, and IVA’s delegate, K. Sanjeeva Rao, who were given seats in the General Assembly. As a result, the number of Members present increased from 40 to 42 (3 Officers were still present). With the admission of two new Members, a simple majority vote would require 23 votes, a two-thirds majority vote would require 30 votes, and a three-fourths majority vote would require 34 votes, as long as the persons authorized to exercise the 45 possible votes remained present.

10. Selection of ICV 24 (2011) organizer

Moved by the SG, seconded by the SGC, “That NAVA be selected as the organizer for the Twentieth-Fourth International Congress of Vexillology in 2011, to be held in the area of Washington, District of Columbia, United States.” Passed by two-thirds majority. NAVA stated that CBFA will also be an organizer of ICV 24. The tentative dates for ICV 24 are August 6–13, 2011.

11. Selection of ICV 25 (2013) organizers

Moved by the SGC, seconded by the SG, “That the selection of the organizer for the Twentieth-Fifth International Congress of Vexillology in 2013 be tabled.” Passed by two-thirds majority.

12. Consideration of Board’s resolution regarding vacancies on the Board and revisions to the FIAV flag and Officer flags

Moved by the SG, seconded by the SGC, “That the Board’s resolution regarding vacancies on the Board and revisions to the FIAV flag and Officer flags be approved.”

Resolution by the FIAV Board

Resolved by the Members of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques,

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

(a) Articles 19(d) is amended as follows:

(d) A vacancy on the Board occurs if[H] an Officer dies, resigns, or lacks mental [is mentally or physically incapable of carrying out the duties of the office] capacity under the laws where the Officer resides. Absence of an Officer at a session of the General Assembly creates a vacancy on the Board unless excused by the General Assembly. The resignation of an Officer must be received in writing by another Officer, or if no Officer remains, then by the organizer of a previous International Congress of Vexillology (as determined by reverse chronological order). The resignation is effective on the date of its receipt. If a vacancy occurs, the position shall remain vacant and the [those] duties of that Officer shall be performed by the remaining Officers. If no Officer remains to perform the duties of the Board, then the organizer of a previous International Congress of Vexillology (as determined by reverse chronological order) shall select an interim Secretary-General who shall have the limited authority to take those acts necessary to convene a session of the General Assembly pursuant to article 17 or 18 and preside until the General Assembly elects a presiding officer for the remainder of the session.

(b) Comment: With the exception of absences in 1969 and 1973 and the 1997 death in office of past President William Crampton LF, FF, FIAV has been fortunate that the Officers have served their terms and been present at the General Assembly sessions. Rather than wait for a possible crisis to occur, the current Board believes there should be specific provisions in the Constitution to provide continuity should some or all of the Officers be unable to serve or unable to attend the General Assembly session. The proposal specifically prohibits the remaining Officers from filling a vacancy on the Board and looks to the organizer of a previous Congress to select an interim Secretary-General to fill the void should all of the Officers be unable to serve.
SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.
(a) Article 24 is amended as follows:

Art. 24 (a) FIAV’s flag is described as follows: “On a blue field, extending horizontally from hoist to fly, two yellow halyards forming two interlaced loops.” The color blue is defined as Pantone Matching System U293 and the color yellow is defined as Pantone Matching System U123. The Flag is illustrated as follows:

(b) The General Assembly may initiate or authorize other symbols for FIAV.

(b) Comment: The amendment replaces the original 1967 drawing of the FIAV flag with one that is more precise.

SECTION 3. REVISION OF OFFICER FLAGS.
(a) The design for the Officer flags adopted on July 30, 1999 at the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (see Info-FIAV number 14, page 2, 1999 and Info-FIAV number 15, page 25, 2000) is revised as follows:

The colors for each Officer’s flag shall remain the same (see Info-FIAV number 14, page 2, 1999).

(b) Comment. The revised drawing provides a standard border and is more precise.

SECTION 4. MISCELLANEOUS.
(a) Severability. Each of sections 1, 2, and 3 of this resolution may be separately considered by the
General Assembly, and approved or disapproved individually.

(b) Font. Additions to the Constitution are indicated by underlining and deletions to the Constitution are indicated by [enclosure in brackets and strikeouts]. If approved, the modified text shall appear in nonunderlined font without the bracketed and struck out text.

(c) Comments. The comments to sections 1, 2, and 3 of this resolution are provided for explanatory purposes only and do not form part of the proposed amendment.

(d) Effective date. Each of sections 1, 2, and 3 of this resolution receiving approval shall be immediately effective at the time of its approval.

Moved by SAVA, seconded by IHW, “That section 1(a) of the motion be amended to provide for the election of alternate Officers at the same time as the election of the Officers by the General Assembly, so that any vacancy on the Board would be filled by the appropriate alternate.” Amendment failed.

Moved by SSV, seconded by FSA, “That section 1(a) of the motion be amended as follows: A vacancy on the Board occurs if [If] an Officer dies, resigns, or lacks mental [is mentally or physically incapable of carrying out the duties of the office;] capacity under the laws where the Officer resides. Absence of an Officer at a session of the General Assembly creates a vacancy on the Board unless excused by the General Assembly. The resignation of an Officer must be received in writing by another Officer, or if no Officer remains, then by the organizer of the next International Congress of Vexillology. The resignation is effective on the date of its receipt. If a vacancy occurs, the position shall remain vacant and the [those] duties of that Officer shall be performed by the remaining Officers. If no Officer remains to perform the duties of the Board, then the organizer of the next International Congress of Vexillology shall select an interim Secretary-General from among the Fellows of the Federation, if available, who shall have the limited authority to take those acts necessary to convene a session of the General Assembly pursuant to article 17 or 18 and preside until the General Assembly elects a presiding officer for the remainder of the session.” Amendment passed by simple majority.

Amended motion passed by the three-quarters majority required for constitutional amendments (vacancies on the Board and revision of the FIAV flag) and the two-thirds majority required for a regular motion (revisions to the Officer flags).

13. Consideration of ASV’s proposed medals, ribbons, and lapel pins for Laureates of the Federation and Fellows of the Federation

Moved by AVS, seconded by AAV, “That AVS’s proposed medals, ribbons, and lapel pins for Laureates of the Federation and Fellows of the Federation be approved.”

Laureate of the Federation               Fellow of the Federation

During debate, FRC argued that the adoption of such tangible acknowledgments of existing FIAV recognitions would be inconsistent with FIAV’s purpose in promoting vexillology, because other scientific associations do not have similar physical acknowledgments and, therefore, FIAV’s perceived academic stature would be diminished. Failed.
14. **Consideration of FSA’s proposal to recognize the best paper presented at a Congress**

   Moved by FSA, seconded by the SGC, “That a Best Paper Award be established, replacing the IAFM Award, to recognize outstanding scholarship and presentation of a paper at an International Congress of Vexillology, and that the Board select at each Congress a panel of three persons to select the award’s recipient, consisting, if possible, of a representative of the Congress organizers, flag manufacturers, and vexillologists.”

   Moved by CSVA, seconded by the President, “That the motion be amended to change ‘That a Best Paper Award’ to ‘That the Lucien Philippe Award.’” Amendment failed.

   Original motion passed by a two-thirds majority.

15. **Consideration of SAVA’s proposal on behalf of Christopher Southworth, Terence Martin, and Andries Burgers to adopt vexillological conventions for flag descriptions**

   Moved by SAVA, seconded by NAVA, “That a commission be established by the Board to study SAVA’s proposal on behalf of Christopher Southworth, Terence Martin, and Andries Burgers to adopt vexillological conventions for flag descriptions, including possible amendments to the Flag Information Code, and that the commission report back to the General Assembly at its next session in 2009.” Passed by two-thirds majority.

16. **Discussion about publication of ICV proceedings in general and specific status of proceedings from:**

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   The Board yet again expressed its belief that FIAV should do whatever is necessary to ensure that the proceedings from International Congress of Vexillology are published and that this issue continue to be discussed until a resolution is reached.

   ICV 5: Of the ten papers presented at the Congress, three have been published in the *Flag Bulletin* and seven have not been published anywhere. FI could not find a copy of the following four unpublished papers: (1) H. Michael Madaus, “The Evolution of the Color Guard in the US Army”; (2) C. Pama, “Republic Flags in South Africa in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries”; (3) Georges Pasch, “Les fonctions du drapeaux et le développement de la conscience socio-politique”; and (4) J.H. Rombach & Klaes Sierksma, “Les drapeaux officiels aux Pays-Bas.” If anyone has a copy of one of these papers, please contact FI. The remaining three unpublished papers found by FI will be published on FI’s website along with a list of the papers published in the *Flag Bulletin* and the names of the four papers that could not be found. This will conclude the publication of the ICV 5 proceedings.

   ICV 9: No progress reported by either FRC or NAVA.

   ICV 16: CFZ has issued part one of the proceedings on CD-ROM and will issue the remaining papers on CD-ROM if the papers are provided to CFZ by the authors.

   ICV 19: FI announced that the proceedings will be published in 2007 on FI’s website, and individuals who attended the Congress will be sent a CD-ROM. FI will offer a printed copy of the proceedings for an additional fee.

   ICV 21: AAV and CIDEC explained that the person responsible for editing the proceedings had resigned without handing over the work that had been done to date. Fortunately, all but two papers have been resubmitted, and the proceedings should be published shortly.

   The SGC noted it appears possible that by the Twentieth-First Session of the General Assembly in 2009, all of the ICV proceedings may be published with the exception of ICV 9.

17. **Election of 2007–2007 Board**

   Moved by GWAV, seconded by VAST, “That Michel Lupant, Charles Spain, and Graham Bartram be reelected as President, Secretary-General, and Secretary-General for Congresses, respectively.” Passed by simple majority.

18. **Final adjournment of the Twentieth Session by President**

   With no further business pending, the President adjourned the Twentieth Session of the General Assembly at 5:45 p.m. without fixing a time and day for another meeting of the session, noting with approval that the session lasted for only two hours.
FELLOWS OF THE FEDERATION

On August 10, 2007, the FIAV Board presented Fellowships at the closing banquet, which was held at the SAS Radisson Hotel. The Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly in York in 2001 created the honor of the Fellow of the Federation. These fellowships acknowledge the efforts of persons who have made significant contributions to vexillology, or have contributed significant service to FIAV or to a FIAV Member. The new Fellows are Frederick G. Brownell, Kevin Harrington, Sebastiá Herreros i Agüí, Andreas Herzfeld, Ralph D. Kelly, Michael Krag-Juel-Vind-Frijs, Rob Raeside, Gustav Söderlund, and Gerd Vehres.

THE VEXILLON AWARD

On August 10, 2007, the FIAV Board presented the Vexillon Award at the closing banquet, which was held at the SAS Radisson Hotel. FIAV established the Vexillon Award in 1989 to recognize the person or persons who have made the most important contribution to vexillology during the two years proceeding the International Congress of Vexillology. Since 1989, the FIAV Board has selected the recipient of the Vexillon and the Flag Society of Australia has graciously provided the plaque for the Vexillon. The Vexillon Award recipients are Howard M. Madaus and Whitney Smith for their book, The American Flag: Two Centuries of Concord & Conflict. Sadly, Howard Madaus died on July 21, 2007.

BEST PAPER AWARD

On August 10, 2007, the FIAV Board presented The Best Paper Award at the closing banquet, which was held at SAS Radisson Hotel. FIAV established the Best Paper Award in 2007. The Award recipient is chosen by a panel of three judges selected by the FIAV Board, which bases its decision on the quality of the paper’s contents, its presentation, and its appeal to the audience. NAVA has graciously agreed to provide a plaque for the Award recipient. The Best Paper Award recipient is Emil Dreyer FF for “Flags of the Pope’s Swiss Guard Since 1798.”

VEXILLLOGICAL CONVENTIONS FOR FLAG DESCRIPTIONS COMMISSION

The Twentieth Session of the FIAV General Assembly directed the FIAV Board to create a Vexillological Conventions for Flag Descriptions Commission. Accordingly, the Board establishes the Commission as follows: Graham Bartram, chair; Michael Clingman; Željko Heimer; Ivan Sarajčić; and Charles Spain.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Spain
FIAV Secretary-General
Houston, October 10, 2007
The flag of "FlagBerlin 2007" is a square with a white field and a narrow border in the German national colors (black-red-gold). The border colors start with black at the outermost. At the center is the yellow Congress logo, the Roman numerals "XXII" in shape of the "Brandenburg Gate," on a blue disk. From the yellow edge surrounding the blue disk, four diagonal stripes resembling halyards run diagonally to the four corners of the flag, forming in their mid-sections the "vexillological knot" of FIAV. The halyards at the lower right and upper left are black, those on the lower left and upper right are red; each meets a yellow halyard emanating from the yellow rim of the blue circle.

The flag's square shape, the form of a historic standard, recalls the Congress venue, the German Historical Museum, which houses a great collection of over 2,000 flags. It comprises above all the flags of the former Prussian arsenal and many flags of German parties and organizations. The white field of the flag represents the peaceful coexistence of the nations of the world. The logo expresses the international character of the Congress. It shows the FIAV colors, royal blue and yellow. On the blue disk, the yellow Roman "XXII" stands for ICV 22, on an image of the Brandenburg Gate, the well-known symbol of Berlin, the site of "FlagBerlin 2007." Here, within the visual range of the Brandenburg Gate, vexillologists from all corners of the World are meeting, represented by the diagonals and their "vexillological knots" running from the four corners to the center of the flag and reminding of the close ties between the two hemispheres. The knot is the emblem of the FIAV, which was introduced by Klaes Sierksma in 1967, during the Second International Congress of Vexillology in Zurich (Switzerland). German national colors form the border, representing Germany as host of ICV 22.

The black-red-gold colors have been a symbol of the German national movement since the first half of the 19th century. They appeared in the modern form of a horizontal tricolor for the first time in 1832, expressing the all-German thinking and liberal views. Revolutionary events in March 1848 brought about their general acceptance. In 1866, Chancellor Otto von Bismarck introduced, in deliberate contrast to them, a black-white-red flag for the North-German Union and eventually for the German Empire, which flew until the German Revolution in November 1918. In 1918, black-red-gold became the symbols of the German Republic. But the National Assembly of the Weimar Republic made a grave political compromise: while the colors of the republic were black-red-gold, the merchant flag was black-white-red with the national colors in the upper corner near the hoist. This compromise was abolished by Hitler's government in 1933, when black-red-gold colors were banished from public life. After the fall of the Hitler regime in 1945, black-red-gold had their renaissance. In 1949, two German states came into being, both making black-red-gold their colors, with the German Democratic Republic placing its arms in the center of its flag in 1959. Since 1990, the black-red-gold colors have formed the flag of reunited Germany.

The Congress flag was designed by Jens Pattke, member of the German Vexillological Society, and in April 2006 it was selected out of more than 125 proposals by the Organizational Committee of "FlagBerlin 2007" after a two-phase competition with international participation.
### Officers

**Governing Board of the “International League of Vexillologists” (September 5, 1965 to September 3, 1967)**

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**FDC’s Letter of Resignation**

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Berlin, 6 Aug. 2007

Mr. Michel Lupant
President of FIAV

Dear Mr. President,

Hereby I would like to inform you that the Flag Design Center has discontinued its activities. Therefore it is not entitled to be a member of the FIAV anymore.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Alfred Znamierowski

Received Berlin 7/8/2007
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/s/ M. Lupant

**IN MEMORIAM**

FIAV notes with sorrow the death of the following vexillologists:

- Jürgen-Waldemar Rimann  December 23, 2006
- Jordi Pérez Ibáñez       February 1, 2007
- Teodoro Amerlinck y Zirion FF  February 28, 2007
AWARDS

Laureates of the Federation (for an outstanding, original contribution to the science of vexillology)

E.M.C. Barraclough† September 28, 1983
Whitney Smith July 5, 1991
Otfrried Neubecker† August 2, 1999
William G. Crampton† August 2, 1999
Scot M. Guenter July 29, 2003

Fellows of the Federation (for significant contributions to vexillology and/or significant service to FIAV or a FIAV Member)

Teodoro Amerlinck y Zirion† July 27, 2001
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Andreas Herzfeld August 10, 2007
Ralph D. Kelly August 10, 2007
Michael Krag-Juel-Vind-Frijs August 10, 2007
Rob Raeside August 10, 2007
Gustav Söderlund August 10, 2007
Gerd Vehres August 10, 2007

Vexillon (for the most important contribution to vexillology during the two years preceding an International Congress of Vexillology; sponsored by the Flag Society of Australia Inc.)

Bruce Nicolls FF September 29, 1989
William G. Crampton LF, FF† July 5, 1991
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Frederick G. Brownell FF July 5, 1995
Aleš Brozek August 15, 1997
Donald T. Healy and the editorial board August 2, 1999
and staff of Raven: A Journal of Vexillology who worked on “Flags of the Native People of the United States”
Alfred Znamierowski FF July 29, 2003
Petr Exner August 5, 2005
John M. Purcell FF and the other authors, editors, August 5, 2005
and staff of Raven: A Journal of Vexillology who worked on “American City Flags”
Howard M. Madaus and Whitney Smith LF, FF August 10, 2007
IAFM Award (for the most creative paper delivered at an International Congress of Vexillology; sponsored by the International Association of Flag Manufacturers; discontinued in 2005)

Bruce B. Berry FF and Theodoulos S. Stylianides August 2, 1999
“Vexistats”

Philippe Rault July 27, 2001
“New Flags for an Old Country”

Edward Kaye August 1, 2003
“Flags over Antarctica”

and

Mason Kaye
“The Flags of Portland, Oregon (1916–2002)”

Best Paper (for the best paper delivered at an International Congress of Vexillology based on the quality of the paper’s contents, its presentation, and its appeal to the audience; sponsored by the North American Vexillological Association)

Ralph Kelly FF August 5, 2005
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Emil Dreyer FF August 10, 2007
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Established: 1972
Member Since: September 14, 1973 (number 14)
Territory: Italy
Periodical Publication: *Vexilla Italica* (Italian; since 1974)

Centrum Flagi Ziemi (CFZ)
Earth Flag Centre
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Established: October 24, 1978
Member Since: July 3, 1995 (number 37)
Territory: Poland
Periodical Publication: *Weksyli@na: Biuletyn informacyjny rynku flagowo-heraldycznego* (ISSN 1505-3784; Polish, with selected texts in English and Spanish; since 1997; available by e-mail request to wserwatowski@onet.eu)
Notes: originally admitted as Associate Member; became voting Member July 23, 2001

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Established: January 29, 1972
Member Since: August 23, 1993 (number 29)
Territory: Czech Republic
Periodical Publications: *Vexilologie* (ISSN 1211-2615; Czech (English translations of articles available); since 1972)
*Vexillological Letters* (Czech; irregular 1976 to 1989)
*Vexilokontakt* (Czech; irregular; since 1989 (in collaboration with Středisko Vexilologických Informací / Flag Data Centre))
*Vexilokontakt - Special Issue* (English; annually; since 1997 (in collaboration with Středisko Vexilologických Informací / Flag Data Centre))
*Proceedings of the Czech National Congress on Vexillology* (Czech; every four years; since 1996) (in collaboration with Středisko Vexilologických Informací / Flag Data Centre))
Notes: recognized July 1, 1991 as "Honorary Affiliate"; changed name on April 2, 2005 from Vexilologicky Klub (VK)
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c/o John A. Lowe
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Secretary: vacant
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Home Page: http://cbfa.vexillology.info
Established: November 6, 1982 (informal), November 13, 1993 (formal)
Member Since: July 3, 1995 (number 38)
Territory: United States: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia
Periodical Publication: The Flagship (English; since 1993)

Confederate States Vexillological Association (CSVA)
c/o Devereaux D. Cannon, Jr.
159 Womack Rd.
Portland TN 37148-5454
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Type: association
President/Other: Devereaux D. Cannon, Jr., president
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e-mail: dcannon@oldrepublictitle.com (Devereaux D. Cannon, Jr.)
Home Page: www.csvex.org
Established: December 29, 2000
Member Since: July 23, 2001 (number 54)
Territory: United States: Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia
Periodical Publication: Stars and Bars (ISSN 1538-6779; English; quarterly; since 2001; available online at http://www.csvex.org/stars_bars.html)

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Home Page: http://www.flaggenkunde.de
Established: February 4, 1995
Member Since: August 12, 1997 (number 43)
Territory: Germany
Periodical Publications: Der Flaggenkurier (ISSN 0949-6173; German; semiannual; since 1995)
DGF-Nachrichten (German; since 1995)

Flag Heritage Foundation (FHF)
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Established: July 30, 1971
Member Since: July 28, 2003 (number 58)
Territory: United States
Periodical Publications: The Standard (English; irregular; since 2002)
The Flag Institute (Fl)
38 Hill Street
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United Kingdom
Type: association
President/Other: Malcolm Farrow, president
Secretary: John Ford, secretary
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Home Page: http://www.flaginstitute.org
Established: April 23, 1971
Member Since: June 24, 1971 (number 13)
Territory: United Kingdom
Periodical Publications: Flagmaster (ISSN 0142-1271; English; semiannual; since 1978)
Flag Institute Bulletin (ISSN 0309-085X; English; irregular 1977 to 1978)
Flagmaster (ISSN 0142-5129; English; quarterly 1971 to 1975)
eFlags (ISSN ?; English; ? since ?)
Notes: formed from the Heraldry Society, Flag Section (HSFS)

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Home Page: http://www.flagresearchcenter.com
Established: February 1, 1962
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Territory: United States
Periodical Publications: The Flag Bulletin (ISSN 0015-3370; English; bimonthly; since 1961)
Supplements:
Flag Bulletin Newsletter / Courrier de drapeau / Flaggenmitteilungen (English; bimonthly; 1967 to 1973)
Flag Information Sources (English; 1970 to 1973)
The Vexillo–File (English; irregular; since 2002)
Flag Specification Sheets (English; irregular; since 1960)
Flag Data Archives (English; 1969 to 1975)
End of the Year Review (English; annual; since 1976)
News from the Vexillarium (English; irregular; since 1982)
Flag Etiquette & Usage Standards (English; irregular; since 1996)
FlagInform (English; irregular; since 2001)

Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka (FRCSL)
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Established: July 1, 1975
Member Since: June 12, 1977 (provisional); September 8, 1977 (full) (number 18)
Territory: Sri Lanka
Periodical Publication: Flag (1982 only)
Flag Society of Australia Inc. (doing business as Flags Australia)) (FSA)
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Established: August 20, 1983
Member Since: May 28, 1985 (number 23)
Territory: Australia
Periodical Publication: Crux Australis (ISSN 0814-5008; English; quarterly; since 1984)

Flags of the World (FOTW)
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Canada
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Home Page: http://www.flagspot.net
Established: September 1993
Member Since: July 23, 2001 (number 56)
Territory: Canada
Periodical Publication: Flags of the World website (English; continuous; since 1993; available online at http://www.flagspot.net)

Fundación Centro Interdisciplinario de Estudios Culturales (CiDEC)
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Home Page: http://www.funcidec.org.ar
Established: March 7, 1990; 1992 (registered as nonprofit foundation)
Member Since: August 23, 1993 (number 36)
Territory: Argentina
Periodical Publications: Boletín CiDEC (Spanish; bimonthly; since 1992)
La Page Française (French; since 1992)
Anglo-American Journal (English; since 1995)
C.I.D.E.C. en Acción: Boletín Informativo Virtual (Spanish; since 2001)
Notes: originally admitted as Associate Member; became Full Member August 27, 1993; temporarily known as Asociación de Profesionales del Ceremonial de la República Argentina (APCRA)
Great Waters Association of Vexillology (G WAV)
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CHICAGO IL 60626-6800
USA
Type: association
President/Other: David Breitenbach, president
Secretary: Bill Bilanich, secretary
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e-mail: dsbreiten@aol.com (David Breitenbach)
Home Page: http://gwav.tripod.com
Established: May 11, 1991
Member Since: July 29, 1999 (number 49)
Territory: United States: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio
Periodical Publication: FlaG W A Ver (English; semiannual; since 1996)
Notes: changed name on November 6, 1996 from Great Waters Chapter (GWC) after NAVA voted not to establish chapters

Heraldica Slovenica (HS)
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Established: 1991
Member Since: August 23, 1993 (number 32)
Territory: Slovenia
Periodical Publication: none
Notes: changed name in 1995 from Slovenski Ščit - HGV Club (SS)

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Home Page: http://www.zum-kleeblatt.de
Established: December 4, 1888
Member Since: August 23, 1993 (number 35)
Territory: Germany
Periodical Publications: Kleeblatt: Zeitschrift für Heraldik und verwandte Wissenschaften (German; since 1984)
Jahrbuch—Heraldischer Verein "Zum Kleeblatt" von 1888 zu Hannover e.V. (ISSN 0341-9908; German; annual; since 1963)
Notes: originally admitted as Associate Member; became Full Member August 27, 1993

The Heraldry and Vexilology Society of Malta (HAVSOM)
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Established: January 23, 1995
Member Since: August 12, 1997 (number 46)
Territory: Malta
Periodical Publication: It-Tarka u 'l-Bandiera / The Shield and the Flag (English; since 1996)
Hrvatskog grboslovno i zastavoslovno društvo (HGZD)
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Established: May 4, 2006
Member Since: August 7, 2007 (number 62)
Territory: Croatia
Established: May 4, 2006 (organized); June 8, 2006 (registered)
Territory: Croatia
Periodical Publication: *Grb i Zastava* (Croatian and English; semiannual; since 2006)

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Secretary: D. Lingaraju, general secretary
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Established: November 14, 2002
Member Since: August 7, 2007 (number 63)
Territory: India
Periodical Publication: none

Instytut Heraldyczno-Weksylologiczny (IHW)
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Established: September 1, 1997
Member Since: July 23, 2001 (number 51)
Territory: Poland
Periodical Publication: *Flagi miast polskich* (Polish; bimonthly; since 2000)
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Société Bretonne de Vexillologie

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Established: June 23, 1996
Member Since: August 12, 1997 (number 45)
 Territory: France: Brittany
Periodical Publication: Ar Banniel (ISSN 1274-5596; Breton/French; triannual; since 1996)
Notes: previously known by abbreviation “SBV”

Magyarországi Zászlo Társaság (MZT)
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Established: January 6, 1994
Member Since: July 5, 1995 (number 42)
 Territory: Hungary
Periodical Publication: Zászlóvilág / Flagworld (Hungarian; since ?)
Notes: changed name on ? 2000 from Zászlókutató Intézet (ZI); changed name on ? 1997 from Magyar Vexillológiai Társaság / Hungarian Vexillological Association (HUVA)

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Established: April 11, 1991
Member Since: August 12, 1997 (number 44)
 Territory: Germany
Periodical Publication: none
Notes: originally admitted as Associate Member; became voting Member July 23, 2001
National Flag Foundation (NFF)
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President/Other: Joyce J. Doody, executive director
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Home Page: http://www.americanflags.org
Established: March 26, 1968
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Territory: United States
Periodical Publications:
The New Constellation (ISSN 1048-7980; English; triannual; since 1990)
Flag Plaza Standard (ISSN 0882-2220; English; triannual 1970 to 1990)
Notes: changed name on April 12, 1972 from Flag Plaza Foundation (FPF)

Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde (NVvV)
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e-mail: nvvv@wxs.nl
Home Page: http://home.planet.nl/~marksens/nvvv
Established: June 19, 1966
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Territory: Netherlands
Periodical Publication:
Vexilla Nostra (ISSN 1382-2497; Dutch; monthly/bimonthly; 1966 to 1998)
Vlaggentijdschrift Vexilla Nostra (Dutch; quarterly; since 1999)

New England Vexillological Association (NEVA)
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Home Page: http://www.midcoast.com/~martucci/neva
Established: April 21, 1991
Member Since: July 29, 1999 (number 50)
Territory: United States: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont
Periodical Publication:
New England Journal of Vexillology (English; semiannual; since 1995)
**New Zealand Flag Association (NZFA)**
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Established: January 16, 1994  
Member Since: July 3, 1995 (number 39)  
Territory: New Zealand  
Periodical Publication: *Masthead* (ISSN 1173-1850; English; since 1994)  
Notes: changed name on June 2, 1999 from The Flag Association of New Zealand / Te Roopu Haki Matua o Aotearoa (FANZ)

**Nihon Kishougaku Kyoukai (JAVA)**  
Japanese Vexillological Association  
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Established: January 1, 2000  
Member Since: July 23, 2001 (number 52)  
Territory: Japan  
Periodical Publication: none

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Nordisk Flagselskab  
Nordiska Flagsällskapet  
Norræna Fánafélagið  
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Home Page: http://www.nordicflagsociety.org  
Established: January 27, 1973  
Member Since: September 14, 1973 (number 15)  
Territory: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden  
Periodical Publications: *Nordisk Flaggkontakt* (ISSN 0109-7539; multilingual; semiannual; since 1984; variant title is *Nordisk Flagkontakt*)  
*Nordisk Flagskrift* (ISSN 0108-7916; Danish; irregular; 1975 to 1991)  
Note: Nordisk Flaggselskap (Norwegian), Nordisk Flagselskab (Danish), Nordiska Flagsällskapet (Swedish), Norræna Fánafélagið (Icelandic), and Pohjoismaiden Lippuseura (Finnish)
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Home Page: http://www.nava.org
Established: June 3, 1967 (organized), March 19, 1968 (incorporated)
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Territory: Canada and United States
Periodical Publications:
- NAVA News (ISSN 1053-3338; English; quarterly; since 1967)
- Raven: A Journal of Vexillology (ISSN 1071-0043; English; annual; since 1994)
- NAVA Yearbook (English; annual 1973 to 1983)
- NAVA Handbook (English; 1986 and 1989)

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Home Page: http://heraldikot.partio.net
Established: November 22, 1972
Member Since: May 28, 1985 (number 24)
Territory: Finland
Periodical Publication: Liehuvat Värit (ISSN 0357-1432; Finnish; quarterly; since 1970)
Notes: previously know by abbreviation “PR”

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Established: October 10, 1992
Member Since: July 3, 1995 (number 40)
Territory: Poland
Periodical Publication: Flaga (Polish; ?: since 1999)

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Home Page: http://www.russovex.org
Established: September 11, 1975 as Volgo Vexillology Club
Member Since: July 28, 2003 (number 59)
Territory: Russia
Periodical Publications:
- The Flag (Russian; 1976 to 1977; Russian and English since 2003)
Notes: changed name on September 11, 1991 from Volga Vexillology Club (VVC)
Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Fahnen- und Flaggenkunde (SSV)
Société Suisse de Vexillologie
Società Svizzera di Vessillologia
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Established: January 21, 1967
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Territory: Switzerland
Periodical Publication: *Vexilla Helvetica* (German and French; since 1969)

Sociedad Española de Vexilología (SEV)
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Home Page: http://www.vexilologia.org/
Established: October 31, 1977
Member Since: June 29, 1979 (number 19)
Territory: Spain
Periodical Publications: *Banderas* (ISSN 0213-0955; Spanish; quarterly; since 1979)
*Gaceta de Banderas* (Spanish/French/English; eight times a year; since 1979 (in collaboration with Centre Belgo-Européen d’Études des Drapeaux))

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Established: August 30, 1977
Member Since: June 29, 1979 (number 20)
Territory: Belgium
Periodical Publications: *Vexilla Belgica* (ISSN 0772-3261; multilingual; annual; 1977 to 1993)
*Vexillinfo* (ISSN 0772-3253; multilingual; irregular; 1980 to 1990)
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Notes: originally admitted as Associate Member; became voting Member July 23, 2001

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Territory: Romania
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Member Since: July 1, 1991 (number 27)
Territory: France
Periodical Publications: Francia Vexilla (ISSN 1270-0096; French; quarterly; since 1996)
Emblèmes et pavillons (ISSN 0769-7864; French; quarterly 1985 to 1996)
Annuaire de la Société française de vexillologie (ISSN 0981-2180; French; 1986 only)
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Established: November 26, 1990
Member Since: July 2, 1991 (number 28)
Territory: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe
Periodical Publications: SAVA Journal (no ISSN; English; annual; since 1992)
1/92 ISBN 0-620-16598-7
2/93 ISBN 0-620-17683-0
5/97 ISBN 0-620-22837-8
SAVA Newsletter (English; triannual; since 1991)

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Established: March 1994
Member Since: July 28, 2003 (number 60)
Territory: Czech Republic
Periodical Publications: Vexilokontakt (Czech; irregular; since 1989 (in collaboration with Vexilologický Klub))
veXiINFO (Czech with English summary; bimonthly; since 1994)
Vexilologický lexikon (Czech; semiannual; since 1996)

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Established: July 1, 1974
Member Since: April 17, 1975 (number 16)
Territory: United States
Periodical Publication: Flags (English; 1975 to 1978)
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Home Page: http://uht.org.ua  
Established: July 9, 1990  
Member Since: July 3, 1995 (number 41)  
Territory: Ukraine  
Periodical Publications: Знак (Znak) (in English The Sign) (Ukrainian; since 1993)  
Генеалогічні записки УГТ (in English Genealogical Notes of the UHT) (Ukrainian; since 2000)  
Notes: originally admitted as Associate Member; became Full Member later same day

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Fax: +46 (31)13 58 43 (Leif Påhlsson)  
e-mail: none  
Established: December 14, 1960 (branch of Societas Heraldica Scandinavica), ? 1963 (established as independent organization)  
Member Since: May 31, 1985 (number 26)  
Territory: Sweden  
Periodical Publication: Meddelande från VSHS (Swedish; irregular; since ?)

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e-mail: cspain@alumni.rice.edu (Charles A. Spain, Jr.)  
Home Page: http://www.texflags.org  
Established: February 16, 1991 (organized); March 8, 2000 (incorporated)  
Member Since: July 23, 2001 (number 57)  
Territory: United States: Texas  
Periodical Publication: VAST News (ISSN 1531-1783; English; irregular; since 2001)
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Established: November 30, 1992
Member Since: August 23, 1993 (number 34)
Territory: Czech Republic
Periodical Publication: Flaggen, Wappen und Siegel (ISSN 0948-3748; German; since 1986 (since 1992 as publication of WVRI) (in collaboration with Das Flaggenkabinett Berlin))

MINUTES

REPORT OF THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEXILLOLOGY

Dates
September 4, 5, 1965
Published in
Info-FIAV number 14, page 3 (1999)

REPORT OF THE FIAV PROVISIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Date
September 3, 1967
Published in
Info-FIAV number 14, pages 5–10 (1999)

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Accademia di San Marciano, Sezione Vessillologica (ASM)
Type: institution
Established: summer 1967
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Membership Ended: removed August 13, 1987
Territory: Italy
Periodical Publication: Armi Antiche (ISSN 0403-2268; multilingual; annual; since 1954)
Notes: Sezione Vessillologica ceased to be active 1975

Association française d'études internationale de vexillologie (AFEIV)
Type: association
Established: December 2, 1966
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Membership Ended: resigned 1987
Territory: France
Periodical Publication: Vexillologia (French; 1967 to 1975)
Notes: changed name on July 28, 1969 from Association internationale d'études vexillologique (AIEV); ceased to be active in late 1975 or early 1976

Cumann Vexilleolaioch na hÉireann (CVE)
Vexillological Society of Ireland
Type: association
Established: March 3, 1984
Member Since: May 28, 1985 (number 25)
Membership Ended: resigned 1992
Territory: Ireland
Periodical Publication: Irish Vexillology Newsletter (?; 1984 to 1987)

The Flag Design Center (FDC)
Type: institution
Established: September 30, 1978
Member Since: August 27, 1981 (number 21)
Membership Ended: resigned August 7, 2007
Territory: Poland
Periodical Publication: none

Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde (GOH)
Type: institution
Established: ? 1972 (established as “study circle”), ? 1975 (became “constituted association”)
Member Since: April 17, 1975 (number 17)
Membership Ended: resigned January 3, 1997
Territory: Austria
Periodical Publication: Militaria Austriaca (German; since 1977)

Heraldry Society, Flag Section (HSFS)
Type: association
Established: September 7, 1967
Member Since: September 7, 1969 (charter)
Membership Ended: removed August 13, 1987
Territory: United Kingdom
Periodical Publications: Newsletter (English; 1969 to ?)
Flagmaster (ISSN 0142-5129; English; quarterly; 1971 to 1975)
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Notes: Flag Section ceased to be active April 11, 1972 after creation of FI
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| | | | | | | Le Recueil (?, since ?) |
| Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek (SBH) | institution | June 30, 1964 | September 7, 1969 (charter) | resigned 1981 following ICV 9 | Netherlands |
| United States Flag Foundation (USFF) | association | December 31, 1942 | September 7, 1969 (charter) | resigned April 28, 2003 | United States |
| Note: | | | | | | successor to the American Flag Association (AFA), which was established February 18, 1898 and changed name on April 10, 1924 to the United States Flag Association (USFA) |
| Vlaggen Dokumentatie Centrum Nederland (VDCN) | institution | November 1, 1978 | July 23, 2001 (number 53) | removed August 1, 2005 | Netherlands | Info-Bulletin (ISSN 1383-312X; Dutch/English; semiannual 1978 to 1999)  
| | | | | | | Vlaggen-Info (Dutch/English; quarterly; since 2000) |
| Note: | | | | | | ceased to be active after Derkwillem Visser, Jr.’s death on November 24, 2001 |
| Wappen-Herold, Deutsche Heraldische Gesellschaft e.V. (WH) | institution | November 6, 1963 | September 7, 1969 (charter) | removed July 3, 1995 | Germany | Der Tappert (ISSN 0082-1705; German; irregular; 1964 to 1981) |
| Note: | | | | | | ceased to be active after Ottfried Neubecker LF, FF’s death in 1992 |
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STATUTES AND CONSTITUTION

The FIAV provisional council adopted provisional statutes on September 3, 1967. The FIAV statutes were formally adopted on September 7, 1969 and amended on September 29, 1983. The statutes were replaced by the current FIAV Constitution, which was adopted on September 27, 1989. The Constitution has been amended on August 12, 1997, July 29, 1999, July 23, 2001, and August 7, 2007.

The current text of the Constitution is set out below. It contains the exact text as adopted and amended.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS VEXILLOLOGIQUES

I. NAME AND PURPOSES

Art. 1 The name of this association is the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques, which is abbreviated as “FIAV.” The official translations of FIAV’s name are: International Federation of Vexillological Associations (English); Internationale Föderation Vexillologischer Gesellschaften (German); and Federación Internacional de Asociaciones Vexilológicas (Spanish).

Art. 2 FIAV unites those associations and institutions throughout the world whose object is the pursuit of vexillology, which is the creation and development of a body of knowledge about flags of all types, their forms and functions, and of scientific theories and principles based on that knowledge.

Art. 3 FIAV has as its purposes:

(a) To create a strong bond among those associations and institutions and to encourage and coordinate their work, studies, and research;

(b) to promote the organization of International Congresses of Vexillology and to lend its support to their organizers;

(c) to encourage the creation in all countries of associations and institutions dedicated to vexillology; and

(d) to sanction international standards facilitating the development of these activities.

Art. 4 FIAV, being strictly scientific, has no commercial ends and renounces any political or religious activity or stand.

II. HEADQUARTERS

Art. 5 The administrative headquarters of FIAV are located at the residences of its two Secretaries-General. If necessary, the General Assembly may establish a legal headquarters for FIAV.

III. MEMBERSHIP

Art. 6 An applicant for membership in FIAV:

(a) must be an organization of the type expressed in article 2;

(b) must be committed to the purposes of FIAV expressed in article 3; and

(c) must be constituted in conformity with the laws of the country where it is located.

Art. 7 (a) Membership in FIAV is open to any association or institution anywhere in the world having as a substantial purpose the scientific study of vexillology.

(b) The processing of membership applications is the responsibility of the Board. The Board may delegate this responsibility to a person appointed by it for this purpose. The procedure consists of the following:

(1) The applicant shall submit a membership application, which must be received by the Board no later than six months before the convening of the next session of the General Assembly.
(2) The Board shall consider the application and make a recommendation to the General Assembly relative to the applicant and shall communicate that recommendation to the applicant and to existing Members not later than three months before the convening of the next session of the General Assembly.

(3) The Board may recommend acceptance of the applicant as a Member, or may recommend rejection of the applicant.

(4) The General Assembly at its next session shall vote on the application. An authorized representative of the applicant may appear at the session to represent its case. A rejected applicant has the right to reapply for membership at any later session of the General Assembly.

(c) The Board and the General Assembly, in making their decisions about an applicant, shall have regard to the following:

(1) the existence of a written constitution and its provisions;
(2) the vexillological and non-vexillological activities of the applicant, including meetings, publications, and international relations;
(3) in the case of an association, the number of its dues-paying members (minimum of five);
(4) registration of its members in International Congresses of Vexillology;
(5) the length of time it has existed; and
(6) the presence of an autochthonous and authorized representative of the applicant at the session of the General Assembly at which there is to be a vote on the application.

Art. 8 The voluntary resignation of any Member must be received in writing by the President. The resignation is effective on the date of its receipt.

Art. 9 At its discretion, the Board may require a Member to furnish evidence of its continued qualification for membership under the terms set forth in article 7. On the basis of this evidence, the Board may make a recommendation to the General Assembly on the continuation of the membership of the association or institution. If the recommendation is made to remove a Member from FIAV, the Member in question must be notified at least three months in advance of the session of the General Assembly at which there is to be a vote on the matter. The Member shall be invited to present its defense before the General Assembly, but shall not participate in the vote on the matter.

Art. 10 Each Member regulates its own affairs in complete freedom, limited only by the laws in effect in the territory where it functions. FIAV may not limit the rights of the Members in this respect.

Art. 11 Members shall not undertake any activities contrary to the interests of FIAV.

Art. 12 (a) FIAV may not act on behalf of its Members without their authorization expressed in the General Assembly. Members may not make commitments nor act on behalf of FIAV.

(b) Members may not hold international vexillological meetings outside of International Congresses of Vexillology. Notwithstanding this prohibition, a Member holding a vexillological meeting in any year in which no International Congress of Vexillology is held may invite participation by a Member from a contiguous country.

Art. 13 The General Assembly may name as “Laureates of the Federation” persons who have made outstanding contributions to vexillology. The General Assembly may delegate this power to the Board. The status as a Laureate does not confer any right within FIAV.
IV. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Art. 14
(a) The General Assembly is composed of the Officers together with a delegate from each of the Members. Each delegate must present to the President written credentials from the Member represented. A Member may delegate any or all of its powers in writing to a delegate from any other Member or to an Officer.

(b) A session of the General Assembly is not constituted unless delegates of at least half of the Members are present, except as provided for in article 25.

(c) Each Member and each Officer is entitled to one vote in the General Assembly.

Art. 15
Majorities in the General Assembly consist of the following fractions of those Members present and voting:

(a) A simple majority in the election of Officers. If more than two candidates stand for election for an Office and no candidate receives a simple majority, then the candidate with the least votes shall be eliminated from the next ballot, and so on.

(b) A simple majority for a motion to amend a motion under consideration, to proceed to the next item of business on the agenda, to defer consideration of a motion, to refer a motion to a Commission, to appeal a ruling of the chair, for a record vote, or to adjourn a session of the General Assembly.

(c) Two-thirds for all other motions.

(d) Three-quarters for amendments to the Constitution or dissolution of FIAV.

Art. 16
The General Assembly:

(a) elects Officers;

(b) examines and approves the administration of the Board and the Commissions;

(c) examines all questions concerning FIAV and in particular the organization of the International Congresses of Vexillology;

(d) interprets the Constitution;

(e) names Laureates of the Federation pursuant to article 13 and awards such other distinctions as it deems appropriate to persons or institutions who have shown particular merit in the field of vexillology (this power may be delegated to the Board); and

(f) determines the amount and disposition of the annual dues, if any, to be paid by Members; and

(g) establishes such Commissions as it deems necessary and appoints Commissioners.

Art. 17
The General Assembly holds a session at least once every two years, normally on the occasion of each International Congress of Vexillology. The Board convenes a session of the General Assembly. The Board must give notice of the agenda, including any amendments to the Constitution or motion to dissolve FIAV, to all Members at least three months in advance of the session.

Art. 18
The General Assembly may be called into an emergency session if extraordinary conditions require this, as determined by the Board, or if three-quarters of the Members request this of the Board.

V. ADMINISTRATION

Art. 19
(a) The administration of FIAV is entrusted to a Board which acts only by unanimous agreement. The Board is composed of three Officers: the President, the Secretary-General, and the Secretary-General for Congresses.
(b) The Officers are elected at the end of each session of the General Assembly and serve until the election of the new Officers at the next session of the General Assembly. Consent of the candidates for election is required. The Officers are eligible for re-election.

(c) The Secretary-General and the Secretary-General for Congresses must reside on different continents. The Secretary-General manages the Permanent Secretariat of FIAV and the Secretary-General for Congresses manages the Permanent Secretariat of the International Congresses of Vexillology. The Board is considered to be in continuous session, conducted by correspondence.

(d) A vacancy on the Board occurs if an Officer dies, resigns, or lacks mental capacity under the laws where the Officer resides. Absence of an Officer at a session of the General Assembly creates a vacancy on the Board unless excused by the General Assembly. The resignation of an Officer must be received in writing by another Officer, or if no Officer remains, then by the organizer of the next International Congress of Vexillology. The resignation is effective on the date of its receipt. If a vacancy occurs, the position shall remain vacant and the duties of that Officer shall be performed by the remaining Officers. If no Officer remains to perform the duties of the Board, then the organizer of the next International Congress of Vexillology shall select an interim Secretary-General from among the Fellows of the Federation, if available, who shall have the limited authority to take those acts necessary to convene a session of the General Assembly pursuant to article 17 or 18 and preside until the General Assembly elects a presiding officer for the remainder of the session.

Art. 20 The Board:

(a) manages the current affairs of FIAV and establishes the duties and obligations of its Officers;

(b) issues directives which it considers necessary to the success of the activities of FIAV, including the International Congresses of Vexillology;

(c) establishes such Commissions as it deems necessary and appoints Commissioners;

(d) convenes sessions of the General Assembly pursuant to articles 17 and 18;

(e) represents FIAV in its relations with other national and international institutions; and

(f) manages membership procedures pursuant to article 7 and encourages vexillological associations and institutions to apply for FIAV membership.

Art. 21 FIAV's assent to an agreement imposing a binding obligation on FIAV may only be given by a written document signed by all Officers. Current correspondence may be signed by any single Officer.

VI. LANGUAGES

Art. 22 The official languages of FIAV and the International Congresses of Vexillology are English, French, German, and Spanish. Other languages may be used when appropriate.

VII. PUBLICATIONS

Art. 23 (a) FIAV shall publish a newsletter concerning its activities at least once a year for the benefit of its Members, which may be freely reproduced. The General Assembly may initiate or authorize other publications.

(b) The Flag Bulletin (ISSN 0015-3370) is recognized as a journal for the publication of scientific articles in the field of vexillology.

VIII. SYMBOLS

Art. 24 (a) FIAV’s flag is described as follows: “On a blue field, extending horizontally from hoist to fly, two yellow halyards forming two interlaced loops.” The color blue is
defined as Pantone Matching System U293 and the color yellow is defined as Pantone Matching System U123. The Flag is illustrated as follows:

(b) The General Assembly may initiate or authorize other symbols for FIAV.

IX. DISSOLUTION

Art. 25

(a) A motion to dissolve FIAV may be considered only at a session of the General Assembly at which delegates of at least three-quarters of the Members are present.

(b) Instead of sending a delegate, a Member may chose to submit to the President a written, notarized statement expressing that Member’s vote in favor of, or in opposition to, the motion to dissolve. A Member that submits any such statement shall be considered present at the session for the purpose of determining that the session is constituted to consider a motion to dissolve.

(c) The General Assembly establishes the terms of the dissolution.

Adopted September 27, 1989 by the Eleventh Session of the General Assembly held during the Thirteenth International Congress of Vexillology at Ballarat, Victoria, Australia.

Amended August 12, 1997 (article 14(a)) by the Fifteenth Session of the General Assembly held during the Seventeenth International Congress of Vexillology at Cape Town, Western Cape, South Africa.

Amended July 29, 1999 (adding new article 1 and renumbering and amending remaining articles) by the Sixteenth Session of the General Assembly held during the Eighteenth International Congress of Vexillology at Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

Amended July 23, 2001 (eliminating the distinction between Full and Associate Members and amending articles 15 and 23) by the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly held during the Nineteenth International Congress of Vexillology at York, England, United Kingdom.

Amended August 7, 2007 (articles 19(d) and 24) by the Twentieth Session of the General Assembly held during the Twenty-Second International Congress of Vexillology at Berlin, Germany.
FLAG INFORMATION CODE

The Flag Information Code was adopted on August 27, 1981. The code has been amended on July 5, 1995 and July 23, 2001. The current text of the code is set out below. It contains the exact text as adopted and amended.

FLAG INFORMATION CODE

Sec. 1 The Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques (FIAV) adopts this Flag Information Code and encourages its use by FIAV Members, individual vexillologists, publishers, and others who study flags.

Sec. 2 The purposes of the Code are:

(a) to allow basic information about flags to be recorded and transmitted concisely, accurately, and in a manner which (1) insofar as possible eliminates misunderstandings and (2) is both easy to learn and comprehensible to persons knowing different languages;

(b) to standardize knowledge of flags in order to facilitate comparative studies of flag characteristics;

(c) to provide a convenient system for researchers, publishers, and others to record, exchange, and publish information; and

(d) to eliminate, insofar as possible, the confusion that exists in the terminology employed by governments and others to describe national flags and their use.

Sec. 3 FLAG COLORS

(a) The following abbreviations indicate flag colors:

R (red)
O (orange)
Y (yellow)
V (green)
B (blue)
P (purple)
N (black)
W (white)
G (grey)
M (brown)
Au (gold)
Ag (silver)

(b) Colors other than those listed above are not abbreviated.

(c) The following symbols indicate approximate color shades:

- (light)
- - (very light)
+ (dark)
++ (very dark)

(d) The use of a color description without a symbol indicates a medium, normal, or unknown shade of the color.

Sec. 4 FLAG PROPORTIONS

Flag proportions are indicated by a ratio. The first figure corresponds to the width of the flag, which is defined as the side normally attached to the pole or staff. The second figure corresponds to the length of the flag. A flag with a width of 3 units and a length of 5 units is written either 3:5 or 3x5.
Sec. 5 NATIONAL FLAG USE

(a) The following grid is used to describe the use or uses of a flag whose primary purpose is to identify nationality rather than some other characteristic (such as the rank of an individual, the existence of a specific government or military institution, or some other concept):

(b) The six areas of the grid indicate the six basic uses of national flags: (1) use by private individuals and institutions on land; (2) use by nonmilitary governmental institutions on land; (3) use by military institutions on land; (4) use by private individuals and institutions at sea; (5) use by nonmilitary governmental institutions at sea; and (6) use by military institutions at sea. Private, nonmilitary governmental, and military use is indicated from left to right by the three vertical columns; use on land and at sea is indicated from top to bottom by the two horizontal rows.

(c) The grid is written or printed in the line of identifying text near the flag illustration, together with the ratio indicating proportions. The use or uses of the flag are indicated by placing a point (•) or an × in the appropriate area or areas of the grid.

Sec. 6 The flag information summarized by the Code is not a substitute for a specific textual description of a flag and its use or uses.

Sec. 7 An amendment to the Code may be adopted only by the FIAV General Assembly. Before the General Assembly considers an amendment, the amendment should be discussed by individuals attending the International Congress of Vexillology during which the General Assembly session will be held. FIAV Members and individual vexillologists are encouraged to propose amendments based on their experience in using the Code.

Adopted August 27, 1981 by the Seventh Session of the General Assembly held during the Ninth International Congress of Vexillology at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Amended July 5, 1995 (III. A.) by the Fourteenth Session of the General Assembly held during the Sixteenth International Congress of Vexillology at Warszawa, Poland.

Amended July 23, 2001 (adding new section 1 and renumbering and amending remaining articles) by the Seventeenth Session of the General Assembly held during the Nineteenth International Congress of Vexillology at York, England, United Kingdom.
### STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS

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PR  Partioheraldikot r.y. (see PH)
PTW  Polskie Towarzystwo Weksylologiczne
RCVH  Российский Центр флаговедения и геральдики / Russian Centre of Vexillology and Heraldry
        (formerly Volga Vexillology Club (VVC))
SAVA  Southern African Vexillological Association
SBH  Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek
SBV  Kevärzhe Vannielouriezhe Vreizh / Société Bretonne de Vexillogie (see KVV)
SEV  Sociedad Española de Vexillogie
SFV  Société française de vexillogie
SG  FIAV Secretary-General
SGC  FIAV Secretary-General for Congresses
SGHAPG  Societatea de Genealogie, Heraldică și Arbivistică “Paul Gore”
SRV  Societatea Română de Vexilologie
SSV  Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Fahnen- und Flaggenkunde / Société Suisse de Vexillogie / Società Svizzera di Vessillologia
SVB  Societatis Vexillologica Belgica
SVI  Středisko Vexilologických Informací / Flag Data Centre
SVO  Société vexilologique de l’ouest
TWMF  Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags
UHT  Українське Геральдичне Товариство / Ukrayins’ke Heral’dychne Tovarystvo / The Ukrainian Heraldry Society
USFA  United States Flag Association (see USFF)
USFF  United States Flag Foundation (formerly American Flag Association (AFA) and United States Flag Association (USFA))
VAST  Vexillographic Association of the State of Texas
VDCN  Vlaggen Documentatie Centrum Nederland
VK  Vexilologický Klub (see CVS)
VSHA  Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap (see VSHS)
VSHS  Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap (incorrectly abbreviated VSHA)
VVC  Volga Vexillology Club (see RCVH)
WH  Wappen-Herold, Deutsche Heraldische Gesellschaft e.V.
WVRI  World Vexillogical Research Institute
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