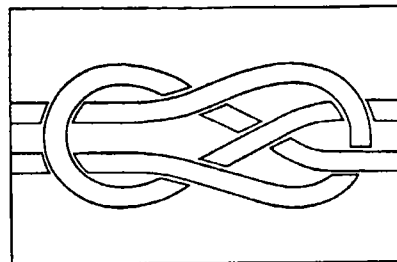


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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA NOTICE

The next issue of *Info-FIAV* will be published in April 2001 and will contain the agenda for the Seventeenth Session of the FIAV General Assembly. FIAV Members wishing to place items on the agenda, including bids to host future International Congresses of Vexillology and proposed amendments to the FIAV Constitution, must submit the items to Secretary-General Charles Spain so that they are received no later than **March 15, 2001**. If possible, agenda items should be in English or be accompanied by an English translation. It would greatly assist the Secretary-General if the items were sent to him by e-mail at [sec.gen@fiav.org](mailto:sec.gen@fiav.org) so that the agenda items do not need to be retyped.

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**ICV 19 Information Available at  
<http://www.flaginstitute.org/congress/index.htm>**

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the modern Union Flag, the 19th International Congress of Vexillology and the 17th Session of the General Assembly of the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques (FIAV) will be held in the City of York, United Kingdom. The Congress will take place from Monday, July 23, 2001 to Friday, July 27, 2001, with registration and an evening civic reception on the preceding Sunday, July 22, 2001. Vexillologists and flag enthusiasts from around the world are invited to attend this biennial event.

The Congress and General Assembly will be held in the Tempest Anderson Hall, which sits in the ten acres of beautiful gardens that surround the Yorkshire Museum, right in the heart of the medieval City of York. The Hall was built as a lecture theater, so it is ideal for presentations.

The Yorkshire Museum is internationally recognized for its rich collections of Roman, Viking, Anglo-Saxon, and medieval artifacts and decorative arts, as well as exhibits on geology and the natural sciences. The Museum covers a thousand years of Yorkshire's heritage. You can view elegant Roman jewelry, impressive mosaics, and Anglo-Saxon silver.

The world-famous 15th Century Middleham Jewel—one of the most exquisite pieces of English Gothic jewelry—was found in 1985 near Middleham Castle in North Yorkshire, once the home of Richard III and the destination of the All-Day Tour on Wednesday.

The museum lies in the shadow of Saint Mary's Abbey, once the North's wealthiest abbey, and near a Roman fortress wall. The gardens are also home to a 15th Century timber-framed guest house—better known as The Hospitium. For the Congress, this will house a specially mounted flag display. A further two displays will be housed in the Merchant Adventurers' Hall, an outstanding example of a Medieval Guildhall, built between 1357 and 1361, and one of the best preserved in Britain.

The final banquet will be held in the York Viking Moat House hotel, on the banks of the River Ouse.

The Delegate Fee for the Congress will be £230, with a £100 fee for people wishing to participate in the Accompanying Persons Programme. The fee for Junior Delegates (those less than 18 years old) will be £50. The fees will include the cost of the closing banquet, teas, and coffees, but Delegates are free to make their own arrangements for lunch. Applications received after March 31, 2001 will incur a further £25 fee.

Details of hotel accommodation in York will be sent to Delegates, but for preliminary information, hotels cost from about £45 (bed & breakfast) to £150+ (this may be on a half- or full-board basis) per night.

In the event that you cannot attend the Congress after booking your place, no refunds are guaranteed—each case will be considered by the organizers.

Delegates wishing to give papers or presentations at the Congress should include a short synopsis (two or three paragraphs) with their application form. Submissions should be timed to last between 20 and 25 minutes, with an additional five minutes for questions.

The presentations at the Congress will be given using a computer and Microsoft PowerPoint to remove the need for slide handling at the actual event. The organizers will create the PowerPoint presentation from your text and slides. If you have any questions, please contact us at the address below or e-mail [congress@flaginstitute.org](mailto:congress@flaginstitute.org).

The final text of the paper or presentation and the accompanying slides should be submitted by March 31, 2001. Submissions should be on floppy disc or by e-mail to [congress@flaginstitute.org](mailto:congress@flaginstitute.org). They should be in Microsoft Word or plain text format. Papers will be accepted in English, French, German, or Spanish, but it would be of great help if they could be in English. In exceptional circumstances, submissions will be accepted on paper.

The slides to accompany the submission should ideally be on a Kodak PhotoCD so that they are computer-readable. Alternatively, they can be supplied as computer graphics files in the following formats: PICT, JPEG, BMP, TIFF, EPS, Adobe Illustrator, or Macromedia Freehand. If the PhotoCD service is not available locally, 35mm slides will be accepted, but they should be submitted by March 31, 2001 so they may be transferred to computer files. If the submission is not already on slides or in electronic form, the organizers may be able to help.

If you would like to use PowerPoint yourself, a template will be available soon at <http://www.flaginstitute.org/congress/index.htm>.

## ICV 19 DELEGATE APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the form, print it out, and then mail it to the address given below.

I wish to attend the Congress in York on March 23-27, 2001:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be bringing the following Accompanying Persons (you need only list those who wish to participate in the Accompanying Persons Programme):

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I will be bringing the following Junior Delegates (you need only list those who wish to participate in the Congress):

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to give a paper or presentation on the following subject: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a check (drawn on a UK bank)/charge my credit card for the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the completed form to:

The Flag Institute  
22 Money Hill Road  
RICKMANSWORTH  
Hertfordshire  
WD3 7EQ  
United Kingdom

If you wish to give a paper or presentation, please include a short synopsis below, or on a separate sheet firmly attached to this form (the sheet should include your name). Please also use the space below to give any special requirements you or a member of your party may have, such as wheelchair access, dietary requirements, etc.

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## CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

On November 12, 2000, the Secretary-General received the following membership application:

**VLAGGEN DOKUMENTATIE CENTRUM NEDERLAND**  
International - non commercial and political neutral - institution

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Your ref.: Membership FIAV

Our ref.: DV

Amsterdam, 12 November 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

From Mr. Michel Lupant I received the faxnumber to which we could send our application for a membership of the FIAV.

Hereby we would be honoured to apply for membership of the FIAV.

The VDCN (Vlaggen Dokumentatie Centrum Nederland) translated: Flag Documentation Centre Netherlands is a non-commercial and political strict neutral and international institution.

Director is Derkwillem Visser Jr.

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Established: November 1st, 1978.

Territory: Netherlands

Periodical Publications: VLAGGEN-INFO (ISSN 1383-312X) Dutch/English, quarterly since 2000, before that semiannual since 1978.

Beside that we reprint (on request when available) old flagbooks. (already 7 titles).

Closing with the most kind regards,

/s/ Derkwillem Visser Jr.  
Derkwillem Visser Jr.  
Vlaggen Dokumentatie Centrum Nederland

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On December 16, 2000, the Secretary-General received the following membership application:

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Monsieur Charles A. Spain  
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Etats Unis d'Amerique / United States of America

Obj : Inscription SVO/FIAV

Parthenay, le 4 decembre 2000

Cher Monsieur Spain,

Thank you for your letter and for your encouragement.

I confirm to you that we want to join FIAV. It will be easier for us to understand, to accept, and to respect the FIAV constitution and the way to apply, if it was written in French, because our English is poor (our French is better).

Here is the information you need for our registration, I hope we didn't forget anything.

You must know that we are not sure yet if we will attend the York congress, because we are working and we may not have holidays. Please, can you tell me how much will the congress cost, because we are young and not rich.

Maybe we will see you in York.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Thierry Gilabert

Email : GILABERTTh@district-parthenay.fr      Bientot/Coming soon : Site Web SVO/SVO Web Site

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La Société Vexillologique de l'Ouest publie une revue annuelle qui présente plusieurs articles sur des drapeaux poitevins.

Le premier numéro était exceptionnellement entièrement consacré au drapeau poitevin. Ce numero a paru en 1999.

Le deuxieme numero correspond à l'année 2000.

**ZONE DE TRAVAIL** de la Société Vexillologique de l'Ouest au regard de ses statutes.

**Zone A**            POITOU : Poitou-Charentes, Vendée, Pays-de-Retz, Mauges et canton du Blanc.

Nous étudions les drapeaux historiques de notre région, encourageons l'usage du drapeau poitevin, et favorisons la création de drapeaux de nos micro-régions et villes. Nous aidons les collectivités à respecter les règles et usages vexillologiques et essayons de lutter contre les drapeaux logotypes. Nous nous voulons ici, interlocuteurs privilégiés en matière de drapeaux.

**Zone B**            OUEST-FRANCE : Bretagne, Pays-de-la-Loire et Basse-Normandie. Mais aussi Limousin et Aquitaine.

Nous pouvons faire des études ou des articles concernant ces région or leurs micro-régions et aider à la création de drapeaux.

**Zone C**            OUEST-EUROPE / Arc Atlantique et pays frères : Royaume-Uni, Irlande, France, Espagne et Portugal. Mais aussi les pays d'élection de la "diaspora" poitevine : Acadie, Nouveau-Brunswick, Québec, Afrique du Sud et Pays Baltes.

Nous pouvons faire des études ou des articles concernant ces région or leurs micro-régions.

Nous pouvons aussi aider, en matière de communication vexillologique, les pays de l'Arc Atlantique.

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On January 8, 2001, the Secretary-General received the following membership application:

**Confederate States Vexillological Association**  
**159 Womack Road**  
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**USA**

8 January 2000

Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques  
Charles A. Spain, Esquire, General Secretary  
504 Branard St  
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To the FIAV Executive Board,

The Confederate States Vexillological Association (CSVA) hereby applies for full membership in Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques (FIAV).

CSVA's sole purpose is the advancement of the pursuit of vexillology, that is the creation and development of a body of knowledge about flags and flag usage, in general, and in particular those that are associated with the Confederate States of America during the period of their independence, and of the use of those flags, and flags derived from them, in the States formerly members of the Confederate States of America, in the post-bellum period and the modern era, as well as other flags, ensigns, colours, standards, guidons, and related insignia associated in the past or present with any State or Territory formerly composing a portion of the Confederate States of America.

CSVA hereby formally commits itself to the FIAV purposes, namely:

- a) to create a strong bond among those associations and institutions and to encourage and coordinate their work, studies and research;
- b) to promote periodically 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;
- d) to sanction international standards facilitating the development of these activities.

CSVA is an unincorporated association, constituted in conformity with the laws the State of Tennessee, and was founded in 2000. Enclosed, you will find a copy of our By-Laws, which form our constitution. We are an internet based organization, in continuous virtual session, exchanging vexillological information on a constant basis, but our By-Laws require meetings of our Council (Board of Directors), either in person or via internet, in the months of February, April, June, August, October, and December of each year, which meetings are required to be open to the general membership. CSVA also holds a bi-annual meeting of the general membership for the election of officers, which also may be in person or via the internet, in November or December of each even numbered year.

We publish a quarterly internet newsletter, *Stars and Bars*, in January, April, July, and October of each year, and the Confederate States Vexillological Association Web Site on the internet at the World Wide Web address <<http://www.csvex.org>>. A printout of the January 2001 edition of *Stars and Bars* is included herewith. Unfortunately, I do not have a colour printer, and the black and white printout does not do justice to *Stars and Bars*. I refer you to the direct URL for *Stars and Bars* <[http://csvex.org/stars\\_bars/html](http://csvex.org/stars_bars/html)> for a more effective presentation of the publication.

Our membership includes some well-known names in Confederate vexillology, as well as some well-known vexillologists who have made their marks in other fields. Membership is open to all, and currently includes members from ten or more American States and from Europe. Several of our members are also members of other vexillological associations that are currently FIAV members.

Our membership currently stands at 21. At least four of our members are planning to attend the next International Congress of Vexillology sponsored by the Federation. We will elect an autochthonous and authorized representative of CSVA to represent us at the General Assembly in York, England prior to the next session of FIAV.

Thank you for your consideration of our application. If there is any further information you need or any question you may have, please don't hesitate to write or call. Email may be sent to me at [presiden@csvex.org](mailto:presiden@csvex.org) and/or to Richard Gideon at [gensecretary@csvex.org](mailto:gensecretary@csvex.org).

Sincerely,

/s/ Devereaux D. Cannon, Jr.  
Devereaux D. Cannon, Jr.  
President, CSVA

Encl.: CSVA By-Laws [URL = <http://csvex.org/bylaws.html>]  
*Stars and Bars*, Winter 2001 [URL = [http://csvex.org/stars\\_bars.html](http://csvex.org/stars_bars.html)]

Cc: via e-mail attachment:

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On January 12, 2001, the Secretary-General received the following membership application:

Hereby we send you our application and a list of members. We wish to be considered for full membership.

Any questions what will come out, please don't hesitate to ask. e-mail is [Kalmer.Saar.001@mail.ee](mailto:Kalmer.Saar.001@mail.ee)

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Field of activity: heraldry, vexillology, faleristic  
No membership fee

Heraldry College is an independent part of EHS ( Estonian Heritage Society)

With best wishes

Kalmer Saar

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Periodical Publication(s): None

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On January 18, 2001, the Secretary-General received the following membership application:

January 18, 2001

Mr. Spain, Jr.  
FIAV Secretary General

Dear Mr. Spain,

I would like to thank you sincerely for your letter of November 30, 2000. I apologize for delaying in answering immediately. I should explain my silence on that. First of all myself, as well as the society members don't speak English, but French and we had some problems to find a translator for such a big letter. In December through the first half of January, we have been busy with different activities and measures to terminate the registration of our Society. This was the other reason for the delay. Now when all issues are tackled, I am responding to your letter as soon as I can.

First of all, I would like to inform you that it is not the National Archives of the Republic of Moldova that wishes to join FIAV, but it is the: Societatea de Genealogie, Heraldica si Arhivistica "Paul Gore."

In English: Paul Gore Genealogy, Heraldry and Archive Society  
In French: Societe de Genealogie, d'Heraldique et d'Archivistique Paul Gore

Our society is a public, scientific, independent, non-governmental, nonpolitical, non-profitable organization as provided by its statute.

The objectives of the society under Article 2.1 of the Statute are as follows:

- a) To bring together researchers in genealogy, heraldry, archives and other related fields, and all those interested in that for the purpose of attaining their scientific and practical interests;
- b) To develop and promote research and activities in genealogy, heraldry, archives and other

related fields, and to enhance creativity in this field;

c) To disseminate information to members of domestic and international societies relating to the theory and practice of genealogy, heraldry, archives and other connected fields;

d) To raise public awareness of the historical documents interest and value;

e) To establish and maintain information and cooperation relations with domestic and international organizations and societies of this type.

f) To enhance the use of the national archival, genealogical and heraldic patrimony through different ways; to publish scientific papers, books and magazines in the above mentioned fields.

Societatea de Genealogie, Heraldica si Arhivistica "Paul Gore" was set up on the 22nd of October 1997 and registered by the Ministry of Justice on the 12th of October 2000 with all due rights and responsibilities provided under the country's legislation.

Today, the number of Societatea de Genealogie, Heraldica si Arhivistica "Paul Gore" members account for 51. The full membership (active member) is provided to 41 persons from the Republic of Moldova and the associate membership (correspondent member) is granted to 10 persons from Romania. The active members pay an annual membership fee estimated in minimum wage amount. This is a special computation unit applied in the whole country. One wage amount accounts for 18 lei (about 1,5 US\$) now.

The General Meeting of the members is the supreme administration body that is held at least every two years. The Board of Directors comprising 7- 13 persons and the Society Chairman manage the society between General Meetings. The society is located at the address of the National Archives of the Republic of Moldova, as follows:

Str. Gheorghe Asachi 67-B  
Chisinau MD 2028  
Republic of Moldova

I am the society Chairman. My name is Silviu Tabac, deputy Chief of the National Archives. You can contact us at:

Tel. 373 2- 73 58 38  
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The society holds monthly scientific, informational workshops, organizes exhibitions and is engaged in other activities relating to its objectives. Vexillology is considered to be heraldry branch (in the large sense of this concept) and is one of the top activities preformed by us.

The society doesn't have its own publication yet. But sine 1999, a special "Paul Gore society" heading has been published with the support of the society members on the Parchment archives yearbook, whose summaries are in French and Russian.

The decision to join an international specialized society is taken by the society Board of Directors, as provided under Article 4.4.3, subsection h) of the statute. The Board of Directors decided to join FIAV under full membership and observe FIAV constitutional provisions during its meeting on January 17, 2001, after discussing the FIAV adhesion proposal, its constitution and compatibility of FIAV objectives with the society objectives. Hereinafter, I take on the responsibility to prepare all needed documents and papers.

I would like to thank you Mr. Secretary-General for the proposal you made under the letter. I would like to inform you about the society's desire to join FIAV and to ask you to develop all forms provided under FIAV constitution in order to fulfill our wishes.

Please feel free to contact us if you need any information.

And finally, we would be very grateful if you could send us a copy of FIAV constitution in French.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Silviu Tabac  
Chairman of the Society

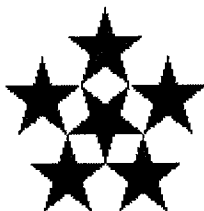
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On January 21, 2001, the Secretary-General received the following membership application:



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January 7, 2001

**International Federation of Vexillological Associations (FIAV)**

Mr. Charles Spain  
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To the FIAV Executive Board,

The Flags of the World internet group (FOTW) hereby applies for full membership in the International Federation of Vexillological Associations (FIAV). FOTW's sole purpose is the advancement of the pursuit of vexillology, that is the creation and development of a body of knowledge about flags and flag usage of all types.

FOTW hereby formally commits itself to the FIAV purposes, namely:

- a) to create a strong bond among those associations and institutions and to encourage and coordinate their work, studies and research,
- b) to promote periodically 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,
- d) to sanction international standards facilitating the development of these activities.

FOTW is constituted in conformity with the laws that govern the Internet and was founded in 1993. Enclosed, you will find a copy of our rules, which form our constitution. We are in continuous virtual session, exchanging vexillological information on an hourly basis. We publish The Flags of the World Web

Site (and its mirrors) on the internet at the World Wide Web address <<http://www.fotw.digibel.be/flags>>.

As for international relations, our membership includes vexillologists from every continent, including members from vexillological associations around the world. The membership includes several members from other associations that are currently FIAV members.

Our membership currently stands at 252. At least four of our members are planning to attend the next International Congress of Vexillology sponsored by the Federation (Dave Martucci, Graham Bartram, Edward Mooney, Rob Raeside). We will elect an autochthonous and authorized representative of FOTW to represent us at the General Assembly in York, England prior to the next session of FIAV.

Thank you for your consideration of our application. If there is any further information you need or any question you may have, please don't hesitate to write or call. Email may be sent to our Liaison Committee Chair, Edward Mooney, at <[moonbase@qnet.com](mailto:moonbase@qnet.com)>. You may telephone him at USA (661) 264-3278

Sincerely,



Edward Mooney, Jr.  
FOTW Liaison Chair  
FOTW Editor, Listmaster Emeritus

/s/ Rob Raeside  
Rob Raeside  
FOTW Director

Liaison Committee Members:

Ole Andersen, Denmark  
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Edward Mooney, Jr., California, USA  
Rob Raeside, Nova Scotia, Canada

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Territory:	world
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On January 22, 2001, the Secretary-General received the following membership application:

VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION  
OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

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February 4, 2001

Mr. Charles Spain, Secretary-General  
Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques  
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Re: Application for FIAV membership

Dear Kin,

The Vexillological Association of the State of Texas (VAST) requests that it be considered for full membership in the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques.

VAST's purposes are set forth in article 4 of its articles of incorporation:

The purposes for organizing the Corporation are to perform charitable, scientific, and/or educational activities within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3). Specifically, the Corporation is organized to: (1) promote vexillology, which is the creation and development of a body of knowledge about flags of all types and their forms and functions, and of scientific theories and principles based on that knowledge; (2) cooperate with other vexillological associations and institutions; and (3) represent Texas vexillologists on a national and international level.

In applying for FIAV membership, VAST commits itself to the purposes of FIAV expressed in article 3 of the FIAV Constitution:

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.

VAST is a Texas nonprofit corporation organized under, and subject to, the provisions of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act. VAST received its charter from the Texas Secretary of State on March 8, 2000. Copies of VAST's articles of incorporation, bylaws, and corporate charter are attached as exhibits to this membership application. Although originally organized in 1991, VAST became re-activated in late 1999. Much of the work of VAST's officers has been taken up with legally incorporating itself and in applying for recognition by the United States Internal Revenue Service as a charitable, scientific, and/or educational organization exempt from taxation (this recognition is still pending). VAST, however, has held two general membership meetings in 2000 (in Houston and Dallas) at which goals for the association have been discussed and a flag and a seal have been chosen. VAST will shortly publish the first issue of its semiannual publication, *VAST News* (ISSN 1531-1783). VAST will send copies of the first issue of *VAST News* to both the FIAV Board and current FIAV Members. A website is under construction at [www.texflags.org](http://www.texflags.org), which VAST intends to use to educate the public on Texas vexillology. Finally, VAST will be holding a conference in Spring 2002 in connection with the Museum of Fine Arts Houston's planned exhibit on Texas flags.

As of December 31, 2000, VAST has thirty-five dues-paying members (US\$10 annually). Among its members are individuals who have attended—and in some cases sponsored—past International Congresses of Vexillology: James Ferrigan, Scot Guenter, Kevin Harrington, Michel Lupant, Harry Oswald, and Charles Spain.

There will be at least four VAST members at the Nineteenth International Congress of Vexillology in York. VAST has existed for almost ten years, since its February 16, 1991 organizational meeting in Austin, Texas. VAST will have an autochthonous and authorized representative at the session of the General Assembly in York.

Please feel free to contact me during work hours at (713) 981-3857 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/ James T. Liston  
James T. Liston  
President and director

attachments

cc: Chris Pinette, vice president and director

**Vexillological Association of the State of Texas (VAST)**

c/o Charles A. Spain, Jr.

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Territory: USA: Texas  
Periodical Publication: VAST News (publication pending) (ISSN 1531-1783; English; semiannual since 2001)

**MEMBER UPDATE**

The following change in Member contact information has been received since the publication of *Info-FIAV* number 15:

**The Flag Institute**

e-mail: president@flaginstitute.org (Robin Ashburner)  
Home Page: <http://www.flaginstitute.org>  
Established: 1971 Apr 23

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Continuing the practice begun in 1999 of reprinting in *Info-FIAV* the minutes of the 1969 to 1991 sessions of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General in this issue reprints the minutes from 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981, and 1983, along with unofficial summaries.

The Secretary-General has attempted to assemble a complete set of minutes and items discussed in those minutes. ***He is still missing the following items and would greatly appreciate copies of them:***

- 1969
  - flag description commission report from *Flag Bulletin* vol. 8, no. 1
  - French version of adopted statutes
- 1975
  - Klaes Sierksma's recommendations concerning changes in international system of vexillological publications
  - William Crampton's proposal for FIAV seal
- 1977
  - secretary-general's letter confirming full membership of Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka
- 1979
  - Klaes Sierksma's proposed revisions to FIAV statutes
- 1981
  - Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek's resignation letter
- 1983
  - revised statutes (French version)
- 1987
  - Association française d'études internationale de vexillologie's resignation letter
  - Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique's resignation letter
  - secretary-general's report

GA 4  
IJsselmeer, Netherlands  
April 17, 18, 1975

ICV 6  
IJsselmeer, Netherlands  
April 16 - 20, 1975  
Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek

Summary:

- Officers
  - Ottfried Neubecker (Germany, West) president
  - Whitney Smith (United States) secretary-general
  - Klaes Sierksma (Netherlands) secretary-general for congresses
- Councillors (not necessarily present)
  - Austria Franz Kaindl
  - Belgium Roger E. Harmignies
  - Canada Harold A. Diceman
  - Denmark Christian Fogd Pedersen
  - France Georges Pasch
  - Germany, West Johannes Klein
  - Italy Mario Gibellini
  - Netherlands Johannes Hendrik Rombach
  - Norway Atle Grahl-Madsen
  - Sweden Leif Pålsson
  - Switzerland Peter Mäder
  - United Kingdom William G. Crampton
  - United States William C. Spangler
- Delegates
  - AFEIV Georges Pasch
  - CISV Aldo Ziggio
  - FI E.M.C. Barraclough
  - FRC Whitney Smith
  - GOH Franz Kaindl
  - HSFS E.M.C. Barraclough
  - NVvV W.A. van Ham and Johannes Hendrik Rombach
  - NF Atle Grahl-Madsen
  - NAVA Whitney Smith
  - OGHB René Wattiez
  - SSV Louis Mühlemann
  - SBH Klaes Sierksma
  - TWMF Paul Mills
  - WH Ottfried Neubecker
  - FIAV associates Paul Warming
- Not represented
  - ASM
  - NFF
  - USFF
- GA 3 minutes read and approved
- TWMF and GOH accepted as members
- Report given by Terminology Commission stating time had no arrived to adopt definitive standards
- Pasch proposed inventory of vexillological resources and was appointed head of study group
- FI proposed to adopt FIAV seal and emblem; Crampton prepare specific designs for consideration at GA 5
- Decision not to adopt personal flags for officers
- Officers re-elected
- Councillors re-elected except for following
  - Austria Franz Kaindl
  - Italy Mario Gibellini
  - Sweden Leif Pålsson



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 17 and 18 APRIL 1975

I. The meeting was called to order at the Netherlands Historical Shipping Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, by the FIAV President, Dr. Ottfried Neubecker. The following members were present, as represented by their accredited delegates: Association Française d'Etudes Internationales Vexillologiques (George Pasch), Centro Italiano Studi Vessillologici (Aldo Zigglioto), Flag Institute (E.M.C. Barraclough), Flag Research Center (Dr. Whitney Smith), Flag Section (E.M.C. Barraclough), Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde (W.A. van Ham, J.H. Rombach), Nordisk Flagselskab (Dr. Atle Grahl-Madsen), North American Vexillological Association (Dr. Whitney Smith), Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique (René Wattiez), Société Suisse de Vexillologie (Louis Mühlemann), Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek (Klaes Sierksma), Wappen-Herold (Dr. Ottfried Neubecker). No delegates were present from the National Flag Foundation, Sezione Vexillologica, and the United States Flag Foundation. Dr. Paul Warming served as a delegate in accordance with Article X of the FIAV Statutes.

II. The minutes of the General Assembly of 14 and 17 September 1973 were read and approved.

III. The applications for membership in FIAV of the Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags and of the Gessellschaft für Osterreichische Heereskunde were approved and Mr. Paul Mills and Dr. Franz Kaindl were recognized as delegates, respectively.

IV. Dr. Atle Grahl-Madsen, Chairman of the Terminology Commission, gave a report of his discussions and findings on the question of international norms for standardized flag terminology. He indicated that while extensive progress had been made, particularly in regard to color symbolism with the assistance of flag manufacturers, he did not feel that the moment had arrived for definitive standards to be adopted by FIAV.

V. George Pasch proposed the creation of an inventory of vexillological resources. After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Pasch should be appointed the head of a study group to conduct the necessary research for compiling such an inventory in the name of FIAV, with a commercial publisher to be sought upon completion of the study.

VI. Consideration was given to proposals from the Flag Institute and the following decisions were made. William Crampton was requested to submit specific designs, based on the knots of the FIAV flag, for use as a seal and emblem by FIAV, for consideration at the 1977 General Assembly. Furthermore, other interested individuals with ideas for such a seal were requested to submit them to Mr. Crampton for consideration at the same time. It was decided not to adopt personal flags for the members of the Board of FIAV.

VII. Members of the Board and Council during 1973-1975 were re-elected for the period 1975-1977, with the exception of Dr. Natta-Soleri, who was replaced as the Italian councillor by Dr. Mario Gibellini. Dr. Kaindl was elected as the councillor from Austria. At this point the session of 17 April was adjourned.

VIII. When the session was reconvened on 18 April Mr. Leif Pahlsson was elected the councillor from Sweden. The presence of participants at the Sixth International Congress of Vexillology from Japan and Poland was noted with pleasure and fraternal greetings were extended to the National Flag Association (Tokyo) and to the Komisja Wexylogiczna (Warsaw) with an invitation to these institutions to apply for membership in FIAV.

IX. Proposals were submitted by Klaes Sierksma for changes in the current series of publications issued by members of FIAV, based on his specific proposals (of which copies were distributed to the delegates). After discussion, it was decided that suggestions and comments regarding these proposals should be sent to Dr. Whitney Smith prior to the end of 1975 and that in January 1976 he should submit a résumé of such suggestions to all FIAV members. This would then allow for discussion by member organizations in time for consideration of specific proposals at the next General Assembly. Dr. Whitney Smith suggested that consideration also be given to possible contacts with commercial publishers in order to guarantee the prompt and professional publication of future Congress Reports; action on this matter was postponed for the future.

X. The Nordisk Flagselskab was requested to suggest to vexillologists in Finland the organization of an association in that country. The offer of the Nordisk Flagselskab to sponsor the Eighth International Congress of Vexillology in 1979 was accepted with thanks, following which the General Assembly adjourned.

GA 5  
Washington, District of Columbia, United States  
June 12, 1977

ICV 7  
Washington, District of Columbia, United States  
June 10 - 14, 1977  
Flag Research Center  
North American Vexillological Association

Summary:

- Officers
  - Ottfried Neubecker (Germany, West) president
  - Whitney Smith (United States) secretary-general
  - Klaes Sierksma (Netherlands) secretary-general for congresses
- Councillors (not necessarily present)
  - Austria Franz Kaindl
  - Belgium Roger E. Harmignies
  - Canada Harold A. Diceman
  - Denmark Christian Fogd Pedersen
  - Finland Bo Tennberg
  - France Georges Pasch
  - Germany, West Johannes Klein
  - Italy Mario Gibellini
  - Netherlands Johannes Hendrik Rombach
  - Norway Atle Grahl-Madsen
  - Sweden Walter Rydberg
  - Switzerland Peter Mäder
  - United Kingdom William G. Crampton
  - United States William C. Spangler
- Delegates
  - FI Christian Fogd Pedersen
  - FRC Whitney Smith
  - GOH Franz Kaindl
  - NFF Hugh McClellan
  - NF Christian Fogd Pedersen
  - NAVA Hugh McClellan
  - SBH Klaes Sierksma
  - TWMF Charles Brannon
  - WH Ottfried Neubecker
  - FIAV associates Paul Warming
- Not represented
  - ASM
  - AFEIV
  - CISV
  - HSFS
  - NVvV
  - OGHB
  - SVV
  - USFF
- GA 4 minutes read and approved
- Membership of FRCSL provisionally accepted pending determination by secretary-general of FRCSL's status
- Members of Terminology Commission re-appointed and name changed to Commission on Terminology and Standardization
- Members encouraged to freely exchange their publications
- Inventory of vexillological resources and proposals for FIAV seal and emblem not addressed
- Question of inactive members discussed; no action taken
- Motion regarding dangers of flag restoration passed
- Officers re-elected
- Councillors re-elected except for following
  - Finland Bo Tennberg
  - Norway Atle Grahl-Madsen
  - Sweden Walter Rydberg

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

General Assembly, 12 June 1977

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by the President of the Federation, Dr. Ottfried Neubecker. The following members were present, as represented by their accredited delegates: Flag Institute (Christian Pedersen), Flag Research Center (Dr. Whitney Smith), Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde (Dr. Franz Kaindl), National Flag Foundation (Hugh McClellan), Nordisk Flagselskab (Christian Pedersen), North American Vexillological Association (Hugh McClellan), Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek (Klaes Sierksma), Tumbling Waters Museum (Charles Brannon), Wappen-Herold (Dr. Ottfried Neubecker). Paul Warming was elected as a delegate in accordance with Article X of the Federation Statutes. No delegates were present from the Association Française de Études Internationales Vexillologiques, Centro Italiano di Studi Vessillologici, The Flag Section of the Heraldry Society, Société Suisse de Vexillologie, United States Flag Foundation, Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde, and the Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique.
- II. The minutes of the General Assembly of 17 and 18 April 1975 were read and approved.
- III. The application for membership in FIAV by the Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka was considered. The Secretary General was directed to determine from the Centre whether it was essentially a commercial undertaking or whether it met the requirements of Article V of the Federation Statutes, pending which its membership was provisionally accepted. [The required determination was satisfactorily made by the Secretary General subsequent to the General Assembly, confirming the membership of the Centre.]
- IV. The work of the Terminology Commission was discussed. The extensive work of its Chairman, Dr. Atle Grahl-Madsen, was noted and the desire expressed that more members would take active part in the work of the Commission. The members appointed in 1967 and 1973 were reconfirmed, with the Commission authorized to supplement its membership as it sees fit in order to accomplish its goals. The name was altered to the Commission on Terminology and Standardization.
- V. The recommendations of Klaes Sierksma concerning changes in the current international system of vexillological publications, which were submitted to the General Assembly in 1975, having been decisively rejected by the members who expressed their opinions in writing to the Secretary General, the general question of publications in the field of vexillology was discussed. It was the consensus of the meeting that editors of national journals of vexillology should be encouraged to make their journals available on a cost-free exchange basis with each other such that all journals would be available to each association publishing a journal. [A list of the names and addresses of the journals were subsequently published in the official FIAV journal, THE FLAG BULLETIN, in its May-June 1977 issue.]

- VI. Neither George Pasch nor William Crampton being present, the inventory of vexillological resources and the proposals for a seal and emblem to be used by the Federation submitted to the General Assembly in 1975 were not dealt with, but the two individuals were invited to submit reports on the question to the next General Assembly.
- VII. It was voted to request that all members of the Federation name an individual to serve as a liaison with other organizations and that the names of those individuals, their addresses, and the preferred language of correspondence be communicated to Secretary General Dr. Whitney Smith, who would arrange for the publication of the list for the benefit of all member institutions.
- VIII. The question of inactive members of the Federation was discussed and it was determined that no action would be taken regarding membership of associations and institutions not currently active, aside from indicating this fact on the list of members to be published in accordance with the preceding paragraph.
- IX. Charles Brannon moved that the Federation resolve that no current method of flag restoration be endorsed and that, furthermore, the Federation take the official position of discouraging any individual, organization, or institution from having any of the flags in its possession restored, while encouraging such flag owners to protect their flags from decay by stabilizing their existing physical environment and conditions. After considerable discussion the motion was reworded and voted as follows: "The International Federation of Vexillological Associations calls the attention of owners of precious flags to the dangers inherent in flag restoration and strongly recommends that all matters regarding flag preservation only be carried out in consultation with specialized museums." The Secretary General was directed to write on behalf of the Federation to the International Council of Museums concerning this matter to alert museums to the problem and to request that they study the matter.
- X. Requests were made that changes in the program of an International Congress of Vexillology be given in writing to participants and that all former participants in International Congresses of Vexillology be invited when notice is given of an impending Congress.
- XI. Existing members of the Board and Council of the Federation were reelected together with councillors for Norway (Dr. Atle Grahl-Madsen), Finland (Bo Tennberg), and Sweden (Walter Rydberg).
- XII. The offer of the Nordisk Selskab to sponsor the 8th International Congress of Vexillology in 1979, previously made in 1975, was reconfirmed, following which the General Assembly adjourned.

GA 6  
Wien, Vienna, Austria  
June 29, 1979

ICV 8  
Wien, Vienna, Austria  
June 26 - 29, 1979  
Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde

Summary:

- Officers
  - Ottfried Neubecker (Germany, West) president
  - Whitney Smith (United States) secretary-general
  - Klaes Sierksma (Netherlands) secretary-general for congresses
- Councillors (not necessarily present)
  - Austria Franz Kaindl
  - Belgium Roger E. Harmignies
  - Canada The Rev. Ralph Spence
  - Denmark Christian Fogd Pedersen
  - Finland Bo Tennberg
  - France Lucien Philippe
  - Germany, West Johannes Klein
  - Italy Mario Gibellini
  - Netherlands Johannes Hendrik Rombach
  - Norway Atle Grahl-Madsen
  - Spain Sebastián Herreros Agüí
  - Sweden Walter Rydberg
  - Switzerland Louis Mühlemann
  - United Kingdom William G. Crampton
  - United States William C. Spangler
- Delegates
  - CISV Vezio Melegari
  - FI William G. Crampton
  - FRC Whitney Smith
  - GOH Franz Kaindl
  - NFF George Cahill
  - NVvV C.H. de Koning
  - NF Christian Fogd Pedersen
  - NAVA The Rev. Ralph Spence
  - OGHB René Wattiez
  - SSV Louis Mühlemann
  - SEV Sebastián Herreros Agüí
  - SVB The Rev. Hugh Boudin
  - SBH Klaes Sierksma
  - USFF Muriel Cahill
  - WH Ottfried Neubecker
  - FIAV associates Paul Warming
- Not represented
  - ASM
  - AFEIV
  - FRCSL
  - HSFS
  - TWFM
- GA 5 minutes read and approved
- SEV and SVB accepted as members
- Motion regarding membership applications passed
  - Must be submitted six months in advance to FIAV president
  - Must state number of members, vexillological purposes, and activities and publications
  - FIAV council to make recommendation and circulate to all FIAV members in advance of GA
- Motions of CISV and SEV to recognize Italian and Spanish as official languages discussed, but no vote taken
- FI motion to allow regional non-ICV international gatherings in alternate years from ICVs defeated
- Officers re-elected
- Councillors re-elected except for following
  - Canada The Rev. Ralph Spence
  - France Lucien Philippe
  - Switzerland Louis Mühlemann

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

General Assembly, 29 June 1979

Vienna, Austria

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:45 AM. by the President of the Federation, Dr. Ottfried Neubecker. The following members were present, as represented by their accredited delegates: Centro Italiano di Studi Vessillologici (Vezio Melegari), Flag Institute (William Crampton), Flag Research Center (Dr. Whitney Smith), Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde (Dr. Franz Kaindl), National Flag Foundation (George Cahill), Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde (Mr. C.H. de Koning), Nordisk Flagselskab (Christian Pedersen), North American Vexillological Association (Rev. Ralph Spence), Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique (René Wattiez), Société Suisse de Vexillologie (Louis Mühlemann), Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek (Klaes Sierksma), United States Flag Foundation (Muriel Cahill), Wappen-Herold (Dr. Ottfried Neubecker). Paul Warming was elected as a delegate in accordance with Article X of the Federation Statutes. No delegates were present from the Association Française d'Études Internationales Vexillologiques, Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka, Flag Section of the Heraldry Society, Sezione Vesillologica, and the Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags.
- II. The minutes of the General Assembly of 12 June 1977 were read and approved.
- III. The applications for membership in FIAV by the Sociedad Española de Vexilología and the Societas Vexillologica Belgica were considered and approved. The delegates of those associations, respectively, who took part in the subsequent deliberations of the General Assembly were Sebastián Herreros Agüí and Roger Baert.
- IV. Applications for membership in FIAV by the Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap, the Partioheraldikot, and the Flag Design Center were considered. In view of the absence of notification on the agenda of these applications and some questions concerning the propriety of the applications, no action was taken in the matter. The following motion was made by the delegate from the Flag Research Center: "An application for membership in the Federation is to be submitted to the Federation President at least six months in advance of the next General Assembly, in writing, with an indication of the number of members associated with the applicant; its degree of interest in and involvement with vexillology; the activities and publications of the applicant (with examples), said application to be circulated to all members of the Federation in advance of the General Assembly with the recommendations of the Council relative to membership." The motion was adopted, thirteen votes in favor and the delegate of the Flag Institute opposed.
- V. The delegate of the North American Vexillological Association extended the offer of the Heraldry Society of Canada to sponsor the 9th International Congress of Vexillology in 1981 in Ottawa, Canada. The offer was accepted thirteen votes in the affirmative and the delegate of the Sociedad Española de Vexilología opposed. The following motion was made and approved: "The

Board of the Federation is to determine the site and sponsor of any future International Congress of Vexillology when the site and sponsor originally approved by the General Assembly are withdrawn."

- VI. The motion of the Centro Italiano di Studi Vessillologici and of the Sociedad Española de Vexilología that "The Italian and Spanish languages be recognized as official languages of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations" was considered without being put to a formal vote. The President pointed out that there was no problem with the use of Italian, Spanish, or any other language in sessions of the General Assembly, in lectures delivered at International Congresses of Vexillology and the written text published in the Congress Report, or in verbal or written communications with officers of the Federation. However, recognition of further languages in the Federation Statutes might put a legal obligation on the Federation to provide oral and/or written translations of material into all official languages.
- VII. The delegate of the Flag Institute moved that "Member organizations of FIAV be permitted to hold international gatherings on a regional basis in years alternating with those of the International Congresses of Vexillology." After protracted discussions of all aspects of the question a vote was taken; five delegates voted in favor (Centro Italiano di Studi Vessillologici, Flag Institute, Sociedad Española de Vexilología, Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde, Soci t  Suisse de Vexillologie) four delegates voted against (Flag Research Center, Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek, National Flag Foundation, United States Flag Foundation); and three delegates abstained (Wappen-Herold, Societas Vexillologica Belgica, Nordisk Flagselskab). Since Article XIII of the Federation Statutes requires the affirmative vote of "two-thirds majority of the members present or represented," the motion lost.
- VIII. The following members of the Board and Council of the Federation were elected for the term 1979-1981: President, Dr. Ottfried Neubecker; Secretary-General (Permanent Bureau of the Federation), Dr. Whitney Smith; Secretary-General (Permanent Bureau, International Congresses of Vexillology), Klaes Sierksma; Councillors for France, Lucien Philippe; Italy, Mario Gibellini; United Kingdom, William Crampton; United States, Willian Spangler; Canada, Reverend Ralph Spence; Austria, Dr. Franz Kaindl; Netherlands, J.H. Rombach; Denmark, Christian Pedersen; Sweden, Walter Rydberg; Norway, Dr. Atle Grahl-Madsen; Belgium, Roger Harmignies; Switzerland, Louis M hlemann; Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Johannes Klein; Spain, Sebasti n Herreros Ag  . No councillor was elected for Sri Lanka. Following the election the General Assembly adjourned.

Klaes Sierksma distributed a list of proposals relative to revision of the Statutes of the Federation which were not, however, discussed at the General Assembly. A copy is enclosed.

Inquiries relative to the 9th International Congress of Vexillology should be sent to Rev. D. Ralph Spence, 38 Claremont Street, Thorold, Ontario L2V 1R6, Canada.



GA 7  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
August 27, 28, 1981

ICV 9  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
August 24 - 28, 1981  
Flag Research Center  
Heraldry Society of Canada  
North American Vexillological Association

Summary:

- Officers
  - Ottfried Neubecker (Germany, West) president
  - Whitney Smith (United States) secretary-general
  - Klaes Sierksma (Netherlands) secretary-general for congresses
- Councillors (not necessarily present)
  - Austria Franz Kaindl
  - Belgium Roger E. Harmignies
  - Canada The Rev. Ralph Spence
  - Denmark Christian Fogd Pedersen
  - Finland Bo Tennberg
  - France Lucien Philippe
  - Germany, West Johannes Klein
  - Italy Mario Gibellini
  - Netherlands Johannes Hendrik Rombach
  - Norway Atle Grahl-Madsen
  - Spain Sebastián Herreros Agüí
  - Sweden Walter Rydberg
  - Switzerland Louis Mühlemann
  - United Kingdom William G. Crampton
  - United States William C. Spangler
- Delegates
  - FDC Alfred Znamierowski
  - FRC Whitney Smith
  - GOH Franz Kaindl
  - NFF George Cahill
  - NAVA John Purcell
  - OGHB Roger Baert
  - SEV Tomas Rodriguez Peñas
  - SVB The Rev. Hugh Boudin
  - USFF Muriel Cahill
  - WH Ottfried Neubecker
  - FIAV associates V.A. Sokolov
- Not represented
  - ASM
  - AFEIV
  - CISV
  - FI
  - FRCSL
  - HSFS
  - NVvV
  - NF
  - SSV
  - SBH
  - TWMF
- GA 6 minutes read and approved
- Presence of SBH recognized for purposes of article 12 of the statutes (quorum) due to presence of Klaes Sierksma, even though SBH had no delegate and, therefore, could not vote
- Membership application of VASLA (Vexillological Association of Sri Lanka) not submitted to vote as it did not meet membership application procedure approved at GA 5
- Membership application procedure reaffirmed, but requirement that FIAV council make recommendation and circulate to all FIAV members in advance of GA suspended to allow consideration of application of FDC
- Discussion regarding definition of "institution" and agreement that term could include both nonprofit and for profit entities
- FDC accepted as member

- Discussion regarding terminating membership for inactive members and need for objective criteria in statutes to determine active status
- Flag Information Code adopted
- Motion regarding September 1981, Bremerhaven, Germany (West) vexillological symposium passed
- Councillors re-elected
- The Rev. Hugh Boudin elected president, Otfried Neubecker elected secretary-general, and Whitney Smith elected secretary-general for congresses
- Klaes Sierksma announced resignation of SBH; ruled SBH still member until it complied with article 6 of the statutes

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

Protocol of the General Assembly, 27-28 August 1981

Ottawa, Canada

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:45 A.M. by the President of the Federation, Dr. Ottfried Neubecker. The following members were present, as represented by their accredited delegates: Flag Research Center (Dr. Whitney Smith), Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde (Dr. Franz Kaindl), National Flag Foundation (Mr. George Cahill), North American Vexillological Association (Dr. John Purcell), Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique (Mr. Roger Baert), Sociedad Española de Vexilología (Mr. Tomas Rodriguez Peñas), Societas Vexillologica Belgica (Rev. Hugh Boudin), United States Flag Foundation (Mrs. Muriel Cahill), Wappen-Herold (Dr. Ottfried Neubecker). No delegates were present from the Association Française d'Études Internationales Vexillologiques, Centr. Italiano di Studi Vessillologici, Flag Institute, Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka, Flag Section, Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde, Nordisk Flagselskab, Sezione Vessillologica, Société Suisse de Vexillogie, Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek, Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags.
- II. The question of the seating of a delegate in the General Assembly to represent Associates of the Federation (in accordance with Article 10 of the Statutes) was raised. The name of Paul Warming was mentioned, but despite his previous service it was pointed out that his election was only valid for the General Assembly held at the time of his election. Moreover, he would not qualify for the present General Assembly since he is from a country (Denmark) where a vexillological association already exists. Those individuals from countries where no vexillological associations exist, not members of some other vexillological association, who were present at the congress included only Prof. V.A. Sokolov (U.S.S.R.) and Elaine Peters (Australia). No election among the Associates had been held in advance, nor is there any indication in the Statutes as to the method of choosing an Associate Delegate to serve at a General Assembly. The Assembly voted for Prof. Sokolov as Associate Delegate, the Flag Research Center and Sociedad Vexilológica Española abstaining.
- III. Klaes Sierksma indicated that he was present as Secretary General for Congresses and was not representing the Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek because no official invitation had been received and therefore the Stichting could not appoint him as a delegate. In discussing the matter, it turned out that his requests for an official invitation were improperly directed to the Secretary of the Congress, Rev. Ralph Spence, instead of the Secretary General for the Federation, Dr. Whitney Smith. The latter believed his announcement of the agenda of the Assembly to be a sufficient invitation to all members. The presence of the Stichting, even if not validly represented by authority to vote in the General Assembly, was determined to be sufficient to meet the requirement of Article 12 according to which at least half of the members must be present or represented in order for the General Assembly to be valid. Mr. Sierksma therefore continued to participate in the General Assembly without the right of voting. It was pointed out that the Statutes do not provide for participation of the Secretaries-General ex officio in the Assembly.
- IV. The protocol of the General Assembly held at Vienna, 29 June 1979, was read. Mr. Sierksma challenged the accuracy of the minutes because no mention was made of the invitation from the Deutsches Schiffahrtsmuseum

to sponsor the 9th International Congress of Vexillology. Discussion of the matter among delegates who had been at that Assembly confirmed that no such offer was publicly made, although it may informally have been discussed in advance. Thereafter the protocol of the 1979 General Assembly was unanimously approved, except for the abstention of the delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica.

- V. A letter was read by the President from Mr. Kumaran Fernando of VASLA (the Vexillological Association of Sri Lanka), requesting membership in FIAV. The membership proposal was not submitted to a vote since it did not meet the requirements for membership applications voted at the 1979 General Assembly. Moreover, the relationship between VASLA and the Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka, from which correspondence has also been received in the name of Mr. Fernando, was not made clear.
- VI. A general discussion of membership in FIAV and participation in its General Assembly led to a proposal by the delegate of the National Flag Foundation for a nominating committee to submit names of possible officers in future elections. After further discussion the proposal was withdrawn. Nevertheless it was agreed that all member associations should submit proposals for possible revisions in the Statutes and that the Secretary General of the Federation should send copies of the current Statutes to all member associations. The President pointed out that he had previously requested a review of the Statutes from Mr. Warming who was engaged in the matter.
- VII. The Flag Design Center requested that action be taken on its membership application, originally submitted to the 1979 General Assembly. The rules relative to membership applications adopted at that General Assembly were read. It was clear that the Flag Design Center had met the requirements, but that the procedure had not been fulfilled (i.e. the data submitted had not been circulated to members of the Federation in advance of the General Assembly) such that the application could not be voted on. The delegate of the Flag Research Center proposed that the membership application rules adopted in 1979 be reaffirmed, but that they be suspended in this particular instance since the defective nature of the application was not due to the applicant and at least in theory might, if repeated, prevent any future application from being acted on. It was voted unanimously to reaffirm the membership application procedures adopted in 1979. It was then voted unanimously, except for the opposition of the National Flag Foundation, to suspend the procedures in the present case and to consider the application of the Flag Design Center.
- VIII. A discussion followed concerning qualifications of membership. According to Article 5 of the Statutes, there are three types of potential members -- vexillological associations having at least five members, vexillological foundations and institutions, and foundations and institutions of which a branch or section has the study of vexillology as its major concern. The definition of institution not being given in the Statutes, in addition to non-profit foundations the possibility of admitting profit-making institutions which otherwise meet the qualifications was recognized. The application of the Flag Design Center was unanimously approved, except for the negative vote of the National Flag Foundation. Alfred Znamierowski took part in the subsequent deliberations of the General Assembly as the delegate of the Flag Design Center.

- IX. A discussion ensued about the possibility of terminating or suspending membership for those members which are no longer active, particularly in view of the requirement of the Statutes that at least half of the Federation members be present or represented in order for a valid General Assembly to be held and in light of the number of members apparently no longer active. By general consensus, it was agreed that the proposals for the revision of Statutes should include suggestions for objective criteria in determining the active status of members. The delegate of the Flag Design Center mentioned issuing publications, participation at congresses, and the exchange of data as the kinds of activity which might determine such status.
- X. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 and reconvened at 2:40.
- XI. A draft transcription of decisions made by consensus in the general discussion of flag terminology from the previous day was submitted by the delegate of the Flag Research Center in the form set forth in the Appendix to this protocol, under the title "Flag Information Code." That Code was unanimously approved and its publication in THE FLAG BULLETIN was promised by the delegate of the Flag Research Center.
- XII. The delegate of the Flag Design Center recommended the adoption of further flag terminology symbols to indicate the source of information on which a given illustration has been based. Inasmuch as the proposals had not been discussed at the informal meeting the previous day, the delegate of the Flag Research Center recommended, and it was agreed by consensus, that such proposals should be formally considered at the 10th International Congress of Vexillology.
- XIII. The delegate of the Sociedad Vexilológica Española presented the offer of that association to organize the 11th International Congress of Vexillology in Madrid, Spain, in 1985 on the occasion of the bicentenary of the Spanish national flag. The offer was unanimously approved with thanks.
- XIV. The Secretary General of FIAV for Congresses submitted a proposal, which he had provisionally discussed with the Singapore Tourist Board, offering Singapore as the site of the 10th International Congress of Vexillology in 1983. Discussion focused on certain practical problems, including the facts that there would be no FIAV representative in Singapore to undertake organization; expenses even at the proposed discount rates would be very high; and few if any vexillologists are known to live in Asia who might compensate for the anticipated loss of participants from Europe and North America. The discussion led into a general consideration of the low attendance of Europeans at the 9th International Congress of Vexillology which delegates from North America felt was due in large part to the plans announced for a symposium of vexillologists to be held in Bremerhaven, Federal Republic of Germany, in September 1981. Certain delegates from Europe indicated that it was not possible to have the meeting canceled nor did they feel that they personally were willing to renounce participation in the meeting. The delegate of the Flag Research Center moved that "The International Federation of Vexillological Associations expresses its deep regret that a vexillological symposium has been called in Bremerhaven for September 1981 and calls on all its officers and the members of FIAV not to participate in that symposium." The motion was unanimously adopted with the exception of a negative vote by the delegate of Wappen-Herold.

- XV. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M. and reconvened at 10:40 P.M. Rev. John Szala replaced Dr. John Purcell as the delegate of the North American Vexillological Association.
- XVI. The question of the site of the 10th International Congress of Vexillology was discussed further. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation offered its headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, United States of America, as a site for that Congress. It was proposed that Pittsburgh be accepted unless prior to 1 March 1982 the Secretary General for Congresses is able to make firm arrangements for an alternate site in Europe, which he is instructed to inquire about. The motion was unanimously approved.
- XVII. The delegate of the Flag Research Center moved the reelection for the term 1981-1983 the Councillors who had served for the 1979-1981 term. The motion was unanimously approved.
- XVIII. Rev. Hugh Boudin was nominated for the position of President of FIAV. Dr. Ottfried Neubecker was nominated for Secretary General for Congresses but declined the nomination. Dr. Whitney Smith was nominated for Secretary General for the Federation. The delegate of the North American Vexillological Association moved that each office be voted on separately. The motion was unanimously approved. Rev. Boudin left the room in order for a vote to be taken on his candidacy for President. Confusion arose on voting procedure and possible further nominations.
- XIX. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 P.M. and reconvened at 12:20 A.M. (00:20) on Friday, 28 August 1981.
- XX. It was moved that all nominations be withdrawn and that the procedure be begun from the start, voting first for President, then Secretary General of the Federation, and then Secretary General for Congresses. The motion was unanimously approved, except for the abstention of the delegate of the North American Vexillological Association.
- XXI. Dr. Ottfried Neubecker and Rev. Hugh Boudin were nominated for the presidency. The two nominees left the room and the vote was conducted in secret by paper ballot. After six ballots Rev. Boudin received the two-thirds affirmative vote required for election. He and Dr. Neubecker then rejoined the Assembly.
- XXII. Drs. Ottfried Neubecker and Whitney Smith were nominated for the position of Secretary General of the Federation, the latter refusing the nomination. Dr. Neubecker was elected.
- XXIII. Dr. Whitney Smith and Klaes Sierksma were nominated for the position of Secretary General for Congresses, the latter refusing the nomination. Dr. Smith was elected.
- XXIV. The delegate of the Flag Research Center suggested that a specified procedure was needed for elections in the future. The delegate of the Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde suggested that these could be part of interior regulations for the administration of FIAV. It was agreed by consensus that proposals for such regulations should be drafted for future approval.
- XXV. The observer from the Stichting vor Banistiek en Heraldiek announced

the resignation of that organization from FIAV. The delegate from the North American Vexillological Association pointed out that the observer had previously indicated his lack of official credentials and therefore his inability to convey an official message from the Stichting. Consequently, it was ruled that for purposes of determining official membership, the Stichting would be considered a member until such time as official word might be received from the Stichting concerning its decision to withdraw from the Federation, in accordance with Article 6 of the Statutes. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 A.M.



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Dr. Ottfried Neubecker  
Secretary General of the Federation

PROTOCOL OF THE FIAV GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OTTAWA, CANADA 27-28 AUGUST 1981

APPENDIX

The International Federation of Vexillological Associations officially recognizes the following Flag Information Code and recommends its use to its members, to individual vexillologists, and to publishers and others concerned for flags.

FLAG INFORMATION CODE

- I. It is clearly understood that use of the Code in no way is intended to substitute for a complete textual exposition of the information to which the symbols of the Code refer.
- II. 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 insofar as possible eliminates misunderstandings and which is both comprehensible to persons knowing different languages and easy to learn;
  - 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 data for personal use and for exchanges and publication of information.
  - D. To eliminate insofar as possible the confusion existing in terminology employed by governments and others when reference is made to different flags and flag uses.

III. FLAG COLORS

- A. The following letters are adopted for use to indicate the colors of a flag in illustrations:
  - R (red)
  - O (orange)
  - Y (yellow)
  - V (green)
  - B (blue)
  - P (purple)
  - N (black)
  - W (white)
  - Au (gold)
  - Ag (silver)



- B. Colors other than those listed shall be written out in full.
- C. The following symbols are adopted for use in illustrations to indicate approximate color shades of a flag:
  - (light)
  - (very light)
  - +
  - ++ (very dark)
- D. The letters used without any symbol indicate a medium, normal, or unknown shade of the color.

IV. FLAG PROPORTIONS

The following system of identification is adopted for use as part of illustrations of flags of all kinds to indicate relative proportions. The first figure corresponds to the width of the flag, which is defined as the side normally attached to the pole or staff. Thus a flag with a width of 3 units and a length of 5 units shall be written

3x5 (hand-written form)  
3:5 (printed version)

V. NATIONAL FLAG TYPOLOGY

- A. The following symbol is adopted for use in illustrations of flags whose primary purpose is to identify nationality rather than some other characteristic (such as the rank of an individual or the existence of a government or military institution or unit or some other concept):



- B. The grid indicates the six basic uses of flags of nationality, i.e. use by private citizens, by public institutions, and by military institutions on land and the corresponding usages at sea. Private, public, and military use are indicated from left to right by the three vertical columns; use on land and at sea are indicated by the top and bottom horizontal columns, respectively.
- C. The grid is to be written or printed in the line of identifying text near an illustration of a flag, together with the symbol indicating proportions. The use of the flag design illustrated for one or more of the six uses shall be indicated by placing a point (●) in the appropriate area or areas of the grid in printed versions and an X in the appropriate area or areas in a hand-written version.
- D. The following symbol is adopted for use, as appropriate, in illustrations of flags which identify civil and/or military aircraft and air installations, a point (●) or X in the appropriate vertical column above the top horizontal line indicating the usage:



VI. Changes and additions to the Code may be adopted only by a General Assembly of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations. When possible, all such modifications shall be discussed fully in advance by all participants at the International Congress of Vexillology during which the General Assembly is held. Member associations and individual vexillologists are encouraged to consider desirable modifications based on actual experience in using the Code.

GA 8  
Oxford, England, United Kingdom  
September 26, 28, 29, 1983

ICV 10  
Oxford, England, United Kingdom  
September 25 - 30, 1983  
Flag Institute  
Heraldry Society Flag Section

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  - AFEIV
  - CISV
  - FRCSL
  - HSFS
  - NVvV
  - NF
  - SSV
- SHB resignation letter received by president
- GA 7 minutes read and approved
- Motion by NFF to close GA meeting to nondelegates fails for want of second; motion by FI, as amended by NFF, passes: "[P]articipants at an International Congress of Vexillology may be present as observers, without the right of voting or speaking, at a General Assembly of the Federation unless the General Assembly objects, provided that prior public announcement of that situation be made to everyone and that all wanting to attend as observers be welcome to do so."
- Motion by FRC passes: "[T]he Federation seeks insofar as possible to solicit and approve the sites for future International Congresses of Vexillology four years in advance with alternative sites planned."
- Discussion regarding factors to be used in selecting site for ICVs: (1) cost of congress; (2) cost of travel; (3) possibility of meeting new vexillologists; (4) organizing skills of hosts; (5) availability of vexillological resources; and (6) quality and quality of presentations to be made
- Discussion regarding promotion of attendance at ICVs

- Captain E.M.C. Barraclough named Laureate of the Federation
- Discussion regarding official opening of ICV; matter left to discretion of congress hosts
- Discussion regarding publication of congress proceedings; motion passes: “[T]he Federation undertakes to assure that proceedings of all International Congresses of Vexillology are published through a member of the Federation or the organizers of the International Congress of Vexillology or other means.”
- The Rev. Hugh Boudin re-elected president, Whitney Smith elected secretary-general, and William Crampton elected secretary-general for congresses
- Otfried Neubecker thanked for his service as president and secretary-general
- Amendments to statutes debated and approved:
  - two categories of members—vexillological associations and scientific vexillological institutions
  - specific membership application procedures, including requirement of autochthonous and authorized delegate
  - deletion of requirement that “Federation is constituted in conformity with the laws of the Swiss Confederation.”
  - procedures for expulsion of member
  - deletion of associate membership for individuals resident in countries where no vexillological association exists
  - inactive members not counted towards quorum requirement (“inactive member” defined as one not represented in any of three previous GAs or since beginning of its membership if member for less than six years)
  - council abolished
- Discussion regarding ban on non-ICV vexillological meetings; FRC pointed out distinction between (1) casual visitors to another member’s meeting and (2) meeting to which nonmembers are invited to attend; FRC proposal to amend statutes to allow meetings of vexillologists involving no more than two FIAV member organizations failed; general agreement that word “congress” meant any kind of formal gathering of vexillologists
- Proposal of SVV to amend statutes to allow ex officio vote for officers failed
- Motion of FRC to interpret current statutes passed: “[O]nly due representatives of Federation members can voter in General Assemblies, but anyone can be elected a member of the board.”

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

Protocol of the General Assembly, 26-29 September 1983

Oxford, England

- I. The meeting was called to order 9:35 A.M. 26 September 1983 by the President of the Federation, Dr. Hugh Boudin. The following members were present, as represented by their accredited delegates: Flag Institute (William Crampton), Flag Design Center (Alfred Znamierowski), Flag Research Center (Whitney Smith), Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde (Franz Kaindl), National Flag Foundation (George Cahill), Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique (René Wattiez), Sociedad Española de Vexilología (Tomás Rodríguez Peñas), Societas Vexillologica Belgica (Roger Baert), Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags (Whitney Smith), United States Flag Foundation (Randolph Beard), Wappen-Herold (Ottfried Neubecker). No delegates were present from the Association Française d'Études Internationales Vexillologiques, Centro Italiano di Studi Vessillologici, Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka, Flag Section of the Heraldry Society, Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde, Nordisk Flagselskab, North American Vexillological Association, Sezione Vessillologica, Société Suisse de Vexillogie. The President announced that he had received a formal letter from the Stichting voor Banistiek en Heraldiek indicating its voluntary resignation as a member of the Federation in accordance with Article 6 of the Federation Statutes. It was thus determined that there were 20 members of the Federation of which eleven were duly represented by delegates, thus fulfilling the requirement for a quorum found in Article 12 of the Statutes.
- II. The question of a delegate to the General Assembly, as provided in Article 10 of the Statutes, was considered. The delegate of the Flag Research Center reviewed the provisions of this article and the list of participants at the 10th International Congress of Vexillology and determined that there was no one meeting the qualifications for Associate of the Federation. This interpretation was unanimously accepted as correct.
- III. The provisional agenda drafted by the President of the Federation was accepted by consensus. The protocol of the General Assembly held at Ottawa, 27-28 August 1981, was read and the first two paragraphs approved.
- IV. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 A.M. and reconvened at 8:05 P.M. on 28 September.
- V. The remainder of the protocol of the previous General Assembly was read and the entire document was unanimously approved except for the abstention of the delegate from the Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique. A delegate from the North American Vexillological Association (James Marill) joined the work of the General Assembly.
- VI. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation moved that "the General Assembly be a closed meeting". There was no second to the motion and it therefore failed. Discussion followed on the advisability of an open or closed meeting. The delegate of the Flag Institute

moved that "participants at an International Congress of Vexillology may be present as observers, without the right of voting or speaking, at a General Assembly of the Federation unless the General Assembly objects." The motion was seconded by the delegate of the Flag Design Center. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation moved an amendment "provided that prior public announcement of that situation be made to everyone and that all wanting to attend as observers be welcome to do so." The amendment was seconded by the delegate of the Flag Institute. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica moved an amendment that "such observers to be limited to delegates of prospective members of the Federation." This amendment did not receive a second and thus failed. The delegate of the Flag Design Center moved an amendment to remove the words "unless the General Assembly objects" to the original motion. This was seconded by the delegate of the Flag Research Center, but after discussion the amendment was withdrawn by the delegate of the Flag Design Center. It was agreed by consensus that the amendment proposed by the National Flag Foundation, if approved, would be applicable as of the following day. The amendment was unanimously approved. A vote was then taken on the original motion of the Flag Institute which was also unanimously approved.

- VII. The delegate of the Flag Research Center moved that "Ing. Aleš Brožek be invited to attend the present sitting of the General Assembly of the Federation as an observer." The motion was seconded by the delegate of the Flag Institute. The motion carried with 8 affirmative votes; the delegate of the National Flag Foundation voted against and the delegates of the Sociedad Española de Vexilología, the Flag Design Center, and the United States Flag Foundation abstained. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation moved that "any other participant at this International Congress of Vexillology may attend the current sitting of the General Assembly of the Federation on the same condition as the prior motion." The move was seconded by the delegate of the Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique. The delegate of the Flag Design Center moved an amendment "provided that there be a ten minute break to notify participants." the amendment was seconded by the delegate of the National Flag Foundation. The amendment was approved with nine votes in favor and the delegates of the Flag Research Center, Tumbling Waters Museum, and North American Vexillological Association voting against. The main motion was then voted on and unanimously approved except for the abstention of the delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica.
- VIII. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 P.M. and reconvened at 9:22 P.M.
- IX. The delegate of the Sociedad Española de Vexilología gave details for the plans being made for the 11th International Congress of Vexillology. The delegate of the Flag Research Center moved that "the Federation seeks insofar as possible to solicit and approve the sites for future International Congress of Vexillology four years in advance with alternative sites planned." The delegate of the Flag Design Center seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
- X. The delegate of the Flag Design Center extended an invitation to hold the 12th International Congress of Vexillology in 1987 in San Diego, California. There was a general discussion of the question of what constituted an appropriate meeting site. Some of

the factors cited were the cost of the meeting, the cost of traveling to the meeting site, the possibility of meeting new vexillologists, the organizing skills of the hosts, the availability of vexillological resources at the site, and the quantity and quality of the presentations made. San Diego was approved by consensus as an alternative site for the 1985 International Congress of Vexillology in the event that the Sociedad Española de Vexilología is unable for any reason to organize that Congress.

- XI. The delegate of Wappen-Herold requested that a list of vexillologists who had attended previous International Congresses of Vexillology be drawn up so that invitations could be sent to them to attend future International Congress of Vexillology. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation drew attention to the fact that attendance at Congresses had been diminishing and a general discussion followed on ways to correct this situation. It was agreed that more publicity be made and should be made longer in advance of Congress than previously; that members of the Federation should assist in promoting attendance; that the Congress organizers must make every effort to attract participants by the substance of the Congress; and that the Board of the Federation and especially its Secretary General for International Congresses of Vexillology should concern themselves with the problem. It was specifically recommended that invitations should be sent to students in the area where the Congress is taking place to attend in order to broaden interest in vexillology.
- XII. The delegate of the Flag Research Center moved that "under Article 14e of the Statutes of the Federation Capt. E. M. C. Barraclough be named as a Laureate of the Federation and that he be so notified." The motion was seconded by the delegate of the North American Vexillological Association and unanimously approved. The delegate of the Flag Institute promised to deliver notification and the warm wishes of the General Assembly to Capt. Barraclough in person and subsequently a certificate was prepared by Commander Bruce Nicholls.
- XIII. The delegate of the Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde complained that the 10th International Congress of Vexillology had never been officially opened. The President of the Federation pointed out that there had been an opening address by the President of the Congress, Mr. J. P. Brooke-Little. The delegate of the Flag Research Center pointed out that from the standpoint of the Federation what mattered was the due constitution of a General Assembly and its subsequent work. No specific provisions had ever been established for International Congresses of Vexillology which could therefore have as much or as little ceremonial as the organizers wished.
- XIV. The delegate from the Flag Institute raised the problems associated with the publication of the proceedings of the International Congresses of Vexillology and raised the question as to whether the cost should be covered by the money from the registration fee for the Congress. A general discussion of the question followed. The delegate of the Flag Research Center indicated that it was desirable that the Federation publish all proceedings; that they be in as good form as possible (i.e. edited, illustrated, and in book format); that

as many copies as possible be distributed; and that publication take place as soon as possible following the conclusion of a Congress. Those principles were agreed to by consensus and it was further agreed that the Federation should oversee the work. The delegate of the Flag Research Center offered to undertake the work of publishing the proceedings of the current Congress. The delegate of the Flag Institute moved that "the Federation undertakes to assure that proceedings of all International Congresses of Vexillology are published through a member of the Federation or the organizers of the International Congress of Vexillology or other means." The motion was seconded by the delegate of the North American Vexillological Association and unanimously approved.

- XV. The delegate of the Flag Institute proposed that the Federation should publish an annual journal with contributions from members. The delegate of the Flag Research Center pointed out that the Federation has already designated The Flag Bulletin and Archivum Heraldicum for such purposes and that there were many questions involved in such an undertaking. It would be costly to produce such a journal and no guarantee would exist that subscribers would be found. To the extent that such a journal was successful, it would be in competition with the journals of Federation members. Finally there would be many potential complications regarding the selection and organization of an editorial board.
- XVI. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation moved the nomination for election as President of the Federation for the period 1983-1985 Dr. Hugh Boudin. The move was seconded by the delegate of the Flag Design Center and unanimously approved. The delegate of the Flag Design Center nominated Dr. Whitney Smith as candidate for the position of Secretary General of the Federation for the period 1983 - 1985. The following nominations were made for the position of Secretary General for the International Congresses of Vexillology for 1983 - 1985: the delegate of the National Flag Foundation nominated Dr. Franz Kaindl who declined the nomination. The delegate of the Flag Design Center nominated Sr. Tomás Rodríguez Peñas and William Crampton; both declined the nominations, although Mr. Crampton subsequently indicated a willingness to be a candidate. The delegate of the Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique, René Wattiez, nominated himself for the position. The delegate of the Flag Research Center nominated Dr. Atle Grahl-Madsen and Ing. Aleš Brožek.
- XVII. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 P.M. and reconvened at 11:00 P.M. A written ballot was conducted by the President of the Federation. On the first ballot the number of votes for the position of Secretary General for the International Congresses of Vexillology was as follows: Brožek 4, Crampton 5, Grahl-Madsen 0, and Wattiez 3. On the second ballot the votes were Brožek 2, Crampton 7, Grahl-Madsen 0, and Wattiez 3. At this point Mr. Wattiez withdrew and a third ballot obtained one vote for Brožek and eleven for William Crampton, the new Secretary General for the International Congresses of Vexillology.
- XVIII. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation nominated Alfred Znamierowski for the position of Secretary General for the Federation, but he declined the nomination. The nomination of



Dr. Whitney Smith for the position was then unanimously approved. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation moved a vote of deep thanks to Dr. Ottfried Neubecker for his many years of service to the Federation as its President and Secretary General, which was unanimously approved by the delegates.

- XIX. Pursuant to the decision of the previous General Assembly, attention was turned to revisions in the Statutes of the Federation. The President pointed out that recommendations for changes had been submitted to the Secretary General for the Federation by various member organizations. These were carefully reviewed by the Board of the Federation which was presenting a synthesis of the revisions for consideration. In addition to changes proposed by the members deemed advisable by the Board, there were minor modifications designed to bring the English and French versions of the text into correspondence. The President recommended that all changes be discussed and approved article by article and language by language. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation recommended that consensus be reached where possible but that actual voting on changes be delayed until the entire Statutes had been reviewed, since some provisions would be affected by points appearing subsequently in the review. This procedure was agreed to by consensus.
- XX. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 P.M. and reconvened at 9:00 A.M. on 29 September.
- XXI. The discussion of the first article led to consideration of the definition of membership qualifications set forth in Article 5. It was agreed that both articles should reflect the same definition of membership. It was also agreed that there were two fundamental categories eligible for membership -- vexillological associations and scientific vexillological institutions, the latter to include foundations, research institutes, and museums. It was felt that the growing strength of vexillology obviated the advisability of maintaining the provision of the original Statutes which recognized as a potential member vexillological branches or sections of institutions having other concerns. It was felt desirable to spell out the membership application procedures and the qualifications to be considered in accepting new members. The desirability of having a representative from an organization applying for membership present at the General Assembly which considers the application was agreed to, but there was discussion of how the position should be defined. The infrequency of General Assemblies and geographic dispersal of members eventually led to acceptance of a phrase requiring the delegate be autochthonous and authorized.
- XXII. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M. and reconvened at 2:45 P.M. The first four articles of the Statutes were approved by consensus in the form presented in the Appendix to this Protocol. The only change of substance in these four articles was the omission of the first sentence in Article 4 of the old Statutes ("the Federation is constituted in conformity with the laws of the Swiss Confederation"). Since the Federation does not have legal registration nor financial activities, it was considered that this provision was unnecessary and potentially a hindrance to future action the Federation might wish to take in this direction. It also implicitly imposed a burden the General Assembly was unwilling to assume, namely constant familiarity with the Swiss laws which might be applicable to the

activities of the Federation.

- XXIII. Article 5 of the Statutes was rewritten in the form shown in the Appendix and approved by general consensus. The first sentence of Article 6 was added to Article 5. It was agreed that a member whose expulsion was being proposed should have the chance to defend itself and should have adequate notification, wording to this effect being added to the revised article approved by general consensus. There was also general agreement that criteria for expulsion should be drafted. The question was raised whether only moral questions should be taken into consideration in the matter, such as the embezzlement of funds for an International Congress of Vexillology by a member undertaking its organization, or if there would be a basis for proposing expulsion for a member which organized a vexillological conference in competition with one officially sanctioned by the Federation. The following wording was agreed to by general consensus but not included in the revised Statutes due to lack of completion: "the expulsion of a member may be considered by a General Assembly only (1) if reasons for expulsion are received by the President of the Federation six months in advance of a General Assembly, the President being obliged to circulate the reasons to the members of the Federation; (2) ...." It was decided that the matter should be left for further consideration.
- XXIV. Articles 7 and 8 were rewritten only to reinforce the original sentiments by improved language. Here as elsewhere the effort was made to make use of consistent meanings for words such as "member" or "delegate". The revised text appears in the Appendix.
- XXV. A long discussion took place on possible modifications to Article 9. It was suggested that the phrase be added to the second sentence "unless sanctioned by the Federation", but it was pointed out that this would completely reverse the original intention which was to forbid such meetings from being held at all. The President of the Federation stressed that the success of the International Congresses of Vexillology should not be endangered by alternative meetings. The delegate of the Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique suggested a Congress held in those years when an official International Congress of Vexillology was not being held would be acceptable. The delegate of the Flag Research Center stressed that the reality of the world situation in vexillology meant that any multi-national congress held in Europe was essentially an international congress from which North Americans were, intentionally or unintentionally, consciously or unconsciously, excluded. Any such congress, whether held simultaneously with an International Congress of Vexillology or not, would tend to drain off potential registration at an official International Congress of Vexillology being planned for North America. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica pointed out that the distances and number of individuals involved made it logical, for example, to have Germans and Dutch at a Belgian meeting. The delegate of the Flag Research Center pointed out that there was a difference between casual visitors attending a meeting of a given society and a publicly announced conference to which individuals from many national organizations were invited to attend; he recommended wording to be changed to forbid meetings of vexillologists involving more than two member organizations. The delegate of the Flag Institute recommended that the words in Article 9 "on their

own" should be replaced by the phrase "not sponsored by the Federation." The delegate of the Flag Research Center suggested that the phrase be revised to read "without the prior approval of the Federation Board." There was general agreement that the word "Congress" was meant to apply to any kind of formal gathering (conference, colloquium, etc.); the delegates of the Flag Design Center and the North American Vexillological Association in this spirit suggested replacing the word by "meetings". A discussion followed on the meanings associated with the words "sponsored", "authorized", patronisé, and the British and American senses of the words "patronize". In the end no change was made to the substance of the Article.

- XXVI. The Board recommended the omission of the provision in Article 10 for Associates of the Federation in light of the fact that there are now vexillological associations in almost every country where vexillologists live, rendering the original provision unnecessary. It was pointed out that the first sentence in Article 10 was also unnecessary because the membership application procedures had now been more fully defined. Therefore by general consensus the entire original Article 10 was omitted.
- XXVII. In Article 11 the only change was to the French version, where the wording membre d'honneur was altered to conform to the English by reading Lauréat de la Fédération.
- XXVIII. It had not been foreseen that a member of the Board of the Federation might not have been delegated authority to serve as the representative of a member association at a General Assembly, as was the case with the President at the present General Assembly. The question was raised therefore whether the three officers of the Federation should ex officio be part of a General Assembly; if so, whether they should have votes in the General Assembly; and, if so, whether they could also vote if they had a delegation of power of representation from a member. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica moved that the first sentence of Article 12 be amended to read "the General Assembly is composed of all the members of the Federation and elected officers of the Board." The motion was seconded by the delegate of the Flag Research Center and approved by consensus. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation expressed opposition to giving voting rights to the three officers of the Board based on their official positions, while the delegate of Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique insisted that only delegates to a General Assembly were eligible as candidates for election to the Board. The delegate of the Flag Research Center moved as an interpretation of the current Statutes, rather than as a modification to be written into the new Statutes, that "only due representatives of Federation members can vote in General Assemblies, but anyone can be elected a member of the Board." The motion was seconded by the Flag Institute and the Flag Design Center and unanimously approved except for the negative vote of the delegate of Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique.
- XXIX. In the second paragraph of Article 12 it was agreed to omit the phrase "at least", thereby restricting each member to one delegate. The phrase "in writing" was added to the same sentence. A discussion followed concerning the last sentence of the Article, dealing with

the quorum necessary for a validly constituted General Assembly. The delegate of the Sociedad Española de Vexilología put forward the recommendation of that society providing that one half the members would be required for a quorum at the first call, but that at second call, one hour later, any number of members present or represented would constitute a quorum. It was pointed out that this would allow a single delegate to constitute a quorum, thereby allowing at least the possibility of major actions being taken by a single individual on behalf of the entire Federation. The delegate of the Flag Research Center pointed out that the problem of meeting the minimum number required for a quorum could be dealt with in the previously suggested way by reducing the percentage of active members whose presence was required, but it could also be dealt with by omitting from the count at any given General Assembly those members not currently active. The inactive status would not deny any right of membership, such that an association finding itself in a position to resume activities after a number of years would not be penalized, but it would also allow the Federation to avoid the risk of not being able to hold a valid General Assembly due to the impossibility of obtaining representation from inactive associations. The delegate of the Flag Research Center proposed and the General Assembly agreed by consensus to define as inactive those associations not represented in any of the three previous General Assemblies (or since the beginning of its membership, if a member for less than six years). Examination of the records showed that three current members would be considered inactive under this definition, reducing the number required for a quorum from ten to nine. The new wording is included in the Appendix.

- XXX. In Article 13 the words "present or represented" were replaced by "duly represented." At the recommendation of the delegate of Societas Vexillologica Belgica an additional paragraph was added, reading "Voting is by a show of hands. There shall be a secret ballot, however, if requested by a member." By general consensus the first sentence of the Article was modified by the addition of the phrase at the end "not counting abstentions."
- XXXI. In the discussion of Article 14 the delegate of the Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique proposed that the President and Secretary General be elected among members of the General Assembly. The delegate also suggested that all changes in the Statutes be submitted to members of the Federation for approval. The delegate of the Flag Design Center recommended that those which had been approved by unanimous vote or consensus be incorporated in official new Statutes, only disputed points and further suggestions by the Board to be submitted to members and deferred for final decision to the General Assembly at the 11th International Congress of Vexillology.
- XXXII. The delegate of the Flag Research Center moved the re-election of the present Councillors of the Federation for the term 1983 - 1985. The motion was seconded by the delegate from the Flag Design Center and unanimously approved.
- XXXIII. Consideration of Article 14a was deferred; the remaining parts of Article 14 and all of Articles 15 and 16 were unanimously approved with minor modifications in the form given in the Appendix.

- XXXIV. A discussion of Articles 17 and 18 led to the conclusion that the Council of the Federation had not in practice operated as had been intended by the drafters of the original Statutes because of the impossibility of its meeting in person; the difficulties of soliciting meaningful opinions of practical use to the Board in a timely and economical fashion; and the discrepancy of Councillors representing countries rather than the members of the Federation. The practical experience of the past sixteen years suggested that the biennial General Assemblies and the three-person Board were an adequate and efficient administrative structure for the Federation. Therefore by general consensus the Council was abolished, Article 18 being omitted from the Statutes and Article 17 being rewritten to reflect this change. Article 14a and 14b were given the necessary corresponding changes. Articles 19 through 23 were to be renumbered accordingly; references below in this protocol are to the article numbers of the original Statutes.
- XXXV. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation recommended that the functions of the former Council in Article 18a-c be transferred to become functions of the Board and incorporated in Article 19. This idea was approved by general consensus. Article 19 was simplified without any change in its essential meaning. Articles 20, 21, and 22 were reaffirmed in their original versions. Article 23 was modified by the omission of the last part of the last sentence, since it seemed redundant and did not address the possibility of the existence of debts on the part of the Federation. In the first sentence of the article the phrase "of the members" was changed to "of the active members."
- XXXVI. The President reiterated the previous decision that the Board would prepare the written text of the Statutes incorporating all changes unanimously approved at the present General Assembly, which would henceforth be the official version of the Statutes, and that all other proposals would be sent to members of the Federation for consideration at the 11th International Congress of Vexillology. The motion was unanimously approved.
- XXXVII. The meeting adjourned at 6:30.

# STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

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## I. PURPOSES OF THE FEDERATION

Art. 1 - The International Federation of Vexillological Associations unites those associations and institutions, throughout the world, whose object is work, studies, and research about flags and banners, both contemporary and historical.

Art. 2 - The International Federation of Vexillological Associations (hereafter called "the Federation") has as its purposes:

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

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

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

Art. 3 - The Federation has no commercial ends and renounces any political or religious activity or stand. Its nature is strictly scientific.

## II. HEADQUARTERS

Art. 4 - The administrative headquarters of the Federation are located at the residences of its Secretaries-General.

## III. MEMBERSHIP

Art. 5 - An applicant for membership in the Federation

a) must be an organization of the type expressed in Article 1 of the Statutes of the Federation;

b) must be committed to the purposes of the Federation expressed in Article 2 of its Statutes;

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

Each membership application must be received in writing by the President at least six months prior to

the next General Assembly of the Federation and must be circulated by the President to the members of the Federation at least three months in advance of the General Assembly, which shall consider the following criteria in approving or rejecting the application:

- a) its statutes;
- b) its activities, including
  - i. meetings
  - ii. publications
  - iii. international relations

c) the number of its dues-paying members (minimum of five);

c) participation of its members in International Congresses of Vexillology sponsored by the Federation.

The presence of an autochthonous and authorized representative of the applicant at the General Assembly dealing with the membership application is obligatory. The acceptance and rejection of membership applications are powers of the General Assembly of the Federation.

Art. 6 - The voluntary resignation of any member must be received in writing by the President of the Federation; it is effective upon the date of its receipt.

The expulsion of a member is a power of the General Assembly of the Federation. A member whose expulsion has been proposed, for whatever reason, shall be warned three months in advance of the General Assembly that it is invited to present its defense before the General Assembly, but shall not participate in the vote on the matter.

Art. 7 - Each member of the Federation regulates its own affairs in complete freedom, limited only by the laws in effect in the territory where it functions. The Federation may not limit the rights of its members in this respect.

Art. 8 - Members of the Federation will not undertake any activities contrary to the interests of the Federation.

Art. 9 - The Federation 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 the Federation, nor may they hold international meetings of vexillology on their own.

Art. 10 - The General Assembly may name as Laureates of the Federation individuals who have made outstanding contributions to vexillology. This status does not confer any rights within the Federation.

#### IV. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Art. 11 - The General Assembly is composed of all members of the Federation and elected officers of the Board. Each member has one vote.

In order to exercise its vote each member must be represented by one individual to whom full powers have been delegated in writing in accordance with its own statutes. A member may delegate its powers in writing to a representative from any other member of the Federation.

The General Assembly is not validly constituted unless at least half its duly represented active members, as determined at the beginning of the session, are present. A member is considered as active when it has been represented in at least one of the three previous General Assemblies or since the beginning of its membership.

Art. 12 - The General Assembly acts by two-thirds majority of the members duly represented except that amendment of the Statutes requires the unanimous vote of the members duly represented, not counting abstentions.

Voting is by a show of hands. There shall be a secret ballot, however, if requested by a member.

Art. 13 - The powers of the General Assembly are the following:

- a) the election of the President and the members of the Board;
- b) examination and approval of the administration of the Board and the Committees;
- c) the examination of all questions concerning the Federation and in particular the organization of the International Congresses of Vexillology;
- d) interpretation of the Statutes of the Federation;
- e) the appointment of Laureates of the Federation and the awarding of such distinctions as it deems appropriate to persons or institutions who have shown particular merit in the field of vexillology.
- f) the determination of the amount and disposition of the entrance fees to be paid by new members.

Art. 14 - The General Assembly meets on the occasion of each International Congress of Vexillology. It must be convoked by the Board at least three months in advance with notification of the agenda, including any proposed amendments to the Statutes.

Art. 15 - The General Assembly may be called into



emergency session if extraordinary conditions require this, as determined by the Board.

#### V. ADMINISTRATION OF THE FEDERATION

Art. 16 - The administration of the Federation is entrusted to a Board which acts only by unanimous agreement.

The Board is composed of the President of the Federation and its two Secretaries-General.

The Board is elected by the General Assembly for a term of two years.

The members are eligible for re-election.

The two Secretaries-General shall reside in different continents. One Secretary-General manages the permanent Secretariat of the Federation and the other manages the Permanent Secretariat of the International Congresses of Vexillology.

The Board is considered to be in continuous session, conducted by correspondence.

Art. 17 - The Board of the Federation

a) manages the current affairs of the Federation and establishes the duties and obligations of its officers;

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

c) establishes such committees as it deems necessary and appoints their members;

d) represents the interests of the vexillologists of all countries in the current affairs of the Federation by consulting the members of the Federation.

Art. 18 - All acts binding upon the Federation must be signed by the President and one of the Secretaries-General.

Current correspondence of the Federation may be signed either by the President or one of the Secretaries-General.

#### VI. LANGUAGES

Art. 19 - The official languages of the International Congresses of Vexillology and of the communications of the Federation shall be English, French, and German. Other languages may be used as well, where appropriate.

## VII. PUBLICATIONS

Art. 20 - The Federation publishes its communications in one or more organs chosen by the General Assembly, as well as in the newsletters of member associations. The General Assembly may recognize certain journals for the publication of scientific articles.

## VIII. DISSOLUTION

Art. 21 - Dissolution of the Federation may only be considered at a session of the General Assembly attended by at least two-thirds of the active members. Members prevented from attending the General Assembly may submit written, notarized votes. This General Assembly establishes the terms of the dissolution.