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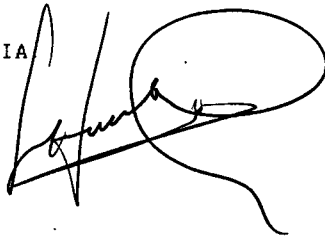
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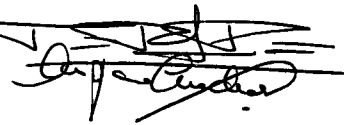
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20,00 h HOTEL MENFIS. Gran Vía, 74
 Vino de bienvenida
 Welcome reception
 Reception de bienvenue

LUNES (MONDAY, LUNDI, MONTAG)

9,00 h CENTRO CULTURAL DEL CONDE DUQUE. Conde Duque, 11
 Sesión de apertura
 Formal opening of the Congress
 Ouverture du Congrès

9,30 h Sesión de trabajo. Comunicaciones
 Working session. Lectures
 Séance de travail. Communications

11,30 h MUSEO NAVAL. Paseo del Prado, 5
 Visita Guiada
 Guided visit
 Visite guidée

13,30 h RESTAURANTE BOULEVAR
 Almuerzo
 Lunch
 Déjeuner

15,30 h CENTRO CULTURAL DEL CONDE DUQUE. Conde Duque, 11
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 Working session. Lectures
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MARTES (TUESDAY, MARDI, DIESTAG) 28 mayo

9,00 h CENTRO CULTURAL DEL CONDE DUQUE. Conde Duque, 11
 Sesión de trabajo. Comunicaciones
 Working session. Lectures
 Séance de travail. Communications

- 10,15 h MUSEO DEL EJERCITO. Méndez Núñez, 1
 Visita guiada. Recepción
 Guided visit. Reception
 Visite guidée. Réception
- 15,30 h CENTRO CULTURAL DEL CONDE DUQUE. Conde Duque, 11
 Sesión de Trabajo. Comunicaciones
 Working session. Lectures
 Séance de travail. Communications

MIERCOLES (WEDNESDAY, MERCREDI, MITTWOCH) 29 mayo

- 9,00 h Excursión a Toledo
 All-day excursion to Toledo
 Excursion à Toledo
- Visita al Museo de Santa Cruz, Catedral, Ayuntamiento
 Visit to Santa Cruz Museum, Cathedral, City Hall
 Visite au Musée Santa Cruz, Cathédrale, Hôtel de Ville
- 13,30 h PARADOR NACIONAL "CONDE DE ORGAZ"
 Almuerzo
 Lunch
 Déjeuner
- 16,30 h REAL ACADEMIA DE BELLAS ARTES Y CIENCIAS HISTORICAS
 Sesión de trabajo. Comunicaciones
 Working session. Lectures
 Séance de travail. Communications
- 19,00 h Vuelta a Madrid
 Return to Madrid
 Retour à Madrid

JUEVES (THURSDAY, JEUDI, DONNERSTAG) 30 mayo

- 9,00 h CENTRO CULTURAL DEL CONDE DUQUE. Conde Duque, 11
 Sesión de trabajo. Comunicaciones
 Working session. Lectures
 Séance de travail. Communications
- 12,30 AYUNTAMIENTO DE MADRID
 Recepción ofrecida por el Alcalde de Madrid
 Reception by the Alcalde of Madrid
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- 15,30 h CENTRO CULTURAL DEL CONDE DUQUE. Conde Duque, 11
 Sesión de trabajo. Comunicaciones
 Working session. Lectures
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VIERNES

(FRIDAY, VENDREDI, FREITAG) 31 mayo

- 9,00 h CENTRO CULTURAL DEL CONDE DUQUE. Conde Duque, 11
- Sesión de trabajo. Comunicaciones
Working session. Lectures
Séance de travail. Communications
- 10,30 h ARMERIA REAL. PALACIO REAL
- Visita guiada.
Guided visit
Visite guidée
- 13,00 h COMUNIDAD AUTONOMA DE MADRID
- Recepción ofrecida por el Presidente de la C. Autónoma
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Réception par le President de la C. Autónoma
- 15,30 h CENTRO CULTURAL DEL CONDE DUQUE. Conde Duque, 11
- Asamblea de la FIAV
General Assembly of FIAV
Assemblée Général de la FIAV
- 20,30 h JARDINES DE D. CECILIO RODRIGUEZ. PARQUE DEL RETIRO
- Cena de clausura
Closing banquet
Banquet de cloûture

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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

Protocol of the General Assembly, 27-31 May 1985

Madrid, Spain

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the President of the Federation, Rev. Hugh Boudin. The following members were present, as represented by their accredited delegates: Flag Institute (Mr. William Crampton), Flag Design Center (Dr. Whitney Smith), Flag Research Center (Dr. David Heisser), 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. René Wattiez), Nordisk Flagselskab (Mr. Christian Fogd Pedersen), Sociedad Española de Vexilología (Mr. Adolfo Duran), Societas Vexillologica Belgica (Mr. Roger Harmignies), Société Suisse de Vexillologie (Dr. Günter Mattern), Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags (Dr. Whitney Smith), and the United States Flag Foundation (Mr. Randolph Beard). No delegates were present from the Association Française d'Études Internationales Vexillologiques, Centro Italiano di Studi Vessilologici, Flag Research Centre of Sri Lanka, Flag Section of the Heraldry Society, Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vlaggenkunde, Sezione Vessillologica, Wappen-Herold. The President recognized the presence of the required quorum.
- II. The President mentioned the passing of Capt. E.M.C. Barraclough. Commander Bruce Nicolls spoke of his meeting with Capt. Barraclough to present the award "Laureate of the Federation" and the delegates stood for a moment of silence in tribute to the late Capt. Barraclough.
- III. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation moved a change in the agenda which had been submitted to members before the meeting by shifting point IX (Consideration of proposed revisions to the FIAV Statutes) to follow immediately after point VI (Adoption of the Protocol of the General Assembly held at Oxford in 1983). The delegate of the Société Suisse de Vexillologie objected that that might put off the admission of new member applicants because consideration of revisions of the statutes could be lengthy. The delegate of the Flag Design Center indicated that there were no new proposals on statutes for consideration, but the delegate of the National Flag Foundation pointed out there were unresolved points from the last General Assembly. A vote was taken but the motion failed when only four voted in the affirmative.
- IV. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica moved that point VI of the agenda be combined and considered with point IX, with the understanding that any new members admitted to FIAV would not be allowed to vote on point VI when it was considered. There was no second to the motion and therefore the agenda was accepted in the form originally submitted.
- V. The President called on the Secretary General of the Federation to present for consideration the protocol of the General Assembly held at Oxford in 1983. The Secretary General noted that the following change should be made in the printed version which had been sent out: In paragraph X a new sentence should be added following the first sentence, to read "The delegate of the Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde proposed Ingolstadt or Pittsburgh as the site of the 12th International Congress of Vexillology in 1987." The delegate of the National Flag Foundation moved for the adoption of the protocol as previously distributed, incorporating the mentioned change.

The motion was seconded by the delegate of the Flag Institute. The motion was approved by eleven votes in favor, one vote against, and one abstention.

- VI. Turning to consideration of point VII, the President indicated that no delegate was present from the member applicant from Argentina, the *Asociación Argentina de Vexilología*. Mr. Leif Pahlsson requested that consideration be given to the membership application of the *Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap*, originally submitted to the General Assembly in 1979. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation objected that membership procedures were set forth in the statutes and should be followed for all member applicants; if the application of the *Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap* was not included in the present agenda it was the fault of the Board. At the request of the President, the Secretary General of the Federation read the membership application provisions from the statutes.
- VII. The delegate of the *Office Généalogique et Héraldique de Belgique* asked which statutes were being cited and the Secretary General responded that the statutes in question were those approved at the General Assembly in 1983. The delegate of the *Office Généalogique* objected that no such approval had been given. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation pointed out that the protocol of the 1983 General Assembly, approved by the present General Assembly, included in its points XXXI and XXXVI an indication that unanimous approval had been given in Oxford to the statutes under consideration at that time. The delegate of the *Societas Vexillologica Belgica* indicated that there was disagreement on the status of the statutes because the protocol of the 1983 General Assembly indicated that further proposals would be sent to members of FIAV for consideration at the 11th International Congress of Vexillology. He indicated that a commission was required for resolving the disagreement. The delegate of the Flag Design Center pointed out that amendments and additions were certainly possible, but that no question existed as to the validity of the 1983 statutes since they had been unanimously approved at the Oxford General Assembly, as indicated by point XXXVI of the protocol. The delegate of the *Societas Vexillologica Belgica* protested that that association had not received the protocol but had only seen the published version of the statutes as they appeared in *THE FLAG BULLETIN*. The Secretary General of the Federation apologized for the fact that his records contained an obsolete address for the *Societas Vexillologica Belgica* and gave the delegate of that association a copy of the protocol from Oxford. The latter delegate indicated that there were seventeen points his association wished to have considered relative to the statutes. The delegate of the Flag Design Center insisted that in adopting the protocol of the 1983 General Assembly the present General Assembly had confirmed the fact that the new statutes had been unanimously adopted at Oxford, as reported in that protocol. Proposals to amend or add to those statutes were in order under the agenda of the day, but the validity of the new statutes could not be in question unless a new motion was made to revise the protocol of the 1983 General Assembly. The delegate of the *Societas Vexillologica Belgica* indicated in that case that it would be appropriate to dissolve FIAV and reinstitute it after full consideration of the statutes. The Secretary General of the Federation pointed out that the necessary quorum for considering dissolution of FIAV, whether under the new statutes or the original ones, was not present. The delegate of the Flag Institute moved to reaffirm the approval of the 1983 protocol, including acknowledgement of the unanimous adoption of the new statutes. The delegate of the *Office Généalogique* indicated that he had been instructed to oppose all modifications to the original statutes, which he considered to be still in effect. The Secretary General of the Federation pointed out that, while amendment of the statutes required a unanimous vote, the

opposition of a single delegate could not defeat the motion proposed by the delegate of the Flag Institute since it was a procedural motion requiring only a two-thirds favorable vote concerning the accuracy of the protocol, rather than being a vote on the statutes themselves. No second was made to the motion of the delegate of the Flag Institute and therefore no vote was taken, the President noting the former vote approving the 1983 protocol was therefore still in effect.

- VIII. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation called for consideration of the qualifications of the new member applicants. The President noted the necessity of leaving the meeting site and called for the adjournment of the General Assembly until Tuesday, 28 May, following the completion of the working sessions of the Congress that day. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.
- IX. The General Assembly reconvened at 7:07 P.M. on 28 May. The President took a roll call and it was determined that the same delegates were present as in the previous session except that Mr. David Phillips had replaced Dr. David Heisser as a delegate for the Flag Research Center.
- X. The President called on the member applicants to present their qualifications for membership in accordance with the statutes. President Ana María Galán of the Associació Catalana de Vexil·lologia indicated that the organization had been founded on 20 September 1980 and had been recognized by the government of Catalonia. It had about 20 members and held meetings twice a month. It had published one issue so far of a bulletin and had been involved in the creation of approximately fifteen city flags. There was no problem with the existence of the Catalonian association within Spain, which has its own vexillological association, because Catalonia has its own language, culture, history, and government, as well as national symbols. The delegate of the Société Suisse de Vexillologie pointed out that no question should be raised about the appropriateness of a second member organization in Spain since there were already two FIAV members in the United Kingdom, a similar number in Belgium, several in the United States, etc.
- XI. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation asked to see the application of the Associació Catalana de Vexil·lologia, pointing out that we had notice of the application in the agenda but did not have a copy in advance to examine. He insisted that the proper vote could not be taken without information and that the Board had constantly been delinquent in supplying information about new member applicants. The Secretary General of the Federation stated that in fact there had been only one previous irregularity with regard to membership applications when, in 1979, the President failed to submit advance notice as required concerning member applicants. He further pointed out that, while the statutes require the membership application be sent to existing FIAV members in advance, such an application would not necessarily contain any information about the applicant, but could simply state that it was applying for membership. The delegate of the Flag Institute moved that we consider the applications on the agenda even if the letter of the statutes had not been fulfilled with regard to circularizing in advance their applications to existing members. The motion was seconded by the delegate of the Flag Design Center. The delegate of the Office Généalogique asked whether the Board had a file of membership applications and the President responded that he did have such applications except from the Asociación Argentina de Vexilología. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica asked that the Secretary General submit the proper information in advance to the existing members. The Secretary General pointed out that it was not his function but that of the President to submit that information and that he had not in fact seen the actual

membership applications. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation asked whether the Board could vouch for the current member applicants. The Secretary General pointed out that there was no provision in the statutes for the endorsement of member applicants by the Board, their only function being to submit such applications to the consideration of the General Assembly. He further stated that he personally could vouch for the applicants from Catalonia, Australia, Finland, and Ireland. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation asked that the applications be made available now for members to see. The delegate of the Flag Institute pointed out that his motion had the effect of recognizing that the applications had not been submitted in advance but of allowing consideration to go ahead for approval of membership. The Secretary General endorsed the motion and promised, should the occasion arise in the future, to see to it that the exact constitutional requirements were met. The delegate of the Société Suisse de Vexillologie stressed that FIAV should be glad to have the opportunity to encourage vexillology by welcoming the new members into the Federation and called for a vote. The vote was taken with twelve in favor and the delegate of the Office Généalogique opposed.

XII. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation indicated he was embarrassed by the procedures which had been followed in the matter and made a motion that in the future the correct procedures be followed or that the statutes be altered. The delegate of Société Suisse de Vexillologie seconded the motion and the vote was ten in favor. The delegate of the Office Généalogique voted against, indicating that he approved of the motion but felt compelled to oppose it because of his instructions relative to the statutes. The delegate of the United States Flag Foundation recommended considering the member applicants en bloc with the recommendation of the board. The Secretary General pointed out that the board had not recommended any applicants and the delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica asked whether it was fair to distinguish between those with recommendations and those without. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation asked whether there were member applicants with representatives at the General Assembly to which the President responded in the affirmative with regard to the applicants from Catalonia, Finland, and Australia. The delegate from the Société Suisse de Vexillologie asked about the Swedish applicant and the President responded it was not in the agenda and the motion must be made to consider its application. The delegate of the Office Généalogique indicated he saw no need to change the agenda as adopted. The delegate from the Société Suisse de Vexillologie asked whether the applicants from Argentina and Ireland were aware that according to the statutes they needed to be represented at the General Assembly by an authorized and autochthonous representative. The Secretary General of the Federation indicated that they had been so notified. The delegate from the Societas Vexillologica Belgica indicated that he felt the statutory provision for such representation was too restrictive.

XIII. The delegate from the Flag Design Center called for consideration of the member applicants having representatives present so that consideration could be given to their qualifications. The delegate from the Flag Institute, acknowledging that the lack of representation was an irregularity according to the statutes, nevertheless called on the General Assembly to overlook this. The delegate from the Societas Vexillologica Belgica indicated that associations could be active within their own countries but not within FIAV and that he therefore considered the statutory provision unwise. The delegate from the Flag Research Center made a motion to accept all six member applicants. The motion was seconded by the delegate from the Société Suisse de Vexillologie. The delegate from the Societas Vexillologica Belgica asked whether the Board would take responsibility for the validity of these membership applications.

The delegate from the Flag Design Center indicated that he, as a member of the Board, was unwilling to do so and asked the delegate from the Flag Research Center if he would be willing to amend his motion to cover only the applicants from Catalonia, Australia, and Finland. The delegate from the Flag Research Center accepted the change in his motion. The vote was taken with eleven delegates being in favor and two opposed. The applicants from Catalonia, Australia, and Finland were therefore accepted as members of FIAV.

- XIV. The delegate from the Flag Institute indicated that financial difficulties were the reason for the inability of a delegate to be present from the Vexillological Society of Ireland and called for consideration of its application. The delegate from the Flag Research Center made a motion approving of membership for the Vexillological Society of Ireland which was seconded by the delegate from the Flag Institute. The vote was fourteen in favor, one against, and one abstention. Participating in the vote were the new delegates from the Associació Catalana de Vexil·lologia (Mr. Josep Porter), The Flag Society of Australia (Mr. Ralph Bartlett), and Partioheraldikot (Mr. Tero Vaarna).
- XV. The delegate from the Flag Society of Australia stated that the purpose of FIAV was to study flags, but that it was his observation in the current General Assembly that too much time was being spent on managerial business rather than flags and that the board should handle more of this management responsibility. The delegate from the Flag Research Center urged the acceptance of the applicants from Argentina and Sweden. The delegate from the Sociedad Española de Vexilología asked that consideration be taken of the economic situation in Argentina in considering the absence of a representative of the member applicant there. The delegate from the Flag Design Center pointed out that we had no information about the applicant from Argentina which might consist of a thousand members or only a single person. He stressed that it was important to have information about applicants which, unlike those from the newly admitted members, were unknown to existing FIAV members. The delegate from the Flag Society of Australia indicated that the Argentine applicant was in fact an association of only a single member and warned that FIAV ran the risk of having many ghost organizations if it did not consider applicants carefully. The delegate from the Flag Institute felt that there was insufficient information concerning the application from Argentina and that further leniency with regard to statutory provisions was inappropriate. The delegate from the Société Suisse de Vexilologie pointed out that many current members of FIAV were in a weak position with few activities and no publications. The delegate from the Flag Institute acknowledged that to be the case but said he felt that a review of existing members should be made with the aim of eliminating membership for institutions and associations no longer active.
- XVI. The delegate from the Flag Research Center made a motion to accept the applicant from Argentina as a member; the motion was seconded by the delegate from the Sociedad Española de Vexilología. The vote was six in favor, nine against, and one abstention. The delegate from the National Flag Foundation made a motion that the Secretary General should encourage the applicant from Argentina to reapply for membership, submitting proper credentials, and should indicate the sentiment of FIAV that it favors the institution and growth of such vexillological associations. The motion was seconded by the delegate from the Flag Design Center. The vote on the motion was fifteen in favor and one opposed.

- XVII. The delegate from the Société Suisse de Vexillologie made a motion to accept the member applicant from Sweden; this was seconded by the delegate from the National Flag Foundation. The representative of the applicant in question (Mr. Leif Pahlsson) indicated that despite its name, the Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap according to its statutes included sphragistics and vexillology as part of its areas of concern. In response to a question from the delegate of the National Flag Foundation, Mr. Pahlsson indicated that membership had gone from about 74 to about 100 and that while there was no journal, the association had sent out about 35 newsletters to its members.
- XVIII. The delegate of the Flag Design Center, noting the necessity of evacuating the meeting hall at the time required by the administering authority, moved to adjourn the meeting. The vote failed with only nine in favor, but a call for a revote found an insufficient quorum to conduct business and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.
- XIX. The General Assembly reconvened on Friday, 31 May at 4:12 P.M. The Secretary General took the roll call; the same 16 members were represented by their delegates as before.
- XX. The President reported on the meeting of the Board which had been held the previous day. The board decided to establish a Statutes Commission which is to solicit opinions from members, formulate a proposed text, circularize it to members in time for their comments, and submit the results to the General Assembly at the 12th International Congress of Vexillology. The delegates of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica and of the Société Suisse de Vexillologie were appointed members of the commission. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica stressed that the wording should be definitive enough for adoption or rejection at the next Congress, an idea which found general agreement. The delegate also asked that the future statutes be in German, French, and Spanish as well as English and therefore recommended the appointment of the delegate from the Sociedad Española de Vexillología as a member of the commission. That delegate asked that someone else be named instead. The delegate of the Flag Design Center said that a fundamental decision should be made: if all FIAV members are to be represented on the commission then each should appoint its own member. If a more limited membership was considered desirable, selection of individuals might be left the President. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation recommended that the delegate of the North American Vexillological Association would be an appropriate choice since he could deal with both the English and Spanish language versions and there was general agreement on the choice.
- XXI. The President, continuing his report of Board activities, indicated that the Secretary General for Congresses would in the future supervise more closely the International Congresses of Vexillology. The local organizing group would be responsible for arrangements concerning tours, facilities, registration, and similar matters while the lectures and other substantive parts of the program would be supervised by the Secretary General for Congresses, the entire matter being reviewed by the Board in order to maintain high international standards and to profit from the experience of previous Congresses. The delegate from the Societas Vexillologica Belgica indicated that that should be part of a change in the statutes, but the delegate of the Flag Design Center pointed out that it was within the authority of the Board to make such regulations under both the old and new versions of the statutes. The delegate of the Flag Society of Australia indicated that translation and/or the organization of presentations by language would be helpful in future large International Congresses of Vexillology.

XXII. The President, continuing his review of Board activities, indicated that the Secretary General of the Federation would review the status of all current members and develop procedures for dealing with new member applications. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation encouraged a promotion of maximum attendance by active members at Congresses and General Assemblies. The delegate of the Société Suisse de Vexillologie concurred but wanted the number of proxy votes at a General Assembly to be limited to three at most. The delegates of the Office Généalogique and the Societas Vexillologica Belgica indicated that such matters must be developed as part of new statutes for FIAV. The delegate of the Flag Design Center pointed out that a report by the Secretary General would commit FIAV to nothing but would provide information; without a report at this time it would be necessary to wait two or perhaps four years for a report that would allow for action. The existence of a report might even be helpful in the process of rewriting the statutes. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation called for approval of the idea which was agreed to by general consensus.

XXIII. The President called for a return to point VII in the agenda, specifically consideration of the membership application of the Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap. The delegate of the Flag Research Center moved to accept the applicant as a member, a motion seconded by the delegate from the United States Flag Foundation. The vote was 16 in favor, none opposed.

XXIV. The President called for consideration of point VIII on the agenda, the sites for the 12th and 13th International Congresses of Vexillology in 1987 and 1989. He recalled that in 1983 proposals had been made for San Diego, Pittsburgh, and Ingolstadt as possibilities for the 1987 Congress. The delegate of the Gesellschaft für Österreichische Heereskunde stated that budgetary arrangements made it impossible for Ingolstadt to be considered at the present time. The delegate from the Flag Design Center indicated that it had formally withdrawn its offer to organize the 1987 Congress. The Secretary General for Congresses reported on his investigation of further possible sites. He had asked the Societas Vexillologica Belgica, the Nordisk Flagselskab, and the Vexillological Club in Prague, all of which had regretfully declined the invitation. Two proposals had been received, however; the National Flag Foundation offered to organize the 12th International Congress of Vexillology in Pittsburgh and the Flag Research Center offered to be responsible for the organizational work begun by a committee in San Francisco. The delegate from the Västra Sveriges Heraldiska Sällskap stressed that Europeans were concerned about costs in either of the two mentioned American cities. The delegate of the Sociedad Española de Vexillología stressed concern to know whether the organizers in both would dedicate the Congress to vexillology or whether other considerations would take priority.

XXV. The President called successively on the delegates from the National Flag Foundation and the Flag Design Center for details concerning Pittsburgh and San Francisco, respectively. The delegate of the Flag Research Center also spoke in favor of San Francisco. After lengthy presentations a written ballot was taken to decide between the two alternatives. On the first vote there were ten in favor of San Francisco, four for Pittsburgh, and three abstentions. A two-thirds vote being required, a further ballot was taken resulting in eleven for San Francisco, four for Pittsburgh, and two abstentions. A final ballot produced twelve for San Francisco, four for Pittsburgh, and one abstention, the decision thereby being made to hold the 12th International Congress of Vexillology in San Francisco.

XXVI. The delegate of the Flag Design Center proposed Belgium as a site for the 13th International Congress of Vexillology in 1989. The delegate of the

Societas Vexillologica Belgica accepted the proposition in principle but required time for confirmation, promising to report back at the 12th International Congress for Vexillology. The delegate of the Nordisk Flagselskab indicated the desirability of an International Congress of Vexillology in Scandinavia in the future and the delegate of the Flag Society of Australia likewise indicated that that association hopes eventually to sponsor such a Congress. The latter delegate indicated that the correct new address for the association is Box 142, Collins Street Post Office, Melbourne, Victoria 3000, Australia.

- XXVII. The Secretary General for Congresses reminded delegates that proposals for lectures and other presentations at the 12th International Congress of Vexillology should be sent to him. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation indicated that he felt that better communication was needed within FIAV; there should be a newsletter and not simply THE FLAG BULLETIN. He recommended that the President appoint a multi-lingual commission to deal with this and to report at the next Congress. The proposal was agreed to by general consensus.
- XXVIII. Attention turned to point XI on the agenda. The delegate from the Societas Vexillologica Belgica nominated Dr. Günter Mattern for the position of Secretary General of the Federation and Tomás Rodríguez for the position of Secretary General for Congresses. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation nominated Rev. Hugh Boudin as President. The delegate of the Flag Society of Australia nominated Dr. Whitney Smith as Secretary General of the Federation. The delegate of the Flag Design Center nominated William Crampton as Secretary General for Congresses. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation moved election of Rev. Boudin as President, which was unanimously approved.
- XXIX. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation asked whether the statutes provided for the election of two people for the positions of Secretary General or for the two specific positions. The Secretary General of the Federation indicated that the statutes do not indicate how nominations are to be made, although he noted that the nominations which in fact had been made were for specific people for specific positions. The delegate of the Flag Research Center pointed out that the statutory requirement that the two Secretaries General come from different continents meant that Dr. Smith was in effect elected by default, the other candidates all being from Europe.
- XXX. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica indicated that it would be desirable to have the Secretary General for Congresses always be the head of the organizing group of the previous International Congress of Vexillology. The delegate of the Flag Institute indicated that existing statutes must be used at present, regardless of changes that might later be made. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation asked the delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica to withdraw his designation of titles so that only the two names proposed would remain on the floor and the delegate agreed to that. The delegate of the Flag Design Center suggested that the individuals nominated should leave the room so that there could be a free discussion of the qualification of the individuals. He also indicated that his nomination should not be considered tantamount to election, even in the absence of another candidate from outside Europe, since the delegates might wish to vote against him regardless of the existence of an alternative. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica withdrew his nomination of Dr. Mattern and Mr. Rodríguez. The delegate of the National Flag Foundation nominated Dr. Mattern and Teodoro Amerlinck for the positions of Secretaries General.

XXXI. The President called on all delegates in a secret ballot to vote for two names from among the four persons nominated -- William Crampton, Dr. Whitney Smith, Dr. Günter Mattern and Teodoro Amerlinck. The delegate of the Societas Vexillologica Belgica asked whether Mr. Amerlinck had been approached about his willingness to serve as Secretary General and the delegate from the National Flag Foundation indicated that he had not been. The delegate of the Sociedad Española de Vexilología stressed that the vote should be given to persons who were known to be willing to serve. The delegate of the Office Généalogique asked that no one be reelected without a promise not to be a candidate again; none of the candidates so promised.

XXXII. The President called for a secret ballot to choose two of the four nominated persons. On the first ballot Teodoro Amerlinck received two votes, Dr. Mattern seven votes, William Crampton eleven votes, and Dr. Smith thirteen votes. Mr. Crampton and Dr. Smith are therefore reelected as Secretaries General for the term 1985-1987.

General Assembly adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

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