

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Date: 27 September 2017
Location: Bern
Chairman: Andrew Scott
Board: Stephen Quick (President) and Joachim Breuninger (Treasurer)

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1. Welcome/Approval of Proposed Agenda

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2. Report from the President

It has been a busy year, for everybody. Our wishes and expectations are often higher than what we can achieve. The board members do their IATM work on a nonprofit base. Carolin Ranke is the secretary of the IATM and will be paid by the IATM.

The IATM have to change its course due to the current situation. We have to bind our members and find new members. A challenge for everybody, not only the Board.

- We will hold on to an annual IATM Conference;
- The Board will change, later in this meeting we will ask the attendees to agree upon the proposal for the new board members;
- Skillbridge is now € 5.000, as per our last conference. We didn't receive proposals for this year, we are looking forward to new proposals;
- We will propose organization of masterclasses: operating heritage steam locomotives, fundraising, and more to come;
- There is a brand new image brochure! All IATM members will receive a copy of this brochure. Also to be used for new potential members, please, send it to them.
- The board commits to supporting IATM and its members to its best ability.

3. Report from the Treasurer:

- a. The IATM has grown from 94 members in 2013 to 106 members in 2017. We are still growing!
- b. The largest quantity of IATM members are based in Germany. Portugal and Switzerland are second and third.
- c. The IATM has a nice spread between big and small museums and individual members.
- d. 2016, a good year, we have spent € 1.000,= more than we received, it raised no problem due to the fact that there is enough money in our bank account,
- e. 2017, due to the contract of Carolin we spent more money (around € 4.000,=). Again a very healthy year.

- f. The assembly is asked to use the Skilbridge program. Please send your proposals to the Board,
- g. Further no specialties. Some attendees of the conference have to pay their bill and some members have to pay their contribution for 2017.

4. Discharge of the Board

Assembly approves motion.

5. Proposal for the new composition of the Board

Bianca Gendreau and Louise Innes have served maximum terms on the board and cannot be re-elected. Their positions have to be filled, by others, or new board members. The following composition of the board was proposed:

- Vice President Sam Mullins
- Secretary Peter-Paul de Winter
- Reelection Martin Bütikofer
- The other board members remain in the Board
- No new members

The assembly agrees on this proposal.

6. IATM Conference 2018.

The 43rd Conference will be held in Ottawa Canada. It will be organized in September, the exact date will follow. Host will be the Science and Technology museum in Ottawa in combination the ICOM science and technology group.

The IATM will celebrate its 50th anniversary!

7. Questions

There are no questions.

8. Closure

Andrew Scott closes the general assembly after a warm and well-meant thanks, also on behalf of the Board, to Ursula, Carolin, Martin and their teams for the splendid organization of the 41st IATM Conference. It ran like a Swiss clock!

Stephen Quick thanks Andrew Scott for being the President of this General Assembly.