



# MINUTES

Of the annual meeting of the

**FAI Ballooning Commission**

Held in

**New Delhi - India**

**14-15 March 2025**



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## 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Plenary meeting was called to order at 9:00, 15 March 2024.

CIA President, Mark Sullivan, welcomed Delegates and thanked Subcommittee and Working Group members for their work during the past year.

## 2. IN MEMORIAM

The Plenary Meeting then commenced with a moment of silence in respect of the recently departed members of the ballooning community.

*Kai Granholm (FIN)*  
*German Rodero (ESP)*  
*Tsutomu ABE (JPN)*  
*Scott Appelman (USA)*  
*Nello Charbonnier (ITA)*

## 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

Luxemburg: JC Weber  
USA: Deb Spaeth, Sam Parks  
Poland: Arkadiusz Iwanski  
Croatia: Igor Miclousic  
Austria : Christoph Fraisl  
Italy : Maria Chiara Cremoni

## 4. DELEGATES ROLL CALL

CIA OFFICERS, DELEGATES, ALTERNATE DELEGATES, SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS ATTENDANCE

CIA President			Mark Sullivan (USA)
CIA Secretary			Sanne Haarhuis (NED)
FAI Secretary General			Markus Haggene
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>DELEGATE</b>	<b>ALTERNATE</b>	<b>Subcommittee / Working Group members and observers</b>
Australia (Aus)	Ireland, Steve		
Austria	<b>Proxy to Switzerland</b>		
Belgium	<b>Proxy to Netherlands</b>		
Canada	<b>Proxy to France</b>		
Czech Rep (Cze)	Jan Suchy		
France (Fra)	Pelard, Benoît	Eric Decelieres	Clement Seigeot
Germany (Ger)	Schneider, Uwe	Meinl, Silvia	Meinl, Mike
Hungary (Hun)	<b>Proxy to Spain</b>		
India	Immochaoba Kshetrimayun		
Italy (Ita)	<b>Proxy to UK</b>		
Japan (Jpn)	Soejima, Hiromori	Endo, Katsura	Furukawa, Hiromi
Rep. of Korea	<b>Proxy to Japan</b>		
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Hussain Ashri Makkawi		George Blythe Maria Dobrican

				Afrah Alharbi
Latvia	<b>Proxy to Lithuania</b>			
Lithuania (Ltu)	Kazlauskas, Zydrunas			
Luxembourg (Lux)	Weber, Claude			
Netherlands (Ned)	Haarhuis, Sanne			
Poland	<b>Proxy to Czech</b>			
Slovak Republic (Svk)	Juraj Brezan			
Slovenia (Slo)	Branko, Ambrozic			
Spain	Ricardo Aracil			Benjamin Aracil
Sweden (Swe)	Niclas Möre			
Switzerland (Sui)	André, Marc	Cedric Gauch		Strasmann, David
Tanzania				Percy Fernandez
Ukraine	Benjamin Eimers (GER) (representative)			
United Kingdom (Gbr)	Muir, Lindsay	Bareford, David		
United States Of America (Usa)	Baird, Andy	Sam Parks		Bradley, Troy White, Cheri
		Day One	Day Two	
<b>Total Attendees</b>		<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	
<b>Total CIA Members</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	
<b>VOTE Count</b>	Delegates Voting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	
	Alternates Voting			
	Members with voting rights	<b>1</b>		
	Proxies	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	
<b>Absolute Majority</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>2/3 Majority</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	

A current list of FAI Members List and CIA delegates can be found on the FAI website:  
<https://www.fai.org/page/cia-delegates>

## 5. PROXIES

- Belgium                proxy to                Netherlands
- Italy                    proxy to                UK
- Canada                proxy to                France
- Hungary               proxy to                Spain
- Latvia                  proxy to                Lithuania
- Austria                proxy to                Switzerland
- Poland                 proxy to                Czech Republic
- Korea                  proxy to                Japan

## 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AGENDA ORDER

The chair states that the agenda may be changed and adapted to the needs of the delegates to show their presentations.

Delegates were reminded that the agenda order would be established by the President (IR 3.6.1).

The 26<sup>th</sup> World Hot Air Balloon Championship in Poland will be presented under agenda item 25.2

The introduction and awarding of the Hans Åkerstedt award will be under agenda item 28.

## REVIEW OF PROCEDURES

Delegates were reminded of the procedures in respect of:

Motions (IR 3.7)

Rules of Debate (IR 3.8), delegates are encouraged to speak once on each topic.

Items not on the agenda need 2/3's majority to be discussed but no decision may be made on these items

## COUNTING COMMITTEE

Cheri White (USA) and Mike Meini (GER) were nominated as the Counting Committee (IR 3.11.4).

Approved by the Plenary unanimously on a motion from the Chair

## CIA POLICY DOCUMENTS

The Delegates were reminded of the CIA Policy Documents in force for the meeting.

The new Cloud Guidelines are uploaded in the cloud.

**Attachment 1**

## NEW BUSINESS

**CIA President:** any bid or intention to host the next plenary meeting should be presented as soon as possible

## ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

The total votes present: 18

The total votes including proxies: 26

The number of votes required to achieve an absolute majority was declared as 13

The number of votes required for a New Motion (2/3 majority) was declared as 17

The Chair announced the numbers for the absolute and two-thirds majorities and that these numbers will only change because of delegates arriving late or leaving early who formally notify the chair.

## VOTING PROCEDURES

Described by CIA President as outlined in the FAI Statutes, By-Laws, and CIA IRs.

For continental events only Delegates from that continent may vote.

## ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM

The FAI electronic voting system will not be used in this meeting.

## FAI CODE OF ETHICS

The FAI Code of Ethics applies to the CIA meeting. CIA members concerned should declare their respective conflict of interest to the FAI General Secretary.

## DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENTS

Coffee breaks and lunch arrangements were announced.

Friday's meeting will end at 15.00 in order for us to join the organizer in celebrating the Indian national holiday of Holi. A bus will take us there and bring us back to the hotel at 18.00.

Saturday evening we will be having our Gala dinner in the upper floor of the New Delhi hotel.

## 7. MINUTES OF THE 2024 PLENARY MEETING

**Minutes were approved unanimously**

## 8. CIA BUREAU ACTIONS

The bureau decisions can be found in the documents part of the FAI / CIA website

## 9. REPORT ON FAI ACTIVITIES

**Mark Sullivan, CIA President**, reported on FAI activities and meetings and stressed out the working together of the commissions presidents.

**Attachment 1**

## 10. FAI SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

**Presentation Markus Haggney**

**Attachment 2**

## 11. DELEGATES REPORTS

Delegates were collected this year with an online questionnaire. Sanne held a presentation of the results that came in.

**Attachment 3**

## 12. BUREAU AND SC / CHAIRS MEETING

This meeting organized by the bureau for the first time to synchronize and improve collaboration between subcommittees and working groups. It achieved the goal and the exchange between subcommittees and working groups was received positively.

A comment was that it would be good if in future years there could be more input from SubCommittees / WG's on the agenda and if the agenda was available beforehand.

**Bureau and SC Chairs meeting minutes**

**Attachment 4**

The report was accepted unanimously.

### **Motion 1:**

To mandate the SC/WG chairs to work on the following changes:

- Reconsider the definition and sanction application conditions of CAT2 events
- Redefine the calculation of the WRL, integrating results from CAT1 and CAT2
- Implementation of the WRL as a qualification condition for participating in Worlds or other events.

The detailed changes will be submitted for voting at the 2026 CIA plenary.

**The motion is accepted unanimously**

**Motion 2:**

The CIA president can call a meeting of all CIA SC/WG chairs. Precise wording to be integrated in CIA IR by 2026.

**The motion is accepted unanimously**

**Motion 3:**

To ask the FAI to clarify the rules regarding the use of FAI logos at non-sanctioned events.

**The motion is accepted unanimously**

**13. JURY BOARD SC REPORT**

**JC Weber (LUX) presents the report:**

**Jury Board meeting minutes**

**Attachment 5**

The report was accepted unanimously.

**8 motions were presented:**

**Attachment 6**

Please read the details of the motions in the attachment.

Motion 6 was dropped as the language off the CIA cloud guidelines had already been adjusted.

**All other motions are accepted unanimously.**

Jury list 2025

**Attachment 7**

Jury Handbook 2025

**Attachment 8**

**14. OFFICIALS SC REPORT**

**Steve Ireland (AUS) presents the activities and report.**

**Officials meeting minutes**

**Attachment 9**

**On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously**

**15. EVENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICE SC REPORT**



**Lindsay Muir (UK):** reported on the work of the SubCommittee. They reviewed 2024 events and reviewed the current sanction applications.

Sanction Applications to all events can be found in the documents on the CIA documents part of the website under Events, Events Sanction Documents.

Presentations will be held later in the meeting.

**EDS meeting minutes**

**Attachment 10**

**On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously**

**The motion is accepted unanimously**

## **16. RECORDS SC REPORT**

**Troy Bradley (USA):** reported on the work of the SC

**Attachment 11**

Record Claims 2024:

- Airship BX-03 Distance Alicia Hempleman-Adams (GBR)
- Balloon AA-07 Duration Nikolai Packard (GER).

**Records meeting minutes**

**Attachment 12**

**On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously**

**Motion 1:**

We make a motion for a request for 1,000 CHF to fund changing the CAMERON BALLOONS PROGRAM FOR FAI RECORDS from a Basic to a Python application.

**The motion is accepted unanimously**

## **17. SAFETY AND EDUCATION SC REPORT**

**Benoît Pelard (FRA):** reported on the work of the SC as the chair was not present.

**Safety and education meeting minutes**

**Attachment 13**

**On a motion from the Chair the report was accepted unanimously**

**3 motions were presented.**

Motion 1: After discussion over the workability and effectiveness of putting this in place motion 1 was dropped.

Motion 2: After discussion over the technology and how reliable this is and concerns about this from the NTSC committee motion 2 was dropped.

Motion 3: After rereading the motion the motion was dropped as the language needs rephrasing.

## 18. COMPETITORS SC REPORT

**Andrew Baird (USA):** Gave a presentation on the results of the SubCommittees questionnaire.

Recommendation 1 : We would like to encourage NTSC to develop a way to extract vertical speed data anonymously for further study.

Recommendation 2 : We recommend that groundings only occur after protests and complaints have been resolved and that we investigate ways to reduce the effects of flying a lot of events versus just a few.

**Competitors meeting minutes**

**Attachment 14**

**On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously.**

## 19. RULES SC REPORT

**Rules meeting minutes**

**Attachment 15**

**On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously**

### 19.1. AA WORKING GROUP MINUTES

**Mark Sullivan (USA):**

Rule changes and Handbook changes are listed in the minutes.

**Motion 1:**

Approval of Gordon Bennett MER 2025  
(GB 2025 rules to be handled by the RSC and CIA bureau.)

**Attachment 16**

**On a motion from the Chair the motion was accepted unanimously**

**Motion 2 :**

Request from the AA/AM WG for 25'000 CHF (average 7'500 / year) to be added to the CIA budget. These funds will be used to continue developing the media impact of Gordon Bennett in the years 2025-2027 with the goal of finding a long-term deal or partnership.

**On a motion from the Chair the motion was accepted  
Canada abstained from voting**

**AA WG meeting minutes**

**Attachment 17**

**On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously**

### 19.2. AX WORKING GROUP MINUTES

**Uwe Schneider (GER):**

The rules have been changed to reflect the recent changes in the Balloon Live App and wording has been added for the SC to be able to use the tracks anonymized.

Change of wording for the ability for a director to change a task.

More explanation of the Respectful Flying Score so it reflects wording in the COH and added the limitation of a red status will become only active after potential protest has been dealt with. And an RFS >0 is a daily requirement not an entry requirement.

More explanation of the anti- doping regulations are added to the rules.

Change in PDG to declaring before take-off making better distinguishing between PDG and FON.

Altitude Profile Task is further adjusted since introducing last year.

**Motion 1:**

To approve the changes to the AXMER as presented.

**Attachment 18**

Info :

Rules for Europeans with the adaptations to AXMER2025 will be checked by AX-WG and proposed to RSC for final approval. Plenary delegates power to bureau to approve the rules.

**motion adopted unanimously**

**AX WG meeting minutes**

**Attachment 19**

**On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously**

**19.3. BX WORKING GROUP MINUTES**

There are no activities at all for the moment.  
There was no meeting, and there is no report.

**19.4. SCORING WORKING GROUP MINUTES**

**Marc André (SUI):**

Clarifies some changes that are made to the COH.

Discussion on a new red PZ calculation is explained and wording for rule changes can be expected next year.

**Motion 1:** Approve the update to the COH and publish it as COH 2025

**Attachment 20**

**motion adopted unanimously**

**Scoring WG meeting minutes**

**Attachment 21**

**On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously**

## 19.5. STATUTES, BY LAWS AND SPORTING CODE WORKING GROUP MINUTES

**Hiromori Soejima (JPN):**

- The WG has identified that in the General Sporting Code under 6.4 APPEALS, the reference is incorrect.
- A NAC may appeal to FAI on matters concerning international sporting events and record attempts and against a decision relating to a dispute of a sporting nature in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
- The right of appeal to FAI rests with the NAC(s) concerned, except for matters under [4.10.2 4.4.2](#) for which the person(s) concerned has a right of appeal. The FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI) is responsible for the treatment of appeals.”
- Request to the Rules SC chair to ask CASI to adjust this.
- Further there is a change in making it more clear when the StandBy List is going into effect.
- Sanne (NED) asked about the changes about the merge of EOS and EDS.
- There has never been a suggestion from EDS on wording for this WG to adopt.
- The RSC was asked to come up with a definition of the minimum data which is required when a pilot registers for a Cat 1 event. This was discussed by the Working Group, but they believed that SC01 was not the correct place for this information.
- Corrections in numbering or adjustments that reflect older changes in rules or regulations from either the SC or the FAI.

### **Motion 1:**

That the proposed changes to the Sporting Code Section 1 be approved as published.

**Attachment 22**

**motion adopted unanimously**

### **Motion 2:**

That the proposed changes to the Internal Regulations be approved as published.

**Attachment 23**

**motion adopted unanimously**

**S1 WG meeting minutes**

**Attachment 24**

**On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously**

## 20. NEW TECHNOLOGIES SC REPORT

**Claude Weber (LUX):** Gave a presentation on NTSC work and the SubCommittee meeting and the financial situation of all the investments we made. And explanations on all the developments they are planning on doing in the close future.

**Attachment 25**

Recommendation for CSC to ask pilots in their questionnaire if they are interested in an online logbook.

**On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously**

**Motion 1:**

To approve the budget of CHF 4000 (incl. reserve) for all listed enhancements of WatchMeFly

**motion adopted unanimously**

**Motion 2:**

To approve the budget of CHF 2400 for the rewrite of the Balloon Live app

**motion adopted unanimously**

**Motion 3:**

To approve a maximum budget of CHF 12'000 for the development of a visualization solution for Balloon Live

**Comment on motion 3:** To restrict the use of the visualization to CIA sanctioned events as it is an investment from the CIA.

**motion adopted unanimously**

**The meeting was adjourned for the day after this report.**

## 21. PUBLIC AND MEDIA RELATIONS SC REPORT

**Jan Suchy (CZ)** held a presentation on the work of the PMR Sub Committee **Attachment 27**

**Motion 2:**

**Attachment 28**

To approve funds for software development and graphic design for the Legends of Ballooning in the amount of up to 2,000 Swiss francs. Project outline attachment 28.

**motion adopted unanimously**

**Motion 3:**

To request 5000CHF for "Champions of the Sky" Video Projects including 2025 European HABC and other social media projects.

**motion adopted unanimously**

### 21.1. INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CAMPS

Presentations were given on the youthcamps that were held last year in France, Germany, Poland and USA.

**Motion 1:**

**Attachment 29**

Motion by CIA PMR SC for approval of 1000 CHF per camp (4000CHF total CIA expenditure) for CIA Scholarship Funds to the following 2023 Balloon Youth Camps, subject to the CIA PMR

Scholarship rules and documentation prior to payment of funds. For BYC in the following four countries. Presentations Attachment 29

- France
- Germany
- USA
- Lithuania

**motion adopted unanimously**

**P&MR meeting minutes  
Addendum PMR project performance**

**Attachment 30  
Attachment 31**

**On a from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously**

## 22. ELECTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Subcommittee	Chairman / Chairwoman
Jury Board	JC Weber
Officials SC	Steve Ireland
Event Development Services	Co-Chair: Lindsay Muir Cedric Gauch
Records SC	Troy Bradley
Safety and Education SC	Co Chair: David Strasmann Christoph Fraisl
Competitor SC	Andy Baird
Rules SC	Uwe Schneider
New Technology SC	Claude Weber

## 23. ELECTION OF SC AND WG MEMBERS

SC	Members		SC	Members		WG	Members
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PMR	Marina Kalousdian (BRA) Jonathan Perron-Clow (CAN) David Strassmann (GER) Katsura Endo (JPN) Kim Magee (USA) Branko Ambrožič (SLO) Erwin Pellegrom (NED) Jan Suchy (CZE) Secretary & EDS Sanne Haarhuis (Secretary) Cedric Gauch (PMR)		Competitors	Paolo Oggioni (ITA) Gerald Stürzlinger (AUT) Uwe Schneider (GER) Maury Sullivan (USA) Hiromori Soejima (JPN) Sam Parks (USA) David Strassman (GER) Sylvia Meinel (GER) Igor Miklousic (CRO) Dominic Bareford (UK) Clement Seigeot (FRA)		AA	Marc Andre (SUI) Chair Marc Sullivan (USA) Eric Decellieres FRA Luc van Geyte (BEL) Benoît Pelard (FRA) Troy Bradley (USA) Sebastian Eimers (GER)
Safety	Troy Bradley (USA) David Gleed (CAN) Bengt Stener (SWE) Benoît Pelard (FRA) Branko Ambrožič (SLO) Niclas Möre (SWE) Sebastian Eimers (GER)		EDS	Andrew Baird (CSC) Arkadiusz Iwanski Debbie Spaeth (PMR) Maury Sullivan (USA) Eric Decellieres (FRA) Clement Seigeot (FRA) Zoltan Palhegyi. (HUN) Ricardo Aracil (ESP) Jean Claude Weber (LUX) supporting member		Scoring	Erwin Pellegrom (Co-Chair) (NED) David Bareford (co-chair) (GBR) Steve Ireland (AUS) Mike Meinel (GER) James Smith (USA) Marc Andre (SUI)
Jury	Debbie Spaeth (USA) John Grubbström (SWE) Hiromori Soejima (JPN) Gary Lockyer (CAN)		NTSC	Steve Ireland (AUS) Erwin Pellegrom (NED) Marc Andre (SUI) Mike Meinel (GER)		BA / BX	Luc van Geyte (Chair) Jerzy Czerniawski (POL) Oscar Lindström Sylvia Meinel (GER)
Officials	Hiromi Furukawa (JPN) Debbie Spaeth (USA) Sylvia Meinel (GER) Erwin Pellegrom (NED) Katsuro Endo (JAP) Benoît Pelard (FRA)		Records	Don Cameron (GBR) Sabu Ichiyoshi (JPN) Lindsay Muir (GBR) David Gleed (CAN) Benjamin Eimers (GER) Branko Ambrozic (SLO) Mike Meinel (GER)		AX	Uwe Schneider (GER) (Chair) Claude Weber (LUX) David Bareford (GBR) Maury Sullivan (USA) Sanne Haarhuis (NED)
Rules	Marc Andre (SUI) Erwin Pellegrom (NED) David Bareford (GBR) Hiromori Soejima (JAP)					SC01	Hiromori Soejima (Chair) Mark Sullivan (USA) Lindsay Muir (GBR) Paolo Oggioni (ITA) JC Weber (LUX)

### **Motion :**

To accept all the presented member of the SC/WG

**motion adopted unanimously**

## **24. FAI TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS**

### **FAI MEDICO-PHYSIOLOGICAL COMMISSION (CIMP)**

The CIA representative David Bareford (GBR) the report is attached to the agenda.

### FAI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Steve Ireland is the CIA representative his report was attached to the agenda.

### FAI EUROPE AIR SPORTS

No report, we have no delegate.

### FAI CASI

Mark gave a at the beginning of the meeting on CASI activities. He did point out that the FAI is looking for a representative for de Education Commission.

### Reports approved unanimously

### Nominations for Commission representatives for 2025 :

FAI Medico-Physiological Commission	David Bareford (GBR)
FAI Environmental Commission	Steve Ireland (AUS)
Europe Air Sports	
CIA Representative to CASI.	Mark Sullivan (USA)

### Nominees elected unanimously

## 25. SANCTIONED EVENTS

Sanction Applications to all sanctioned events can be found in the documents on the CIA documents part of the website under Events, Events Sanction Documents.

### Presentation by EDS chair Lindsay Muir (UK)

**Attachment 32**

### 25.1. REPORTS ON SANCTIONED EVENTS 2024

- i. 25<sup>th</sup> Hot Air Balloon World Championship – Szeged, Hungary
- ii. 67<sup>th</sup> Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett – Germany  
*Presentation by Sebastian Eimers.*

### 25.2. REPORTS ON SANCTIONED EVENTS 2025-2026.

Updates on already sanctioned events.

- i. 23<sup>rd</sup> FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship Wieselburg - Austria
- ii. 68<sup>th</sup> Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett – Metz - France
- iii. 26<sup>th</sup> FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship – Krosno - Poland.
- iv. 69<sup>th</sup> Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett – Vienna - Austria **Attachment 33**  
*This event will be sanctioned by the Bureau according to our regulations*

## 26. CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR AND EVENTS OPEN FOR PROPOSAL



EVENT	CATEGORY	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
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WORLD AIR GAMES – NONE SCHEDULED						
HOT AIR BALLOONS (AX)						

General	World		Poland		Intention to bid – KSA India	
	Continental	Austria		Spain		Applications by 12/2026
Women's	World	No Event		Applications by 09/2025 Intention from USA		Applications by 12/2026
	Continental		No Applications		Application by 12/2025	
Junior	World	No Event		Applications by 09/2025		Applications by 12/2026
	Continental		No applications		Application by 12/2025	

GAS BALLOONS (AA)						
General	World	No Event				
	Continental	No Event				

GORDON BENNETT RACE	France (in 2025 Winner 2023) – Austria (in 2026 Winner 2024)
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HOT AIR AIRSHIPS (BX)	No events
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## 26.1. BIDS

Events to be sanctioned

**Attachment 34**

### CAT 2 EVENTS 2025

All information to be found on <https://watchmefly.net/faievents/>

- Italian Balloon Cup Hot air and Gas balloon event 2025*
- Open Lower Austrian Championship and 2. Bandlkramer Balloncup 2025*

**Motion 1:** To approve the sanctioning of Italian Balloon Cup Hot air and Gas balloon event  
**motion adopted unanimously**

**Motion 2:** To approve the sanctioning of Open Lower Austrian Championship and 2. Bandlkramer Balloncup 2025

**motion adopted unanimously**

## **24<sup>TH</sup> FAI EUROPEAN HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP 2027**

- |      |   |                      |
|------|---|----------------------|
| i.   | <i>Torun – Poland Presentation by Arkadiusz Awanski</i>       | <i>Attachment 35</i> |
| ii.  | <i>Mallorca – Spain Presentation by Ricardo Aracil</i>        | <i>Attachment 36</i> |
| iii. | <i>Vel’ka Lomnika – Slovakia Presentation by Juraj Brezan</i> | <i>Attachment 37</i> |

After one round of voting the event was sanctioned to:

### **Mallorca - Spain**

#### **Motion EDS Chair:**

Extend the deadline for the deadline for applications for the 2027 Junior and 2027 Women’s World Championship until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

(S1 Annex 7 1.8)

**motion adopted unanimously**

## **26.2. INTENTIONS TO BID**

### **27<sup>TH</sup> FAI WORLD HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP 2028**

Intentions to bid were received from

- |      |   |                      |
|------|---|----------------------|
| i.   | India, Presentation by Immochaoba Kshetrimayun                  | <b>Attachment 38</b> |
| ii.  | Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Presentation by George Blythe          | <b>Attachment 39</b> |
| iii. | France, Delegate Benoit Pelard withdrew their intention to bid. |                      |

## **27. CIA FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Sanne Haarhuis (secretary):** A presentation was given on the expenses and income in 2023 and on the adjusted budgets for 2024 and budget for 2025

### **Presentation finances**

**Attachment 40**

#### **Motion :**

To accept the 2026 CIA Budget

**Attachment 41**

**motion adopted unanimously**

## 28. AWARDS

### 28.1. HANS ÅKERSTEDT AWARD

This year we present the Hans Åkerstedt award to all the people who have served the CIA for 25 years or more an diamond added for every additional 10 participations. This award is given to:

Hans Åkerstedt (SWE) (with 2 diamonds)  
Sabu Ichiyoshi (JAP) (with 1 diamond)  
JC Weber (LUX) (with 1 diamond)  
Jerzy Czerniawski (POL)  
Mathijs de Bruijn (NED)  
Josef Starkbaum (AUT)  
Uwe Schneider (GER)  
Mark Sullivan (USA)  
Bengt Stener (SWE)

### 28.2. AWARD OF MONTGOLFIER DIPLOMAS

- a) Montgolfier Diploma for Contribution to the development of the Sport.  
There was a vote between Giovanni Amo (ITA) and Sam Parks (USA)  
  
It is awarded to **Sam Parks (USA)**.
- b) Montgolfier Best Performance Hot Air is awarded to **Clement Seigeot (FRA)**
- c) Montgolfier Best Performance Gas Balloon is awarded to **Stefanie Liller and Christian Wagner (AUT)**

## 29. AWARD OF SANTOS DUMONT GOLD AIRSHIP MEDAL

The Santo Dumas Gold Airship Medal is awarded to **Alicia Hempleman – Adams (GBR)**.

## 30. NOMINATIONS FOR FAI AWARDS

**CIA President:** reminded all delegates of the importance to find nominees for these awards.

An Airsport Medal was awarded to:

**Sebastian Eimers  
Thomas Hora  
Florian Michel  
Markus Haggenev**

## 31. CIA HALL OF FAME

Mark Sullivan (USA) gave a report and some explanation about how the Hall of Fame nominations and induction work. **Attachment 42**

The FAI page for the Hal of Fame: <https://www.fai.org/page/cia-hall-fame>

The AAIBM Hall of Fame website: <http://www.balloonmuseum.com/fai-ballooning-commission.aspx>

2025 Inductees	2025 Addition to the pool
Hans Åkerstedt (living) Richard Abruzzo (posthumous)	Mathijs de Bruijn (NED) (living) Sir Richard Branson (GBR) (living) Tom Rutherford (USA) (posthumous)

## 32. ELECTION OF CIA OFFICERS

### 32.1. ELECTION OF THE CIA PRESIDENT

There were 2 proposals for the position.

Claude Weber (LUX – accepted)  
Lindsay Muir (GBR – declined)

**Claude Weber** was elected.

### 32.2. ELECTION OF THE CIA FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

There were 2 candidates proposed for the position.

Uwe Schneider (GER – accepted)  
Lindsay Muir (GBR – declined)  
Andrew Baird (USA – declined)

**Uwe Schneider (GER)** was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.

### 32.3. ELECTION OF THE CIA SECOND AND THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

There were 2 proposed candidates for the position.

Marc André (SUI – accepted)  
Andy Baird (USA – accepted)  
Steve Ireland (AUS – declined)  
Hiromori Soejima (JPN – declined)

**Andy Baird (USA)** suggested to take on 3<sup>rd</sup> VP.

**Marc André (SUI)** accepted 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.

### 32.4. ELECTION OF THE CIA SECRETARY

There was 1 proposed candidate for the position.

Sanne Haarhuis (NED)

**Sanne Haarhuis (NED)** accepted.

## 33. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

### 33.1. BIDS RECEIVED

A bid was received from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. George Blythe had a presentation of what the NAC offers the commission.

#### **Motion 1 :**

To move out of Lausanne for the plenary in 2025.

#### **Motion 2 :**

To accept the bid from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

#### **Vote:**

There was a vote on the dates as the bid suggested 2 date periods that were different from our normal schedule.

The final vote was to have the plenary meeting :

**6 – 7 February**

And the WG and SC meetings

**4 – 5 February**

## 34. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Claude Weber:

Suggested to a motion to nominate Mark Sullivan as CIA President of Honor

**motion adopted unanimously**

Proposed a motion to change the CIA representatives on the Hall of Fame commission to:  
Eric Decellieres, Sanne Haarhuis, Mark Sullivan

**motion adopted unanimously**



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