



Compte-rendu de la 17° Assemblée Générale de l'ACI Minutes of the 17th ICA General Assembly

Washington DC, 2 Juillet 2017 Washington DC, 2 July 2017

Maryland ABC room of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel



Table des matières /Table of Contents



Ordre du jour 17° Assemblée Générale de l'ACI -Agenda 17th General Assembly ICA

	dimanche 2 Juillet 2017 (14 h–17 h)	Sunday 2nd July 2017 14:00–17:00
1.	Ouverture et allocutions de bienvenue	Opening and addresses
2.	Reconnaissance de la mémoire des membres de la communauté de l'ACI	Recognition of the memory of members of the ICA community
3.	Appel des membres	Roll call of members
4.	Adoption de l'ordre du jour	Adoption of the Agenda
5.	Désignation de deux Scrutateurs	Nomination of two Scrutineers
6.	Membres suspendus de vote	Members ineligible to vote
7.	Exclusion de membres	Exclusion from Membership
8.	Nouveaux membres nationaux	New member nations
9.	Nouveaux membres affiliés	New affiliate members
10.	Adoption du compte-rendu de la 16° Assemblée générale, 2015	Adoption of the minutes of the 16th General Assembly, 2015
11.	Statuts de l'ACI	ICA Statutes
12.	Problèmes, Précisions de l'ACI (Messages du Comité exécutif)	ICA issues (messages from the Executive Committee)
13.	Clôture	Closure



1 Ouverture et allocutions de bienvenue/ Opening and addresses

The president opened the meeting at 14.00 on Sunday 2 July 2017, and welcomed delegates and observers. He informed the delegates about the operational modus of the Extraordinary General Assembly, especially on the presence, role and responsibility of delegations according to the statutes of the ICA and on the voting process. He also informed all observers that they would respect that they were not allowed in the delegates' area during the General Assembly.

The only reason of organising an Extraordinary General Assembly was the ICA Statutes change in order to have a more efficient ICA and allow the organisation a faster decision making process.

2 Reconnaissance de la mémoire des membres de la communauté de l'ACI / Recognition of the memory of members of the ICA community

The president asked all delegates and observers to stand in a moment of silence for the memory of those individual members of the ICA community who had passed away since the last General Assembly meeting in Rio de Janeiro in 2015:

• Don Pearce (Australie/Australia), Secretary-General (1984-1991), Vice President (1991-1995), Honorary member (1995) of ICA.

3 Appel des membres/ Roll call of member

The President and the Secretary-General held the roll call in order to assess the number of countries with voting rights present.

Forme courte	Short form	Principal delegate	Deputy delegate	Present
Afrique du Sud	South Africa	Derek Clarke	Sissiel Kay	Х
Algérie	Algeria			
Allemagne	Germany	Manfred Buchroithner	Anja Hopfstock	Х
Argentine	Argentina	Graciela Borozuki		Х
Australie	Australia	William Cartwright		Χ
Autriche	Austria	Wolfgang Kainz	Karel Kriz	Х
Belgique	Belgium	Kristien Ooms	Philippe de Maeyer	Х
Bénin	Benin			
Botswana	Botswana			
Brésil	Brazil	Paulo Menezes	Manoel de Couto Fernandes	Х
Bulgarie	Bulgaria	Temenoujka Bandrova	Silvia Marinova	Х
Canada	Canada	Roger Wheate	Yaïves Ferland	X
Chili	Chile			
Chine	China	Wang Qian		Х
Chypre	Cyprus	Klito Demetriou		Х
Colombie	Colombia			
Croatie	Croatia	Miljenko Lapaine		Х
Cuba	Cuba			
Danemark	Denmark			
Equateur	Ecuador			



			<u> </u>	
ERYDMacédoine	FYROMacedonia			
Espagne	Spain	Pilar Sanchez-Ortiz		Х
États-Unis d'Amérique	United States of America	Aileen Buckley	Robert Edsall	Х
Finlande	Finland	Antti Jakobsson	Juha Oksanen	Х
France	France	Francois Lecordix	Christine Zanin	Х
Grèce	Greece	Chrysoula Boutoura	Alexandra Kousoulakou	Х
Hong-Kong	Hong Kong	Denise Yeung		Χ
Hongrie	Hungary	Jesus Reyes		Χ
Inde	India	Amod Srivastava		Χ
Indonésie	Indonesia			
Iran	Iran			
Irlande	Ireland			
Israël	Israel	Oren Raz		Х
Italie	Italy			
Japon	Japan	Takashi MORITA	Yoshiki WAKABAYASHI	Х
Jordanie	Jordan			
Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan			
Kenya	Kenya			
Lettonie	Latvia			
Lituanie	Lithuania	Andrew Kapochunas		Χ
Madagascar	Madagascar			
Malaisie	Malaysia			
Maroc	Morocco			
Mexique	Mexico			
Mongolie	Mongolia			
Montenègre	Montenegro			
Mozambique	Mozambique			
Nigéria	Nigeria			
Norvège	Norway			
Nouvelle-Zélande	New Zealand	Igor Drecki		Х
Pakistan	Pakistan			
Pays-Bas	The Netherlands	Barend Köbben	Ferjan Ormeling	Х
Pologne	Poland	Marek Baranowski		Х
Portugal	Portugal			
Rép. De Corée	Republic of Korea	Hoyul Song	Kamyoung Kim	Х
République Tchèque	Czech Republic	Vaclav Talhofer		Х
Roumanie	Romania	Ionuţ Iosifescu		Х
Royaume-Uni	United Kingdom	David Forrest	Alex Kent	Х
Russie	Russia	Andrey Mukhin		Х
Serbie	Serbia			
Slovaquie	Slovakia			
Slovénie	Slovenia	Dušan Petrovič		Х
Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka			



Suède	Sweden	Kjell Börjesson	Eva Sahlin	Х
Suisse	Switzerland	Thomas Schultz	Susanne Bleisch	Х
Tanzanie	Tanzania			
Thaïlande	Thailand			
Trinité-et-Tobago	Trinidad and Tobago			
Turquie	Turkey	Mrs. Özlem SİMAV		Х
Ukraine	Ukraine			
Uruguay	Uruguay			
TOTAL				35

Votes by correspondence (Statutes change): Colombia, Iran, Norway. Countries nominated delegates in advance, but not present (and have not submitted their votes by correspondence): Chile, Slovakia.

4 Adoption de l'ordre du jour/Adoption of the Agenda

The President presented the proposed agenda of the 17th General Assembly as circulated to the national member organisations and available on the ICA home page under the heading Extraordinary General Assembly.

The agenda was adopted by the delegates by show-of-hands.

5 Désignation de deux scrutateurs/Nomination of two Scrutineers

The Executive Committee proposed two individuals to act as scrutineers for the General Assembly: Derek Clarke (South Africa), Harold Moellering (United States of America).

The proposal was accepted by the delegates by show-of-hands.

6 Membres suspendus de vote/Members ineligible to vote

The Secretary-General informed the GA that the following four countries had no voting right based on GA 2015: Bénin, Kazakhstan, Serbia, and Tanzania. The withdrawal of membership of two of them (Kazakhstan, Tanzania) would be proposed in the next Agenda item. The ICA Executive Committee suggested reinstating the voting right for the GA 2017 for Bénin.

The proposal was accepted by the delegates by show-of-hands.

7 Exclusion de membres / Withdrawal of membership

The Secretary-General proposed that the following countries, which had not paid subscriptions, and with whom no contact had been made for over 10 years, be excluded from membership: National members: Kazakhstan, Tanzania.

The Secretary-General proposed that the following affiliate members, which had not paid subscriptions, and with whom no contact had been made for several years, be excluded from membership:

Rectas, Nigeria

University of Balamand, Lebanon

The proposal was accepted by the delegates by show-of-hands.

8 Nouveaux membres nationaux /New national members

Following the formal applications, the Secretary-General proposed the following new national members:

Bangladesh: Survey of Bangladesh



Estonia: Estonian Geoinformatics Society

Georgia: Department of Geography, Tbilisi State University The proposal was accepted by the delegates by show-of-hands.

The delegates of two of the new national members were present. They were invited to have their seats on the delegates' area. The roll call list was supplemented:

Forme courte	Short form	Principal delegate	Deputy delegate	Present
Bangladesh	Bangladesh			
Estonie	Estonia	Maria-Elisabet Talvistu		Х
Géorgia	Georgia	Irma Kveladze		Х

Currently the ICA has 72 national members, 71 has voting rights.

9 Nouveaux membres affiliés/ New affiliate members

The Secretary-General proposed the following new affiliate members:

- El Servicio Aerofotorametrico del General Juan Soler Manfredini de la Fuerza Aerea de Chile (SAF), CHILE
- o Independent Institute of Lay Adventist of Kigali, RWANDA
- o Library and Archives Canada, CANADA.

The proposal was accepted by the delegates by show-of-hands.

10 Adoption des comptes-rendu de la 16e Assemblée Générale, 2015 / Adoption of the minutes of the 16th General Assembly, 2015

The minutes of the 16th General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro in 2015 had been circulated to the member countries after the General Assembly (see Appendix 1). No proposals had been received from member countries to change the minutes, but New Zealand had two comments on the spot on item 17 (Statutes change proposals).

Article 15, Domicile of the Association:

Voting on proposed changes to Article 15 (page 15 of the Minutes) states: "The motion was seconded by the Netherlands and was accepted by the General Assembly by show-of-hands." It should say "The motion was seconded by the Netherlands and was accepted by absolute majority by show-of-hands." Article 32, Decisive Language

Voting on proposed changes to Article 32 (page 29 of the Minutes) states: "This Statutes change proposal was NOT accepted by the General Assembly by show-of-hands". It should say "This Statutes change proposal was NOT accepted by absolute majority by show-of-hands". Voting on changes to Statutes require absolute majority vote.

These correction proposals were accepted by the delegates by show-of-hands. The old version of the minutes will be replaced by the updated version on ICA website.

11 Statuts de l'ACI / ICA Statutes

The ICA Executive Committee (EC) suggests the following changes (new or modified text is written in red):

Motions by the EC:



<u>Statutes Article 28:</u> In order for a motion to be accepted, an <u>absolute majority of the voting member nations</u> of the Association is necessary, voting in person or by correspondence.

Article 3: National representation and membership of the Association

Existing version:

Application to become a member nation or affiliate member shall be made by letter to the Secretary General and Treasurer and may be approved by the Executive Committee subject to ratification at the next General Assembly of Delegates.

Executive Committee's recommendation:

Application to become a member nation or affiliate member shall be made by letter to the Secretary General and Treasurer and may be approved by the Executive Committee subject to ratification at the next General Assembly of Delegates. Such new member may exercise their rights of membership upon the approval from the Executive Committee in the interim period.

Executive Committee's justification:

• The Article is amended to provide clarity on the rights of new members approved by the Executive Committee prior to the next General Assembly, where such membership is ratified by the General Assembly. Ratification by the General Assembly is still required for the membership.

The Statutes Committee remarks:

The Committee agrees.

Article 6: Official organisations of the Association are

Existing text:

- the General Assembly of Delegates (see Articles 7 11)
- the Executive Committee (see Articles 12 14)
- the Office of the Secretary General and Treasurer (or Secretariat) (see Article 16)
- Commissions and Working Groups (see Article 24)
- the Publication Committee (see Article 27)
- the Statutes and By-Laws Committee (see Article 28)
- the Selection of Award Recipients Committee (see By-Law 4)
- the ICA Fund for Supporting Cartography and Geographic Information Committee

Change to:

- the General Assembly of Delegates (see Articles 7 11)
- the Executive Committee (see Articles 12 14)
- the Office of the Secretary General and Treasurer (or Secretariat) (see Article 16)
- Commissions and Working Groups (see Article 24)
- the Publication Committee (see Article 27)
- the Statutes and By-Laws Committee (see Article 28)
- the Selection of Award Recipients Committee (see By-Law 4)
- the ICA Fund for Supporting Cartography and Geographic Information Committee

Executive Committee's justification:



• The ICA Fund has been replaced with the ICA Scholarships that are now awarded.

The Statutes Committee remarks:

The Committee agrees.

Article 11: Voting

Existing version:

Decisions at the General Assembly shall be taken by a show of hands and by a simple majority vote, of those delegates present, who have the right to vote.

Executive Committee's recommendation:

The quorum for a vote in the General Assembly shall be one-third of the members eligible to vote. Decisions at the General Assembly shall be taken by a show of hands and by a simple majority vote, of those delegates present, who have the right to vote.

Executive Committee's justification:

• The quorum for the General Assembly is currently not specified in the Statutes. One-third of members is deemed to be appropriate as a quorum, taking into account the number of members eligible to vote usually being present at a General Assembly.

The Statutes Committee remarks:

The Committee suggested this proposal which was accepted by the Executive Committee.

Article 13: Election of the Executive Committee

Existing version:

They can be re-elected, but with the following restrictions:

- the President may not serve for three consecutive terms.
- the Vice-Presidents and the Secretary General and Treasurer may not serve for three consecutive terms.

Executive Committee's recommendation:

They can be re-elected, but with the following restrictions:

• The President, the Vice-Presidents and the Secretary General and Treasurer may not serve for more than two consecutive terms. They may, however, stand for election for a different position on the Executive Committee at any time.

Executive Committee's justification:

• The maximum term of office remains the same as is current but now permits a person leaving the Executive Committee after the maximum of two consecutive terms to stand for election in a different position on the Executive Committee. In this way the Association can benefit from the experience and service of a person for a longer period.

The Statutes Committee remarks:

The Committee agrees.



Article 14: Authority of the Executive Committee

Existing version:

It prepares guidelines and rules for the formation and operation of Commissions and Working Groups, including their functioning and reporting, and the managing of funds allocated for their support. It examines and, if necessary, modifies proposed terms of reference, in discussion with the proposed Commission chairpersons before presentation to the General Assembly for decision.

Executive Committee's recommendation:

It prepares guidelines and rules for the formation and operation of Commissions and Working Groups, including their functioning and reporting, and the managing of funds allocated for their support. It examines and, if necessary, modifies proposed terms of reference, in discussion with the proposed Commission chairpersons before presentation to the General Assembly for decision. It monitors the work of the Commissions against the approved terms of reference, and may take corrective action against defaulting or inactive Commissions in the interest of the Association.

Executive Committee's justification:

• Gives the Executive Committee the authority to manage the performance of Commissions – see also By-law 9.

The Statutes Committee remarks:

The Committee agrees.

Article 19: Use of funds

Existing version:

The income of the Association is to be devoted to paying for:

- the cost of administration.
- travel costs within the limits decided by the President and / or the Secretary General and Treasurer.
- the remuneration of any paid staff in the office of the Secretary General and Treasurer.
- any purchase designed to achieve the general purposes of the Association as approved by the General Assembly.
- scholarships, travel awards and other contributions from the ICA Fund for Supporting Cartography and Geographic Information.

Executive Committee's recommendation:

The income of the Association is to be devoted to paying for:

- the cost of administration.
- travel costs within the limits decided by the President and / or the Secretary General and Treasurer.
- the remuneration of any paid staff in the office of the Secretary General and Treasurer.
- any purchase designed to achieve the general purposes of the Association as approved by the General Assembly.
- ICA scholarship.



Executive Committee's justification:

• To align with the change from the ICA Fund and to the ICA Scholarship (terminology update).

The Statutes Committee remarks:

The Committee agrees.

Article 24: Commissions, Working Groups and Task Forces

Existing version:

Commissions and Working Groups are required to present reports of their work to each General Assembly of Delegates.

Executive Committee's recommendation:

Commissions and Working Groups are required to present reports of their work at least annually to the Executive Committee and to each General Assembly of delegates.

Executive Committee's justification:

• Requires Commissions and Work Groups to report progress to the Executive Committee to enable the Executive Committee to manage the performance in accordance with Article 14.

The Statutes Committee remarks:

The Committee agrees.

Article 28: Changes in the statutes

Existing version:

The Executive Committee may itself propose motions for changes in the Statutes and the adoption, modification or rescinding of By-Laws to be included on the agenda for the General Assembly of Delegates. The Executive Committee may establish a Committee on Statutes and By-Laws for advice.

In order for a motion to be accepted, an absolute majority of the voting member nations of the Association is necessary, voting in person or by correspondence.

Executive Committee's recommendation:

The Executive Committee may itself propose motions for changes in the Statutes and the adoption, modification or rescinding of By-Laws to be included on the agenda for the General Assembly of Delegates. The Executive Committee may submit proposed changes to the Statutes and By-Laws Committee for advice.

In order for a motion for a change to the Statutes to be accepted, an absolute majority of the voting members present (in person or by correspondence) is required.

Executive Committee's justification:

• The Statutes and By-Laws Committee is established by Article 6 and so a correction is made to Article 28 to align with Article 6. The quorum for changing the Statutes is aligned to the quorum for the General Assembly. The procedure for voting on the changes is clarified for members present or any members voting by correspondence.

The Statutes Committee remarks:



The Committee agrees.



Motions by the EC:

By-laws: These may be adopted, modified or rescinded by a simple majority of votes expressed by the principal delegates attending the General Assembly.

By-Law 7

Existing version:

All national and affiliate members may propose one representative for each commission for consideration by the chairperson of that commission.

Executive Committee's recommendation:

All national and affiliate members may propose representatives for each commission for consideration by the chairperson of that commission.

Executive Committee's justification:

 Removes the restriction of members having only one representative in a Commission.

The Statues Committee remarks:

The Committee agrees.

By-Law 9

Existing version:

In order to ensure that the commission is performing according to the approved terms of reference, the Executive Committee may recommend that the nominating country replace the commission chairperson prior to the next General Assembly.

Executive Committee's recommendation:

In order to ensure that the commission is fulfilling their approved terms of reference, the Executive Committee may take appropriate action such as: recommend that the nominating country replace the commission chairperson; refuse access to funding; remove them from the listings of current commissions; remove ICA endorsement for their activities.

Executive Committee's justification:

• Gives the Executive Committee the authority to manage the performance of Commissions.

The Statues Committee remarks:

The Committee agrees.

Discussion and voting results:

After the preceding voting procedures 71 national members had voting rights; so the absolute majority was 36 countries (for votes on any Statutes change).

According to the ICA Statutes, voting by correspondence is permitted only in accordance with Articles 28 and 30. Our national members were invited to submit their votes by correspondence if they would not send delegates to the Extraordinary General Assembly. Two countries (Colombia and Norway) sent their votes in time (Article 28). Iran sent its vote only few days before the General Assembly. Iran wanted to send a delegate to the General



Assembly, but due to the recent US changes on the foreign affairs policy they had no chance to get visa to the USA. The Executive Committee suggested accepting the Iranian vote as a valid vote by correspondence.

The proposal was accepted by the delegates by show-of-hands.

- o Article 3: National representation and membership of the Association
 - After comments from Belgium and Canada, Australia an amendment was proposed. The modified text, in the last sentence of the Article: Such new member may exercise their rights of membership, except voting, upon the approval from the Executive Committee in the interim period.
 - The result of the ballot was: 37 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention. The Statutes change proposal was accepted.
- o Article 6: Official organisations of the Association are
 - This was a purely technical change. There were no remarks.
 - The result of the ballot was: 39 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention. The Statutes change proposal was accepted.
- o Article 11: Voting
 - Australia suggested an amendment concerning a secret ballot.
 - New Zealand was concerned about the lack of a reference to a 'quorum' in the ICA Statutes and By-laws. The proposed motion to determine a 'quorum', being one-third of ICA members eligible to vote, had (and will have) no reflection in the Statutes, even after the proposed change is made.
 - The EC and the ICA Statutes Committee explained the rationale behind the proposal.
 - The result of the ballot was: 32 in favour, 3 against, 5 abstentions. The Statutes change proposal was not accepted.
- Article 13: Election of the Executive Committee
 - France supported the idea not to allow serving too long time in same position. USA added that no matter how many terms were allowed, the delegates would vote, so the delegates could prevent allowing too many term for a single person. France supported a clear wording. Israel suggested a time gap for a person between two positions. Finally Australia had an amendment to remove the last three words of the proposal: at any time.
 - The result of the ballot was: 29 in favour, 8 against, 3 abstentions. The Statutes change proposal was not accepted.
- o Article 14: Authority of the Executive Committee
 - The President emphasised the responsibility of the EC for the GA to guarantee that the commission would be working on their ToR. New Zealand mentioned the responsibility of the liaison person (EC member), and the lack of a performance assessment for the liaisons. South Africa remarked that the EC members were responsible on behalf of the GA. In case the national members were not satisfied with the performance of the EC members, they could initiate an Extraordinary General Assembly. Russia asked about the how we could evaluate the performance of a commission against the ToR.
 - The result of the ballot was: 34 in favour, 3 against, 3 abstentions. The Statutes change proposal was not accepted.
- o Article 19: Use of funds
 - There was one amendment (suggested together by the EC and the Statutes Committee) to use the proposal in plural: scholarships.
 - The result of the ballot was: 40 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstention. The Statutes change proposal was accepted.
- o Article 24: Commissions, Working Groups and Task Forces
 - This proposal was referring to the actual practice. There was no question, no discussion.
 - The result of the ballot was: 39 in favour, 1 against, 0 abstention. The Statutes change proposal was accepted.
- Article 28: Changes in the statutes



- There was a discussion about the difference between simple and absolute majority. According to New Zealand, the proposal was confusing. USA asked whether accepting this proposal would make the Statutes change easier than recently. Belgium asked about how we counted the abstention votes. Statutes Committee: only votes in favour were counting.
- The result of the ballot was: 33 in favour, 5 against, 2 abstentions. The Statutes change proposal was not accepted.
- o By-Law 7
 - The EC suggested removing the restriction of members having only one representative in a Commission (as the actual practice). There was no intervention.
 - The result of the ballot was: 38 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention. The By Law change proposal was accepted.
- o *By-Law 9*
 - There was a serious discussion on this proposal and there were also some amendments to the proposed text (observations from the Netherlands, New Zealand, Australia, Belgium, Canada).
 - There was also an internal vote whether we would allow on the spot amendments and changes on the proposed text, because it might harm the votes by correspondence. Most of the delegates (32) supported this theoretical question.
 - The final version of the sentence the EC was voting on: In order to ensure that the commission is fulfilling their approved terms of reference, the Executive Committee, as a last resort, may take appropriate action: recommend that the nominating country replace the commission chairperson; refuse access to funding; remove them from the listings of current commissions; and remove ICA endorsement for their activities.
 - The result of the ballot was: 35 in favour, 4 against, 1 abstention. **The By Law change** proposal was accepted.

12 Problèmes, Précisions de l'ACI (Messages du Comité exécutif) / ICA issues (messages from the Executive Committee)

The President informed the GA on the activities of the EC during the last two years and the two years ahead to the Tokyo GA. Before Tokyo a new Strategic plan will have to be written.

It was explained that all Vice-Presidents had a thematic portfolio which worked on. Examples were the Internal organization (How can we better organize ourselves to work more efficient?); Membership (Is the current approach to membership sustainable? Should we open up for individual membership?); Publication policy (How do we guarantee that all ICA publication are accessible and open to all?); Regional Cartographic Conferences (How to organize more 'local' (= regional) event in the in between ICC years?).

Bengt Rystedt summarised the activities of the International Map Year.

13 Clôture / Closing

The President closed the assembly at 17.35, thanking the scrutineers, the delegates and the organisers for all their work.



Appendix 1

Minutes of GA 2015