Minutes

Present: Munekazu Ejiri, Alison Gallaway, George Hatfield (President-Elect), Clare Hermans (Secretary), Johan Hermans, David Ridgeway, William Riley (President), John Varigos (Treasurer).

Meeting: Called to order at 13.05 PM

Members of the Site Selection Committee:
The members of the Site Selection Committee were:
Deborah Boersma (Canada), Hong-Hwa Chen (Taiwan), Munekazu Ejiri (Japan), Alison Gallaway (USA), Gary-Yong Gee (Australia), George Hatfield (Chairman) (USA), Clare Hermans (UK), Cliff Ireland (Australia), Dennis Kao (Taiwan), Robert Price (Mexico), David Ridgeway (UK), William Riley (USA), John Varigos (Australia).
Observer: Michael Tibbs (Eire).
Steward: Johan Hermans (UK).
All those present had signed a Confidentiality Agreement.

Members of the Dresden, Germany Bid Team:
Giselher Cramer, Jörg Freschonke, Falk Geißler, Brend Treder.

Members of the Korat, Thailand Bid Team:
Boonyarit Metheekasiwat, Neung Teumroong, Kanchit Thammasiri, Surawit Wannakairoj.

Members of the Awana Resort, Genting, Malaysia Bid Team:
Spencer Lee, Mohd Tahir Man, Michael Ooi, Darren Yeo.

The votes of the Site Selection Committee were
First Choice: Dresden – unanimous
Second Choice: Korat, Thailand 9 in favour, 2 against.

The Site Selection Committee's decision to award Dresden, Germany, the 2026 WOC and provisional status for 2029 to Korat, Thailand, and Awana Resort, Genting Malaysia, was unanimously voted on and ratified.

Further feedback from the Board about the WOC:
   a) Conference:
I. The 20-minute length of lectures was felt to be too short. The suggestion of 30 minutes to include questions was made. It was agreed that the Scientific & Education Committee could advise the organizers.

II. There should be only one lecture per speaker, even if two are submitted.

b) Distance between hotels and venue:
   1. Too much time was spent on the coaches.

c) Importation problems:
   1. Three exhibitors had plants destroyed by customs. An airport liaison was suggested to assist the exhibitors.

The meeting adjourned at 13.40 as no other business existed.

Next Meeting
Date/Time: April tbc.

Clare Hermans