INTERNATIONAL PRACTICAL SHOOTING CONFEDERATION

Minutes of the Twenty-Third General Assembly Cebu, Philippines, 9:00 am, Saturday, 30 October 1999

It was the IPSC Executive Councils intention that the General Assembly be conducted in a businesslike and amicable manner. To this end, except where specifically permitted by the IPSC Constitution and for motion 21 Rules., motions were **not** accepted from the floor of the meeting. In this manner those Regions unable to attend the Assembly had the opportunity to vote by proxy on the subject, and those Regional Directors present were able to consult with their Regional Directorate prior to the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

1) IPSC Secretary to present list of voting Regions and proxies held

Executive Council Present:

IPSC President IPSC General Secretary IPSC Secretary IPSC Treasurer IROA President IROA Vice President

Regions Present:

Argentina Australia Austria Belgium Brazil Cambodia Canada Czech Republic Denmark Finland France Germany Greece Hong Kong Hungary Israel Italy Japan Macau Malaysia Netherlands New Zealand Nicaragua

Mr. Nick Alexakos Mr. Chepit Dulay Mr. Bob Chittleborough Mr. Ren Henderson Mr. Dino Evangelinos Mr. Peter Glenn

Mr. Alejandro Macome Mr. Tony Parmiter Dr. Michael Ploderer Mr. Yvan Vogels Mr. Luiz Frota Mr. Thomas Bovet Mr. Sean Hansen Mr. Miroslav Kucera Mr. Tim Anderson Ms. Virpi Virtanen-Pietilainen Mr. Philippe Crochard Mr. Friedrich Gepperth Mrs. Monica Theodorou Mr. Vince Pinto Mrs. Varga Laszlone Mr. Nachum Zarzif Mr. Beppe Masia Mr. Kazuharu Kudo Mr. Pou Chong Lei Mr. Ishak Hashim Mr. Kees Guichelaar Mr. Glenn Rangiuia Mr. Salvador Luna

Norway Philippines Russia Slovakia Slovenia South Africa Spain Sri Lanka Sweden Switzerland United Kingdom Uruguay USA Zimbabwe

Regions Entitled To Vote:

Argentina Aruba Australia Austria Barbados Belgium Bolivia Brazil Cambodia Canada Chile Colombia Czech Republic Denmark Finland France Germany

Voting by Proxy:

Aruba Barbados Bolivia Chile Jamaica N. Antilles Norway Papua New Guinea Paraguay Peru Puerto Rico Thailand Venezuela

(From Motion 19 Onwards)

Mr. Geir Owe Mr. Chito Canteras Mr. Stanislav Dubrovskiy Mr. Peter Forgac Mr. Ludwig Dvojmoc Mr. John Gildenhuys Mr. Pedro Fralle Mr. Dallas Martenstyn Mr. Steen Nitschke Mr. Mark Studer Mr. Bob Chittleborough Mr. Juan Diaz Mr. Andy Hollar Mr. John Goddard

Greece Hong Kong Hungary Israel Italy Jamaica Macau Malaysia N Antilles Netherlands New Zealand Norway P New Guinea Paraguay Peru Philippines Poland

Puerto Rico Slovakia Slovenia South Africa Spain Sri Lanka Sweden Switzerland Thailand United Kingdom Uruguay USA Venezuela

Zimbabwe

(From Motion 19 Onwards)

Note: 44 Voting Regions 32 Present 12 Proxies

IPSC President to appoint two tellers

Mr. Graham Gill	UK
Mr. Dave Arnold	USA

3) IPSC President's report

The President informed the delegates that, with their permission, he intended to change the order of the Agenda so that (Item 21) Rules would be the last Item discussed prior to Any Other Business.

"Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the twenty-third General Assembly of the International Practical Shooting Confederation. I woke up this morning reminded of a scene from the movie "A Few Good Men" where the prosecutor, played by Tom Cruise, asked the commanding officer, played by Jack Nicholson, if the private had felt that he was in danger? Nicholson responded, "yes." Then Cruise asked, "Did the private feel he was in grave danger?" to which Nicholson replied, "Is there any other kind?"

We are in danger and must face the realities of today's world. The recent rash of lawsuits by city governments across the United States against different firearms manufacturers is a startling reminder of the "grave" danger which faces us all. The prevailing negative public perception of firearms is the fuel that continues to push the anti-gun movement's efforts all over the world. Until we are able to reverse this tide, we will continue to be subject to on-going political, legal, and financial attacks which threaten not only our growth but our eventual existence.

Improving our total image may not be the complete solution to the problems, but it must be an integral part of the total package of solutions that need to be implemented.

We must not look to the past but to the future. Now is the time that we must meet these worldwide challenges headon. We must become pro-active. We must become professional. We must become better funded. And we must become totally integrated internationally.

This international integration begins with, and is achieved by you, the Regional Directors. Our success is due largely to your commitment and hard work, and I would like to thank all Regional Directors for devoting their time and effort so generously to IPSC.

Again, as always, the Executive Council has been very busy this year. Their tasks have become increasingly more demanding and I would like to personally thank these gentlemen:

Mr. Chepit Dulay	Mr. Ren Henderson
Mr. Bob Chittleborough	Mr. Dino Evangelinos
Mr. Peter Glenn.	

I also wish to thank the members of the President's Council for without their valuable time and assistance my job would be infinitely more difficult:

Mr. Tim Andersen	Mr. Dave Arnold
Mr. Luiz Frota	Mr. Fritz Gepperth
Mr. Andy Hollar	Mr. Cameron Hopkins
Mr. Alain Joly	Mr. Vince Pinto
Mr. Doug Lewis	

Again this year I asked my "kitchen cabinet" to meet on several weekend Sundays for impromptu discussions and meetings. On behalf of IPSC, I would like to thank these gentlemen for their invaluable time and contribution:

Mr. Doug LewisMr. Bud MellessMr. Dino EvangelinosMr. Ren HendersonMr. Ian FachieMr. Ren Henderson

Because of the intense media attention paid to IPSC this year our IPSC website has taken on a much larger role in the political arena and here IPSC owes a special thanks to Ian Fachie for his tireless management of our IPSC site.

There is no doubt that our last three Assemblies have fulfilled the goal of a gathering of friends to constructively discuss and deal with the business of the Confederation for which I am proud and thank you."

DVC Nick Alexakos

As always we have included moved, seconded, carried and denied following each motion. This way you will be able to easily keep notes and will have a virtually perfect set of minutes to take with you.

4) IROA Presidents report

"1999 has been the busiest operational year for the International Range Officers Association. Having seen the activities of the Level III sanctioned matches this year I would like to take this opportunity to salute and thank the Regional Directors for once again supporting your National Range Officer programs.

It is with great pleasure today that we welcome the additional International Instructors: Mr. Vince Pinto (Hong Kong), Mr. Barry Pollard (United Kingdom), Mr. Pablo Stelian (Argentina), and Steen Nitschke(Denmark). Each of these instructors were assigned a specific area of the world in which to offer assistance to new Regions, or to help further develop the National Range Officer programs. Vince Pinto has held seminars in Macau, Malaysia and Hong Kong, and Pablo Stelian has held one in Uruguay. In addition to the previously mentioned Instructors, I conducted an IROA seminar in Spain, and Mr. Nick Alexakos held seminars in France, Israel, and Uruguay.

Currently we have a total of 179 accredited IROA Officials. They include 134 Range Officers, 25 Chief Range Officers, 16 Range Masters and 4 Statistical Officers. I am pleased to report that all of these officials are active not only in their home Region, but also in assisting neighboring Regions on a regular basis. This is truly international cooperation at its best. I am also pleased to report that several officials have applied for membership of IROA, and will be undergoing the approval process in the next few weeks.

Assuming the adoption of a 14th edition of the Rules of the International Practical Shooting Confederation, IROA will be responsible for updating the Level I and Level II range officer seminars to reflect the changes approved by the Assembly today. The update to the seminars should be implemented as soon as possible, and will be distributed early next year.

Finally, as you watch the World Shoot unfold this week, you will see IROA members from 14 nations working with our Philippine hosts to present the most exciting event yet. Since the approval of the IROA concept by the Assembly in 1988 the program has proven to be a model of effective training, safe range operation and international cooperation. We look forward to many more years of service to IPSC."

Thank you very much. Dino Evangelinos

5) Introduction of, and brief report from, each Regional Director

Each Regional delegate gave a brief verbal report on the past year and future projects.

6) Approval of the minutes of the Twenty-Second IPSC General Assembly

1. Motion:

That the minutes of the previous Assembly of Crete, Greece, September 9, 1998 be accepted as mailed to the Regions.

Moved:	USA	
Seconded:	Germany	
For: 43	Against: 0	Abstain: 1
Carried		

7) IPSC Treasurer's Report, and approval of the previous years accounts.

2. Motion:

That the 1998 accounts be accepted as mailed to the Regions.

Moved:	France	
Seconded:	Germany	
For: 44	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
Carried		

8) Regional Development Director's Report

The Regional Development Director, Mr. Vince Pinto, gave a brief report to the meeting as follows:-Director: Mr. Vince Pinto.

Committee Members: Mr. Chepit Dulay (Australasia), Mr. Friedrich Gepperth (Europe), Mr. Luiz Frota (Americas), Mr. John Gildenhuys (Africa).

Ex Officio: IPSC President Mr. Nick Alexakos.

Group 1: Regions On Agenda (5): For Provisional Acceptance For Final Acceptance

Japan. Croatia, Costa Rica, Lithuania, Russia.

Group 2: Regions Whereby Applications For Affiliation Are Considered Imminent (2): Malta, Guam.

Group 3: Regions Whereby Initial Contacts Have Become Stagnant (22): Andorra, Belize, Brunei, Cayman Islands, Estonia, Gibraltar, Guyana, Iceland, India, Kenya, Luxembourg, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Romania, Santa Lucia, Serbia, Seychelles, Taiwan, Turkey, Turkmenistan.

Group 4: Special Assistance Required From Delegates: Arabic nations in the Middle East (Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE etc.). Pacific Rim and Islands (Tonga, Fiji, Western Samoa etc.). Former members of the Soviet Union.

The Committee would be grateful for any assistance which can be extended by any delegate in respect of the prospective IPSC Regions listed above and/or any others. Information, in the first instance should be directed to Mr. Vince Pinto.

Vince Pinto Regional Development Director

9) Provisional acceptance of new Regions

3. Motion:

Japan be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved:	Greece	
Seconded:	Hong Kong	
For: 44	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
Carried		

10) Final acceptance of provisional Regions

4. Motion:

Withdrawn

5. Motion:

Withdrawn

6. Motion:

Lithuania be definitively	accepted.	
Moved:	Germany	
Seconded:	Brazil	
For: 43	Against: 0	Abstain:
Carried		

7. Motion:

Russia be definitively accepted.

Brazil	
Slovakia	
Against: 0	Abstain: 0
	Slovakia

Note: The Assembly welcomed the newly accepted Regions and wished them all the best of success. The IPSC Secretary informed the tellers of the additional voting Regions.

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Note: 45 Voting Regions 33 Present 12 Proxies

11) Declaration of vacant Regions when more than ninety days in arrears

8. Motion:

Withdrawn

9. Motion:

That El Salvador be declared vacant if not in good standing by 31st December, 1999. (requires 3/4 vote)

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Moved:	Germany	
Seconded:	Canada	
For: 44	Against: 0	Abstain: 1
Carried	-	

10. Motion:

That Namibia be declared vacant if not in good standing by 31st December, 1999.

(requires 3/4 vote)
Moved:

Moved:	Netherlands	
Seconded:	New Zealand	
For: 44	Against: 0	Abstain: 1
Carried		

11. Motion:

Withdrawn

12) Election of the President.

12. Motion:

Election of the IPSC President by ballot.			
Candidate:	Mr. Nick Alexak	kos (CAN)	
Moved:	Hong Kong		
Seconded:	Canada		
For: 43	Against: 0	Abstain: 2	
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Mr. Nick Alexakos was re-elected for a further term of office.

13) Appointment of an auditor

13. Motion:

That the chartered accounting firm of *Mullen Micules Chartered Accountants* be appointed as Auditors for financial year 1999.

Moved:	Switzerland	
Seconded:	Hong Kong	
For: 45	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
Carried	-	

ORGANIZATION

14) IPSC Business Plan

14. Motion: That the

e 1999 Business	Plan be approv	ed.
Moved:	Zimbabwe	
Seconded:	Philippines	
For: 45	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
Carried	-	

15) IPSC Per Capita fee

15. Motion:

That the annual per capita fee be set at a 100 member minimum. New Regions will have a three year exemption from the time of their provisional acceptance. Regions paying less than the minimum membership will remain current but with no vote in the Assembly for that year.

Moved:	Hong Kong	
Seconded:	Brazil	
For: 34	Against: 5	Abstain: 6
Carried		

16) Pro-rated slots for Level V Competitions

16. Motion:

That the slots for Level V competitions be allocated to the Regions on a pro-rated per-capita basis notwithstanding slots which may be put aside for Foundation Patrons which will not exceed twenty in total.

Moved:	Netherlands	
Seconded:	Germany	
For: 33	Against: 11	Abstain: 1
Carried	-	

17. Motion:

Withdrawn

17) Honorarium for IPSC President

18. Motion:

Withdrawn

18a. Motion:

That the IPSC President be given an annual honorarium, the amount to be determined by the Executive Council and ratified by the General Assembly for the ensuing year.

Moved:	Canada	
Seconded:	Germany	
For: 29	Against: 1	Abstain: 3
Carried		

RULES

18) Course of Fire Committee report

Mr. Dino Evangelinos (CAN)	Mr. Peter Glenn (AUS)
Mr. Alain Joly (FRA)	Mr. Luiz Frota (BRA)

Mr. Luiz Frota gave the Committee's report.

19) Rifle and Shotgun Committee report

Mr. Tim Andersen (DEN)	Mr. Bob Chittleborough (UK)
Mr. Peter Glenn (AUS)	Mr. Troy McManus(USA)

Mr. Tim Anderson gave the Committee's report.

20) Seminar Committee report

Mr. Doug Lewis (CAN)

Mr. Doug Lewis gave the Committee's report.

21) Rules

See later

COMPETITIONS

22) American Handgunner Postal Match.

20. Motion:

That the Assembly wishes to thank the American Handgunner Magazine for it's 1999 coverage of the International Postal match and respectfully requests continued coverage for the year 2000.

Moved:	USA	
Seconded:	Zimbabwe	
For: 45	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
Carried		

23) World Shoot XIII.

21. Motion:

That the 2002 World Shoot be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly. Moved: New Zealand Seconded: Switzerland For: 45 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Carried

Greece and South Africa entered bids. The vote was by ballot. Greece: 8 South Africa: 25 Region: South Africa

GENERAL

24) World Forum of Sports Shooting Activities (WFSA) report.

22. Motion:

That the Executive Council through the IPSC President continue the involvement with the World Forum of Sports Shooting Activities.

Moved:	Canada	
Seconded:	South Africa	
For: 45	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
Carried	-	

25) World Shooting Federation (WSF) report.

23. Motion:

That IPSC affiliates to the World Shooting Federation. Moved: South Africa Seconded: Netherlands For: 43 Against: 0 Abstain: 2 Carried

26) Date and place of next IPSC General Assembly.

24. Motion:

That the 2000 IPSC General Assembly be held in conjunction with the Level IV Competition in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly.

Moved:	South Africa	-
Seconded:	Germany	
For: 45	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
Carried		

The President informed the meeting that Uruguay was now unable to host the 2000 Pan-American Championship.

Argentina, N. Antilles and Zimbabwe entered bids. The vote was by ballot. Argentina: 3 N. Antilles: 13 Zimbabwe: 16 Abstain: 1 A second ballot was held. N. Antilles: 18 Zimbabwe: 15 Region: N. Antilles

The IPSC Secretary informed the meeting that a delegate from Sweden had just arrived, and that a proxy from Puerto Rico had just been received.

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21) Rules.

19. Motion:

That the 14th Edition of the IPSC rules, as amended by the Assembly, replace the existing pistol rules.

Moved:	USA	
Seconded:	Slovakia	
For: 43	Against: 4	Abstain: 0
Carried	-	

19a. Motion to Refer:

That as per Section 3.2 of the Parliamentary Procedures For IPSC General Assembly, Motion 19 be referred to a committee for further study and redrafting. The lines of the redrafting to be in accordance with the wishes of the Assembly.

Moved:	Australia	
Seconded:	South Africa	
For: 6	Against: 23	Abstain: 5
Denied		

19.1 Motion:

That in the 2nd sentence of Section 1.1.1 the word "must" be replaced with the word "should". Moved: Germany

Noved:	Germany	
Seconded:	France	
For: 34	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
Carried		

19.2 Motion:

That in Section 1.1.5 the words "or Shoot Offs" be added to the end of the sentence "Mandatory reloads may not be specified except in Standard Exercises." Additionally, the word "only" be added to the end of the sentence "A course of fire may specify weak or strong hand.".

Moved:	Germany	
Seconded:	Slovenia	
For:` 33	Against: 0	Abstain: 1
Carried		

19.3. Motion:

That in Section 1.1.6 the words "Objects to be lifted, carried, activated or surmounted" be replaced with the words "Specific requirements for each challenge".

Moved:	France	
Seconded:	Germany	
For: 30	Against: 1	Abstain: 3
Carried		

19.4 Motion:

That in Section 1.2 the words "for Level IV matches or higher" be added to the end of the sentence. Moved: USA

Seconded:	Netherlands	
For: 33	Against: 1	Abstain: 0
Carried		

19.5 Motion:

That in the 2nd sentence of Section 1.2.1.2 the word "allow" be replaced with the word "require".Moved:CanadaSeconded:AustraliaFor: 21Against: 11Abstain: 2

Carried

19.6 Motion:

That in Section 1.2.1.3 the word "Field" be replaced with the word "Long".

Moved:	United Kingdom		
Seconded:	USA		
For: 33	Against: 0	Abstain: 1	
Carried			

19.7 Motion:

 That in the 2nd sentence of Section 1.2.1.3 the word "allow" be replaced with the word "require".

 Moved:
 Canada

 Seconded:
 Slovenia

 For: 23
 Against: 6

 Abstain: 5

 Carried

19.8 Motion:

That, notwithstanding Motions 19, 19a, 19.1-19.7, the 14th Edition of the IPSC rules replace the existing pistol rules for an evaluation period of one year until the next General Assembly, with the exception of Appendix E Divisions which shall be subject to amendment at this meeting. (requires 2/3 vote)

Moved:	United Kingdom	l .
Seconded:	Canada	
For: 30	Against: 1	Abstain: 3
Carried		

19.9 Motion:

That the title of Open Division be retained.

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Seconded:	Netherlands	
For: 27	Against: 5	Abstain:2
Carried		

19.10 Motion:

That the Major power factor floor for Open Division be 160. Moved: USA Seconded: Slovenia For: 26 Against: 5 Abstain: 3 Carried

19.11 Motion:

That the Major power factor floor for Limited (Standard) Division be 170.

Moved:	Germany	
Seconded:	Denmark	
For: 19	Against: 11	Abstain: 4
Carried	-	

19.12 Motion:

That the title of Standard	d Division be ret	ained.
Moved:	Zimbabwe	
Seconded:	South Africa	
For: 24	Against: 6	Abstain: 4
Carried	-	

			nd that an empty magazine must be inserted in the er magazines intended for use must also comply. Abstain: 3
	Carried		
19.14 Motion That, in		on, delete the wo South Africa Germany Against: 0	rds "or slides" from section f). Abstain: 0
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Electro	ection f) in Standa onic sights, or opti	cal sights (one o	mended to read as follows: r more lenses with a diameter greater than ors are specifically not allowed. Abstain: 1
19.16 Motic That th		ctor floor for Mod Germany Israel Against: 1	lified Division be 170. Abstain: 0
19.17 Motio	n:		
	roduction not be a Moved: Seconded: For: 7 Denied	adopted as an IP Finland Israel Against: 27	SC Division. Abstain: 0
19.18 Motio	n:		
That th	ne maximum barre Moved: Seconded: For: 28 Carried	el length in Produ Germany Argentina Against: 4	iction Division be 5inches (127mm). Abstain: 2
19.19 Motio	n:		
	ection c) be delete Moved: Seconded: For: 34 Carried	ed from Productio South Africa Brazil Against: 0	on Division. Abstain: 0
19.20 Motion	n:		
	nere be no magaz	ine capacity rest	rictions in Production Division, and that section i) be
	Moved:	Australia	

Seconded:	Israel	
For: 27	Against: 5	Abstain: 2
Carried		

19.21 Motion:

That there be no specific holster position in Production Division, and that the 1st sentence in section j) be deleted.

Moved:	Austria	
Seconded:	Netherlands	
For: 6	Against: 26	Abstain: 2
Denied		

19.22 Motion:

That there be no minimum trigger pull in Production Division, and that section h) be deleted. Moved: Austria Seconded: Hong Kong

Seconded:	Hong Kong	
For: 7	Against: 23	Abstain: 4
Denied		

19.23 Motion:

That the title of Revolver Division be changed to Revolver Standard Division.

Moved:	Switzerland	
Seconded:	Germany	
For: 33	Against: 0	Abstain: 1
Carried	-	

19.24 Motion:

That there be no specific holster position in Revolver Standard Division, and that the 1st sentence in section i) be deleted.

Moved:	Finland	
Seconded:	Germany	
For: 33	Against: 0	Abstain: 1
Carried		

19.25 Motion:

That an additional exception for cylinder releases be added to section e) of Revolver Standard Division.

Moved:	Slovakia	
Seconded:	Germany	
For: 33	Against: 0	Abstain: 1
Carried		

19.26 Motion:

That the Major power factor floor for Revolver Standard Division be 170. Moved: Zimbabwe Seconded: Germany For: 33 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 Carried

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Non-binding proposed actions for Assembly discussion and direction.

27) Pan-American Championship

24.1 Motion:

That the 2000 Pan-American Championship be held in the Region to be determined by vote of the Pan-American Regions.

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Moved:	Argentina	
Seconded:	USA	
For: 33	Against: 1	Abstain: 0
Carried	-	

Argentina and N. Antilles entered bids. The vote was by ballot. Argentina: 4 N. Antilles: 1 Region: Argentina

The President informed the meeting that non-binding Motion 24.1 conflicted with Motion 24, and that he intended to write to all the Pan-American Regions to ask them to vote on the location of the 2000 Pan-American Championship.

Even if a motion had been allowed from the floor relating to the venue for this Pan-American, a vote of 5 Regions present out of 24 Pan-American Regions would not be representative of the majority view. Because it was too late to include the matter in the Final Agenda none of the Pan-American Regions could vote on the subject by proxy.

The Executive Council therefore feels that the fairest way to handle the matter is to ask for new bids.

28) Adjournment

25. Motion:

That the 1999 IPSC General Assembly be adjourned.

Moved:	Brazil	
Seconded:	Australia	
For: 47	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
Carried		