

INTERNATIONAL PRACTICAL SHOOTING CONFEDERATION

Minutes of the Twenty-Seventh General Assembly
Terni, Italy, 9:00 am, Monday, August 25, 2003

ADMINISTRATION

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

Executive Council Present:

IPSC President	Mr. Nick Alexakos
IPSC General Secretary	Mr. Fritz Gepperth
IPSC Secretary	Mr. Vince Pinto
IPSC Treasurer	Mr. Ren Henderson
IROA Vice-president	Mr. Juergen Tegge

Regions Present:

Belgium	Mr. Yvan Vogels
Brazil	Mr. Luiz Frota
Czech Republic	Mr. Josef Horejsi
Denmark	Mr. Tim Andersen
Finland	Mr. Petteri Aro
Georgia	Mr. David Khabeishvili
Germany	Mr. Friedrich Gepperth
Greece	Mr. Dimitrios Tzimas
Hong Kong	Mr. Vince Pinto
Hungary	Mr. Jozef Meszaros
Indonesia	Mr. Jay Reyes
Israel	Mr. Nachum Zarzif
Italy	Mr. Riccardo Massantini
Netherlands	Mr. Kees Guichelaar
Norway	Mr. Jan Hansen
Philippines	Mr. Rey Ganaban
Poland	Mr. Lipka Jacek
Russia	Mr. Vitaly Kryuchin
Slovenia	Mr. Damijan Pesek
South Africa	Mr. Johnny Gildenhuys
Switzerland	Mr. Milan Stojanovic
United Kingdom	Mr. Graham Gill
USA	Mr. John Amidon

Voting Regions:

The following Regions were either present at the meeting and eligible to vote or submitted valid proxy forms:

Argentina	Finland	Netherlands	Slovenia
Australia	France	Norway	South Africa
Belgium	Germany	Papua New Guinea	Sri Lanka
Brazil	Greece	Peru	Switzerland
Canada	Hong Kong	Philippines	Thailand
Chile	Indonesia	Poland	United Kingdom
Czech Republic	Israel	Puerto Rico	USA
Denmark	Italy	Russia	Venezuela
Ecuador	Macau	Singapore	Zimbabwe

2) IPSC President to appoint two tellers

Neil Beverley (GBR)
Chepit Dulay (PHI)

3) IPSC Executive Council Reports

Verbal reports were given by individual Executive Council members.

IPSC President

"Regional Directors, Delegates, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the twenty-seventh General Assembly of the International Practical Shooting Confederation.

I would like to open my remarks this morning by thanking the Italian Federation of Dynamic Sports Shooting for hosting this General Assembly and for hosting what we believe will be the most exciting shotgun championship ever held.

Our Confederation meets here today with a legacy.. and a mission.

Our legacy began in the mid-1950's in California when the Bear Valley Gunslingers began "slapping leather" in what by today's standard would have been relatively primitive pistol matches. The goal was primarily amusement and they learned by doing.

By the 1960's, it had become apparent that something different had taken hold and pistol shooters were beginning to discover an exciting new way to enjoy shooting. By the mid-70's, it was evident the time had come for a new international sport shooting organization.

Our legacy had begun... Our mission was just beginning.

For over a quarter of a century, IPSC has been promoting IPSC shooting through continuous improvements and innovations. We have succeeded in revolutionizing pistol shooting. Our standards of gun-handling are the highest in the world. Our safety record is second to none. And because of the demands of IPSC competitions, our shooting skills and our shooters are the best in the world.

But unlike the Bear Valley Gunslingers, we find ourselves in a different, more challenging world and our mission must be redefined to reflect today's realities.

In just the past few years we have witnessed efforts of several governments to severely restrict private ownership of firearms, including the ownership and use of firearms for sporting purposes. IPSC has found itself in a new role as the vanguard of protecting the personal possession and use of center-fire handguns, rifles, and shotguns, around the world. This unique role and responsibility falls upon IPSC because we are the largest international organization that validates the individual ownership and use of these firearms.

Our world is changing. Gun control advocates the world over are demanding that competitive, recreational pistol shooters be disarmed for no reason other than they don't

like guns. If they succeed, competitive shooting will be relegated to the history books and that is something we simply cannot allow.

Today more than ever our mission is to promote, protect, and preserve IPSC shooting. The only way to accomplish this mission is to make IPSC not only a recognized shooting sport, but a recognized sport. We need to take our place alongside fencing, archery, gymnastics and all the other world-recognized sporting programs.

To succeed in this redefined new mission, we must be strong and stay strong. To achieve strength and maintain our direction we must concentrate our efforts on increasing our membership. But for our long-term vitality, our membership must expand beyond a largely adult male class of participants. Our focus must be directed on the future and on to the junior shooter.

The importance of getting youth involved cannot be over stated. Our competition data shows that we have 1 junior shooter for every 15 or more seniors. This is surely a prescription for failure. We need to get in front of the curve and get active NOW. We need a demographic outreach to compete with video games, computers, and chat rooms. According to rock guitarist and shooting activist Ted Nugent, kids want intensity, fun, excitement... unapologetic and extreme. That sounds good to me too.

I challenge this Assembly, and I specifically call upon our Seniors, to help turn around these demographics of doom. And, I do not use the word "doom" to be melodramatic. Just like the human race depends upon the birth of a new generation, so does IPSC's future depend upon the next generation of shooters. I make this plea to all Seniors. Become a mentor. Share your shooting with a youngster. Pass on the torch of responsibility, of sportsmanship, and of unapologetic fun!

To survive into the future, we need the promise of a future... and that promise can only be found in our junior shooters.

We also need to attract women and families. We can only achieve this by providing amenities, entertainment, incentives, and facilities that will appeal to more family and spouse involvement. We need to promote IPSC shooting as contributing to family values. If we create family-friendly settings, we will no doubt succeed in bringing more women into IPSC and through them encourage more young men and young women to participate.

I call upon all Clubs to seek ways and opportunities to improve your facilities, to create incentives, and to offer amenities that are family-friendly. I call upon all members to invite your spouse, friends, and family friends to join you in some unapologetic shooting fun.

In rising to the challenge of our redefined mission, IPSC needs to work and cooperate with other shooting disciplines to help assure that all shooting sports are healthy and growing. There is a lot of truth in the saying that "an incoming tide raises all boats."

We must continue to evolve from the "leather slap" days and continue to safeguard and strengthen IPSC shooting around the world.

We need to champion the certitude that all IPSC shooters belong to an elite global shooting fellowship that is showcased through competition, goodwill, and perseverance.

The dynamics of IPSC are mainly defined in our competitions and our rules provide the very foundation for these dynamics. Our athletes are able to compete on a level playing field with the same size "goal posts", and they are able to do this anywhere in the world.

Gifted and talented people have always risen to the demands of the times and ten months ago was no different. Rules Chairman Michael Voigt, and Coordinating Chairman, Bob Chittleborough headed-up what I would call a star-studded cast to bring us the most comprehensive set of integrated rules ever produced.

IPSC is lucky to have such talented and dedicated people and our thanks go to these committee members

John Amidon (USA)	Tim Andersen (DEN)	Neil Beverley (GBR)
Arnie Christianson (USA)	Dino Evangelinos (CAN)	Bruce Gary (USA)
Johnny Gildenhuys (RSA)	Kees Guichelaar (NED)	Myro Lopez (PHI)
Troy McManus (USA)	Geir Owe (NOR)	Vince Pinto (HKG)
Martyn Spence (GBR)	Roger Stockbridge (RSA)	Yvan Vogels (BEL)

Last year our memberships were up on average 9% and our Level III competitions up almost 20%. These numbers don't just happen by themselves. They happen largely because of the commitment and hard work of our Regional Directors. It is a pleasure working with these individuals and on behalf of IPSC and the Executive Council, I would like to thank them for their generous time and effort.

As far as the IPSC Executive Council goes, there is never any lack of work to be done and I would like to thank these gentlemen for their unselfish commitment.

Fritz Gepperth- General Secretary	Ren Henderson - Treasurer
Vince Pinto - Secretary	Dino Evangelinos - IROA President
Juergen Tegge - IROA Vice-President	

I also wish to thank the members of the President's Council for their invaluable contributions. Without their collective guidance my job would be much more difficult. Thank you.

Tim Andersen (DEN)	Bob Chittleborough (GBR)	Chepit Dulay (PHI)
Victor Ferrero (ECU)	Luiz Frota (BRA)	Peter Glenn (AUS)
Alain Joly (FRA)	Richard Metcalf (USA)	Michael Voigt (USA)

Also, I would like to give special thanks to our IPSC webmaster, Ian Fachie, who from the beginning has tirelessly managed our web site. And I would also like to thank Chris Zielinski for his dauntless work in developing WinMSS.

The future of IPSC, and of recreational firearm ownership, depends on a strong tomorrow with a strong organization. It's our job to make sure the next generation has the opportunity to enjoy some unapologetic fun and not just read about IPSC in the history books."

DVC
Nick Alexakos
IPSC President

IROA President

“2003 has not been any different from the previous year as far as our International Officials are concerned. Level III matches activities have increased and almost all Regions have added 2 -3 additional Level III matches to their calendars.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the regional directors for once again supporting the Regional range officer programs. As you have noticed, this is extremely important for sustaining growth in your region. Your support will guarantee the continued improvement in the experience and knowledge of the Officials around the world.

At this moment I would like to take the opportunity to thank our International Seminar Instructors who have given their own free time to conduct the IROA seminars around the world

Vince Pinto (HKG)	Barry Pollard (GBR)
Peter Glen (AUS)	Steen Nitschke (DEN)
Victo Ferrero (ECU)	

My thanks and appreciation also goes to IPSC President Nick Alexakos. In spite of his busy schedule, he has managed to conduct numerous IROA seminars.

At this time I would like to thank my Vice President Juergen Tegge as well for all his help and support.

Currently there are 335 IROA Officials. which represents an increase of 14% over last year.

This indicates that a healthy number of National Officials are working at Level III Matches.

175 RO	64 CRO
42 RM	12 SO
42 Provisional Range Officers	

Many of the IROA Officials have gone beyond their duty to help other Regions. As I have said before this is International cooperation at its best.

In the next few hours you will be voting for our revised Rules. It will be the responsibility of IROA to update our Level I Seminar to reflect the changes which were approved by this Assembly. In early January IPSC will be sending a CD to all the Regions reflecting these changes.

Finally as we watch this second Shotgun Championship unfold, you will see IROA members from 7 nations working shoulder to shoulder with the Italian National Range

Officers as a single team. This is the ultimate proof of the system working in harmony between the IROA and NROI personnel operating the ranges for this Championship.

As a final note I would like to offer my best wishes to the Assembly, and I hope to see you all at the next one. If you have any specific questions about IROA, please forward it to my Vice President Juergen Tegge. He will be here for the duration of the Match.”

DVC
Dino Evangelinos
IROA President

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

Each Regional Director spoke briefly about the latest news from their respective Regions.

5) Approval of the minutes of the Twenty-Sixth IPSC General Assembly

1. Motion:

That the minutes of the previous Assembly held in Pietersburg, South Africa, September 2002 as circulated to the Regions be accepted.

Moved: Germany

Seconded: Netherlands

1.a Amended Motion

That the minutes of the previous Assembly held in Pietersburg, South Africa, September 2002 as circulated to the Regions be accepted with the name Doug Lewis deleted, as he was not present.

Moved: South Africa

Seconded: Israel

Carried For-21 Against-0 Abstain-0

6) IPSC Treasurer's Report and approval of the previous year's accounts

2. Motion:

That the 2002 accounts as circulated to the Regions be accepted.

Moved: Germany

Seconded: Netherlands

Carried For-36 Against-0 Abstain-0

7) Appointment of an auditor

3. Motion:

That the chartered accounting firm of Mullen Micules Chartered Accountants be appointed as Auditors for financial year 2003.

Moved: Greece

Seconded: Germany

Carried For-36 Against-0 Abstain-0

8) Regional Development Director's Report

Vince Pinto gave a report on the work of his committee and asked RD's to assist him to identify prospective new Regions.

9) Provisional acceptance of new Regions

4. Motion:

Bulgaria be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved: Greece

Seconded: Israel

Carried For-36 Against-0 Abstain-0

5. Motion:

Georgia be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved: Russia

Seconded: Germany

Carried For-36 Against-0 Abstain-0

10) Final acceptance of provisional Regions

6. Motion:

China be definitively accepted.

Moved: Indonesia

Seconded: Netherlands

Carried For-35 Against-1 Abstain-0

7. Motion:

Taiwan be definitively accepted.

Moved: Greece

Seconded: Denmark

Carried For-35 Against-0 Abstain-1

Note: The Assembly welcomed the newly accepted Regions and wished them all the best of success. The IPSC Secretary advised there is no change to the number of voting Regions arising from the previous two motions.

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

8. Motion:

That Dominican Republic be declared vacant if not in good standing by 31st December, 2003. (requires 3/4 vote)

Moved: Greece

Seconded: Netherlands

Carried For-35 Against-1 Abstain-0

9. Motion:

That Guam and Micronesia be declared vacant if not in good standing by 31st December, 2003. (requires 3/4 vote)

Moved: Germany

Seconded: Netherlands

Carried For-35 Against-1 Abstain-0

10. Motion:
That Jamaica be declared vacant if not in good standing by 31st December, 2003.
(requires 3/4 vote)
Moved: Switzerland
Seconded: Germany
Carried For-35 Against-1 Abstain-0
11. Motion:
That Netherlands Antilles be declared vacant if not in good standing by 31st
December, 2003. (requires 3/4 vote)
Moved: Netherlands
Seconded: Greece
Carried For-34 Against-2 Abstain-0
12. Motion:
That Portugal be declared vacant if not in good standing by 31st December, 2003.
(requires 3/4 vote)
Moved: Germany
Seconded: Slovenia
Carried For-34 Against-1 Abstain-1

ORGANIZATION

12) IPSC Business Plan

13. Motion:
That the 2003 Business Plan be approved.
Moved: Netherlands
Seconded: Greece
Carried For-36 Against-0 Abstain-0

13) Late fee charges

14. Motion:
That, with effect from the 1st January 2004, the annual IPSC Base Fee payable
under Section 10.7 of the IPSC Constitution shall be US\$600 if paid by the 31st
January and US\$700 thereafter.
Moved: Greece
Seconded: Germany
Carried For-34 Against-2 Abstain-0
15. Motion:
That, with effect from the 1st January 2004, the annual IPSC Capitation Fee for
the first thousand members payable under Section 10.7 of the IPSC Constitution
shall be US\$5 per member if paid by the 30th June and US\$6 thereafter.
Moved: Israel
Seconded: Greece
Carried For-31 Against-4 Abstain-1

RULES

14) Course of Fire Committee report

A report was given by Nick Alexakos

15) Rules Committee report

A video report was prepared by Michael Voigt however given the poor audio, John Amidon presented the report. Also a brief summary was given by Bob Chittleborough.

16. Motion:

That the Handgun, Shotgun, Rifle and Tournament Rules be discussed notwithstanding that this is not an Assembly held in conjunction with a World Championship. (requires 2/3 vote)

Moved: Switzerland

Seconded: Netherlands

Carried For-36 Against-0 Abstain-0

17. Motion:

That the IPSC Handgun Competition Rules - January 2004 Edition as submitted replace the existing Handgun Rules.

Moved: Netherlands

Seconded: Germany

Carried For-36 Against-0 Abstain-0

17-a: Amended Motion

That Junior Ladies Category be added to the Appendix of the Handgun, Shotgun and Rifle rule books and that Regional teams by Division for Senior Category be added to the Appendix of the Handgun, Shotgun and Rifle rule books.

Moved: South Africa

Seconded: Czech Republic

Failed For-2 Against-11 Abstain-8

18. Motion:

That the IPSC Shotgun Competition Rules - January 2004 Edition as submitted replace the existing Shotgun Rules.

Moved: Switzerland

Seconded: United States

Carried For-36 Against-0 Abstain-0

19. Motion:

That the IPSC Rifle Competition Rules - January 2004 Edition as submitted replace the existing Rifle Rules.

Moved: Netherlands

Seconded: Germany

Carried For-36 Against-0 Abstain-0

20. Motion:

That the IPSC Tournament Rules - January 2004 Edition as submitted be adopted.

Moved: Slovenia

Seconded: Brazil

Carried For-34 Against-2 Abstain-0

21. Motion:

That the IPSC Executive Council be allowed to make minor grammatical corrections to any spelling, punctuation and formatting errors in the Rules adopted above, providing such changes do not alter the meaning or intent of any rule. Likewise, rule cross references may be changed if clearly in error. Any such changes as a result of this motion are subject to ratification or modification at the next IPSC Assembly.

Moved: Germany

Seconded: Brazil

Carried For-34 Against-0 Abstain-2

COMPETITIONS

16) Procedure for submitting Level IV and Level V bids

22. Motion:

That, with effect from the 1st January 2004, Regions wishing to host a Level IV or Level V competition must submit written notice of their bid to the IPSC President within thirty days of receipt of the notice convening the Assembly (see Section 8.5). Such bids will only be accepted if the Region has fully satisfied it's financial obligations to IPSC at the time the bid is submitted. Bids from the floor of the Assembly will not be accepted.

Moved: Netherlands

Seconded: Switzerland

22-a: Amended Motion

That, with effect from the 1st January 2004, Regions wishing to host a Level IV or Level V competition must submit written notice of their bid to the IPSC President within thirty days of receipt of the notice convening the Assembly (see Section 8.5). Such bids will only be accepted if the Region has fully satisfied it's financial obligations to IPSC at the time the bid is submitted. Bids from the floor of the Assembly will only be accepted if no bids submitted as above exist at the commencement of the Assembly.

Moved: United Kingdom

Seconded: Switzerland

Carried For-21 Against-0 Abstain-0

17) 2004 Australasia Championship report

A report was given by Jay Reyes

18) 2004 European Championship report

A report was given by Josef Horejsi

19) 2006 Pan-American Championship

A report was given by Nick Alexakos

23. Motion:

That the 2006 Pan-American Championship be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly.

Moved: Brazil

Seconded: Netherlands

23-a: Amended Motion

That the 2006 Pan-American Championship be held in the region to be determined at a date not later than 30 September 2003 by an electronic vote of only those regions entitled to vote on the venue.

Moved: Greece

Seconded: Germany

Carried For-17 Against-2 Abstain-2

20) 2006 European Shotgun Championship

24. Motion:

That the 2006 European Shotgun Championship be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly.

Moved: Switzerland

Seconded: Greece

Carried For-36 Against-0 Abstain-0

The Region of Greece was acclaimed as host for the 2006 European Shotgun Championship

21) 2006 African Championship

25. Motion:

That the 2006 African Championship be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly.

Moved: South Africa

Seconded: Brazil

Carried For-36 Against-0 Abstain-0

The Region of South Africa was acclaimed as host for the 2006 African Championship

22) World Three-Gun Tournament

26. Motion:

That a World Championship Three-Gun Tournament be held in a year and a Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly.

Motion withdrawn

23) American Handgunner Postal Match

27. Motion:

That the Assembly wishes to thank the American Handgunner Magazine for its continued support of the International IPSC Postal Match.

Moved: Greece

Seconded: Denmark

Carried For-36 Against-0 Abstain-0

GENERAL

24) World Forum of Sport Shooting Activities (WFSA) report

A report was given by Nick Alexakos

25) Date and place of next IPSC General Assembly

28. Motion:

That the 2004 IPSC General Assembly be held in conjunction with the competition to be determined by vote of this Assembly.

Moved: Indonesia

Seconded: United States

Carried For-36 Against-0 Abstain-0

Motion 28a:

That the 2004 General Assembly be held in the Region of Indonesia.

For-25

Motion 28b:

That the 2004 General Assembly be held in the Region of Czech Republic.

For-11

The Region of Indonesia will host for the 2004 General Assembly.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Non-binding proposed actions for Assembly discussion and direction.

South Africa asked that Proxy Forms not display an 'x' to indicate the recommendation of the IPSC Executive Council.

ADJOURNMENT

26) Adjournment

29. Motion:

That the 2003 IPSC General Assembly be adjourned.

Moved: Greece

Seconded: Brazil

Carried For-36 Against-0 Abstain-0