



FIG working group on voting rights

Report

Historic part



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Preamble

During FIG Working week in Marrakech in May 18-22 a discussion about the voting system in FIG took place in a Break Out session on Friday 20 May.

The outcome of the Break Out session and the discussion on the General Assembly was the creation of a working Group to prepare a Report to be subject for discussion during the Working Week in Rome 2012.

The working Group on Voting Rights was formed shortly after Marrakech and the members is listed in Appendix 1.

On basis of studies in the Archives in various member Countries, contributions in Marrakech, Contributions from the members of the working Group this Report has been made.

It covers the discussion and papers so far and it is the intention that it should support the debate and decision concerning the voting procedures in FIG

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Note: Full report with appendices is available on the web under General Assembly agenda 2012

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Chapter 1 Introduction

As a result of the discussions by the 2011 General Assembly the GA decided to form a Working Group on Voting Rights.

The timetable is:

- 31 January 2012 Discussion paper to be finalized and provided to the Council.
- 28 February Council notes the paper and clarifies any points of procedure and information with the Chair of the WG
- Mid-march 2012 Discussion paper and Council covering note (including any proposed changes to FIG statutes and Internal Rules, if the WG has reached consensus on this) are published with the GA papers.

The work of the WG is to bring a discussion paper on voting rights to the 2012 General Assembly. It is for the WG to determine the work that is required to achieve this, whilst noting that relevant issues include:

- Any weighting of votes
- Any inclusion of votes by members other than Member Associations – if so, with what weight and on what topics
- What (if any) changes to the FIG Statutes and Internal Rules are necessary to implement the WG's recommendations

Chapter 2 FIG History of voting procedures

FIG was founded on July 18, 1878 in Paris.

The first statutes was drawn up in 1926 and revised at the 7th PC meeting in 1933 in Rome and approved in London on July 18 1934.

In 1949 the 1934 Statutes were revised in Lausanne.

In 1958 there was a revision of the Statutes, but to our knowledge no change of the voting system. In 1967 in Ottawa the 1958 Statutes were revised and it was printed in a special pamphlet and it was also printed in the proceedings of the XIII Congress in Rome.

These statutes from Rome 1967 were only slightly revised as it was stated in 1985 in Katowice, Poland. We have no indication of major changes in between.

In 1986 the Statutes was printed in English, German and French and this version lasted until the 1998 Congress in Brighton, England

For further detailed information as from 2001 look at FGI website – Administration

An overview of the discussion and papers presented in the discussion from 1986 until today will be given as follows:

Statutes	Voting rules and decisions	Comments
<p>1986 Statutes adopted by the 18th General Assembly</p>	<p>Article 21 Save for any specific directions to the contrary in the Statutes, all decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a simple majority vote. In the case of an even vote the President shall cast the deciding vote</p> <p>Article 22 Voting shall be by one vote per member or by one vote per country if there are several members from a single country. It shall be taken by a show of hands, unless a ballot is requested.</p> <p>Article 23 Decisions on matters of routine administration shall require a simple majority vote of members present. Decisions on the appointment of Honorary President and Honorary members or the exclusion of a member of the Federation shall require a three-quarters majority vote of members present.</p> <p>Article 25 The Permanent committee is the administrative Council of the Federation. It is composed of members of the Bureau, delegates from the member Associations, the Chairmen of the Technical and Scientific Commissions and the ad hoc Commissions as well as the Chairmen of the Permanent Institutions, the Auditors, Honorary presidents and honorary members.</p> <p>Article 26 The functions of the permanent Committee in particular are: (A) To make proposal to the General Assembly about the administration.. (B) To decide – on the proposal from the Bureau - the place, date and agenda for Congresses, and meeting of the Permanent Committee (C) To appoint, on the proposal from the Bureau.. the Chairmen and vice-chairmen of the Technical and Scientific commissions ...</p>	<p>One country One vote If more than one association in a Country they must cooperate on a unanimous vote.</p> <p>A huge Group</p> <p>The decisions about the daily business not in the General Assembly</p>
<p>1997</p>	<p>In the beginning of 1997 FIG Bureau had proposed changes in the subscription structure to be on the agenda as Topic 26 in Singapore later 1997</p> <p>Germany – President Hans Josef Platen comments on March 25 telling that</p>	

	<p>“DVW welcomes the introduction of a subscription depending on the number of members”</p> <p>Concerning the Voting structure it is noted that the FIG “Bureau obviously no longer wants to keep to its principle of “one country-one vote” (see enclosure FIG (PC)P(97), page 2, statutes 6.6.”</p> <p>It is underlined that DVW thinks that this development goes in the wrong direction. If the Bureau does not keep to the present principles (one country-one vote) “ we see the danger that more organizations will be founded in countries with a lot of members.”</p> <p>The FIG president Peter Dale replies 3rd. April 1997: “ Firstly, with regard to one-country-one-vote it was certainly my view that this was desirable. When we undertook the review of all Statutes and Internal Rules we realized that this would mean that individual members associations would not necessarily be entitled to a vote, even though were responsible for paying their own membership subscription. It seemed on balance only fair that those who pay can vote. If we continue to accept the varied definitions of a Surveyor that FIG has previously agreed, then inevitably there will in some countries be more than one member association. The current trend in eastern Europe for example is for separate associations of Valuers and land Surveyors. If FIG is to broaden its membership then these differences must be accommodated.</p> <p>There is a conflict between FIG as a federation of member associations and FIG as a federation of countries. In some cases (UK, Germany, France) that comes to the same thing but it is premature to force a unified profession on some merging countries, let alone in countries such a the United States. My fear is that by pursuing the principle og one-country-one-vote we will exclude sectors of our profession that we claim to represent.”</p> <p>And Germany replies 14. April 1997: “ I can understand your ideas regarding to the voting structure. But I think that we are all Surveyors in the Various fields of our profession and therefore should try in all countries as well as in FIG to come together to one association , may be an umbrellas-association”</p> <p>21 April 1997 Jane Wolley Bureau Director sent out a preparing letter for the 1997 Permanent Committee</p>	
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	<p>meeting stating that papers in support of agenda Item 26 (subscription structure)</p> <p>It is noted that the exchange of letters between the President of FIG and The President of DVW, Germany are attached.</p> <p>On April 1997 two letters were sent out (see enclosure 6 and 7) from president Peter Dale and Treasurer Michael Rainbird</p> <p>The discussion in the letter from Peter Dale was generated to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Any association which meet the Criteria for admission should be able to join FIG2. votes should continue to be exercised by member associations3. the only exception to weighed voting should be the granting of one extra vote to a member association with more than 4.000 members. <p>And reflecting the debate – Unfortunately short – The PC (Permanent Committee) was in favor of (1). On (2) the majority were in favor of votes being exercised by Country rather than by member association. On (3) only a minority of delegates, mainly from the larger member associations, expressed a preference for weighted voting</p> <p>In his letter of 22 April 1997 President Peter Dale concludes on the PC meeting: (see enclosure 6)</p> <p>“The view was expressed in Singapore that voting by country would enhance the perception of FIG as speaking on behalf of the profession in particular countries and thus strengthen FIG’s international credibility.” After careful consideration the Bureau has decided that it is unable to share that view”</p> <p>And further concerning the fee structure the Bureau supports the proposal giving any member organization with more than 4.000 members an additional vote</p> <p>The other letter - from the Treasurer – presents the proposals for the fee introducing a sliding scale related to the number of members having more than 4.000 members</p> <p>The treasurer notes that no comments has been received since the PCC meeting in Singapore and the Bureau therefore has decided to seek the approval from the General Assembly</p>	
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<p>1997</p>	<p>On the 64 th. meeting of the Permanent Committee held in Singapore 12-15 may 1997 the question about the Subscription Structure and the Statutes and Internal Rules was on the table</p> <p>The draft for the Statutes and Internal Rules tells in paragraph 6.6 The number of votes which may be cast by a member organization is one, except that any member association having more members than a number set by the General Assembly shall be entitled to one additional vote. (enclosure 5)</p> <p>From the minutes Item 30. Statutes and Internal rules (FIG(PC)P()/21)</p> <p>Vice President Grahame Lindsay sought the guidance of the PC, to assist with the preparation of a final and potentially acceptable draft for which approval would be sought in 1998</p> <p>From the discussion can be seen The PC debated the alternatives of votes being cast by member associations or by country and votes by a substantial majority in favor of the latter.</p> <p>Equal or weighted voting was debated too and ...Sixteen delegations (mainly from the smaller member associations) were in favor of each vote having equal value and nine delegations expressed a preference for weighted voting.</p>	
<p>1998 The Congress in Brighton, England</p>	<p>In the preparation period the Treasurer and the President sent out a letter 22 April 1998. Enclosure number 6 and 7</p> <p>In the letter from the Secretary General 21 May 1998 is: .. To assist this process (decisions) the proposed new draft FIG statutes and Internal Rules and the proposed new subscription structures have already been Circulated (the President's and the Treasurers letters of 22 April) ...</p> <p>And the Agenda tells: 20. Subscription Structure Preliminary discussion based on the Treasurer's letter dated 22 April 1998 to member associations, Commission Officers, Directors of permanent institution, correspondents and sponsors – <u>please bring your copy with you.</u></p> <p>And further</p>	

	<p>21. Statutes and Internal rules Preliminary discussion based on the drafts circulated under cover of the President's letter dated 22 April 1998 to member associations, Commission Officers, Directors of permanent institution, correspondents and sponsors – <u>please bring your copy with you.</u></p> <p>The final discussion on Item 20 and 21 was placed later in Item 26 Subscription structure and 27 Statutes and Internal rules.</p> <p>As mentioned earlier the first edition of the Agenda and most of the supporting papers were sent out.</p> <p>The preparation for the discussion was made in a paper FIG(GA)P(98)16 15 May 1998 (see enclosure 9) for consideration by the meetings in Brighton.</p> <p>Item 4 Number of members of a member association Has the following comments: The Bureau invites the General Assembly to agree that this should be 4,001 upwards</p> <p>On June 19th 1998 France – President Michael Mayoud - addressed a letter to the Bureau and to all delegations of FIG telling that (see enclosure 11) Concerning Voting rights the views is summed up by stating: “ As already expressed by the 64th PC , let's therefore keep to one vote per country - .. and only one vote whatever are the size of the country ..”</p> <p>Later 21. July 1998 an Explanatory paper was sent out for review by the delegations prior to the paper being considered at the second session of the General Assembly on 25 July 1998. As requested by the leader of the German delegation, a copy of its letter to the Bureau dated 2 July is also attached.</p> <p>Please note that this paper was released during the General Assembly between the first and second session of the General Assembly.</p> <p>As can be seen in enclosure 17 the Bureau in the paper from 21 July proposes : One vote per member association except that any member association having more members than a number set by the General Assembly shall be entitled to one additional vote.</p>	<p><i>Telling that more than one vote is possible</i></p>
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	<p>The German letter from 2 July 1998: Germany was of the opinion that the discussion about “one country – one vote” as a recommendation for Brighton was concluded.</p> <p>Since this is not the case Germany would like that number of members to be taken into account. A proposal 0-1500, 1501-5000, more than 5000 is forwarded. The reason is according to the German letter: The aim of this proposal is to encourage the willingness to form national umbrella organizations; a development that will greatly benefit the public image of our profession. The motion is put forward in the letter.</p> <p>The General Assembly in Brighton The Minutes was sent out 29 September 1998 (see extract in enclosure 12)</p> <p>From the discussion in the General Assembly session two on Saturday 25 July 1998: The Bureau support the adoption of the Statutes and Internal Rules that was attached to the paper circulated earlier in the week (21 July 1998)</p> <p>A motion by France on one country one vote was defeated. The motion from Germany in the letter of 2 July 1998 of giving certain member organizations a second vote was removed.</p> <p>These few lines in the minutes concluded a long and arduous debate and it leaves behind an impression that the discussion had deserved more thorough minutes.</p> <p>In the Minutes is referred to FIG publication number 18 See below</p>	<p><i>Invention of One vote per member organization making it possible to have more than one vote per Country</i></p>
	<p>After the Congress in Brighton FIG publication number 18 , September 1998 was sent out. The chapter about the Governance of the Federation is stated below.</p> <p>6.1 The Federation is governed by its General Assembly of member associations which shall meet once each calendar year. The meetings of the General Assembly should be held at intervals of about 12 months but must be no closer than nine months apart, except in the case of an extraordinary meeting.</p> <p>6.2 Meetings of the General Assembly are presided over</p>	

	<p>by the president of the Federation or, in his or her absence, by one of the vice presidents. A full agenda, with motions for each item to be put to the meeting, shall be sent out at least two months prior to each meeting and shall also be placed on the Federation's home page on the World Wide Web.</p> <p>6.3 The powers of the General Assembly are to amend the Statutes of the Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• to admit member associations and to appoint honorary presidents and honorary members• to elect members and to confirm appointments to the Council and to approve the responsibilities delegated to each of its members• to set levels of fees for the member associations• to establish commissions, ad hoc commissions, permanent institutions and task forces and to elect chairs and vice chairs of the commissions and directors of the permanent institutions• to adopt plans of work, budgets and audited statements of accounts• to prescribe Internal Rules• to expel member associations• to do all such other matters as the Federation sees fit for the achievement and promotion of its objectives. <p>6.4 For a General Assembly to be constitutionally valid, there must be present at least one individual member of at least one third of the member associations. An individual member may represent only one member association.</p> <p>6.5 All decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by simple majority vote. Only member associations which have paid their fees for the previous calendar year and have no other arrears and which are represented at the meeting by an individual member shall be entitled to vote. Each member association shall nominate an individual member who shall be authorized to cast that member association's vote at any meeting or extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly.</p> <p>6.6 The number of votes which may be cast by a member association is one.</p> <p>6.7 The vote shall be taken by a show of hands unless a ballot is ordered by the chairperson or requested and seconded from the floor. Elections should always be by ballot. In the case of an equality of votes the chairperson shall cast the deciding vote except in the case of elections to office where the final decision will be made by</p>	
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	<p>selecting a name by blind ballot.</p> <p>6.8 The Council or one quarter of the member associations can demand the convening of an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly. The period of notice, quorum and voting procedures for an extraordinary meeting shall be the same as those for the General Assembly.</p>	
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30th General Assembly,	That the General Assembly adopts proposed changes to Statutes and Internal Rules and notes that a thorough revision of the Statutes, Internal Rules and other guidelines will be prepared for the General Assembly in 2008.	Hong Kong SAR, China 2007
31st General Assembly, Stockholm, Sweden 2008	6.5 All decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by simple majority vote. Only member associations which have paid their fees for the previous calendar year and have no other arrears except minor transaction costs and which are represented at the meeting by an individual member shall be entitled to vote.	.

Minutes	Each member association shall notify the Director in writing of the name of their official representative or representatives at or prior to the General Assembly. Amendment proposed to make it clear that member associations must advise the Director of the name of their voting delegates in advance to the General Assembly	
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Present statutes

STATUTES (Approved by the General Assembly on 11 May 2001, amendments to paragraphs 5.5 and 6.3.3 approved by the General Assembly 13 May 2007)

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- 1) to amend the Statutes of the Federation
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- 3) to elect members and to confirm appointments to the Council (adopted by General Assembly 13 May 2007)
- 4) to set levels of fees for the member associations
- 5) to establish commissions, ad hoc commissions, permanent institutions and task forces and to elect chairs and vice chairs of the commissions and directors of the permanent institutions
- 6) to adopt plans of work, budgets and audited statements of accounts
- 7) to prescribe Internal Rules
- 8) to expel member associations

- 9) to do all such other matters as the Federation sees fit for the achievement and promotion of its objectives.

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2-B Summary about the Statutes

FIG moved from one country one vote in 1998 on basis of a discussion held during 1997 and 1998. The various views are expressed above showing different views on one country-one vote of one vote per association. The proposal about additional votes was rejected although presented by the Bureau.

Since 1998 FIG has developed significantly. The number of members has grown from 53 countries in 1987 to more than 100 member organizations and 90 member countries. FIG has become truly worldwide covering Africa and Asia and South America. The fee system supports the membership from low-income countries.

The tendency to enhance the political power in many countries reduces the number of organizations often to one umbrella organization for all surveyors in the Country. In new member countries it is seen that it takes time to coordinate and combine the effort of different organizations to one. The present number of countries having more than one member organization is 16. See page 18

2C Voting about?

According to the present statutes FIG general Assembly:

In former times the most important decision was the venue for the next Conference.

Not only due to the place but to the fact that this decision also determined the Board and the President for the coming election period of 4 years.

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8. to ex Pel member associations
9. to do all such other matters as the Federation sees fit for the achievement and promotion of its objectives.

In the Internal Rules it is stated that:

2.5 An association wishing to become a member of the Federation shall make an application to the Council which will consider it and submit it to a vote of the General Assembly.

7.1 Nominations for these appointments shall be made by a member association or the Council which will consider them and submit them to a vote of the General Assembly

9.1 The president is elected by the General Assembly in the year of a Congress

9.2 The four vice presidents are elected by the General Assembly

10.2 Changes to levels of fees set by the General Assembly must be approved by the General Assembly

11.8 The appointment of chair-elect shall be decided by a vote of the General Assembly

13.1 In addition to the commissions, ad hoc commissions may be established by a vote of the General Assembly to carry out special technical assignments, projects or studies

15.1 The establishment of a permanent institution shall be decided by a vote of the General Assembly

17.2 A member association or associations wishing to host a congress or a working week in its country shall make a submission, accompanied by an outline budget, to the Council and the venue shall be selected five years in advance on a vote of the General Assembly.

There are two main issues of voting

- 1) Election
- 2) Decision about venues

The question about membership is not considered to be vital since it is based on application and recommendation from the Board.

The election system is based on the commission system and requires a lot of preparation. The application must be given in advance – may be too long – but the system itself seems to work. It might be appropriate to work through the system in order to make it work more easily and require a shorter preparation from the members.

The decision about the venues is based on applications from the interested member Countries. The venues are of vital importance for the FIG Economy. The venues must to reflect the fact that FIG is a global organization. It must also take in consideration

that the cost is of important to the members and that the cost of participation has been subject for criticism in the last 20 Years.

The Working Group on voting rights recommends that the procedure and decision about the venues is transferred from the General Assembly to the Board due to the amount of economical and logistical issues to be handled and to ensure that the Venues are spread evenly amongst the continents.

2 D Voting rights in other organizations

CLGE CLGE – The Council of European Geodetic Surveyors has 35 members including all European Union countries. It has grown significantly from a humble start in 1972. Only one membership per country is permitted and each country may be represented by a maximum of two delegates, one of them being the head of delegation in the General Assembly.

Voting

The General Assembly consists of all the active members. They are represented by at least one person, two representatives being the maximum. The national associations have to designate their representatives. The active members have one effective vote per country.

The Fee system as presented in 2010 by the Treasurer:

The fees will be based on the GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of each member country plus a lump sum (The aim of this lump sum, as it is already the case, is because each country has the same voting right in the general assembly and it is normal to have a minimal fee for that). The advantages of the new system are multiple because it:

- Is independent of the self-declaration
- Introduces a real equality between all the members
- Takes account of the economic power of our members
- Is automatically updated to the cost of the life (See decisions taken in Prague)
- Moreover, it remains conform to the decision taken in Prague
- Permits to calculate easily the fees for a candidate
- Is simple to compute and also (I expect it) simple to explain
- As the number of surveyors in a country will no more influence the amount of the Contribution to the CLGE, we hope that every member will declare the number of all Surveyors and so CLGE will be able to prove that it represents may be 40.000 Surveyors or more, and that's more conform to the reality.

Membership fees paid by Principal Members are calculated from a fixed administrative charge plus a proportional charge per geodetic surveyor as defined in the current publication of the Profile Report.

Summing up

- One-country-one vote
- A fee system based on a price level defined outside CLGE and related to the Gross National Product

International Association of Geodesy IAG

5.1 The MEMBERSHIP of the IAG shall comprise of countries and individuals. Any member country of the IUGG shall be regarded as a National Member of the IAG and may, through its adhering body, appoint a National Delegate to the Association. National Delegates represent their countries in IAG Council meetings and act as correspondents for their countries between General Assemblies.

5.3 Responsibility for the direction of the Association affairs shall be vested in the COUNCIL. Decisions of the Council shall be reported to the General Assembly. In the case that the majority of those present at a General Assembly meeting disagree with the decisions of the Council, the Council shall reconsider the question, and make a decision, which shall be final.

5.3.1 The COUNCIL CONSISTS of the National Delegates, formally accredited by the adhering body of the member countries, on the basis of one delegate per country. The delegates must have participated in IAG activities. The President of the Association shall preside over the Council meetings, without vote, except in the case of a tie as provided in Article 5.3.2 f) hereafter.

5.3.2. c) On questions not involving matters of finance, the voting in Council shall be by member countries, each having one vote,

Summing up

- one country-one vote
- In financial matters a differential system is applied.

IVSC - INTERNATIONAL VALUATION STANDARDS COUNCIL

Membership of IVSC is open to users, providers, professional institutes, educators and regulators of valuation services

The International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC) is an independent body that sets global standards for valuation, especially those that will be relied upon by investors and other third party stakeholders. It also promotes the development of the valuation profession around the world and collaborates and cooperates with other organizations concerned with standards and regulation in the financial markets.

4. Membership 54

Membership in the IVSC shall consist of: 55

Valuation Professional Organizations – which shall include valuation professional organizations 56 recognized either by legal decree or general consensus;

Voting 131

Each Member shall be entitled to vote upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the 132 Members. At all meetings of Members, a Member may vote in person through its Delegate or 133 by proxy executed in writing by the Member or by his or her duly authorized attorney in fact. 134 All proxy's must be given to the Executive Director at least fourteen days prior to the meeting 135 of the Members.

Summing up

- IVSC consist of organizations rather than countries.

3 FIG figures and numbers November 2011

3 A Number of votes in FIG

The list includes 90 Countries having 106 members associations

Country	1 vote	2 votes	3 votes
Albania		x	
Bulgaria		x	
China		x	
Cyprus		x	
Czech Republic		x	
Finland		x	
France		x	
Greece		x	
Hong Kong		x	
Ireland		x	
Lithuania		x	
Nigeria			x
Romania		x	
Slovakia		x	
United Kingdom		x	
USA		x	
90 member countries	x		
In total	90	15	1
	90		
	30	15	
	3	1	
	123	16	

Remarks: Out of 123 votes 16 countries have 33 votes or 26,8 % of the voting power.