

# TC meeting Bangkok

1<sup>st</sup> session: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2014

## Future tournaments

**Beth James (chair)**

### Brief review of Executive over past year

- Hayah and Irina are not here. No idea about Alex de Jager
- Main job this year to coordinate with TJ and Directors. Plus consolidating long-promised rule changes - got moved aside by Thailand vote.
- Working groups suspended pro tem. Happy to hear comments on how best to re-invigorate these and how best to engage with nations between tournaments.
- Round of applause requested for Executive. Roger: everyone should email any questions / suggestions.

## Stuttgart bid for 2016.

**Morocco** representative said they would be interested.

**Chair** - a bit late as we're going to vote on it now! Later perhaps.

**Chris Sanchez / Jana Gilke**

Checked with Ramadan, UEFA and Euro Olympics - no clashes.

Stuttgart is 'largest village in world' - trams, walk. Nice place, lots of villages round about, Heidelberg, v green city. Support from city and state. V safe. Actually means 'garden of female horses'.

High number of active debating schools - greatest concentration in Stuttgart, followed by Berlin. So lots of connections to schools. Highest innovation factor in Europe (greatest number of patents submitted) because of car manufacturing. Lots of wealth too!

Complicated weather graph (Chris is a geographer) - lots of sunshine.

**Jana:**

Lots of amazing people. EurOpen hosted now for past 15 years - up to 40 teams. Practice every year for all orgcomm members. Some people still remember 2004. Chris was in charge of visas then. Lots of infrastructure and huge network of parents. Will bake cakes for schools. Audiences too! Strong local judging pool trained by Beth and Hayah. Good transport connections. Hope to be able to subsidise number of judges.

Reg fee €400-500. Working hard on this. Will get rail pass which will take you 30-40 km out of town for free.

*Free internet at hotel* (this is a big thing for Germany). List of meals provided. Schedule. Brano for CA - second CA appointed later. Hotel as in 2004 (Bojana - 'It's nice'). Air connections to every major hub in Europe.

Email contact details.

**Questions:**

**Philippines** - how many teams? - can manage 60.

**Nigeria** - In Turkey Nigeria was interested in hosting. But political disturbance led us to drop bid. Have set up hosting committee. Have not lost interest in hosting. All invited to tournament next year.

**(Vice-chair)** - keep it to Germany please)

**USA** - could we spar in advance? - yes, almost end of term so they might be happy to do that.

**Sweden** - people would probably fly to Frankfurt so can we do rest of journey by train? 25 min flight or 90 mins on train. Can book Lufthansa flight number on a train.

**Vote** - need 2/3 maj. 45 in favour.

Also vote on **Branislav Fečko – Čegiň** for CA:

44 / Nem con / 0 abstentions (Brano couldn't vote).

**Any bids for 2017 or beyond?**

**Morocco** - Sofian. National tournament for last 7 years. First participation in WSDC. There will be lots of support from neighbouring countries - except possibly Nigeria.

**USA** - exec director arriving tomorrow. Talk to him. Having WSDC format at nationals. Formal bid in next year or two.

## Singapore 2015

**Mark Gabriel - Co-Convenor (with Evelyn Woels)** others of orgcomm also here.

Next year 20th anniv of Singapore's first attendance. Also 50th anniv of Singapore's independence - schools will be celebrating this.

**Team Cap** - expecting 50, could manage 60.

**Dates** now slightly different - **Mon 27<sup>th</sup> July - Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> August.**

Will hold ESL / EFL finals if approved (*see 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting*)

Have to use two hotels on opposite sides of street from each other; there's a footbridge. Delegations kept together. Breakfast in Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel (other is Copthorne Kings). Very centrally located. V nice hotels, laundry facilities etc.

Mediacorp discussions - televising semis and grand final - so will be theatrette - seats 750 people. Used for Singapore X Factor - in Mediacorp studios. Semis will therefore be consecutive. Plus need to allow time for make-up. Not live - go out a few days later. Higher quality than live streaming. Have to sign release form - like in Cardiff 2006.

**Reg:** 1,150 Singapore dollars for 5 debaters 1 coach 2 judges. £600-ish. Slightly higher for TM not judging/extra coach.

Suggestions for next year - ESL / EFL finals on evening of penultimate day after semis.

Make Round 8 closed round? - bit more suspense? Round 8 will be Sunday so won't be much of audience. (*again see 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting*)

Website will be live by 12<sup>th</sup> August. Facebook page.

Aaron Maniam to be co-CA - propose Tracey Lee as co-CA subject to ratification.

### Questions?

**Sweden** - ESL / EFL final - what about the break? – is on TC meeting agenda. WSDC v different from WUDC. If a team makes grand final, other debate will be for 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

**Nigeria** - reg fee for team or each?

**Slovenia** - it's terribly expensive. Almost €700 - more than monthly salary in some countries.

**Mark** - Singapore is expensive.

**Slovenia** - what about under €500 as we discussed years ago? Some countries don't come every 3/4 years as can't afford it. Need to consider this for future. Shorten competition? Not so fancy hotels and food? Not just for Singapore but generally for future.

**Mark** - in 2002 only 30 teams. Double number of teams, costs double, sponsors are not twice as generous.

**Morocco** - when will Singapore open reg? - early next year.

**USA** - 3-round day would drop two days' costs.

Vote on Tracey Lee - 44.

Complaints Officers election will take place at next meeting.

**Item - name of Taiwan.** But according to our rules re recognition of IoC etc they are supposed to be Chinese Taipei in formal lists. Requested vote to acknowledge their name.

**Taiwan Coach** - Team is composed of delegates from all over Taiwan - none of them is from Taipei. 3 ethnic groups in Taiwan - those who fled in 1949, those Chinese who were already there, aboriginal group. Chinese Taipei implies rule from Beijing - not the case.

Asking for compromise position where they are called by geographical location. Source of great controversy. Don't want debaters to go home and be called traitors. Please give them self respect.

Seconded by **China**. All for all countries coming together to advance critical thinking and international cooperation.

**Japan** - your Chinese students won't receive any punishment from your govt for this vote? - absolutely not, self-funding, no official govt control. It's absolutely fine.

**Taiwan** - no political insinuation - just geography. Many scientific and cultural assocs have already voted this way incl Red Cross society. Even in China they show flights going to Taiwan and Macau. Now don't need visa for UK, USA - recognise Taiwan.

**China** - everyone in China talks about Taiwan.

**Germany** - what are criteria which we use and how they impinge on this question?

**Chair** - to be recognised by three orgs - IOC, FIFA, UN, couple of others. They all refer to Chinese Taipei.

**Korea** - rule 3.1 - change will be proposed by Exec.

**Philippines** - so what are we voting for?

**Chair** - caveat allows for exceptional vote as we did for Macau. So doing it now as they have requested and hope to pass other rule next week.

**Singapore** - rule says 'recognising' nation - what we choose to call them is separate.

Vote: 44. Meeting closed at 7.35.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> session: Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> August 2014

**Chair** – Welcome

**Mark Gabriel as Returning Officer** –

Keana Reinu and Joshua Park nominated for Singapore Complaints committee. Both win by acclamation.

### **Elections**

**Chair** - Hand over chair to Mark Gabriel

**Mark** - Beth James (Wales) is standing for Chair, Roger Hatridge (Korea) for Vice-Chair, Irene McGrath (Scotland) for Secretary. For the committee, we have the following nominations:

Branislav Fečko – Čegriň (Slovakia)

Jana Gilke (Germany)

Irena Kotikova (Czech Republic)

Cristina Loayza (Peru)

Joshua Park (Korea)

Keana Reinu (Malaysia)

**Beth** - I have been chair for a couple of years. I want to do it again this next year. We are a community. I want to carry out the role.

**Canada** - Motion to defer voting on Exec positions - which came first on agenda - till later. Seconded by Slovenia.

Motion carried: 27-2-2

**Mark Gabriel** - We have 5 nominations for motions and 2 nominations for complaints. I have the forms.

### **Tournament Convenor - report on tournament.**

Some details about buses could have been better.

Some miscommunication between staff and bus company, but tried to manage.

But volunteers were all wonderful and gave up 2 weeks of their holidays and missed classes.

Meals - cooked - got better as went on.

Easy to run if all together on one campus - interact over lunch - good.

Bangkok was safe for everyone - please come back.

### **Questions**

**Kuwait** - online reg a disaster - took three days. Announcements made late at night. Not much Halal food - constant chicken sausages. Why did we drive all the way to Pattaya to miss the show? Bad timing.

**Convenor** - they'd sponsored lots of the tournament. Couldn't get buses to go back to hotel – contract was fixed. Plus you did get dinner. And we started next day later.

**Korea** - to what extent did the discussion about security impact on the tournament?

**Convenor** - we had lots of support from sponsors and university. Lost some sponsors. Schools - so many cancelled. Orgcomm demoralised by process. He and LP and President had to cope with all comms. Had to find clean and safe hotel in appropriate location. Plus finding social spaces.

**Singapore** - many thanks for all the accommodations which were undertaken.

Discussion re sale of alcohol. High school tournament - not suitable to have posters advertising cheap alcohol within tournament hotel - makes it difficult for TMs to keep on top of it.

**Convenor** - 7/11 found it difficult to discern ages of tall western schoolboys. We did take action immediately. Removed people right away and took down signs. Need clear alcohol guidelines.

**Slovenia** - coaches and judges drinking publicly and noisily on the balconies - bottles of whisky etc in corridors. All visible to teams. Not good. TM's responsibility to ensure their kids don't drink.

**Mehvesh Ahmed (co-CA)** - adults have to be responsible. So TMs have to boss members of their whole delegation including judges.

**Chile** - many kids in teams who are already over 18 and are allowed to drink by parents. Can rules say that no debaters are allowed to drink?

**Peru** - 5<sup>th</sup> floor terrace full of bottles this morning - big mess left. Can't however control independent adjudicators.

**Scotland** – 18-year-olds - up to TMs to control. Better to control people drinking publicly - cannot supervise drinking in rooms and they will just switch rooms.

**Greece** - agree it's up to TMs - but if some TMs don't care and have their kids running around drunk - impact on other teams.

**Kuwait** - kids out of control. Behind doors bad idea. But on other hand wristbands didn't work in Turkey. Why not put everyone's age on badge?

**Convenor** - some people have actually moved beds to other rooms plus glasses etc etc. Will have to pay if don't put them back.

**Mexico** - we moved the bed because debaters not supposed to share with TM / coach. Will put it back.  
**Chair** - lots of issues re rubbish and conduct of debaters. Clear up behind you - respectful to host. USA have gone round picking up after others. Floor 5 a tip last night. No excuse for that. Common courtesies.

### **CAs' report on tournament:**

#### **Co-CAs were Mehvesh Mumtaz Ahmed (Pakistan) and Tracey Lee (Canada).**

Pre-worlds adjudication on website, plus training day, plus ongoing.  
Difficulties in establishing who was and wasn't coming. Only reached 39 nations three weeks before start.  
Online activities in advance helpful - noted by several.  
Keep adjudication site live to train adjudicators at home.  
Responsive to feedback throughout.

**Mehvesh** - 80 judges in end. Could move judges as fairly as possible - plus people got ill. Spent lots of time on feedback forms - lots of these handed in.

**Scotland** - v happy with flexibility of CAP. Could we have feedback forms for coaches on spot - not going to find time to do it when arrive back at hotel esp if judges were good.

**Sweden** - in any case don't remember names - so on spot would be good. Notion that some of young judges not given credit?

**Tracey** - no, several young former debaters moved up

Comms - none from orgcomm in advance and did not know there were to be all these volunteers. Please in future advise CAP of what resources - practical and human - will be available.

Huge logistical benefits of single venue - errors corrected on spot, no lost ballots.

Paul Lau is amazing. Need to train more like him - Simon Quinn has offered to do this.

Difficult to verify adjudicator reg in advance. Countries are supposed to be endorsed by country. Couple had bought tickets despite country saying they would not back them. Please pay attention to this.

Every country must bring at least one judge.

**Mehvesh** - age has no bearing on standing and standard of judging.

**Nigeria** - what happens about adjudicator scores? To be used afterwards to train.

**Mehvesh** - can see ballots every day.

**China** - feedback - if complaint about judge - what do you do if request not that judge?

**Tracey** - parameters don't necessarily allow for that esp if not enough judges. Plus a different coach may have said that judge is terrific.

**China** - if wings roll chair more than once are they out?

**Mehvesh** - don't want dissenting to be criterion for a strike (applause). Much worse is if judge cannot explain decision there and then in room.

**Scotland** - pre-tournament training incredibly useful. Maintain and extend this - more effort into this? Copy univ IVs - online video integrated and mandatory. Need funding for this, plus to be able to pay funded judges to make sure there are enough judges.

**Tracey** - subsidised 10 judges. Diverse group. TJ had less money because of the mess.

**Mehvesh** - training at tournament not enough and tournament is only as good as its judges.

But rule that not allowed to pre-accredit judges - change this? People absolutely not allowed to judge without taking test.

**Peru** - independent judges - had already registered with tournament without any knowledge of country, so third and poorer one could not afford to come. Need rule that countries are informed of these applications. Then TMs have authority over their conduct.

**Mehvesh** - centralised reg system which does not change from year to year - promised by Directors but not yet happened. Would address many of these concerns.

**Taiwan** - not specific to Taiwan, but if you are a new country, will de facto bring inexperienced judge. Need to take account of this.

**Mehvesh** - spent lots of time on training shadows. Useful for everyone to do this.

**Singapore** - Re rules - that national Committee can veto judge - notwithstanding people may be accepted - changed in Cardiff at Council - CAs could go back to nations for feedback. That is the procedure. Ultimately decision lies with CAs.

**Tracey** - we did more or less do that.

**Singapore** - a bit ridiculous making people shadows just because not endorsed by country. Also no rule re pre-accreditation. Be careful of mythology re rules.

**Chair** - comms with CAs before tournament re judge not having country of affiliation. You can't be Independent - must have some national link. CAs policy at this tournament - Bermuda and HK teams did not come, but judges did and that was fine. Has to be a dialogue between CAs and Exec. Accreditation has been voted down on many occasions over the years.

**Greece** - no judges were unable to justify their decisions at this tournament. Unusual and appreciated!

Judges should be aware of ages and stress for debaters - take care with phrasing.

We have criteria and weighting - but perhaps more explanation on advance on how CAs feel about these.

Trend among judges to give much more weight to strategy than would be indicated by 20%.

Eg number of examples diminishing?

**Tracey** - we should say before training day what trends we have been seeing?

**Greece** - content definitely less important than it used to be.

**Tracey** - can't have it changing from year to year depending on CAP.

**Mehvesh** - as playing field becomes more level, strategy becomes more and more important. Maturity of approach by judges is very important - and is not linked to age.

**Sweden** - nations blocking judges? - so what is the actual procedure. Applies to nations where there is an internal conflict and could be false claims from both sides.

**Tracey** - contacted nations to say judge training completed and accredited - OK.

**Sweden** - what if nation says we don't want them? - go back to Exec to rule on this. More input is better than less input. In other instances, CAP did think judge was good enough.

**Slovenia** - thanks to CAs. If we listen to all questions we'll be here all day.

But - why judge subsidies when countries want lower reg fees? We haven't decided on this as a community.

Someone applied to be CAP member and got judge funding instead. Not transparent.

Secondly need to make it clear judges at tournament are not allowed to coach. Always been the case.

**Tracey** - it did say that in newsletter, also on website. Subsidies did not come from reg fees. Part of donations from sponsors provided accommodation for judges - we can't tell nation how to use their sponsorship. And tournament cannot run without good judges. When found out judge was coaching, took him out of the judging pool.

**Israel** - something about A B and C judges.

**Tracey** - that happened in last two days - several panels had AAB on them.

**England** - shadow judge training? How do judges get ongoing feedback on their performance?

**Tracey** - tried to pass this on orally as best as poss.

**Mehvesh** - you mean you want judges to get feedback from fellow judges? How about having training committee in addition to motions / complaints etc?

**Netherlands** - strong BP tradition. Difficult to explain subtleties esp as they have evolved - no online stuff about this.

**Mehvesh** - adjudication doc plus Stockley doc - but would someone like to rewrite this?

**Scotland** - style massively important according to criteria - the marks are there on the ballot. Make up mind about this. In answer to Slovenia's point - no point in coming to world championships if don't get world championship judging. Cost as spread across reg fees marginal, but hugely important to have judges that CAP trust - we trust you to make that call.

**Japan** - Website needs to say each nation has to bring judge, in order to convince her committee to pay for one - otherwise they won't. Perhaps exceptional cases for new countries.

**Singapore** - diagonal question. Playing field levelling? - motions need to be worded fairly.

### **Announcement of ESL / EFL / new nation awards**

**Tracey Lee**

- ESL - Peru
- EFL - Netherlands
- New team - Macau.

### **Proposed rule changes**

First set from Exec derive from establishment of charity and have been on table since Cape Town. Many were simply numerical and linguistic. But some actually diverge quite substantially from what has been the case for many years and require to be voted on. Should therefore not be contentious!

### **1<sup>st</sup> vote - on length of impromptu prep time**

**Slovenia** - problem with this relates to Namibia not turning up - set of stats re teams having only 7 debates and countries being 3 times Prop etc. This isn't fair and some teams have more impromptu debates than others.

**Scotland** - unfortunately the maths is true - it just happens - what is the alternative?

**Greece** - let's get on with this and we can have a proposal on that later.

*(It should at this point be noted that an ongoing sign-in/out sheet was kept, so at any given time there was a tally of how many voting delegates were present. **All votes are recorded in the order For / Against / Abstentions.**)*

**Amendment 1** carried: 29 to 3 with 6 abstentions.

**Amendment 2 - clarifying what has been happening at recent tournaments.**

**Tracey** - looked at experience, those who had broken at previous tournaments and those with whom they could work well.

**Chair** - slight caveat in that will be open, as diverse as possible, this will apply post selection.

**Tracey** – the CAs answer to the Exec. Maybe added layers of approvals will bog down getting things done. Can't sacrifice efficiency to accountability. Voted on Mehvesh amendment by maj of 36.

**China** - suppose someone gets married / posted out after appointment - what to do?

**Chair** - at discretion of CAs / CAP generally whether or not to appoint replacement and whom.

**Team manager vote**

**Scotland** - TM should be responsible for making everyone sign CoC. Everyone is still constructively liable by arriving at tournament

**Singapore** – no, keep it as it is. Insurance issues and consent of parents

**Scotland** – OK.

38/0/0

**Rankings vote page 8**

Had accidentally been missed out of rewrite.

37/0/1

**Judge cannot finish judging during debate** - happened in both Cape Town and Turkey - this is what we did on those occasions.

**Australia** - who is most senior? Won't necessarily be chair if it's an AAB panel.

That's why it says as determined by CAP.

34/0/2 (two didn't vote??)

Bangladesh delegate arrived with apologies. Now 39 voting nations.

**Recognition rule explained by Joshua Park (Korea)**

**Taiwan** - this still wouldn't work.

**Josh** - we did this for Macau

**China** - Taiwan still not recognised by China - could we say territory?

**Scotland** - nation not a state

**Taiwan** - other examples - Samoa, Puerto Rico

**China** - we can include more places to be as inclusive as possible

**Greece** - won't ever get perfect resolution - what we want is to be inclusive.

**Singapore** - agreed

So -rule as it stands

37/0/1

TC will be consulted if any significant alteration to draw process

**Australia** - can we clarify?

**Singapore** - rewording of statement. Can we put it off till wording is fixed?

Vote whether to do this? - withdraw until that's settled?

That vote 25/4/6. No-one seemed to know what this meant - not rule change, procedural. So break for lunch until 12.15.

**Reconvene 12.25**

**Pakistan** - perhaps rephrase - problems in past as coach.

**Greece** - phrasing 'primary language of discourse' would be better to be 'widely used in daily life'.

Otherwise problems in bilingual countries

**Singapore** - 'one of the primary languages of discourse'

**Kuwait** - agree with sentiment but even new wording leads to probs. 11 national languages in some country

**Greece** - don't want some countries excluded just because they're that country. Designate individual students and have to trust each other

**Singapore** - whole list of other criteria in addition to phrase under discussion.

32/0/6

**Argentina** - happened in Argentina but could affect anyone. Whole ADA / DG thing. DG had registered in advance. ADA given 24 hours to send stuff - worked all night to gather info and proof. Need more time.

**Singapore** - wording - specified period at least 10 days

**Secretary** - there was nearly 2 weeks between Skype meetings

**Tracey** - how did DG manage to reg?

**Chair** - multiple organisations can pay to be members of WSDC Ltd. but we don't specify who gets to participate too rigidly because the existing structure may be exclusive and another may arrive with a wider proposal. Happened with another scenario this year.

**Singapore** - second Chair's statement that multiple orgs can reg with WSDC Ltd. But they cannot determine who gets to come.

**Taiwan** - in El Salvador there might be only one person

**Scotland** - have to put trust in Exec to make professional decision as elected reps on case-by-case basis. Each case completely different.

**USA** - completely agree with that. But didn't know how long process was going to take and what deadlines were and orig response was 'Can't you all get along?'

**Chair** - two orgs may not be aware of each other so that is always first response. May be problems in terms of getting in touch with DG rep.

37/0/0

### **Mark Gabriel (Singapore) on ESL / EFL stuff (page 15)**

Test out new proposals for one year only.

More prominence to ESL / EFL by having own final with decent-sized audience and show off their standard of performance. Will happen simultaneously and will be impromptu as no way of knowing at which previous stage will have been knocked out. Social occasion on last evening with food and refreshment provided - also keep them out of mischief and not be dropping beer bottles off balconies.

Top 3 teams in each category will get trophy. Play-off for 2/3 if one makes it to main final.

**Greece** - nice idea and understand why. But proposing solution to problem which doesn't exist. Yes at univ level ESL / EFL teams may be far behind - but at WSDC such teams regularly make quarters and even semis. Don't like idea that they may therefore be inherently weaker. Important for perception.

**Sweden** - agree - diff from univs. At WUDC only 1/2 ESL EFL breaking out of 40. Even if do it only once may be long-term difficulties of perception.

**New Zealand** - Australasian circuit - positive for these teams to have extra Opp to debate.

**Netherlands** - I've been in them - feel like second-class out rounds. Not good feeling about them. Never felt that at WSDC.

**Scotland** - on univ circuit power-pairing teams can go entire tournament without seeing ESL / EFL team - whereas here will see them all the time and may lose to them.

**Ireland** - agree entirely.

**Nigeria** - no need to separate.

**Peru** - at one tournament, judge said to English team oh gosh they understood you - bias does exist and so no point in reinforcing it.

**Pakistan** - judges' preconceptions? - but we could try it for one year?

**Netherlands** - good to have recognition in final.

**Greece** - it's just not an issue. Have to trust our system. One of few comps where bias does not exist so much. Perception outweighs intention. There isn't a problem.

**Wales** - what about team that made semis and had to do three debates in one day. Plus last night - reservations that last night together debaters want to spend time with mates. Thirdly, logistics - if it were between 2/3 that would need to be in rules, so awards are not discretionary to host, who might then not have organised trophies.

**China** - link between intention and effect - first, second and third class. Lack of command of English can be used as excuse. Good to recognise their achievement but still not so good overall.

**Japan** - English no exposure outside classroom - 6<sup>th</sup> WSDC - extremely hard to win. Perhaps not entirely without bias. Was at WUDC for several years - issues quite different at univ level - power pairing all ESL / EFL teams no chance to break and no decent judges. Might this new final create this?

**Greece** - needs to be balance. No need to over- compensate.

**Denmark** - another chance to participate and something to strive for.

**Sri Lanka** - hard work may be undone by this one final if were best team and then lose this.

19/11/9 - fails

### **Round 8 to be silent**

**Mark Gabriel** - as on order paper. Get feedback next day in hotel. Round 8 on Sunday so probably no audiences. Would not do it if were in school where pupils wanted to know outcome.

**Wales** - we support this.

**Ireland** - excitement all very well but countermanded by backtabbing - so some teams are through after round 7 and won't care, those for whom it matters will be under even more pressure.

**Scotland** - can be done in terms of general feedback

**Pakistan** - nervous that judges might be lazy if don't have to justify decision to teams and coaches.  
**USA** - structure for education - post-round discussion is there for a reason and may learn most in last 1/2 rounds. No need for further invigoration.  
**Slovenia** - as coach of team which broke 16<sup>th</sup> this year I don't need additional excitement (applause and laughter).  
**Denmark** - need feedback  
**Czech Rep** - some judges would be useless at vague feedback and will inevitably disclose.  
**Sweden** - group of teams under stress no different from status quo. Judges lazy? - surely not? Stack panels for live rooms?  
**Sri Lanka** - OK for one time. If too much stress don't do it again.  
**NZ** - lots of teams already knew everything. Can easily ask for feedback at break night.  
13/18/7 - fails

### **Canada – elections now?**

**Proposal** to discuss role of Exec and relationship with Directors  
**Greece** - this motion is about the Directors and they are not all represented here - not fair to vote no confidence if no-one here to defend them - should be in forum with engagement. Propose to 'table' (which means postpone) whole thing until that can happen.  
**Singapore** - we are voting on Greece's proposal to table.  
**Chair** - can we go back to Canada's proposal to move to elections?  
33/0/0

### **Elections - Mark Gabriel as Returning Officer**

Can vote for RON if don't like nominations.  
**Slovenia** - I don't understand.  
**Mark** - if anyone objects we will vote for RON  
**Slovenia** - I object  
**Mark** - ask Beth to leave  
Confusion re how RON works - explanation from Mark - start again with new nominations online.  
28/3/9 Beth re-elected as Chair

### **VC – Roger Hatridge.**

30/1/7 Roger

### **Secretary – Irene McGrath**

31/1/5

### **Committee – paper ballot**

Branislav Fečko - Čegiň  
Jana Gilke  
Irena Kotikova  
Cristina Loayza  
Joshua Park  
Hamish Saunders  
Keana Reinu

### **Motions Committee**

Dan de Kadt  
Crash Wigley  
Hayah Eichler  
Cindy Timmins  
Zaynab Al Nasser  
5 candidates for 5 positions.

**Canada** - must have time to do it. Substantial and important job  
**Singapore** - signal to teams - must be fair and debatable and worthy of intellectual discourse  
**Slovenia** - problems with motions. Procedural to postpone this to postal ballot including RON  
**Scotland** - nominations closed at 8am - so that's OK - so we need to be allowed to comment on process.  
Please note for next time.  
23/3/10 – Motions Committee election deferred to postal ballot

**Kuwait** - we didn't get enough info about actual committee

**Complaints Officers**

Scott Ralston (Scotland)

Singapore's nominee - Samuel does not need to be elected.

So vote on Scott

32/0/2 – elected along with Samuel.

**Executive results** – elected were the following:

- Branislav Fečko - Čegiň
- Jana Gilke
- Cristina Loayza
- Joshua Park
- Hamish Saunders
- Keana Reinu

Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and apologized for the delay.

Meeting was closed in some haste as people had to change for final and get on buses.

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26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014