



Skal International Australia

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International Councillor Report – Bob Lunnon

Since our last meeting in Albany there has been a lot of work done on your behalf at the International Council. The last meeting was in Mexico City in October prior to the SKAL International Congress, attended on your behalf by Bernard Whewell, and Bernard was one of the Vice Presidents of the Council. Part of Bernard's role as VP was to chair one of the committees and Bernard was responsible for Committee B.

These committees look after tasks grouped into Finance, Statutes and Bylaws, and the Florimund Volckaert Fund. Committee A is responsible for membership including Young Skal, Business Affairs, and PR & Communications. Committee B is responsible for Finance including the Florimund Volckaert Fund, and Statutes.

At the IC meeting in Mexico City, the Minutes I have received reflect the following key points:

- The IC Operations Manual has been reviewed, and amendments made including a weighted voting procedure where International Councillors representing 1 to 15 Clubs have one vote, and those representing 16 or more Clubs have two votes.
- Minutes of future IC meetings will be improved to include Action Item columns, with accountabilities and timelines.
- International Councillors are now using the IC Facebook page, launched more than a year ago.
- IC responsibility for securing donations and funds for the Florimund Volckaert Fund.
- After researching the growth of medical tourism (and not wellness tourism at this stage), it is recognised as the largest growth market currently. SKAL will create specific criteria and membership categories for Medical Tourism, along with a proposed affiliation with the Medical Tourism Association, as well as possible advertising in the Medical/Wellness Tourism Magazine.
- Development of Young SKAL of Tomorrow strategies and activities.
- Changing the Active Individual Member category to Independent Member.
- Improved funding activities for the Florimund Volckaert Fund at all levels in SKAL.
- Improvements in the structure and length of future IC meetings.
- Approval of Haarlem in The Netherlands as the venue for the next IC mid-year meeting 22/26 April 2015.
- Unanimous election of Bernard Whewell as IC President for two years, to take effect at the conclusion of the Congress in Mexico City. Bernard now also sits





on the SKAL International Executive Committee, along with EC VP Nigel Pilkington from New Zealand.

- Election of Bill Rheame (Canada) as IC VP for a one year term, and Kamer Rodoplu (Turkey) as IC VP for a two year term.

At the conclusion of the Congress in Mexico City, with Bernard Whewell now IC President, Bernard had to immediately stand down as SIA IC, as he is not able to hold the two positions concurrently. As VP of SIA, I nominated and our SIA Executive Committee members then voted me to be Acting SIA IC effective immediately, while continuing in my role as SIA VP.

Part of my IC role is to also sign off on all membership applications that are presented through your Clubs, both paper and online applications. Since becoming Acting SIA IC on 01 November 2014, there were 45 new member applications approved by 10 January 2015, when the new SKAL International Entrance Fee of Euro25 (Euro5 for new Young SKAL members) came into effect. The vast majority of these were online applications, not paper applications, and many were approved in 24 hours or less from the time each online application was initiated, to when SKAL International approved each online application. For this reason, all Clubs are now encouraged to use online new member applications which are preferred by SKAL International, and not paper applications. For information, at 14 February 2015, 56 new member applications have now been approved by SKAL International since 01 November 2014, across 15 of our Clubs. Well done, and congratulations, on maintaining this momentum.

I have found my Acting IC role to be demanding and time-consuming, but also very exciting, and rewarding. I thank you all for the support you have so willingly provided me, and I commend my report to you.

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