

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH GENERAL MEETING

Tromsø, Norway

- 1** The AFIR General Meeting was opened at 12.30, at the Rica Ishavshotel in Tromsø, Norway by Jean Berthon, Chairman. Alf Guldberg was acting as secretary. Fifty-eight (58) members of the AFIR section were in attendance.

The minutes of the preceding general meeting (the tenth) held in Tokyo, Friday August 27, 1999 were approved unanimously.

- 2** Jean Berthon started his report by informing the General Assembly of the death of one of the AFIR founders, namely Bob Alting von Geusau, who died at the end of the preceding year. He had already resigned from his duty as Treasurer and Jean Berthon said how much his AFIR friends would miss him. He was a consulting actuary, very bright and friendly, and his reputation reached beyond the borders of his home country, the Netherlands.

Then Jean Berthon reported on several changes that have occurred in the Committee structure. First of all, Yves Guérard has been replaced by himself (Jean Berthon) at the Jerusalem IAA meeting as IAA representative.

Secondly Jim Tilley has decided to resign as Chairman and committee member, which led the Committee to have to fill two vacancies.

Before the lack of candidates, Jean Berthon expressed his wish to take on the responsibility of chairman of the AFIR committee in agreement with Arnaud Clément-Grandcourt and Alf Guldberg.

Alf will become Vice Chairman and Mike Barker will take on as Secretary. The other members of the committee agreed unanimously to these nominations.

Jean Berthon took this opportunity to thank very much Arnaud Clément-Grandcourt who was in fact more often acting as Chairman of the AFIR committee than as Vice Chairman, replacing Jim Tilley in many circumstances. He said that he was very glad that Arnaud Clément-Grandcourt decided to continue as member of the Committee and to be responsible of the implementation of the AFIR Site.

As member of the committee he will ask the General Assembly to approve the nomination of Eric Thorlacius.

He then added a few words concerning his view of the future. His intention is to strengthen the Section in developing the ties among the members between the colloquia by furthering the holding of meetings at the regional or national level and reinforcing the liens with the

universities and research centres. We will also have to open our thoughts to new applications of the actuarial science and open new fields.

Then, Jean Berthon expressed, in his name and in the name of all the committee members, all our thanks for the interested work Jim Tilley has done both as a committee member and as President of AFIR and wished that he will be able to attend future AFIR Colloquia and continue to contribute to the development of the actuarial profession and science in the fields covered by AFIR.

- 3 In the absence of the treasurer Bill Chinery who was unable to attend, Alf Guldberg reported that, as was decided last year, the AFIR funds were transferred to Ottawa and were now being managed by the IAA staff in the same way as other IAA assets. The auditors of the IAA are also auditing the AFIR assets.

Our total assets as of June 30th are in excess of \$240 000 CAD.

- 4 On proposal of the committee, Eric Thorlacius (USA) was unanimously elected as a new committee member for a four-year mandate, i.e. 2000 – 2003, in place of Jim Tilley.
- 5 Jean Berthon reported that the schedule for future colloquia is the following

2001 Sept 6-7 Toronto, Canada

2002 March: an AFIR-day during the IAA congress in Cancun Mexico

2003 The Netherlands

2004 Barcelona, Spain

- 6 Jean Berthon asked those committee members and the editor who were present to rise and thus give all present members a chance to put a face to the names.
- 7 Jean Berthon thanked the organisers of the Tromsø colloquium for organising the colloquium and for the excellent organisation and the high quality of the proceedings. Especially the closing dinner will be remembered for its most unusual setting.

He noted that the number of papers received was higher than in Tokyo and Cambridge and that most of them were of a very high mathematical level.

- 8 The next general meeting will be held during the Toronto Colloquium.
- 9 There being no further matters arising, Jean Berthon closed the General Meeting of 2000.

Alf Guldberg