

# Minutes of the Twenty-Second General Assembly

Chania, Crete, Greece, 9:00 am, Wednesday, 9 September 1998

It was the IPSC Executive Council's intention that the General Assembly be conducted in a businesslike and amicable manner. To this end, except where specifically permitted by the [IPSC Constitution](#), motions were not accepted from the floor of the meeting. In this manner those Regions unable to attend the Assembly had the opportunity to vote by proxy on the subject, and those Regional Directors present were able to consult with their Regional Directorate prior to the meeting.

## Administration

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

#### Executive Council Present:

IPSC President	Mr. Nick Alexakos
IPSC General Secretary	Mr. Chepit Dulay
IPSC Secretary	Mr. Bob Chittleborough
IPSC Treasurer	Mr. Ren Henderson
IROA President	Mr. Dino Evangelinos

#### Regions Present:

Australia	Mrs. Bonny Thomas
Austria	Dr. Michael Ploderer
Belgium	Mr. Yvan Vogels
Brazil	Mr. Luiz Frota
Czech Republic	Mr. Miroslav Kuchera
Denmark	Mr. Tim Anderson
Germany	Mr. Friedrich Gepperth
Greece	Mrs. Monica Theodorou
Hong Kong	Mr. Vince Pinto
Israel	Mr. Manuel Ferber
Italy	Mr. Beppe Masia
Netherlands	Mr. Lambert Bakker
Norway	Mr. Jan Hansen
Philippines	Mr. Chito Canteras
Puerto Rico	Mr. Alfredo Colon
Slovak Republic	Mr. Peter Forgach
South Africa	Mr. Johnny Gildenhuys
Sweden	Mr. Fredrik Regin
Switzerland	Mr. Mark Studer

United Kingdom	Mr. Bob Chittleborough
USA	Mr. John Amidon
Zimbabwe	Mr. John Goddard

**Regions Entitled To Vote:**

Argentina	Denmark	Malaysia	Slovakia
Austria	Ecuador	Monaco	Slovenia
Barbados	El Salvador	N Antilles	South Africa
Belgium	Finland	Namibia	Sweden
Brazil	France	Netherlands	Switzerland
Cambodia	Germany	New Zealand	United Kingdom
Canada	Greece	Nicaragua	Uruguay
Chile	Guatemala	Norway	USA
China	Hong Kong	P New Guinea	Venezuela
Colombia	Italy	Paraguay	Zimbabwe
Czech Republic	Jamaica	Peru	

**Voting by Proxy:**

Argentina	Columbia	Namibia	Slovenia
Barbados	Ecuador	New Zealand	Uruguay
Cambodia	France	Nicaragua	Venezuela
Canada	Jamaica	Papua New Guinea	
Chile	Monaco	Paraguay	
China	Netherlands Antilles	Peru	

Note: 39 voting Regions    18 present  
    21 proxies

**2) IPSC President to appoint two tellers**

- Mr. Alain Joly (France)
- Mr. Graham Gill (UK)

**3) IPSC President's report**

I must say I am excited about this General Assembly. I believe for the first time in the history of IPSC that this meeting will be entirely constructive where together we can begin developing a vision and positive goals for the coming millennium.

These are exciting times... Just look at how the world is changing. With communications as fast as the speed-of-light, ideas and information truly circle the world in a heartbeat. Everyday there are more and more global issues, whether they have to do with the environment, economics, human rights, or countless other topics - including gun-control. The combination of the global media, an integrated world economy, and the increasing role of international and regional organizations has truly expanded the arena in which we all must work.

## **Regional Directors**

For the third straight year memberships are up. This year on average 13%. The number of new Regions and Level III competitions are up 8%. We are definitely moving in the right direction.

This type of activity does not happen by itself. It happens largely because of the commitment and hard work of the Regional Directors. It is a pleasure working with these dedicated men and women and on behalf of IPSC and the Executive Council, I would like to thank them for their generous time and energy.

## **Executive Council**

The Executive Council has been busy. There is never any lack of work to be done and I am pleased to say the Council has been up to the tasks at hand. Thank you, gentleman.

Chepit Dulay (*General Secretary*)  
Bob Chittleborough (*IPSC Secretary*)  
Ren Henderson (*IPSC Treasurer*)  
Dino Evangelinos (*IROA President*)  
Peter Glenn (*IROA Vice President*)

## **President's Council**

I also wish to thank the members of the President's Council for their valuable contribution. Without their collective guidance and individual counsel my job would be a lot harder. A great team!

Tim Andersen (DEN)  
Dave Arnold (USA)  
Luiz Frota (BRA)  
Frederich Gepperth (GER)  
Andy Hollar (USA)  
Cameron Hopkins (USA)  
Alain Joly (FRA)  
Vince Pinto (HKG)  
Joe Yang (CHN)

## **Appreciation**

Not too many folks will drag themselves out of bed on a lazy Sunday morning to come to, of all things, a meeting, but several times this year I have asked a group to Sunday morning meetings to discuss various plans and programs. On behalf of IPSC I would like to thank these gentlemen for their valuable time and contribution.

Doug Lewis (*Ontario Section Coordinator*)  
Bud Melless (*NROI Canada President*)  
Dino Evangelinos (*IROA President*)  
Ren Hendersen (*IPSC Treasurer*)  
Ian Fachie (*IPSC Webmaster*)

Also a special thanks to Ian Fachie for his web site magic. Ian has tirelessly managed the IPSC web site since the inception. Our web site ([www.ipsc.org](http://www.ipsc.org)) has been a major tool for IPSC for which we owe Ian a large debt of gratitude.

### **Agenda**

As always, we included "moved, seconded, carried, and denied" following each motion. This way, you will be able to easily keep notes and would have a virtually perfect set of minutes to take away with you.

I am pleased to say that after two Assemblies, I believe this year will fulfill the notion of a gathering of friends to constructively discuss and deal with the business of the Confederation.

*DVC*

*Nick Alexakos*

*IPSC President*

### **4) IROA President's report**

Since my appointment as President of IROA, my first task was to familiarize myself with the administration part of IROA. Here I would like to thank Bud Melles for his continued support and help in the administration.

This year we received more than 60 applications. This was due to increased action in RangeOfficers in many Regions. Currently we have in total active 163 International Officials, 5 Stats, 127 Range Officers, 15 Chief Range Officers, and 16 Range Masters.

This year IROA Seminars have been held in Thailand and Curacao and there will be another Seminar held the end of this month in the Slovak Republic with further plans for one in Chile and surrounding Regions. We are now in the process of appointing and working with at least one International Instructor in each Continent to help us with the demand of the IROA Seminars.

My experience in the last year is that the quality of officiating has improved tremendously. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Regional Directors for recognizing the need for, and continued support of, the National Range Officer programs. I would like to say that in the future IROA plans to be in touch with all the Regions to assist them in developing their national program.

There were requests about course design stages from some Regions, and I am pleased to inform you that before the end of the year we should have available a CD ROM consisting of stages that have been approved for Level III matches.

We are developing better ways to communicate with our officials, and our web site has been our best avenue of communication. Unfortunately, this tool has not yet been properly utilized and I hope that this will change in the future.

## **5) Introduction of, and brief report from, each Regional Director**

Each Regional delegate gave a brief verbal report on the past year and future projects.

## **6) Approval of the minutes of the Twenty-First IPSC General Assembly**

### 1. Motion:

That the minutes of the previous Assembly of Caracas, Venezuela, November 12, 1997 be accepted as mailed to the Regions.

Moved:	Germany		
Seconded:	USA		
For: 39	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	
Carried			

## **7) IPSC Treasurer's Report, and approval of the previous year's accounts**

### 2 Motion:

That the 1997 accounts be accepted as mailed to the Regions.

Moved:	USA		
Seconded:	Germany		
For: 37	Against: 1	Abstain: 1	
Carried			

## **8) Introduction of, and brief report from, Regional Development Director**

The Regional Development Director, Mr. Vince Pinto, gave a brief report to the meeting and requested all Regions to keep him informed of possible areas of development. He had appointed four assistants to supervise the developing Regions in their continents as follows:

### Europe:

Mr. Friedrich Gepperth (Germany)

### Americas:

Mr. Luiz Frota (Brazil)

### Australasia:

Mr. Chepit Dulay (Philippines)

### Africa:

Mr. Johnny Gildenhuys (South Africa)

## **9) Provisional acceptance of New Regions**

### 3 Motion:

Costa Rica be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved:	USA		
Seconded:	Brazil		
For: 39	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	
Carried			

4 Motion:

Croatia be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved:	Slovak Republic	
Seconded:	Switzerland	
For: 35	Against: 1	Abstain: 3
Carried		

5 Motion:

Lithuania be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved:	Germany	
Seconded:	Netherlands	
For: 39	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
Carried		

6 Motion:

Russia be provisionally accepted for one year.

Moved:	Hong Kong	
Seconded:	Brazil	
For: 38	Against: 1	Abstain: 0
Carried		

## 10) Final acceptance of new Regions

7 Motion:

Dominican Republic be definitively accepted.

Moved:	Brazil	
Seconded:	Netherlands	
For: 39	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
Carried		

Note: 40 Voting Regions, 18 Present - 22 Proxies

8 Motion:

Withdrawn.

9 Motion:

Macau be definitively accepted.

Moved:	Hong Kong	
Seconded:	Germany	
For: 39	Against: 1	Abstain: 0
Carried		

Note: 41 Voting Regions, 18 Present - 23 Proxies

10 Motion:

Mexico be definitively accepted.

Moved:	Switzerland	
Seconded:	Brazil	
For: 41	Against: 0	Abstain: 0

Carried

Note: 42 Voting Regions, 18 Present - 24 Proxies

11 Motion:

Poland be definitively accepted.

Moved: Germany  
Seconded: Slovak Republic  
For: 42 Against: 0 Abstain: 0  
Carried

Note: 43 Voting Regions, 18 Present - 25 Proxies

12 Motion:

Puerto Rico be definitively accepted.

Moved: USA  
Seconded: Brazil  
For: 43 Against: 0 Abstain: 0  
Carried

Note: 44 Voting Regions, 19 Present - 25 Proxies

Note: The Assembly welcomed the newly accepted Regions and wished them all the best of success. The IPSC Secretary informed the tellers of the additional voting Regions.

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

13 Motion:

That Panama be declared vacant if not in good standing by 31st December, 1998. (Requires 3/4 vote)

Moved: Germany  
Seconded: Netherlands  
For: 42 Against: 0 Abstain: 2  
Carried

14 Motion:

That Trinidad Tobago be declared vacant if not in good standing by 31st December, 1998. (Requires 3/4 vote)

Moved: Norway  
Seconded: Switzerland  
For: 42 Against: 0 Abstain: 2  
Carried

## **12) Transfer of IPSC affiliation to the Malaysian Practical Shooting Association**

15 Motion:

That the IPSC affiliation for Malaysia be transferred to the Malaysian Practical Shooting Association. (Requires 3/4 vote)

Moved: Germany  
Seconded: Greece

For: 41                      Against: 1                      Abstain: 2  
Carried

### 13) Appointment of an auditor

16 Motion:

That the chartered accounting firm of *Mullen Micules Chartered Accountants* be appointed as Auditors for financial year 1998.

Moved:                      Norway  
Seconded:                      Germany  
For: 43                      Against: 1                      Abstain: 0  
Carried

## Organization

### 14) Introduction of, and brief report from, the Sports Liaison Director

Unfortunately, Ms. Suzanne McElyea was unable to attend the meeting. The IPSC President gave a brief report and announced that IPSC was applying to the International Olympic Committee for membership.

### 15) Introduction of, and brief report from, the Sales and Marketing Director

The IPSC President introduced Ms. Annie Bachrach, who gave a brief resume of her sales and marketing experience, and then addressed the meeting concerning the future evolution and prosperity of IPSC aided by a strong marketing and sponsorship program.

### 16) IPSC Business Plan

17 Motion:

That the 1998 Business Plan be approved.

Moved:                      Norway  
Seconded:                      Germany  
For: 43                      Against: 1                      Abstain: 0  
Carried

### 17) IPSC Foundation

18 Motion:

That the Executive Council develop and implement the IPSC Foundation Program.

Moved:                      Denmark  
Seconded:                      Germany  
For: 44                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0  
Carried

### 18) IPSC Match Sanction fee

19 Motion:

That a set match sanction fee of US \$100 be paid to IPSC for each Level III and higher match.

Moved:                      Germany  
Seconded:                      Switzerland



For: 38

Against: 5

Abstain: 1

Carried

Note: The IPSC President clarified delegate's questions by confirming that the actual fee charged will be a sum equivalent to the local individual entry fee for the match, up to a US \$100 maximum.

## 19) Pro-rated slots for Level IV and V Competitions

20 Motion:

Withdrawn. Amended Motion to be introduced under Any Other Business.

21 Motion:

That the slots for Level IV competitions be allocated to the Regions within the specific Area on a pro-rated per-capita basis after setting aside ten percent of the available slots for non-Area competitors, and any slots which may be put aside for Foundation Patrons which will not exceed fifteen in total.

Moved: Germany

Seconded: Netherlands

For: 39

Against: 5

Abstain: 0

Carried

## Rules

### 20) Course of Fire Committee report

Mr. Dino Evangelinos (CAN)

Mr. Peter Glenn (AUS)

Mr. Alain Joly (FRA)

Mr. Luiz Frota(BRA)

Mr. Dino Evangelinos gave the Committee's report, and responded to delegates' questions.

### 21) Rules Committee report

Mr. Vince Pinto (HKG)

Mr. John Amidon (USA)

Mr. Ivan Ketler (HUN)

Mr. Vince Pinto gave the Committee's report, and asked for input from all Regions.

### 22) Rifle and Shotgun Committee report

Mr. Tim Andersen (DEN)

Mr. Bob Chittleborough (UK)

Mr. Peter Glenn (AUS)

Mr. Troy McManus(USA)

Mr. Tim Anderson gave the Committee's report, and asked for input from all Regions.

The IPSC President suggested that the United Kingdom Region should take the lead in the development of Practical Rifle and Shotgun Rules, with a view to running the first ever IPSC World Championship in the UK.

### 23) Seminar Committee report

Mr. Dino Evangelinos (CAN)

Mr. Dino Evangelinos gave the Committee's report.

### 24) "Vox Populi" poll results

The IPSC President went through the poll results.

# Competitions

## 25) American Handgunner Postal Match.

22 Motion:

That the Assembly wishes to thank the American Handgunner Magazine for it's 1998 coverage of the International Postal match and respectfully requests continued coverage for the year 1999.

Moved: Zimbabwe  
Seconded: Germany  
For: 44 Against: 0 Abstain: 0  
Carried

## 26) Pan-America Championship

Country: Uruguay - *confirmed*

City:

Dates:

23 Motion:

That the 2000 Championship in Uruguay be an IPSC Pan-American Championship. (North America, South American, Central America, and Caribbean Regions only vote)

Moved: USA  
Seconded: Brazil  
For: 17 Against: 1 Abstain: 0  
Carried

## 27) Military and Law Enforcement Sections

24 Motion:

That the Executive Council choose from interested candidates a Director of Military Competition and a Director of Law Enforcement Competition.

Moved: South Africa  
Seconded: Hong Kong  
For: 43 Against: 1 Abstain: 0  
Carried

## 28) Level IV Competitions for 2001 - Australasia and Europe

The schedule for bidding for the next Level IV and V matches are to be in the year of that match.

25 Motion:

That the 2001 Australasia Championships be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly. (Australasian Regions only vote)

Moved: Hong Kong  
Seconded: Brazil  
For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0  
Carried  
Region: New Zealand (acclaimed)

26 Motion:

That the 2001 European Championship be held in the Region to be determined by vote of this Assembly. (European Regions only vote)

Moved: United Kingdom  
Seconded: Norway  
For: 17 Against: 0 Abstain: 0  
Carried

The Czech Republic, Germany, and Norway had put in bids for the match. The vote was by ballot.

Czech Republic: 2 Germany: 12 Norway: 3  
Region: Germany

## 29) Outstanding Level IV schedules to be confirmed

27 Motion:

That the 2000 African Championships be held in the region to be determined by vote of this Assembly. (African Regions only vote)

Moved: South Africa  
Seconded: Zimbabwe  
For: 3 Against: 0 Abstain: 0  
Carried  
Region: Zimbabwe (acclaimed)

## General

### 33) World Forum of Sports Shooting Activities report

28. Motion:

That the Executive Council through the IPSC President continue the involvement with the World Forum of Sports Shooting Activities.

Moved: Netherlands  
Seconded: Hong Kong  
For: 44 Against: 0 Abstain: 1  
Carried

### 31) Date and place of next IPSC General Assembly

29. Motion:

That the 1999 IPSC General Assembly be held in conjunction with World Shoot XII.

Moved: Greece  
Seconded: South Africa  
For: 44 Against: 0 Abstain: 0  
Carried

## Any Other Business

**Non-binding proposed actions for Assembly discussion and direction.**

### 32) IPSC Affiliation fees

30. Motion:

That, notwithstanding Sections 10.2 and 10.7 of the IPSC Constitution, due to the anticipated communications turmoil at the beginning of the year 2000, the IPSC Executive Council will request that all regions pay the year 2000 Affiliation Fee (\$600) no later than September 30 1999. This Assembly hopes that all Regions will cooperate in this matter.

Moved: Germany  
Seconded: Norway  
For: 43 Against: 1 Abstain: 0  
Carried

### 33) IPSC Per Capita fee

31. Motion:

That at the next General Assembly the IPSC Executive Council introduce an amendment to the IPSC Constitution to the effect that the annual per capita fee be set at a 100 member minimum. New Regions would have a three year exemption from the time of their provisional acceptance. Regions paying less than the minimum membership would revert to a provisional member with no vote in the Assembly for that year.

Moved: Germany  
Seconded: Switzerland  
For: 37 Against: 7 Abstain: 0  
Carried

### 34) Minimum Criteria for Division and Category recognition

32. Motion:

That at the next General Assembly the IPSC Executive Council introduce an amendment to the IPSC rules to the effect that the criteria for recognition of Divisions and Categories be adopted as follows:

- a) Level III matches require 10 places to recognize a Division.
- b) Level IV and V matches require 20 places to recognize a Division.
- c) Division status must be achieved before Categories can be recognized.
- d) All Categories require 5 places to recognize a Category.

Moved: Norway  
Seconded: Denmark  
For: 42 Against: 0 Abstain: 2  
Carried

### Pro-rated slots for Level V Competitions

32A. Motion:

That, with the exception of the 1999 Level V World Championship, the slots for Level V competitions be allocated to the Regions on a pro-rated per-capita basis notwithstanding slots which may be put aside for Foundation Patrons which will not exceed twenty in total. For the 1999 Level V World Championship each Region will be initially entitled to enter one team of four members. The balance of slots not taken up by teams and Foundation Patrons will then be allocated to the Regions on a pro-rated per-capita basis, which will entitle some Regions to enter additional teams if they have sufficient slots.

Moved: Germany  
Seconded: Slovak Republic  
For: 18 Against: 1 Abstain: 0  
Carried

## **IPSC President's Cup**

32B. Motion:

That IPSC thank and congratulate both the Greek authorities and IPSC Greece for hosting the 1998 European Championships. Effective 1999 IPSC to hold an annual match for national teams each Easter in Chania, Crete, Greece called the President's Cup. It is anticipated that this match will involve 100 officials and 500 competitors generating an estimated US\$1,000,000 for both the local and national Greek economy.

Moved: United Kingdom  
Seconded: Switzerland  
For: 19 Against: 0 Abstain: 0  
Carried

## **IPSC Greece**

32C. Motion:

That, having been informed of the severe restrictions likely to be imposed on the members of IPSC Greece which may result in the cessation of IPSC Shooting in the Region, this Assembly expresses its extreme surprise and concern at such news and earnestly hopes that the Greek authorities will reconsider their decision so that Greece can remain an active participant in the international Practical Shooting community.

Moved: Germany  
Seconded: Belgium  
For: 19 Against: 0 Abstain: 0  
Carried

## **35) Adjournment**

33. Motion:

That the 1998 IPSC General Assembly be adjourned.

Moved: USA  
Seconded: Norway  
For: 44 Against: 0 Abstain: 0  
Carried