



*INTERNATIONAL
FEDERATION OF
PEDESTRIANS*

General Assembly October 2018 in Bogotá

Meeting minutes

Date:

Tuesday 16th October at 5.45pm local time

Location:

Hotel Continental Blue Doors, Bogotá

Agenda:

- **Welcome**
- **Minutes of the 2017 GA in Calgary**
- **Report from the Executive of IFP – Activities of the last year**
- **New Members**
- **Engagement**
 - **Experience with Facebook page and twitter**
 - **IFPedestrians-NET**
- **Finance**
- **Board**
- **Projects 2018 and beyond**
 - **MORE**
 - **Strategic plan**
- **Varia**

Welcome

Geert Van Waeg (President) opened the meeting, welcomed all, and provided a general summary of the year for IFP. Each **voting member** representatives present in the room introduced themselves:

- Europe:
 - Geert van Waeg, johanna.be, Belgium
 - Bronwen Thornton, WALK21, International (UK-based)
 - Ole Thorson, Cataluna Camina, Spain
 - Giorgi Kankia, Iare Pehkit, Georgia
 - Tom Dhollander, Federation of European Pedestrians Associations
 - Mário Alves, ACA-M, Portugal
- Oceania:
 - Ben Rossiter, Victoria Walks, Australia
 - Andy Smith, Living Streets Aotearoa, New Zealand
- North America:
 - Rebecca Goodwin, Walk Toronto, Canada
 - Aldo González, Hugo Moreno Freydidig, Manuel Alexis Tirado Rodríguez, Amparo Ortega Gutiérrez, Liga Peatonal, Mexico
 - Heidi Simon, America Walks, USA
- South America:
 - Leticia Leda Sabino, SampaPé
 - Gustavo Calderon, Fundación Colombiana de Peatones, Colombia
 - Silvia Stuchi, Corrida Amiga
- There were no voting members on Skype

Mário confirmed that there were at least 6 voting members from 3 continents, so there was the required quorum for the meeting .

- Associate members present
 - John Wetmore, Perils for Pedestrians, USA
- In attendance
 - Danielle Hoppe, ITDP Brazil, Brazil
 - Nathalie Prado, Cidade Ativa, Brazil
 - Thatiana Murillo, Caminha Rio, Brazil

Minutes of the 2017 GA in Calgary

The delegates approved the minutes for the 2017 General Assembly held in Calgary in September 2017.

Report from the Executive of IFP – Activities of the last year

- Ole Thorson did a keynote presentation at the First Latin American Pedestrian Forum held on October 27 and 28 of 2017 in Medellín, Colombia.
- Geert van Waeg gave a keynote on pedestrian safety and rights, and ways to improve them, at conference in New Delhi on “Vulnerable Road Users Safety in SE-Asia” f.
- Mário Alves was a keynote speaker at the Symposium “Why Walking Matters” organised by the Copenhagen City Hall, on 8th of March 2018.
- Geert Van Waeg was actively involved in SuM4All (including participation in Consortium meeting in Leipzig on May 22, 2018) to stronger promote walking as SuM4All in the International Transport Forum in Leipzig in May 2018.
- IFP was present in several seminars and conferences: Rue de l’Avenir, Dunkerque, France, sep 21-23, (Geert) German Marshall Fund on Autonomous driving (Geert) POLIS conference Dec 6-7, Brussels (Geert)
- IFP gave input on EU General Safety Regulations preparation Stakeholder meeting on Regulations on direct vision in trucks within the frame of the EU General Safety Regulation, we worked with Transport & Environment, ETSC, Polis and ECF.
- Ole Thorson attended the preparative meeting (Dec 1, Paris) and Geert van Waeg attended the Summit on Transport Safety and Security on May 23-25, 2018,, Leipzig.
- Geert van Waeg attended United Nations Road Safety Collaboration meeting in New York 12-13 April 2018.
- Mário Alves and Bronwen Thornton provided input on the World Health Organization’s Global Action Plan on Physical Health.
- IFP was awarded a 3-year project contract for Horizon 2020 with 18 partners. The project is coordinated with the University College of London and focuses on multi-modal optimization of road space in Europe -- improving efficiency and effectiveness of main roads that feed to/urban road links on trans-European transport network. New concepts, tools and processes will be developed and tested in 5 cities. Mário will be IFP’s lead on the project. A comment was received that board members should be more involved when taking decisions of this kind. The Exec Committee agreed upon this.
- Mário also has continued work on IFP’s Living End Street project, the proposal to the Portuguese legislature that has been adopted.

New Members

IFP has three new members: Pražské matky (Czech Republic), Iare Pekhit (Georgia), and Yaya Derneği (Turkey). IFP now has 45 members in 32 countries. There was discussion of how to handle members who are no longer active.

Ole said that the European Federation (FEPA) will be taking up a new work plan and may invite European members.

IFP has worked out clear rules for associate members. If associate members are not for profit, membership remains free. For profit organizations must become sponsors.

Engagement

Twitter (@ifpedestrians): IFP increased its followers from 2313 to 3690. We do about 14 tweets per day.

Facebook: Followers have increased from 3,400 to 9,186, with an average reach about 5,000-10,000 visualizations per post. Mário noted that the “feed” has disappeared, which makes it harder to repost other organizations’ posts. One person suggested creating a Facebook group so that members can post to the group, making it easier for their posts to be found and re-posted on IFP’s main page.

IFPedestrians-net: Membership increased by 66 this year and there are about ten emails per month.

General comment: Mário asked that members please repost/retweet IFP’s Twitter and Facebook entries and IFP will repost/retweet yours.

Finance

2017-2018:

- Several years ago, IFP received € 10.000 as a one-time personal donation – no strings attached
- This year, we spent € 2181.97
- The remaining amount, which will transfer to next year, is € 7478.64

The financial report was presented and discussed. Dominik Bucheli (Auditor) reviewed and recommended approval of the financial report; the Board has approved it. Last year, he recommended that IFP to open its own bank account. It took some time, but that has been done.

2018-2019

The General Assembly discussed the budget for the coming year. Linked to the Horizon 2020 work (the MORE project) the next 3 years, the income and spending of IFP will become much more important compared to previous years. Bronwen asked about potential liability of board members relating to the contract for Horizon 2020 work. Geert said we will not hire an employee for the project, but Mario will be consultant and will be responsible for delivering IFP's work to the consortium. Bronwen emphasized her confidence in Mário, but pointed out that unforeseen events could lead to IFP being unable to meet its commitment on the project. She is concerned that there could be potential liability for Board members if that happens. Ben said Australia requires insurance for board members. Heidi said America Walks provides insurance for board members. Ole pointed out that the auditor has exempted the board from responsibility for the past year. The new contract, however, creates potential risk for the coming year. Ole asked if we can ignore it for now? Bronwen expressed continued concern. Mario said they talked to Christian and he said Swiss organizations generally do not need to provide insurance. Geert will follow up on this question that needs to be resolved.

Bronwen clarified that the budget needs to be approved by the Board and asked that the portion of the funds coming in for Horizon 2020 that will be dedicated to overhead be included as information when the budget is sent to the Board.

Ole raised the question of instituting a membership fee. Geert asked to discuss that question separately.

The General Assembly approved the financial report and voted to delegate approval of the budget to the Board.

Board

Eduardo Daros and Tom Platt have resigned from the Board. Aldo pointed out that Dana Corres has left Liga Peatonal as well. There was a brief discussion about whether the organization or the individual is a board member. Board members are elected from representatives of the organizations, but organizations do not "have a seat" in the Board. As such, "vacancies" are not automatically replaced by another representative of that organization.

There also was a discussion about whether Board members should have terms. Ben thinks there should be terms, but board members should also be eligible for re-election. Bronwen said that it's an interesting question, but also a big one. Should we become more formal or stay relaxed? It's important to become more robust as we grow so as not to be tripped up.

Geert asked if anyone else would like to serve on the Board. Eileen, Gustavo and Silvia volunteered and were elected. Geert noted that we do not want the Board to become too big, but we need representation from all regions. He said Board members should expect more work this year.

Ole's term as Treasurer was up this year and he preferred that someone else serve. Andy volunteered to serve and was elected. Geert thanked Ole for his service.

After this election the members of the Executive Committee and Board are:

President:

- Geert van Waeg (Belgium), johanna.be

Vice President:

- Ben Rossiter (Australia), Victoria Walks

Treasurer:

- Andy Smith (New Zealand), Living Streets Aotearoa

Secretary General:

- Mário Alves (Portugal), ACA-M

Board:

- Gustavo Calderon (Colombia), Fundación Colombiana de Peatones
- Gregory Mavrakis (Greece), enosipezon - Greek Pedestrian Association
- Eileen McCarthy (United States), America Walks
- Dieter Schwab (Austria), Walk-Space.at
- Andy Smith (New Zealand), Living Streets Aotearoa
- Christian Thomas (Switzerland), Fussgängerverein Zürich
- Bronwen Thornton (UK), Walk21
- Silvia Stuchi (Brasil), Corrida Amiga

Projects 2018-19 and beyond

Living End Street

IFP will be working with America Walks to expand this effort.

Strategic Plan

IFP needs to develop a strategic plan in order to obtain tax-exempt status and to update its UN accreditation. Bronwen suggested having more board meetings to strengthen IFP and its processes institutionally. Geert asked that the General Assembly delegate this task to the Executive Committee, which will give it to the Board for review. The assembly agreed to this approach.

Other

The assembled members discussed possible opportunities to network and engage more with IFP's members. Rebecca said that it's a good idea to be clear about what is expected of members and what they will get in return.