



Minutes of the second plenary

Date: Sunday, April 2nd	Chair: Deborah Lambilotte & Peter Zijlema
Time: 09.30-10.30	Minute-taker: Brian Crosby

1. Opening of the plenary

Opens with announcement of changes to agenda for both Sunday and Monday sessions. Conference asked to note these changes.

2. Nominations

Confirmed that Quebec will be host for 2008 ILGA World Conference, elected unopposed. The election process for other elections would open at 12.30 as set out in the advertised agenda.

For the male Co-Secretary General post, first round of ballot to close at 14.30, with announcement of results at 15.30 on 2 April 2006. The second round for the election of male seat will then open at 16.00 and close at 18.00, with the result announced on the morning of Monday 3 April 2006.

3. Membership Applications

List of recommendations from the workshop ILGA Internal Affairs (1) was presented to Conference and approved.

Full members:

Seven organisations had their applications deferred by the workshop. The Chair invited representatives of these groups to come forward to clarify that their aims and objectives were in line with applying for ILGA membership (ie that they were LGBT groups). Two groups were present to make representations (Encuentro Instituto para la Promoción de la Diversidad y la Cultura from Peru, and Chi Heng Foundation from China), and Conference then approved these two groups to become full members. Conference agreed to defer the five remaining applicants.

Associate members:

The list of associate members was approved.

Organisations that recently applied for full membership

Two new organisations not contained in the original list were also approved, which are from Panama Asociacion Hombres y Mugures Nuevos de Panama, and from Sweden C-Gay, The National Network of HBT persons within the Centre Party.

Chair advised the newly approved groups that they could now collect ballot papers if they had paid their membership fee.

4. Updates on general workshops 2, 4, and 5 on proposed changes to constitution and standing orders

Jackie Lewis and Janfrans van der Eerden advised conference of recommendations from the workshops. These had been grouped into a number of subject areas in the workshops, and this same format would be used in the plenary sessions. Conference then considered the following sets of proposals, numbered 1 – 130 according to the second mailing and 131 and 132 added by the ILGA internal affairs (3) workshop:

Group 1 – General Proposals

Proposals numbered 1, 2, 64, 65 all approved.

Group 2 – Technical Corrections

Proposals 15, 50, 62, 63, 36, 70 all approved

Group 3 – Conference preparations (pre-conference procedures)

Proposal 31 approved

Proposal 31a was WITHDRAWN in the workshop

Proposal 68 approved

Conference advised this means proposal 69 falls as a result.

Proposals 71, 33, 34, 35, 61, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79 and 126 all approved. A question was raised to clarify point (h) in proposal number 35 regarding “alternates”. The board will clarify the meaning of ‘alternates’.

Group 7 – Membership

Proposal 17 approved

Proposal 21

Conference was advised that if it did not support proposal 21, then the Executive Board would withdraw proposal 110.

Question raised about members who were not able to pay their fees. Jackie Lewis responded that lower membership rates applied for some ILGA regions, and that board could waive fees in cases of genuine difficulty. It was further confirmed that organisations that were already in arrears of subscriptions would have to pay all monies owing, in order to exercise their membership rights. Proposal then approved.

Proposal 110 approved

Proposal 20

Jackie Lewis summarised three reasons why the workshop unanimously recommended NOT to approve this:

1. Language on prostitution may prevent some Trans organisations from taken part.
2. Difficulty in interpreting consistently what was meant by “hard core pornography”.
3. The wording on “making illegal business” could mean that in countries where LGBT campaigning was against the law, ILGA could not accept these groups into membership or openly campaign on their behalf.

Conference did NOT approve proposal 20.

Proposals 18, 19 and 22 were all approved.

Group 9 – Women’s Secretariat and Trans Secretariat

Proposal 5 had been WITHDRAWN in workshop

Proposal 6

Workshop had recorded a clear majority in favour of supporting this. A question was raised to clarify the meaning in the wording of the proposal. Jackie Lewis reported that the workshop had taken the term “Trans” in its broadest and most inclusive definition. If the proposal was approved, more work would be needed to define work, task and position of a Trans Secretariat – the proposal would only agree on the principle of creating a Trans Secretariat.

One member called for a vote to be taken at this stage, but further questions were taken by the Chair as follows:

One member who attended the workshop commented that concerns were raised as to whether ILGA had the finances to add additional secretariats at this time.

One further comment was raised by one member concerned that this may lead to calls for more secretariats to be added, which should not be favoured.

A further question raised on how work of new Trans Secretariat would be co-ordinated with work of Women’s Secretariat.

Jackie Lewis confirmed that Conference was only voting on the principle to establish a Trans Secretariat, but that elections could not take place until the next World Conference. because it was not on the published agenda.

A vote then took place, with the following result:

Votes FOR – 172, Votes AGAINST – 0, Abstentions – 32. Proposal 6 was therefore approved by the 75% majority required.

Proposals 26, 27 and 28 approved.

Proposals 29 and 30 both WITHDRAWN in workshops as they were linked to proposal 5, which was also earlier withdrawn.

Proposal 53

Conference advised that workshop had recommended change the wording from “lesbians” to read “women”. This recommendation was agreed, and the proposal was approved.

Proposal 66 FALLS because proposal 5 has been withdrawn.

Proposal 67 approved

This session was then closed at 11.45am.

COFFEE BREAK

Date: Sunday, April 2nd	Chair: Deborah Lambilotte & Peter Zijlema
Time: 12.00 – 13.00	Minute-taker: Mathilde Piehl

Proposal on the Trans Secretariat

Madeline Vilgren (RFSL, Sweden) suggests that the Trans Secretariat is to be installed directly after the world conference of ILGA 2006. We should create an opportunity to make an election to enable an ILGA member to take this role and prepare the further development of a Trans Secretariat with the board.

The Conference approves the suggestion.

Presentation of candidates for the post of male Secretary General

Presentation by David Montero (GEHITU, Spain)

Presentation by Krister Fahlstedt (RFSL Sweden)

Presentation by Philipp Braun (LSVD, Germany)

Three candidates are taking place on the floor to answer questions for 10 minutes.

Someone on the floor rises that she has problems with Krister's background in the military.

Question: What have you done for ILGA the last two years?

Philip: have promoted the organisation at the UN.

David: Have been responsible for the translations to Spanish for ILGA.

Krister: Not much specifically for ILGA. But have been involved in international LGBT work.

Hope to bring professionalism into ILGA:

Question: What will you do as male secretary to mainstream lesbian questions within ILGA?

David: This is what I have done for the last years.

Krister: I Really do think gender equality is the base for all work.

Philipp: Have worked to get women represented within the UN.

Question: Have you had thoughts of promoting a social space for the youth within ILGA?

Philip: in Quebec we should provide spaces for youth groups etc.

David: yes

Krister: yes

Question: What are your financial plans?

Krister: I'm not a fundraiser, I'm a door opener.

David: That's what I used to do when I worked in Spain.

Philipp: I am already involved in fundraising for ILGA

Proposal reorganisation of the schedule

The chairing pool proposes the elections will take place later on today. The Trans Secretariat election will be prepared during lunch so that it can take place after lunch. Plenary will reconvene at 13.45

Statement from the chairing pool: Get ballot paper during lunch. You have to bring out ballot paper for male secretary before 14.30

Statement from the chairing pool : Will announce at 13.45 when to hand in paper for women's secretariat.

LUNCH BREAK

Date: Sunday, April 2 nd	Chair: Deborah Lambilotte & Peter Zijlema
Time: 13.45 – 14.00	Minute-taker: Mathilde Piehl

Proposal on Trans Secretariat

A proposal is presented by IHLIA/Homodok/LAA, RSFL, Het Roze Huis Ark, Commission LGBT des Verts, Sans Contrefaçon, LLH Norway, Samtökin '78, and EKHO. Their proposal: The Trans Secretariat, instated during the 23rd World Conference, should be elected during the Conference and instated immediately.

Conference agrees on this proposal.

The election officers announce the proces for election on the Trans Secretariat.

The election officers then asked Conference to agree on taking nominations from the floor, which was agreed by Conference. Two organisations are nominated: RFSL (Sweden) and RUNA (Peru). Only RUNA accepts their nomination. Conference then agrees by consensus RUNA will hold the interim Trans Secretariat until the next World Conference.

Elections for the Women's Secretariat

RUNA then announces it withdraws its candidature for the Women's Secretariat. The election officers then propose to agree that RSFL will hold the Women's Secretariat. RFSL does not present their candidature, but gives conference participants the chance to speak to them individually. Conference agrees by consensus RSFL will hold the Women's Secretariat until the next World Conference.

Annoucement of results from first round of elections for male Secretary General

The election officers inform Conference about the result of the first round of election: Krister Fahlstedt got 39 votes; David Montero got 65 votes, and Philipp Braun got 147 votes.

This means the candidature of Krister Fahlstedt will fall. David Montero then indicates he wishes to withdraw his candidature. The election officers then officially announce that Philipp Braun is elected new male Secretary General of ILGA. Conference agrees with a big applause.

END OF SUNDAY MEETING