

# **IBCS Association**

## **Minutes of General Assembly, June 7, 2018 in London**

### **1 Welcome**

At 7 p.m. Heinz Steiner, Secretary and Member of the Executive Board, opens the 6th General Assembly (GA). He gives thanks to all attending the GA and showing their strong interest in the IBCS Association.

In total 49 persons are present, of which 40 are active members (with the right to vote), 7 are passive and 2 are non-members.

Beat Honegger acts as vote counter for this GA.

### **2 Minutes of the GA of June 1, 2017**

The GA accepts the minutes without discussion.

### **3 President's Annual Report**

President Rolf Hichert informed about the highlights of the past 12 month:

- [www.ibcs.com](http://www.ibcs.com) is now working. It was long and an expensive procedure to get this website.
- IBCS has also been issued as a book with an ISBN No, which can be purchased at Amazon. This helps if you want to cite the Standards in books and articles.
- Some Spanish articles about IBCS are also available now.
- IBCS round tables have successfully been founded in some cities
- IBCS work group in Switzerland to propose a solution for a small inconsistency in the Standards.

As for June 1, 2018, here are some facts about the active and passive members:

- Total number of members: 1643 (increase: 145%)
- They come from 74 different countries (plus 321 member members from undisclosed countries)
- Thereof active members: 163 (10%)

The top ten countries (without undisclosed) are Germany, Switzerland, USA, Austria, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Turkey, and Spain totaling around 65% of all members.

## 4 Financial Status and Report of the Auditors

Johannes von Mulert explains the figures per 31st of December 2017. In 2017, there was no income and only one invoice for the planned reconstruction of the IBCS publication and discussion platform. This results in a loss of CHF 11'236 and a lowering of the assets in bank accounts to CHF 2'536.

For 2018, one account payable of CHF 2'500 is budgeted in order to promote IBCS (e.g. video for marketing). After spending this budget, the IBCS Association will not have funds any more. The IBCS Institute (HICHERT+FAISST) will continue organizing and paying for the General Assembly. The General Assembly will take place in the same location as the Annual Conference.

The Auditors Beat Honegger and Holger Gerhards recommend to the GA to approve the annual report 2017. The GA follows this recommendation and accepts the Annual Report 2017 with 100% of the present votes.

## 5 Election of Executive Board and Auditors

Jürgen Faisst, Managing Director of the IBCS Association asks for one vote of the Executive Board (for 1 year). In the following vote 100% of the present votes reelect Rolf Hichert, Heinz Steiner and Johannes von Mulert as Executive Board.

## 6 New topics for the next IBCS® Version

Jürgen Faisst presents some planned topics and the process of how to get incorporate them into the Standards:

### Topics

- Semantic notation concept for “more scenarios per scenario type”
- Aligning scenario notation of “previous periods” with titles
- Semantic notation concept for “measures”
- Semantic notation concept for “scales”
- Systematics of charts with two value axes
- Evaluation of other chart types such as pies, maps, radar charts, funnel charts, bullet graphs, sparklines, heat maps, tree maps
- Application of semantic notation: Which rules are mandatory, which optional?
- Although not part of the Standards we might want to add this topic, too: “Top ten things to avoid”

Suggestions for more topics such as “more colors (e.g. in line charts)?” Some members expressed their doubts about the need of adding new concepts to the next

version of the Standards. The main goal should be to refine and enhance the existing Standards in order to remove uncertainties and obstacles and to avoid non-appropriate solutions. This should not prevent us from working on new concepts though. However, we should not add them to the Standards before they are on a similar easy and intuitive level as the scenario notation.

The Executive Board invites active members to propose drafts of enhancements. A task force could examine these proposals to get best practice.

## **Process**

All enhancements of the Standards have to run through the following steps:

- Forming of work groups for the development of suggestions
- Development of (alternative) suggestion(s) in work groups and publication on ibcs.com not later than Oct 30, 2018
- Public discussion on ibcs.com until Dec 31, 2018
- Revision in work groups and publication not later than Jan 31, 2019
- Public discussion on ibcs.com until Mar 31, 2019
- Revision in work groups together with Jürgen and publication of final suggestions not later than Apr 30, 2019
- Decision on the release of the next version of IBCS® at the General Assembly in June 2019

It was suggested to make use of online meetings in addition to the discussion of suggestions on ibcs.com. We will give a try.

Some members suggested changing the focus temporarily from defining the Standards to promoting them. Xavier Subirats and other members will found a work group for marketing with the goal to get much more members worldwide.

## **7 Outlook**

There are no topics for this agenda point.

## **8 Miscellaneous**

Heinz Steiner expresses his thanks to Rolf and Jürgen for their tremendous work to push the idea of IBCS and especially to drive its internationalization.

He extends his thanks to many active members who invest a lot in products and concepts to bring the idea of IBCS down to earth and are actively promoting IBCS in the social networks and other channels.

As there are no further interventions, Heinz Steiner closes the General Assembly at 8.30 p.m. and invites all participants for a get together.

Heinz Steiner, June 12, 2018