

Summary 1991 Session of the International Olympic Academy Participants Association

SUMMARY OF THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC ACADEMY
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The second Reunion Session of the International Olympic Academy Alumni Association was mainly focused on the problems concerning the improvement of the structure of the Association, the recruitment process of its members, its centralized communication, and its future goals. The session work was organized in Working Committee Sessions where different topics were discussed and then approved by all the participants in the General Assembly.

The Officials gave an overview of activity of the past two years, and the attention was placed to the main problems that the Executive Board members faced in carrying on their work. Due to the vast international involvement of the association, the communication system was found to be rather inadequate. Major concern was placed in solving practical communication problems, bearing in mind that the financial budget of the IOAAA is very limited.

The need to improve the network between IOAAA members and the Executive Board showed the necessity to simplify the IOAAA bylaws. As a result of this, the Executive Board was reduced to five members (President, Secretary/Treasurer, Reunion Chairman, IOA Liaison, and Immediate Past President). The duties of the officials were restated and the Secretary duties included the Treasurer's duties as well. The Executive Board was allowed to appoint some members to accomplish specific duties such as the Newsletter Editor.

The main topic of this Reunion Session was the role of the Association in spreading the Olympic philosophy and its cooperation with the IOA, NOAs, NOCs, and IOC. Some IOAAA members presented their past contributions to Olympism and new ideas were shared by the participants. Due to the new formation of the IOAAA, it was clear that the goals of the Association for the next two years have to be limited. It was also evident that the Association needs the support of the IOA for its activities. Members should also be involved in their National Olympic Academies. A provisional calendar was drawn up.

The assembly of participants elected Mr. Ingolfur Hannesson (Iceland) as President, Mr. Srimal Wickremasinghe (Sri Lanka) as Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Gloria Castilla Latke (Spain) as Reunion Chairman, Ms. Lidia de la Tour (Greece) as IOA Liaison. According to the bylaws, Ms. Laurel Brassey is the Immediate Past President and also and Executive Board member.

The 25th of August 1991 all participants left Olympia with strengthened links to the Olympic philosophy. The memory of these days will be a valid support for their work for the next two years.

