

MINUTES OF IFALDA BOARD MEETING
HELD IN CHICAGO 14TH MAY 2000

Present:	James Ford	President
	Aidan Fox	VP East
	Adrian Sandziuk	VP West
	Kathy Warner	VP Admin
	Rick Ketchersid	VP Finance
	Brad Rasmussen	Director, Regulatory Affairs

President welcomed Rick Ketchersid as newly elected VP Finance.

President announced that he would like the Board to go through the Constitution and Bye-Laws in order to refamiliarise each member with their various duties etc.

The voting system was discussed and it was emphasised that, whereas for administrative issues the rules are one association one vote, for financial issues the rules are one vote per individual.

Individual associations must be encouraged to advise IFALDA of their total membership numbers.

The structure of the associations was discussed.

VP West advised the group of an incident regarding computer virus transmission and its implications for the IFALDA Board. VP East suggested that the Board should hold a discussion on e-policy.

IFALDA Web Site

The possibility of developing this was discussed. It was decided that we need to acquire sponsors before any further sophistication of the site.

Directorship

Since David Porter has resigned from the post of Director, Regulatory Affairs, it was suggested that Brad Rasmussen be appointed to this role. This was agreed.

Dues

The question was asked whether it would be feasible for the IFALDA dues to be collected in Euros. Albert Rieger, President EUFALDA will be requested to put this item on the agenda for the EUFALDA meeting in September.

Fiscal Year

There was discussion regarding the timing of the Fiscal Year. Currently this is variable based on the dates of the AGM. However, it was thought that this should be changed to a fixed date and it was decided that an official amendment to the Constitution be submitted for approval to change the current date of 1 January to 1 May.

New Members

In view of the pending formation of a new group in South Africa, there was a brief discussion on the procedure for acceptance of new member associations.

Computer Standardisation

In view of the recent problems with receiving copies of the AGM Minutes for last year, it was decided that a minimum standard of MS Office to Windows 95 standard should be used for transmission of documents electronically etc.

Harmonisation Working Group

VP East confirmed his availability to attend the next meeting of the HWG to be held in June in Chicago.

President requested a report to be submitted following the HWG meeting.

European Commission

It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the EU representative attending the Chicago Summit during his stay to discuss the European Dispatch situation.

ADF/IFALDA

President made the point that the responsibilities and interface between ADF/IFALDA need redefining. The role of liaison with ADF on international issues was discussed. This should be stated as the Presidents rather than a specific individual.

The question was asked whether VP West was currently fulfilling his role as constituted.

European Parliament

It was suggested that a list of MEP's with contact addresses be drawn up, together with the basic wording of a letter, in order for the European associations to try and obtain support from their Members of European Parliament for a European Licence.

VP East agreed to get the necessary information.

A progress check should be made within 30 days.

Next Board Meeting

To be held in London end August 2000, details to follow.

Kathy Warner
VP Admin 30 May 2000

