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**Minutes of the 2024 FIMM General Assembly  
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FIMM President, **Henk Bultman**, called the 59<sup>th</sup> FIMM General Assembly (2024) to order at 0815 and welcomed Delegates to Zurich. He and FIMM are grateful to SAMM for hosting us and especially to **Bernard Terrier** for making excellent arrangements for both conducting business and facilitating the social interactions of the Delegates and guests. He also shared a gift of a printed copy of the *ESSOMM European Core Curriculum and Principles of Manual Medicine* to each Delegate. He then extended FIMM's thanks to **Herman Locher** for making this possible.

It has been 2 years since our last face-to-face meeting in Hannover GERMANY (again with thanks extended to ÄMKA for hosting that General Assembly). Because of the war, the 2023 General Assembly scheduled for Tel Aviv ISRAEL was replaced with a Zoom meeting initiated from The Netherlands.

President **Bultman** brought special attention to the new FIMM flags which feature both the country and the Member Societal name on each. (For his efforts in arranging this, **Bernard Terrier** was again thanked by delegates). They will be prominently displayed each year.

President **Bultman** invoked the FIMM voting conventions (which were successfully used in previous years). Only Active Member Societies who have paid their annual contribution (dues) are cleared to vote. (In the case that dues payment funds had been transferred but not yet received, the Treasurer will accept an evidentiary email in real-time.)

- **Aharon Finestone** (Treasurer) cross-checked and verified the number of valid votes by the authorized delegates for this Assembly. **Karen Goss** (Denmark – DSMM) and **Stephan Vinzelberg** (Germany – DGMM) were assigned the role of counting votes. They were instructed to announce results immediately and maintain a ledger of all votes.

After comparing the roll call attendance list against his record of dues payments, the Treasurer approved a total of 32-34 votes from 20 Member Societies for this General Assembly. *(Ukraine was delayed in their arrival, so for the first portion of the meeting until 11:45 am, there were only 32 valid votes).*

The **PRE-PUBLISHED AGENDA** for the 2024 FIMM General Assembly was posted on the FIMM website and emailed to Member Societies well in advance. Minor changes in Agenda Items 16-17 were announced.

As pre-published (prior to the proposed motion mentioned above), the Agenda was:

1. Opening by the President
2. Matters arising from the minutes of the last General Assembly (2023)
3. Report from the President
4. Report from the Secretary General
5. Report from the Treasurer
6. Report from the Auditors
7. Election/confirmation of the Auditors & other related matters
8. Report from the Director of the Education Board
9. Report from the Director of the Health Policy Board
10. Decision on the membership fees for the next year
11. Membership (admissions/suspensions / Discussion on Membership Status)
12. Relevant info on the actual status of the societies (limited to 2 minutes per preassigned delegate)
13. Communication and exchanging info
14. Strategy Meeting: summary & conclusions of consensus meeting
15. Guidelines: presentation of the revised Guidelines & acceptance (Vote)
16. Changing of the Statutes (note change on PRESIDENT'S SLIDE)
  - a. Article 3: to be voted on
  - b. Article 6: to be voted on
  - c. Article 7: to be voted on
17. Confirmation of the Boards: (note change on PRESIDENT'S SLIDE)
  - a. Confirmation of the Education Board
  - b. Dissolution of the Health Policy Board
  - c. Confirmation of the Strategy Advisory Board
18. Schedule of elections
19. Date and place of the General Assembly 2025 & 2026
20. Any other business ( *brought up by the societies 2 weeks before the GA* )
21. Closing the General Assembly by the President

#### **AGENDA ITEM # 1: OPENING BY THE PRESIDENT**

##### **Attendee Summary:**

A total of 27 official Delegates were in attendance representing 21 Member Societies of which 20 were authorized to vote.

Also attending the GA were all members of the FIMM Executive Board (some of whom were also their societies' Delegates): **Henk Bultman, Michael Kuchera, Aharon Finestone, Bernard Terrier**, and **Ilia Todorov** as well as FIMM Advisors, **Karen Goss, Javier Martínez** and **Victoria Sotos-Borrás**. Excused was **Negev Bar** (who appeared briefly via ZOOM for his Communication Officer report).

Attending as well (without vote) were two invited physicians representing possible future member societies from Greece (**Marcos Sgantzos**) and Azerbaijan (**Aghalar Javadov**). These invitations were extended by President **Bultman**.

From the invited Ordinary Members, no representative was present from New Zealand. Neither were there any representations from Observer nations Japan, the Russian Federation or the Slovak Republic.

After introducing the host member society (Switzerland's SAMM) and their delegation, the President conducted a formal introductory roll call of Member Society delegates by nation in approximate alphabetical order. The voting delegate for each Ordinary Member or a representative of any

attending Observer Member was asked for voice confirmation of their presence and a report of their 2024 membership numbers to determine their upcoming dues assessment and vote status for the upcoming year. Current vote allocation reflects the member-weighted voting “Fractions” formula as applied to membership reported at the last GA. (Updates concerning their Society or country appears in Agenda Item #12. The Attendance / Roll Call Table below also summarizes some of this data.)

Highlighted lines indicate countries not in attendance or without a vote this year because of their membership or dues status.)

<b>Roll Call: MM Society - Delegation Physicians by COUNTRY</b> <i>(Pertinent comments included)</i>	<b>Current # Members</b>	<b>Votes</b>
<b>HOST:</b> Switzerland (SMM) <b>Marc-Henri Gauchat</b> with <b>Bernard Terrier</b>	1113	2
Bulgaria (BSMM) - <b>Ilia Todorov</b>	30	1
<b>Canada (CAOM) – Brian Shameess – Present / No vote (Unpaid Dues)</b>	82	0
Czech Republic – <b>Vlasta Tošnerová</b>	226	2
Denmark (DSMM) – <b>Karen Goss</b>	280	2
Finland (FAMM) – <b>Olavi Airaksinen</b>	158	2
France (SOFMMOOM) – <b>Marc Rozenblat</b> with <b>Patrick Ill</b>	70	2
Germany (ÄMKA) – <b>Stefan Martin</b>	230	2
Germany (DGMM) – <b>Stephan Vinzelberg</b>	4014	3
Hong Kong (HKSMM) – <b>Mark Lai</b> <i>(Incoming President)</i>	122	2
Hungary – <b>Réka Puskás</b>	6	0
Israel (ISMM) – <b>Aharon Finestone</b> (with <b>Negev Bar</b> for report only by Zoom)	375	2
Italy (SMM-SIMFER) – <b>Carla Correggia</b>	90	1
<i>Japan – Not Registered; Observatory Member</i>		0
Kazakhstan (KAMT&O) – <b>Nadezhda Krasnoyarova</b>	34	1
Latin America (SOLAMOYM) – <b>(Represented by Javier Martínez/Spain)</b>	25	1
Republic of Korea (KSCMM) – <b>Hyun-Jun Lee</b> with <b>Hoe-Cheon Yang</b> with <b>Yong Hyeon Baek</b> and <b>Kyoung Song Song</b> . (n=5943 if count assoc. members in process)	1393 active	2
The Netherlands (NVAMG) – <b>Henk Bultman</b>	154	2
<i>New Zealand (Ordinary Member) not participating</i>		0
<i>Russian Federation – Not Registered; Observatory Member</i>		0
<i>Slovak Republic – Not Registered; Observatory Member</i>		0
Spain (SEMOOYM) – <b>Javier Martinez</b> with <b>Victoria Sotos-Borrás</b>	88	2
Turkey (MTD) – <b>Cihan Aksoy</b>	51	1
Ukraine (UAOCMT) – <b>Igor Dovgyi</b> with <b>Zoia Tanavska</b> ( <b>Lidiia Meroni</b> – Translator) <i>Prof. Vitaliy Gubenko: in contact “online” by WhatsApp conversation)</i>	93	2
United States of America (AAO) – <b>Travis Gordon</b> with <b>Michael L. Kuchera</b>	1388	2
<b>21 Member Societies were in attendance at the GA (20 voting)</b>	<b>9792</b>	<b>32-34* votes</b>

(\*: 32 votes in AM; 34 votes in PM: Travel difficulties from Ukraine were noted in advance = late arrival.)

(NOTE: A compilation of [Member Delegate Presentations](#) (Agenda Item #12) can be found at the [hyperlink](#).)

In summary, the 27 listed Delegates (and their accompanying colleagues) accounted for 20 voting Member Societies which, in turn, represented 9,710 MM doctors worldwide.

## **AGENDA ITEM #2: Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last General Assembly (2023)**

- Recommendations regarding membership dues. (This will be discussed after the finance report).
- Approval of 2023 FIMM GA Minutes.

**MOTION (MINUTES):** Approve the [Minutes of 2023 FIMM General Assembly](#) as posted on the FIMM-website and distributed (with editorial correction by the Secretary-General referencing the Treasurer's Report of 2022 rather than 2020). – **Passed unanimously (32 votes).**

**AGENDA ITEM #3: REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT – Henk Bultman**

*(For the powerpoint presentation he made, please see the [PRESIDENTIAL REPORT via hyperlink](#))*

The president highlighted the new Guidelines for Training, Safety, Evidence and Quality presented yesterday in the Strategy Consensus meeting. He also made an analogy to FIMM being the “spider in the center of the web” connecting to our FIMM community, allied organizations with similar missions, regional groups and science related to MM Medicine.

He emphasized our need to identify and communicate with disciplines/organizations that overlap with our MM Medicine field and expand our relevant offerings to the FIMM Member Societies.

He also commented on our worldwide aspirations to represent MM Medicine and areas of “drought” in this aspiration, such as Africa.

He thanks the Executive Board and its Advisors for meeting via Zoom almost every 2 weeks.

**MOTION:** Accept President's Report – **Passed Unanimously (32 votes)**

**AGENDA ITEM #4: REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL – Michael L. Kuchera**

*(For the presentation made, please see the [SECRETARY-GENERAL REPORT via hyperlink](#)).*

The Secretary-General's Report this year chose to highlight his excitement concerning the Strategic Plan with its goals, strategies, tasks, priorities and timeframe. Rather than his typical “big picture” reports, he chose to provide two examples illustrating a recent application and a request of Delegates & Societies.

**MOTION:** Accept the Secretary-General's Report – **Unanimous approval (32 votes)**

**AGENDA ITEM #5: REPORT FROM THE TREASURER – Aharon Finestone**

*(For the presentations made, please see the [2023 ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT & 2025 BUDGET REPORT via hyperlink 1 and hyperlink 2](#)).*

**Aharon Finestone** provided his 2023 Annual Report of Treasurer and program budget for 2025.

- He had good news noting a profit resulting in a balance of €62,500 euro in bank at the end of fiscal 2023 in part to unpaid past dues General Assembly and a ZOOM meeting. (Today the bank balance is about 70K euro.)
- With respect to the 2025 Budget, an increase was allotted for the next General Assembly but with elimination of Webinar costs (due to the amount of work involved with a decreasing audience size post-COVID.) This leaves a predicted budget deficit of only €4,500.
- While originally it was thought we would need to increase FIMM membership dues, it appears that no change in dues is needed. The Executive Board therefore voted during one of their periodic Zoom meetings this year to not recommend an increase in membership dues.

**AGENDA ITEM #6 REPORT FROM THE AUDITORS** *(noted here prior to voting on the budget).*

**Olavi Airaksinen** (auditor) and **Stefan Martin** (auditor) used tool to examine Treasurer records – no discrepancies and “well done” – recommend acceptance

**MOTION:** Accept Auditor’s Report – **Unanimous approval (32 votes)**

**MOTION:** Accept the Reports from the Treasurer including the 2025 Budget and maintain FIMM membership dues at their current level. – **Passed unanimously (32 votes).**

***QUESTION - Shamess/Canada:** Could FIMM consider buying a bond (or other fiscal instrument) with some of the extra funds not planned to be used next year or so? **ANSWER - Finestone:** This might make sense if there was no fiscal risk; however, it is not sure if this is legal in Switzerland but can look into (FIMM stability) ... the Treasurer will investigate.*

**AGENDA ITEM #7: ELECTION OF AUDITOR(S)**

**MOTION:** **Stefan Martin** and **Olavi Airaksinen** agreed to continue and were elected by the GA delegates as auditors this year – **Unanimous approval (32 votes).**

***President Bultman** thanked the delegates for the opportunity to continue to serve and pursue the goals set for his term.*

**AGENDA ITEM #8: REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE EDUCATION BOARD** – **Ilia Todorov, Director**

The Education Project that had been established May 2017 in Prague ended in 2023 (time frame). It is yet to be determined if a new project will be planned and instituted. If a new Education Board is constituted for such a project, the Education Board Director would like to have representatives from both Korea and the USA. These countries should investigate possibilities and report possible candidate names to Ilia.

Members who have served on the FIMM Education Board to date include:

- **Ilia Todorov** (Bulgaria), chairman
- **Karen Goss** (Denmark)
- **Javier Martínez** (Spain)
- **Stephan Vinzelberg** (Germany)
- **Heather Ferrill** (USA)
- **Me-riong Kim** (Republic of Korea)
- **Negev Bar** (Israel)
- **Norbert Teisseire** (France)/**David Cypel** (France) (Because the GA in Israel was cancelled, this was not voted on)

**MOTION:** Accept Education Board Director’s Report – **Unanimous approval (32 votes)**

**AGENDA ITEM #9: REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD (HPB)** – **Bernard Terrier, Director** *(For his presentation, please see the [HEALTH POLICY REPORT via hyperlink](#)).*

**Bernard Terrier** reported that this was his 18<sup>th</sup> HPB Report and that it might be his last depending on the actions of the Delegates at this General Assembly. *(See Slides)*. In his report, he referenced the “Magic Triangle” which noted the inter-relationship of Science, Education and Health Policy. He suggested that since the HPB tasks were now completed, that “Health Policy” be replaced in the

Magic Triangle with “Strategy” to denote the interdependence of the tasks currently lying ahead for FIMM (and in keeping with the Int’l Strategy Consensus meeting conducted yesterday).

After discussing the history of HPB projects leading to the eventual development of our *Guidelines on Training and Safety* in MM Medicine and offering examples of the newest recommendations for updating, adding to and otherwise revising it to a second edition (retitled *Guidelines on Training, Safety, Evidence and Quality*), he thanked the participation of all involved to date.

*Members of the last Health Policy Board have been:*

- **Dr. Bernard Terrier**, Switzerland, (Chairman)
- **Dr. Olavi Airaksinen**, Finland
- **Dr. Boyd R. Buser, DO**, USA
- **Dr. Helle Borgstrøm**, Denmark
- **Dr. Henk Bultman**, The Netherlands, (FIMM President)
- **Dr. Nadine Fouques-Weiss**, France
- **Dr. Me-riong Kim, K.M.D, M.S.**, Republic of Korea
- **Dr. Hermann Locher**, Germany
- **Dr. M. Victoria Sotos Borrás**, Spain
- **Dr. Simon Vulfsons**, Israel

**Bernard Terrier** noted however that the work of FIMM is not done and that we need the “input and genius” of the Delegates and members of their Societies. All Delegates were then given a hard copy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (v5.0 draft) of *Guidelines on Training, and Safety, Evidence and Quality* to review. He requested that they (and any other knowledgeable Society members or societal educators) write [b.terrier@bluewin.ch](mailto:b.terrier@bluewin.ch) to get a WORD document version to more easily edit (in red type please). This offers all member societies the opportunity to comment on and contribute meaningfully to the content sections and references within the final document. **The deadline for this editing process is November 30, 2024.**

In summary, he feels that the HPB tasks are now done and that Strategic tasks should take center stage. He looks forward to replacing the HPB with a new FIMM Strategy Advisory Board for the sake of FIMM. This will also be discussed later in the agenda and voted on.

**COMMENT: Shamess (Canada)** noted the impact of the #MeToo movement and other societal perceptions leading to the potential for MM to be interpreted or reported as sexual advances. He wondered if this should be included in our *Guidelines*? This might be a topic for the afternoon or a future edition of the *Guidelines*.

**COMMENT: Airaksinen/Finland:** Olavi pointed out that because more than 10 countries made application, a 44<sup>th</sup> Specialty Section (Sports Medicine) was allowed into the UEMS Council (previously capped at 43 sections as denoted in the HPB report presented.)

**MOTION:** Accept the HPB Report and the proposal to revisit and revise the *Guidelines* as informed by the member’s societal feedback that is due November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. – **Unanimous approval (32 votes).**

#### **AGENDA ITEM #10 – DECISION ON THE MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE NEXT YEAR**

The costs per member and FIMM reserves were reviewed as recounted in Agenda Items #5-#6. As noted there, it was recommended and approved that FIMM keeps membership dues the same.



## **AGENDA ITEM #11: MEMBERSHIP (ADMISSIONS/SUSPENSIONS/DISCUSSION)**

The Delegates reviewed quiescent Ordinary and Observatory members (Australia, Hungary, Japan, New Zealand, Slovak Republic and the Russian Federation). No decision is mandatory for any Society at this time.

- **Vlasta Tošnerová** has info on Slovak Republic. She noted that the past-president (**Stefan Budnar**) wished to come to observe but is hospitalized now. Vlasta will pass on that he should encourage younger active members to become involved with FIMM.
- **Cihan Aksoy** (Turkey) noted that he can contact Russia (**Sergei Nikanov**).
- **Mark Lai** (HKIMM) volunteered to be a contact for Australia.
- **Vlasta Tošnerová** (Czech Republic) noted that she can contact representatives in Poland & Slovak Republic.
- If gone for long time but then wish to come back, maybe we should look into rules for Observatory members (might switch to Ordinary).

Two invited guests were provided time to express their interest in FIMM and a possible future membership position.

- **Aghalar Javadov** presented the FIMM president with a flag from Azerbaijan and spoke about his proposed society. He personally studied Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at Istanbul University in Turkey. There he was introduced to more than 300 hours of MM Medicine training from teachers such as Cihan Aksoy, Sergei Nikonov, Marc-Henri Gauchat, etc. The AZERBAIJAN MANUAL MUSCULOSKELETAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION (AMMTA) is now waiting to hear from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Justice to learn if their application to establish this association has been approved. If so, they would like to consider joining FIMM in a few years. He was told that the process would be a formal request to FIMM via letter.
- **Marcos Sgantzos** is an Associate Professor of both Anatomy & History of Medicine at University of Thessaly and President of the Hellenic Society of PRM. He is also the president of a Sports Medicine association and heads a section of MM Medicine. Sports Medicine is becoming a specialty in Greece and he would like to make a multispecialty society of MM in Greece with a 300-hour plan that could apply to FIMM. (It was noted that a different group from Greece had once been a FIMM member society.) His background stems from the **Robert Maigne** tradition with **Marie-José Teyssandier** teaching him and several older members several times. Physician members in the group have a strong fascial basis and integrate many MM tools into their practice. The PM&R section currently has 15 members (small due to COVID) but they expect their society to grow.
- **Bernard Terrier** noted that small societies of less than 25 members have voice but no vote at the FIMM General Assembly unless they team with another Society so that more than 25 members are represented under that coalition.

## **AGENDA ITEM #12: RELEVANT INFO ON THE ACTUAL STATUS OF THE SOCIETIES** *(limited to 2 minutes per preassigned delegate)*

See [hyperlink to Delegate Presentation Compilations](#) and summary Table on page 3.

Additional comments made during the presentations.

- In **Bulgaria**, **Iliia Todorov** has a new contract with his institution and plans to teach MM there with his rector's permission.
- **Canada**; No powerpoint report but n=82.

- The **Czech Republic** formally asked FIMM to consider increasing the time allotted to Delegates to present items of interest to FIMM.
- **Denmark** invites international speakers to deliver programs (in English) that they will post on the FIMM website. They could create more English courses if there was a demand.
- **France** has many videos and articles for their members but physicians can join as associate members to access these benefits.
- **Germany's ÄMKA** noted that only teach licensed MM doctors about pediatric applications and Arlen techniques (not basic). They noted that they are available to present international courses and recently taught in Denmark & The Netherlands.
- **Hong Kong** noted that they have members throughout the Australasia Region.
- **Ukraine:** While there was no annual conference due to war with Russia there might be an online one in Dec 2024. They have translated an American Book related to muscle-bone-trigger points for the benefit of their members. MM is being delivered to the Ukrainian soldiers at no cost.
- The multinational Latin **SOLAMOYM** society is headquartered in **Uruguay** with their postgrad education through an Argentinian university. They would like to see more soft tissue integration in the FIMM *Guidelines*.

**After lunch at 1:30 pm: Delegate photo in front of the FIMM General Assembly Site**



### **AGENDA ITEM #13. COMMUNICATION AND EXCHANGING INFO**

**Vlasta Tošnerová's** comment (Czech Republic) recommending that FIMM take action to allow societies to have more than 2 minutes to report their activities fostered Executive Board discussions. It was noted that maybe Delegates could come in a day before the General Assembly (just as we did for the Int'l Strategy Consensus meeting this year ... noting that almost all Delegates attended that day). The President called for a "Straw Vote" which revealed that the majority of Delegates approved of this idea. Delegates recommended a ½ day meeting prior to the General Assembly would be practical and if held, there should be an agenda. Agenda themes could include issues, MM technique demonstrations, and/or research report results.

### **AGENDA ITEM #14. STRATEGY MEETING: SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS OF CONSENSUS MEETING**

**Negev Bar** (Communication Officer) presented a report via **ZOOM** ... he conveyed Strategies for Communications. See [Communication Officer Report via hyperlink](#). Also see the [Secretary-General Report](#).

- **Negev Bar** apologized that he was unable to attend this GA, but that he appreciated the effort to facilitate his ZOOM presentation.
- In his Communication Officer's Report introduction, he noted that he wanted to highlight the Global MM (GMM) Survey and Improving Communication. He also mentioned FIMM Rebranding but noted that he would not be addressing that topic at this point.



- The concept of a GMM Survey evolved from the Vision Statement's concept of being "world-wide" but recognizing that currently FIMM only represents 24 societies within the world's 193 countries. This prompted creating a 4-status classification system (Status 1=a country's MM society is a FIMM member; Status 2=a MM society exists but is not a member of FIMM; Status 3=there is no MM society in the country; and Status 4=there is no data regarding MM societies in that country).
- He outlined several major steps to address FIMM having a worldwide presence:
  1. Complete the GMM Survey Excel file (continent, country, MM status)
  2. Appoint continental and/or regional coordinators
  3. Appoint local contact person(s)
  4. Meet a major milestone with respect to the GMM Survey ... that of minimizing Status 4 (lack of data ) from 156 → 100 by the next General Assembly

There is an English version of the Google form of the GMM Survey which is very short. It has been translated into several languages. A list of countries with and without MM information can be sent to each society.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6XZeW6N\\_9nV0LLVzZ\\_Sh\\_dHP83LPfq0d6q6Oijw3mEsuCDQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6XZeW6N_9nV0LLVzZ_Sh_dHP83LPfq0d6q6Oijw3mEsuCDQ/viewform)

**QUESTION (Shamess/Canada):** How do we make contacts about such information in countries like China where FIMM currently does not seem to have contacts? **ANSWER** = Regional coordinators will search out contacts or organizations that might know. Individuals in societies may have professional colleagues (from research or specialty interactions) that they may contact and ask.

#### **NEW AGENDA ITEM #15: INTRODUCING THE STRATEGY ADVISORY BOARD**

The Executive Board recommends dissolving our Health Policy Board and constituting a Strategic Advisory Board ... **Delegates unanimously agreed (34 votes)** to follow this pathway.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #16. CHANGING OF THE STATUTES**

##### **a. Article 3 (to be voted on)**

**Discussion points:** "The 300 hours criterion is no longer required as many member societies are implementing competence-based rather than structure and process-based training programs. This solution would solve the future dilemma that would make Ordinary Membership impossible as from 2025 for those member societies who cannot fulfil the so-called 300 hours criterion."

Two versions of possible changes were sent in advance. Delegates were asked to vote if they preferred version A or B ... (if they vote for nothing then FIMM would keep the old version of Statute 3.1.

**Version A** specifies "quality Educational Curriculum" and "active" for "quality" and **Version B** omits. **No votes for A ... unanimous for B (34 votes).**

**MOTION B:** Article 3 would be reworded as follows:

- 2 1. Ordinary Members:
  - 2.1 Organisations of Manual or Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine Physicians are entitled to become Ordinary members of the Federation.
  - 2.2 The General Assembly will decide upon Ordinary membership with a simple majority.

2.3 After 2025, Ordinary Members are obliged to implement an Educational Curriculum of their own based on excerpts from the valid FIMM Guidelines for Training, Safety, Evidence and Quality. Such Curricula are free to include additional content and detail.

**b. Article 6 (to be voted on)**

**Discussion point:** *This change in Article 6 represents repurposing the Health Policy Board as a Strategy Advisory Board*

**MOTION:** Article 6 would be reworded to replace the Health Policy Board with a Strategy Advisory Board and would read as follows:

1.1 The component parts of the Federation are

- a) the General Assembly
- b) the Executive Board
- c) the Education Board
- d) the Strategy Advisory Board

1.2 The Federation may establish those regional organizations and structures needed to enhance its performance

**Passed unanimously (34 votes).**

**c. Article 7 (to be voted on)**

**Discussion point:** *Vote for version A or B.*

**MOTION:** Article 7 would be reworded to read as follows:

<sup>1</sup> The Executive Board consists of

- the President
- the President elect (final two years)
- the Secretary-General
- the Communication officer
- the Treasurer
- the Education Director
- the Strategy Advisory Director
- the Science Director
- one Member at large

...

1.3 **(A&B)** The Strategy Advisory Board reports regularly to the Executive Board. The members of the Strategy Advisory Board are appointed by the Strategy Advisory Director and confirmed by the General Assembly. **(Only B)** The position of the Strategy Advisory Director can also be held by any other Executive Board member. In this case, the number of Executive members is reduced by one.

**MOTION: Favor of version A = 1; Rest (n-33) voted for version B—Version B passed.**

Please note that **Bernard Terrier**'s history and value to FIMM and its Statutes was touted by the FIMM President who also noted that Bernard would be staying on the Executive Board as Member-at-Large. This resulted in a standing ovation for Bernard.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #17. CONFIRMATION OF THE BOARDS:**

##### ***a. Confirmation of the Education Board (New members in bold)***

- Karen Goss (Denmark)
- Hyun-Joon Lee (South Korea)
- Negev Bar (Israel)
- Javier Martínez (Spain)
- David Cypel (France)
- Stephan Vinzelberg (Germany)
- Ilia Todorov (Bulgaria), chairman

**MOTION:** To accept the above listed individuals as members of the Education Board  
– **Passed unanimously (34 votes).**

#### **AGENDA ITEM #18. SCHEDULE OF ELECTIONS**

With the cancellation of the Tel Aviv 2023 General Assembly, the scheduled election of the President-Elect was delayed. The Executive Board (ExB) recommended one of the FIMM Advisors, **Javier Martínez**, who has followed the biweekly discussions of the Executive Board for a few years. He comes from a strong, stable Member Society and has participated in developing a Masters of Education as well as the Latin American initiative that has been a major worldwide outreach for FIMM. (Javier noted that he found out yesterday of this recommendation and was “surprised” but indicated that he would accept and be totally dedicated to do his best to serve FIMM.)

No other nominations from the floor for President-Elect were forthcoming.

**MOTION:** **Javier Martínez** (Spain) be elected President-Elect of FIMM. – **Passed unanimously (34 votes).**

President Bultman changed his FIMM table name tag in front of **Javier Martínez** and promised to mentor him until elections in 2026.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #19. DATE AND PLACE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025 & 2026**

President Bultman reviewed prior FIMM General Assembly and Scientific Congress sites since 1962.

He discussed two possibilities with the Delegates.

- **One option is Australia:** The Australian Society emailed a hosting offer to invite FIMM ‘s General Assembly to participate in a program in Aug-Nov 2025 (in conjunction with their annual convention). The Australians will have a conference call with President **Bultman** in 2 weeks.
  1. **Bernard Terrier** noted that if this is not a General Assembly interaction, perhaps the Executive Board could participate in a special meeting and support the Australian meeting with speakers.
  2. Members asked about the possible proposed Australian city, fiscal implications, and potential ZOOM implications of those who could not afford to attend a GA in Australia.
  3. One wondered about Korea being a better site if an Australasian city was selected.
  4. Would there be fiscal supplements/opportunities?
- **A second option for a FIMM General Assembly site is Hungary:** The Hungarian representative, **Réka Puskás**, notes that the process would be complicated but doable ... especially if FIMM could help coordinate the event. She notes that if the event would be held in Hungary (probably Budapest), that she would want a workshop for members in her Society. September would not be the best month and a program in 2026 might even be better than 2025.

**AGENDA ITEM #20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS** (*brought up by the societies 2 weeks before the GA* )

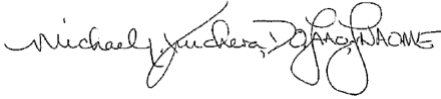
No other business proposed for this General Assembly.

**AGENDA ITEM #21. CLOSING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY THE PRESIDENT**

The president closed this 59<sup>th</sup> FIMM General Assembly and he thanked the Delegates for their extensive participation.

He reminded the Delegates of their “homework” including their charge to review *Guidelines* v5.0 and contact Bernard with any editorial changes, proposed content changes, or pertinent references.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Kuchera". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "M" and "K".

Prof. Dr. Michael L. Kuchera  
FIMM Secretary-General