



4. The financial report and the budget were accepted.

5. Election of office bearers:

- a) Election of BOD – Tony Hansen, who was one of the founding members of the IRF and who, through the Camel White Water Challenge, provided the base for the IRF and the WRC to form, has declined to stand again for the BOD due to other work commitments. He will be greatly missed. Sergei Trofimenko who has also been a long contributor to the IRF will also not stand again due to work commitments. Rafa Gallo thanked both of them for their commitment and dedication in assisting the IRF to get where it is today.

There were 11 nominations in total. The following persons were unopposed to return to their previous positions:

- Rafa Gallo – President
- Mark Joffe – Treasurer
- Sue Liell-Cock – Secretary General
- Jakob Faerch – Head of International Relations

The following were proposed and accepted to the following positions:

- Peter Micheler – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Robert Kazik – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Gaspar Goncz – Head of GT&E
- Ondrej Panenka – Head of Sport & Competition
- Shige Asano – Recreational Rafting & Conservation

At this stage with two nominations left Oleg Grigoriev put himself forward as wanting to work on and promote the Youth section of rafting. He will therefore be proposed to head this as a new sub-com at the S&C meeting.

- Steve Nomchong was proposed and accepted as Head of Media & Marketing

6. Committees –

a) Sport & Competition Committee – will be concluded at the S&C meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>

b) Guide Training & Education Committee – this committee is made up of GT&E Assessors and Instructors and is decided amongst themselves.

c) International Relations Committee:

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| Jakob Faerch (Denmark) – Head | Peter Micheler (Germany)      |
| Rafa Gallo (Costa Rica)       | Fieke Reijntjes (Netherlands) |
| Danilo Barmaz (Italy)         | Nick Chater (New Zealand)     |
| Wei Xing (China)              | Alex Pastir (BiH)             |
| (more welcome)                |                               |

d) Commercial Rafting & Conservation Committee:

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| Shige Asano (Japan) – Head | Rafael Gallo (Costa Rica) |
| Deb Cook (GBR)             | Kianoosh Mehrabi (Iran)   |
| Kanat Karamursel (Turkey)  | (more welcome)            |

e) Media & Marketing Committees:

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| Steve Nomchong (Australia) – Head | Bojan Lazic (Serbia) |
| Joao Martins (Portugal)           | Nick Chater (NZ)     |
| (more welcome)                    |                      |

f) Continental Committees (no African Committee as only 1 member at this time):

- i. Euro Committee – will be discussed and voted on by email after the WRC

- ii. Australasian Committee – 1 representative per country member
 

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| Shige Asano (Japan) – Head | Graeme Maifredi (Australia) |
| Amrik Singh (India)        | Amelia Yunita (Indonesia)   |
| Maxim Zimin (Kazakhstan)   | Changmin Park (Korea)       |
| Manesh K. Rai (Nepal)      | Nick Chater (New Zealand)   |
  
- iii. Pan-American Committee – 1 representative per country member
 

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| Rafa Gallo (Costa Rica) – Head | Sergio Betancourt (Argentina) |
| Jean-Claude Razel (Brasil)     | Eric Boudreau (Canada)        |
| Joe Willie Jones (Chile)       | Cesar Diaz (Colombia)         |
| Lizzy Camacho Jiminez (Mexico) | Lisa Reeder (USA)             |
| Hugo Pinto (Venezuela)         |                               |

7. Discussions and resolutions on the proposals submitted by National Federations and BOD

- a) Fees and funding – a slight restructure - from the BOD  
This was discussed and accepted by a majority of 18 voting for it.
  
- b) Gratitude of support to IRF – Czech Rep  
Accepted
  
- c) GT&E Certification Fees – Switzerland  
This was discussed and a decision to pass it on to the GT&E meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> was approved.
  
- d) Guide Training & Education – Switzerland  
This was discussed and a decision to pass it on to the GT&E meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> was approved.

8. Closing of Part 1 of the Congress. Part 2 is the Sport & Competition meeting being held on 22 May 2009 from 15:00 to 18:00.

NOTE –

- 1. For future Congresses an outside professional will be brought in to run the Congress for the IRF. This will ensure future Congresses are run on a more professional basis and alleviate the pressures of personal involvement.
- 2. Nominations for the BOD should in future be for exact positions – this will assist the voting process, make it clear as to what each person can bring to their specific areas of interest and what positions may have no nominations.