



Minutes for the 21st Annual General Assembly of the International Feldenkrais Federation held in Tzuba, Israel June 7th - June 10th 2012

**1. Thirty two representatives and guests were welcomed to the 21st Annual General Assembly.
Attendee list - Appendix 1**

2. The Assembly theme was Timelines: Where do we come from, where are we standing now, where are we moving towards

3. Standard Business Items

3.1 Notifications of Absence: Mexico, New Zealand, UK, Norway and the Feldenkrais Family were unable to attend.

Proxies: Australia held proxies for New Zealand and Denise Alvarez's vote was held by Diana Sternbach on Sunday.

Tellers: were Helena Kahn and Chrish Kresge, reserve teller Josien Enklaar

3.2 **Motion:** To accept the draft Minutes of the 2011 Assembly.

Moved Kai Schaper 2 Kornelia Himmel 49 for 1 abstained Accepted

3.3 **Motion:** The size of the Board of Directors remains at 6.

Proposed Wolfgang Säekl 2 Petra Marx-Promny Agreed unanimously

3.4 Elections for Boards and Committees. Approval of appointments as necessary.

Lena Brännström was elected as Vice President: 18 for 3 Abstained 2012- 2015

Petra Marx-Promny was elected unanimously as Treasurer 2012- 2015

Gwendolyn Schwinke was elected unanimously as Director 2012- 2014

Board Substitutes: 1 Margarethe Schrom, 2 Chrish Kresge, 3 Rägi Zubler elected by acclamation

Finance Committee: Rich Goldsand was elected by acclamation 2012-2014

Vesna Puric and David Sullivan continue their terms for a further year.

Mediation Committee: George Krutz 2012- 2015 elected by acclamation

Nadine Yasikov continues her term for a further year.

Substitutes for the Mediation Committee: Corinna Eckmeier and Elinor Silverstein elected by acclamation.

Search committee members appointed/elected by acclamation: Joachim Foss, Jenni Evans, Elinor Silverstein

3.5 **Motion:** Membership fees for 2013 remain at 8% of membership income with a cap of 20,000 Euros for FGNA and FVD. Proposed Holly Huon 2 Vesna Puric Accepted unanimously

3.6 Future Assemblies

The invitation of the Netherlands was accepted, to meet in Soesterberg in 2013

4. Membership

No new applications for IFF membership were received. Discussions continue with the Spanish Guild.

5. Reports from the Board of Directors

5.1 General Report : Appendix 2

5.2 **Motion:** To accept the 2011 Financial report. Appendix 3
Proposed George Krutz 2 Rich Goldsand Accepted unanimously

5.3 IFF Distribution Centre a short verbal report was given.

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Mediation Committee: No activity since the last Assembly

6.2 Finance Committee. No activity required

6.3 Search Committee. Vacancies for 2012 were announced

7. Working Groups Reports

7.1 Archive Working Group. The Materials Manager presented a report on the activities of the Materials area. Appendix 3

Motion:

To adopt the following model for the IFF materials:

The IFF holds the vision:

That Practitioners appreciate the value and importance of the source materials;

The use of the materials is a professional foundation

The Public is able to meet the man and his Method

and ***Mission:***

Holding the materials in trust for the community

Making them available and accessible

This is achieved by having a Materials Committee, a Materials Manager and a Distribution Centre.

Proposed George Krutz 2 Chrish Kresge accepted unanimously

Motion: That the Materials Manager position be extended until at least May 30th 2013.

To be reviewed in February 2013 and a recommendation brought to Assembly 2013.

Proposed Răgi Zubler 2 Elinor Silverstein accepted unanimously

Motion: That the IFF establish a task group to coordinate the creation and collection of contemporary images to be made freely available to IFF member Guilds and Practitioners to use for their websites and publications. Budget of Euros 10,000 over 12 months. Working group includes Helena, Chrish, Margarethe, Lena, Răgi, Elinor

Proposed Joachim Foss 2 Vesna Puric Accepted unanimously

7.2 Competency Implementation Team report Appendix 4

7.3 Website working group report Appendix 5

The IFF supports the sharing of various perspectives, initiatives and projects of its member guilds and associations. Our vision is that IFF member guilds continue to share information between assemblies.

Motion:

We propose that the IFF develop a project sharing web page where the German and Israeli guilds can post their current initiatives and projects. The IFF newsletter will include notification about and links to these

postings. The web site working group will draw on the pool of translators to make this information available in different languages when required.

Rationale:

The current projects of interest are named: *"A new architecture for the accreditation process based on the national necessities in Germany with European integration"* (Germany) and *"Feldenkrais, World Trainers Training Academy"* (Israel).

The respective guilds are urged to submit a one page outline of their project with contact details for further information.

We encourage the guilds to provide updates on the development of these projects in order to keep member guilds and the practitioner community informed.

Proposed Vesna Puric 2 Rich Goldsand Accepted unanimously

7.4 Newsletter a verbal report was presented. The first issue was sent out in May.

Motion: The IFF Newsletter, known as Feldenkrais World, will continue with 3 issues per year. Editor Chrish Kresge, with an annual budget of 600 Euros. Proposed Rich Goldsand 2 Dirk Steinkamp Accepted unanimously

8. Agenda Items from Previous Assembly

There were no agenda items carried forward

9. Agenda Items submitted by Member Organisations

9.1 Israel shared their upcoming 5 year project which includes a 'Trainers' Training Program', followed by a 'trainer nursery'.

9.2 Germany:

Questions were answered during general discussion

9.2 Australia: withdrew their motions

9.3 The Netherlands: Shared their concerns and received suggestions in informal discussions

9.4 **FGNA Motion:** That a fund be developed by the IFF to support trainees in accredited training programs in South and Central American countries which would subsidize the required per student TAB accreditation fees, up to 75% of the per-student fee, not to exceed an annual amount of €1,500.

Rationale:

This would ensure that the FM would expand in an important high growth market, and that accredited training programs in developing countries could flourish.

Proposed: Rich Goldsand 2 Chrish Kresge For 6 Against 35 Abstain 11. The motion was defeated

9.5 **Motion:** That a Task group be formed to develop options for supporting the growth of TAB accredited training programs in economically disadvantaged countries.

Proposed George Krutz 2 Naffie Fischbacher Accepted unanimously

The working group will include: George, Holly, Diana, Naffie, Stephanie, Sonia

10. Presentations from Member Guilds, Associations and Training Boards. Member presentations of timelines of their organisations were collated with the IFF history to create an integrated timeline.

11. Motion: That the IFF create a task group to initiate *Feldenkrais without Borders* in order to bring the Feldenkrais Method® to people in need in developing countries.

Rationale: There are many who could benefit from our work in developing countries, and it is yet another way to expand our presence in the world. Working group to include: Diana, Chrish, Vesna, Elinor, Stephanie, Dirk, Josien, Petra, Lena, Khen

Proposed Chrish Kresge 2 Dirk Steinkamp Accepted unanimously

12. Budget

Motion: To accept the 2012 budget. Appendix 6

We intend to use our reserves to put us in a position to match expenses to income, whilst maintaining sufficient reserves as a cushion against hard times.

Proposed Rich Goldsand 2 George Krutz Accepted unanimously.