

## ***MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE***

**August 4, 2002, Melbourne**

President Peter Taylor opened the meeting at 8:31 PM. In addition to him, members present included Warren Atkins, Ron Dunkley, Tony Gardiner, Petar Kenderov and Alexander Soifer.

1. Peter T. has produced broadly circulated document designed to show relationship between competitions and the rest of math education. Following an extensive discussion, a consensus was reached on the wording of the document, which would be presented on the floor of General Meeting for a vote.
2. A motion would be taken to the floor on merging the Hilbert and the Erdős Awards, with an added clarification that the judgment be made from the international perspective. One more person would be added to the Awards Committee.
3. Peter T. has proposed a one-term limit on service as President, which was met with consensus. An issue to resolve is how to structure the Presidency so that President Elect (currently Senior VP), President and Past President would amount to less than 12 years.
4. It was remarked that Tony would present a Plenary talk on Tuesday with further discussion on Thursday the observations of his Committee and issues of teachers involvement in competitions.
5. The Executive has agreed in principal to add two Associate Editors to assist Warren in MC.
6. It was agreed to not post Minutes of General Meetings on the web for the time being. Executive Meetings Minutes will remain confidential.
7. A name change of the organization was discussed. There is a desire to make it shorter. It was made known that the Secretary of IMO John Webb has received a letter from International Olympic Committee ordering him to not use the word "Olympiad" in IMO.
8. An issue of individual vs. organizational membership on WFNMC was discussed.
9. Three proposals were presented for hosting the 2006 Conference of the organization. The proposals came from India, Latvia and the UK. By consensus the first proposal was eliminated, and two moved forward for further discussion. It was agreed that both Latvia and the UK are capable to host a fine event. Peter T. expressed concern that the UK proposal comes from four fine individuals, and is not (yet) backed by an organization. Latvia has been less involved in the organization than the UK, but has a backing of the University. It was decided to meet with regional representatives to discuss the selection further.

## ***MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE with REGIONAL REPS***

**August 6, 2002, Melbourne**

The lunch meeting was attended by all listed above members of the Executive and all present in Melbourne Regional Reps: Pak Hong Cheung, Nikolai Konstantinov, and Francisco Bellot-Rosado.

All Regional Reps felt that both remaining sites are worthy. Pak Hong and Francisco expressed preference for the UK, while Nikolai believed that Latvia would benefit more from hosting the event.

***MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE***  
**August 8, 2002, Melbourne**

The Executive met over lunch to make a final selection of the 2006 host. Following another detailed discussion, the UK has been selected unanimously. It was agreed to meet tomorrow with the UK representatives.

***MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE with the UK REPS***  
**August 9, 2002, Melbourne**

The Executive met over lunch with the three UK representatives, consignees of the UK proposal: Bill Richardson, Tony Gardiner and Howard Groves. The Executive expressed confidence in the reps, expressed its preference of the Scottish site (one of the four listed in the proposal), and suggested the reps to make an effort to back themselves with professional organizations of the UK. Tony Gardiner asked what the Executive thought about a Cambridge University site, and received a very positive reaction. Various details of budgeting and programming were discussed. It was decided that the hosts would present their accepted proposal on the floor of the General Meeting.

Alexander Soifer  
WFNMC SECRETARY