



Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly 2012

Warsaw/January 20-23, 2012
Conference Room, Marriott Hotel

- Friday, Jan 20th** Arrival of the CIFEJ members
- 10:30 a.m.** Meeting of the CIFEJ Board and CIFEJ members with Polish Masters of Animation after watching Polish animations and screening of the CIFEJ trailer; after introducing CIFEJ in brief, Firdoze Bulbulia and Mohsen Chiniforoushan expressed their thanks of Poland for their kind offer to host the CIFEJ General Assembly; questions and answers about CIFEJ followed.
- At noon** Group lunch
- 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.** Registration of the participants
- 7:30 p.m.** *Opening Ceremony + Reception dinner + Press Conference*

A) CIFEJ Lifetime Achievement Award @ Opening Ceremony

At the ceremony, **CIFEJ Lifetime Achievement Award** was given to **Witold Giersz**, the Polish outstanding animator and inventor of "oil painted animations", by **Mohsen Chiniforoushan, the CIFEJ Secretary General**.

He offered, also, "Copper plates", the Iranian handcraft, as gifts to Jacek Bromski - President of Polish Filmmakers Association - and to Miss Agnieszka Odorowcz, director of the Polish Film Inst. to express thanks to the Polish host for their assistance in organizing the CIFEJ General Assembly 2012.

Saturday, Jan 21st, in the morning Extraordinary General Assembly

B) President's Welcome and Review

The meeting began with the greetings of Firdoze Bulbulia, the President. She welcomed the CIFEJ member participants.

Vinod Ganatra asked for 2 minute group silence as a sign of respect to those friends of CIFEJ who have passed away recently.

Firdoze Bulbulia explained "Athina Rikaki's daughter has passed away recently. We got very sad at the News. Hopefully, Athina will join us tomorrow."

After group silence, Firdoze asked the participants to introduce themselves shortly.

She introduced, afterwards, "the wonderfully designed and worked- on- CIFEJ INFO Special GA 2012" and said her thanks to Mohsen, Maryam, and the CIFEJ Headquarters, for the edition and

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publication of the magazine, also for organizing the GA 2012. She also thanked Andrzej Roman Jasiewicz for his offer to host the GA.

Afterwards, she read her message as follow: “As President of CIFEJ from 2009 to 2011, I have had the interesting and sometimes arduous task of steering an organization that is older and wiser than myself. I have had to calm the waters and sometimes bite the bullets – but always, I have felt the tremendous honor and joy this organization has offered me. As a global organization, we have to act globally, even when we see our own situations are dire. We have to weather the storm that dictates political and social changes and remain true to the cause of being all encompassing- ***celebrating unity in our diversity!*** We have to listen to our hearts, but act with our heads and we have to give CHANGE the possibility to succeed....” (For the complete text, please click [here](#) and go to page 2).

B) Verification of Proxies and Modification of the Statutes and Bylaws

There were 31 Official members present and 3 proxies (one from Canada- Rimouski, and 2 from Iran: Amir Esfandiari and Manouchehr Shahsavari); altogether, 34 legal votes. The number of 2011 updated members being 63 at the GA.

After verification of proxies, the proposals for modification of the Statutes and Bylaws were discussed.

I. The following modifications were endorsed unanimously:

Statutes 1.2

The Head Office is established in **Tehran, Iran.**

The relocation of the Head Office could be determined only after three years of its establishment and by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, based on the request of the Board or the host of the Head Office. The transfer of the Head Office can be executed only one year after each General Assembly.

Statutes 2.2.1

To promote and encourage the production and dissemination of films from various countries and especially designed for children **and youth** or suitable for **them**, with the following objectives: entertainment, art, information, and education.

Statutes 3.2.1

Members may be **organizations or individuals.**

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Statutes 3.2.2

The application for admission must be addressed to **the Board of Directors** by way of the Secretariat. It must be accompanied, if necessary, by:

Statutes 3.2.3

An application is reviewed by the board of directors. Based on the membership criteria and by simple majority of the votes of the board members, membership status could be conferred on the candidate. This approval could be gained electronically or at a board meeting.

[was added] Statutes 4.4.1

If there has been no concrete action by the member after 12 months, the membership may be canceled at the Board discretion.

*While reviewing this article of the Statutes, Firdoze Bulbulia noted the CIFEJ Headquarters has waived the dues for 2 years to assist members in regard to the economic situation; but now, it is time to define who could be considered really a member of CIFEJ. The basic duty and partnership of a member is to be updated in membership fees. So, it is necessary to cancel membership of those who have not paid their dues in spite of waiving membership for 2 years.

The GA endorsed unanimously the membership of those members who have not paid their dues till the GA in Warsaw is cancelled.

Statutes 7.1

An ordinary General Assembly will be convened every two years.

[was added] Statutes 7.1.1

A General Assembly can be convened by simple majority of the voting members, present or represented.

If the first General Assembly didn't reach the quorum, a second General Assembly will be called and it will be convened, this time, with any number of the members present or represented.

Statutes 7.2

Each member whose dues are paid in full has the right to vote based on the principal "one member, one vote".

[was added] Statutes 7.3.1

Each paid up member can hold, at most, two (2) proxies.

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Statutes 7.10

An Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened with **three** months notice at the request of at least one-third of the members whose dues are up-to-date or by the Board of Directors

(Pls. **note:** This article was modified in conformity with the articles 11.2 and 11.3 which were changed accordingly).

Statutes 8.1

There are **nine** members **in total** on the Board of Directors: **the President, the Secretary General, and seven directors. All these nine members have the right to vote.**

Statutes 8.3

Seven directors are elected by secret ballot by the members as set out in the bylaws after the election of the President. These directors serve for a term of two years. They cannot serve for more than two consecutive terms. Half of the Board is eligible for re-election to its second term every two years. In addition, **one substitute is elected** in case a position on the Board becomes vacant before the next General Assembly at which there is a statutory election.

Statutes 8.4

The **ninth** member of the Board, the Secretary General, is elected by the members in the country which houses the Secretariat; the choice is ratified by the General Assembly.

Statutes 8.5

From its members, the Board of Directors elects **one Vice-President**. All responsibilities are conferred on **the officer** for two years, renewable until the end of **her/his term** as director.

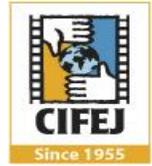
Statutes 8.7

Board meetings require a quorum of **five** directors. All directors on the Board have the right to vote.

Statutes 9.5

If, extraordinarily, the President is unable to delegate her/his authority and **the Vice-President is** unable to act, the duties of the President will be assumed, temporarily, by a Board member chosen by the Board, until the next General Assembly.

Statutes 10 – Head Office



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Statutes 10.1

The Head Office locates the Secretariat. It is responsible for the administrative and financial tasks, and executes the policies and decisions of the General Assembly. **The Head Office supervises the regional offices.**

Statutes 11.1

The Statutes can be **modified at an ordinary or** an extraordinary General Assembly based on the request of the Board of Directors.

Statutes 11.1.1

If two-thirds of the voting members are not present or represented at this first meeting, **a second General Assembly** will be convened and the convocations should be sent out conjointly.

Statutes 11.2

In case a modification is proposed by one active member, the Board of Directors must be notified by registered letter, **or by e-mail, two months before the ordinary or extraordinary** General Assembly.

Statutes 11.3

One month before the Extraordinary General Assembly, the Board of Directors must bring the old texts and the proposed new text to the attention of the members.

BYLAWS

1.1

All new applications for admission as a member of CIFEJ will be submitted **to the admission committee through the Head Office.**

1.2

The admission committee is made up of the **members of the Board.**

1.3

In no instance **the majority members of the Board who vote for the admission of an applicant** may come from the same country.

(II. General Assembly)

2.1

Notification: the date of the notification will be that of the postmark, **or the e-mail** activity report. Because of the change of the method of voting, **Article 2.3 (including the rules 2.3.1 - 2.3.2 - 2.3.3 - 2.3.4 - 2.3.5, as well)** was deleted.



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[was added:] 3.2.2

If a candidate of the board is not present at the General Assembly and s/he has not given any logical explanation for her/his absence to the Head Office - in writing and before the General

Assembly - her/ his nomination will not be accepted and s/he cannot be elected as a member of the Board.

3.4

The specific responsibilities of the **Secretariat** and the treasurer of the Board are as follows:

3.4.1

The **Secretariat** oversees all reports of the Board meetings.

4.1 The executive committee is made up of the **President of CIFEJ, the Vice-president, the Secretary General, and the Executive Director.**

(VIII. Language)

8.1

English is the working language of CIFEJ.

8.2

All official documents should be written in both languages, **English and French.**

Pls. note: Also, it was approved that Maryam finds the best phrase defining the word "film" for inclusion in the preface of the Statutes; it will be read as follow:

The word "film" in the text which follows is used to include all types of motion pictures presented in in any traditional or new formats; **including but not limited to** film, video, traditional terrestrial, satellite signal, and cable, or Internet protocol television.

Saturday, Jan 21st, 15: 40 p.m. Ordinary General Assembly

Firdoze invited everyone to practice inner peace in order to achieve outer peace. All joined this practice and everybody laughed for few minutes afterwards.

II. The Agenda of the Ordinary GA was approved.

III. The minutes of the GA 2009 - Taipei was endorsed with a slight correction.

D) Secretary General Greetings, Report of Activities

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Mohsen Chiniforoushan, the Secretary General, after greeting and expressing his thanks to the GA participants for their attendance and kind support, read his message including the report on the activities of the CIFEJ Headquarters in the last term from 2009 to 2012; he reviewed **CIFEJ** activities in three episodes **YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW**. In his speech, Mohsen expressed his

gratitude to the members of the board, esp. Firdoze Bulbulia, the President, who always supported the CIFEJ Headquarters in all steps. He expressed his special thanks to Maryam Bafekrpour, the Executive Director, as well.

In other part of his speech, he added, "Tomorrow, we make today; the same "WE" who are sitting here and having dialogues together. We will be judged tomorrow; we will be asked how we have done with CIFEJ? What steps we have taken for its improvement and progress? So, we must, hand in hand and honestly, do our best because, tomorrow, children come across our today's decisions. I have some suggestions,... ." (To read the complete text of his message, please click [here](#).)

E) Financial Statement 2009 – 2012

Mohsen Chiniforoushan gave explanations on the financial statement 2009 - 2012.

IV. The Financial Statement 2009 - 2011 was endorsed unanimously.

F) Proposal for the budget of the CIFEJ HQ for the next term

Afterwards, **the proposal for the budget of the HQ Tehran for the next term was forwarded by Mohsen Chiniforoushan**. There was a discussion on various ways of Fundraising by the CIFEJ members and the HQ.

V. The Budget for the next term of the activity of the CIFEJ Headquarters in Tehran, forwarded by Mohsen Chiniforoushan, was endorsed by the majority of the participants.

It was agreed that Mohsen Chiniforoushan send the details on the budget for 2012 to the new board.

Sunday, Jan 22nd, 9:30 a.m. -01:00 p.m.

G) Voting Process:

Firdoze Bulbulia welcomed Athina Rikaki, the Ex- President of CIFEJ for 3 terms, before the GA 2009.

She invited everyone to have the GA Special Magazine open as a reference for the candidates of the Presidency and Board members.

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- VI.** Since the President had to step down as the Chairperson of the GA, **Fereshteh Taerpour** was assigned as the **moderator** for the voting process; accompanied by **Eszter Vuojala** and **Faith Isakpere** as scrutineers.

Firdoze Bulbulia was the only candidate for Presidency; however, Fereshteh Taerpour requested from the floor whether there were any other nominations for Presidency.

- VII. There were no other nominations and Firdoze Bulbulia was unanimously elected as President of CIFEJ for the 2nd term.**

Fereshteh Taerpour, then, requested for more nominations from the floor for the Board candidacy.

Antonella Di Nocera introduced Sabrina Zanetti, director of Cartoon Club, Italy and asked her to be nominated.

Andrzej Roman Jasiewicz was invited to nominate himself for the board. Andrzej explained that in Poland it is not common the host of the GA to nominate himself for the board.

The following new nominations were proposed for the Board:

Sabrina Zanetti (Italy), Ali Moalem (Iran), Ali Ahmad (Lebanon), Hania Asgari (Iran)

Already nominated members were:

- Hijazi, Sulafa from Syria; Kantola, Maikkki from Finland; Keming, Hou and JiaYun from China; Minichova, Katarina from Slovakia; Pendiuc, Emanuela from Romania; Stangeland, Eli from Norway

The candidates of the board presented themselves shortly.

- VIII. The following were elected as directors with majority of the votes:**

- Ahmad, Ali from Lebanon (1st term)**
- Hijazi, Sulafa from Syria (1st term)**
- Kantola, Maikkki from Finland (1st term)**
- Keming, Hou from China (1st term)**
- Minichova, Katarina from Slovakia (2nd term)**
- Pendiuc, Emanuela from Romania (1st term)**

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- Stangeland, Eli from Norway (1st term)

H) Proposals

H-A) Mi-young Chi's proposal for Busan to be the host of the next General Assembly

Mi-young Chi, member from South Korea, gave her proposal for hosting the next CIFEJ General Assembly in either 4 different dates August or October 2013 OR August or October 2014 during Biki or Busan Film Festival.

She gave explanations about the Guide booklet that she had already distributed at the GA and added

that the host can secure about 100, 000, 00 USD budget for the event covering part of flight expenses for the member participants (at least 30%) and free accommodation as well as about 40 coordinators during the event.

IX. The proposal for Busan to be the host of the next General Assembly in 2013 or 2014 was welcomed warmly by the GA and it was endorsed unanimously; the exact date of the next GA to be decided and approved by the new board.

H-B) Katarina Minichova gave a short presentation about animation workshops which are being held at BIBIANA and spoke about the importance of integration of the young people - future professional - to the media for children.

H-C) Faith Isakpere introduced the series project "I am..." launched by "Moment Entertainment" company at the 5th world summit reflecting the lives, culture, and thoughts of African children in different parts of the world.

H-E) Reem Saleh spoke about the importance of link of CIFEJ to Facebook and Twitter and expressed her interest to cooperate in this regard with the HQ.

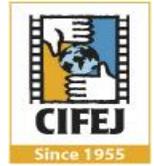
H-F) Fereshteh Taerpour spoke about the importance of copyright of the films and supporting filmmakers and producers: "Films can save the world"; "Films can make the future". Her speech was followed by **Vinod Ganatra**.

H-G) Andrzej Jasiewicz spoke on behalf of the Polish Association of Filmmakers and invited filmmakers to be in contact with Association to get assistance in regard to film production.

I) End of GA

Emma Pendiuc gave some gifts as a sign of appreciation to Firdoze Bulbulia, Mohsen Chiniforoushan, and Maryam and thanked them for their efforts in regard to CIFEJ.

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Firdoze thanked Andrzej Jasiewicz, Polish Association, and the CIFEJ HQ for hosting the GA 2012. She thanked again Athina Rikaki for attending the GA.

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