

**Minutes of SNACA
Baku FIDE Congress**

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5th September 2016

10:15-11:00

Chairperson: Margaret Murphy (ISV)

Present: Andre White (BAH), Allan Herbert (BAR), Zainal Ali (BRU), Frank Lo Kim Lin (SUR) , Carol Williams- Pesqueira (ARU), Anthony Mongiello (ISV), Ulrike Vogel (NRU), Martin Martinez (ESP), Jamie Kenmure (SOL), Dr. Rashed Al Dhaheri (UAE), Nigel Freeman (FIDE), Eric Ksaw Whipps (PLW), Patrick Van Hoolandt (MNC), Paris Klerides (CYP), Calvin Prasad (FIJ), Larry Ebbin (BER), Willy Iclicki (LIE), Jovan Milovic (MNE), Vang Finnbjorn (FAI), Otto Nakapunda (NAM)

1. It was agreed that the membership criteria established in Bled, Slovenia 2002 be maintained, namely 2,000,000 population and under (Annex 1).
2. Mr. Geoffrey Borg explained that in the case of Africa this may be somewhat relaxed as there were not sufficient number of countries to ensure adequate regional representation. This was essential to ensure that the countries worked with each other accordingly.
3. Ms. Margaret Murphy then presented a number of options relating to various events which could be utilized to start networking and getting the countries to work together. These events were: (a) Individual championships (b) Team event and (c) Internet team Championship
4. The meeting then discussed the various ideas but it was agreed that any event should be first organized on a Continental basis. i.e. events held regionally and the qualifiers then meeting in one location to hold the finals. Transport costs for the respective countries were reasonably high nevertheless and some ideas such as Manila and Miami were also reviewed. The prizes could be medals for the regional events plus some small prize money and then larger prizes plus funding of travel expenses for the finals.
5. The floor was asked for volunteers to assist Ms. Murphy in re-launching the SNACA initiatives and Mr. Andre White from Bahamas was proposed (and accepted) on behalf of Americas. Regarding Europe, Mr. Iclicki was proposed (and accepted) on behalf of Europe. Asia and Africa to be discussed with the respective continental presidents.