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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association held on **Thursday 22nd February 1996** at the Hotel Mercure, Paris.

Members Present: Bret Atkins, Ibraim Azevedo, Pierre Bail, Hans-Reiner Beckert, Thomas Bucheli, Tom Burse, Olivier Codeluppi, Dr. Edward De Dycker (arrived late), Tall Dowdow, Gerald Fleming, Bill Giles OBE, Paul Gross, Edward Gross, Johan Groth, Philippe Jeanneret, Siri M Kalvig (arrived late), Jean-Francois Leroux, Jose Antonio Maldonado, Tomas Molina, Sam Morgan, Samuel Wandimi Muchemi, Inge Niedek, Jude Ortansa, Seija Paasonen, Jan Pavlik (arrived late), Cindy Preszler, Jurgen Reinecke, Danny Roup, Lea Saukkonen, Heinz Schollenberger, Andreas Stieper, Steve Swienckowski, John Teather, Peter Timofeeff, Reinier Van Den Berg, Karoly Vissy, Dieter Walch, Keith Westerlage, Sharon Wexler, Ray Wilkie, Francis Wilson.

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1. Apologies were received Siri Kalvig and Jan Pavlik (both arrived later)
 2. Minutes of the meeting Held on 9th March 1995 were proposed by Paul Gross and seconded by Bill Giles and agreed by all present as a true record. There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Gerald Fleming, reported that much work had been done in the past year with respect to the legal incorporation of the Association. There were three inter-linked problems facing the Association. The first related to the commercialisation of weather data, and the associated restrictions on data feeds implied by these developments. The second issue was the emergence of global weather broadcasters; the manner in which these broadcasters related to local or national providers of meteorological information, and the possible damage to National Met. Services caused by the operation of these broadcasters. The third issue was that of defining one official voice when warnings of severe or dangerous weather were issued, and the possible confusion caused to the general population when conflicting advisories were available in such situations. The Association had been invited to an informal exchange of views with representatives of WMO which took place in Geneva during the twelfth Congress in June 1995. The WMO side had raised in particular the issue of the globalisation of weather broadcasts, and the potential associated problems. There had been some talk of a follow-up meeting which might be a full scale conference, but this idea needed some development.

The Chairman went on to say that the committee members had put in a lot of work during the past year, and he wished to acknowledge the support of organisations such as the BBC and the Irish Met Service which had put facilities at the disposal of committee members which enabled Association business to be conducted. He would like to see Association members playing a more active role, and he requested that certain members prepare a report on the conferences and meetings that would take place over the coming days at the Festival Meteo in Issy. These reports would then provide the basis of the second Association Newsletter, which would be prepared during the late spring, and which would be available for the AMS Broadcast Meteorology Group conference in Boston in June. He concluded by thanking members for their support, and expressed the wish that we would all have an enjoyable and productive time over the coming days.

reported that the Association had 27 founder members, 23 full members making a total of 57 members. He reported that the committee had met twice during the year in Geneva. He reported that an Internet site for the Association had been started and that invoices for payment of subscriptions had been sent out to all members.

5. Treasurer's Report

To receive a report from the retiring Honorary Treasurer, Edward De Dycker

6. Election of Directors/Officers

- (i) Election of Chairman - Gerald Fleming was proposed by Lea Saukkonen, seconded by Edd Gross and agreed by all present.
- (ii) Election of Secretary - John Teather was proposed by Andreas Stieper, seconded by Dieter Walsh and agreed by all present.
- (iii) Election of Treasurer - Edward De Dycker was proposed by Jurgen Reinecke, seconded by Inge Niedek and agreed by all present.
- (iv) Election of Vice-Chairmen - Inge Niedek was proposed by Dieter Walsh and seconded by Andreas Stieper & Bill Giles was proposed by Paul Gross, seconded by Sam Muchemi and agreed by all present.
- (v) Election of Membership Secretary - Johan Groth was proposed by Jurgen Reinecke, seconded by Lea Saukkonen and agreed by all present.
- (vi) Election of Directors - Jose Antonio Maldonado was proposed by Inge Niedek and seconded by Bill Giles, & Jean Francois Leroux was proposed by Andreas Stieper and agreed by all present.

7. Company Matters

Francis Wilson proposed and Ray Wilkie seconded the changes to the Articles of Association and Memorandum, subject to the Minister for Enterprise and Employment granting a licence pursuant to Section 24 of the Companies Act, 1963 directing that the Company may be registered as a Company with Limited Liability without the addition of the word "Limited" in its name, the Memorandum of Association be amended:-

- (a) *By deleting the word "Limited" in clause 1 of the Memorandum.*
- (b) *In clause 2 (e) by the deletion of the word "and" where it appears after the word "improvement" and before the word "research" in the third line and replacing it with the word "of".*
- (c) *In clause 3 (b) by the deletion of the word "to" in the first line and by the addition of the following at the end of the clause:-*

"and being subject to restrictions on the distribution of income and property to members at least as great as those imposed on the Association by virtue of clause 5 hereof".
- (d) *In clause 3 (d) by the addition of the following at the end of that clause:-*

"and being subject to restrictions on the distribution of income and property to members at least as great as those imposed on the Association by virtue of clause 5 hereof".

the deletion of the words
called capital" where they
appear in that clause.

- (f) In clause 4 by the addition of the words "any object" after the word "funds" in the second line.
- (g) In clause 5 by the deletion of the word "Association" where it appears last in that clause and by replacing it with the word "company".
- (h) By the insertion of new clause 7 as follows:-

"7. The fifth and sixth clause of this Memorandum contain conditions to which a licence granted by the Minister for Enterprise and Employment to the Association in pursuance of Section 24 of the Companies Act, 1963 is subject."

and re-numbering old clause 7, 8 and 9 as new clauses 8, 9 and 10.

2. That subject to the Minister for Enterprise and Employment granting a licence pursuant to Section 24 of the Companies Act, 1963 directing that the Company may be registered as a Company with Limited Liability without the addition of the word "Limited" to its name, the Articles of Association circulated with this notice be adopted as the new Articles of Association of the Company in place of the existing Articles.

3. That subject to the Minister for Enterprise and Employment granting a licence pursuant to Section 24 of the Companies Act, 1963 directing that the Company may be registered as a Company with Limited Liability without the addition of the word "Limited" to its name, the name of the Company be changed to omit the word "Limited".

The changes were agreed by all present.

8. Andreas Stieper has requested that the meeting discuss the attempts by European Weather Services to establish a cartel. There followed a wide-ranging discussion, but no formal resolution was proposed. It was decided to re-convene the meeting at a special meeting to be held later during the Festival.

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996 at PACI, Issy-Le-Moulineaux, Paris.

Members Present: Thomas Bucheli, Olivier Codeluppi, Dr. Edward De Dycker, Gerald Fleming, Bill Giles OBE, Paul Gross, Siri M Kalvig (part of meeting), Jean-Francois Leroux (part of meeting), Samuel Wandimi Muchemi, Inge Niedek, Jan Pavlik, Andreas Stieper, John Teather, Peter Timofeeff, Dieter Walch, Francis Wilson.

The Chairman, Gerald Fleming, opened the meeting by explaining this was being held, so that the Association could develop a policy in respect to data commercialisation, following discussions at the Annual General Meeting. This meeting followed a conference held earlier that day where there had been speakers representing Eumetsat, WMO and Ecomet.

Following discussions by those present the following resolutions were agreed:

Resolution I

That the Association believes that there must be a clear division within National Met. Services between public services and commercial operations.

The resolution was proposed by Inge Niedek, seconded by Paul Gross and passed unanimously by 13 votes.

Resolution II

That the Association should actively seek representation to the Eumatsat Council and the Ecomet Council.

The resolution was proposed by Francis Wilson, seconded by Paul Gross and passed by 13 votes with one abstention.

It was also agreed that Inge Niedek would prepare a Press Release, together with John Teather to be distributed when appropriate.