FIATA, cooperation unlimited!

FIATA
The International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations
Fédération Internationale des Associations de Transitaires et Assimilés
Internationale Föderation der Spediteurorganisationen

WORKING TOGETHER, GETTING TO THE TOP

the global voice of freight logistics
• Catch **it** if you can
History & Presence

- FIATA was founded on 31st May 1926 in Vienna.

- FIATA is the largest non-governmental organization in the field of transportation. Its influence is worldwide.

- FIATA has consultative status with UN/ECOSOC (inter alia), UNECE, UNESCAP, ESCWA, UNCTAD, UNCITRAL, etc.

- FIATA is the recognised representative body of the freight forwarding and logistics industry for
  - UN & governmental organisations, e.g. WCO, WTO, ICAO, IMO, etc.
  - private sector organizations, e.g. IATA, ICC, IRU, UIC, etc.
FIATA has at 111 National Association Members in 103 countries, and

5538 individual Members in 156 countries in 2013

More details are on www.fiata.com
FIATA by numbers

All below figures are dated 2011

40,000 companies

Over 1 million FBL’s

10 million FTE’s

150 countries

the global voice of freight logistics
FIATA’s prime knowledge base

FIATA is structured in Institutes, Advisory Bodies, Working Groups and Regional Committees

- Airfreight Institute (AFI)
- Customs Affairs Institute (CAI)
- Multimodal Transport Institute (MTI)
- Advisory Body Vocational Training
- Advisory Body Legal Matters
- Advisory Body Security Matters
The target of the Foundation is to improve professional qualifications worldwide.

Train-the-Trainer courses in less privileged and emerging countries which have an important demand in professional education.
The subject matter

- The Candidate
- Statutes & Rules of Procedure
- The Election of Officers
- Nomination Rules
- Elections pre-requisites
- The Extended Board
- The Presidency
- The President of FIATA
- Conclusions
Your Curriculum

Please prepare a brief CV that describes your **activities** and your **achievements**

Your CV should contain general information, as well as important information to describe your **expertise** in the areas that you intend to work on (e.g. *road, rail, sea, legal, security*, etc.)

All positions in the FIATA structure are **voluntary** and are **not paid** and require the nomination of the **Association Member**.
2013, an election year

The obligations of the General Meeting

- Election and dismissal of the members of the Presidency, the President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer
- Election and dismissal of the elected members of the Extended Board
- Confirmation and dismissal of the Chairmen of the Institutes, the Regional Committees, the Standing Committees and their deputies
- Approval of business conditions and regulations

The General Meeting shall be convened **ONCE A YEAR** by the President; the written invitations must be sent to the Association and Group Members at least **SIX WEEKS** before the meeting stating date, time and the agenda.

Motions for extensions to or modifications of the agenda must be submitted to, and received by, the secretariat at least **TWO WEEKS** before the start of the meeting.

Details of the procedure for conduct of voting and elections, together with the procedure for the nomination of candidates, shall be set out in election regulations which must be approved by the General Meeting.
Nominations, Institutes and Advisory Bodies

• From the Rules of Procedure:
  – The Chairman of an Institute may, in addition to the delegates of the members, appoint such persons as may be necessary, in his opinion, to assist his Institute.
  – In the event that the Chairman and his deputy are both absent at any meeting, the Institute shall elect from the delegates present the Chairman of such meeting.
  – If the delegate of a member is absent for three consecutive meetings of the Institute; the Chairman of the Institute may request the member to reconsider his nomination of the delegate.

• RAME provides assistance to members who want to submit application for candidacy
How do I get in?

**Advisory Body**

I am an expert in security and my association supports me

I send my application with my curriculum to enter the Advisory Body Security Matters

The Chairperson receives the application from the Secretariat & accepts my nomination

The Presidency endorses my application

I become one of the 12 members of the Advisory Body

**Institute**

I am an expert in rail transport and my association supports me

My association sends my application and curriculum to enter the MTI (Rail Transport WG)

The Secretariat and the Chairperson take note

I become a member of the Multimodal Transport Institute, WG Rail

I must attend most meetings and abide by the Rules of Procedure, which I must read carefully
The Extended Board comprises members of the Presidency, the chairmen of the Institutes, Regional Committees and Standing Committees.

In addition to these "ex-officio members", the General Meeting shall elect a **MAXIMUM OF 12** further "elected members" (Vice Presidents) who shall be proposed by the Association or the Group Members.

Each Association or Group Member may propose one candidate; the nomination shall be submitted to the secretariat **NO LATER THAN FOUR MONTHS BEFORE THE GENERAL MEETING**.

The Extended Board shall be constituted to reflect as representative a **BALANCE** with respect to geographical structure and importance of international forwarding as possible. **Regions are Africa and Middle East; Asia Pacific; Europe; and the Americas**

Membership is an honorary office and the members are bound to observe confidentiality. The Extended Board shall meet at least **TWICE A YEAR**. The President shall convocate the meetings via the secretariat.

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE SENT NO LATER THAN 4 (FOUR) MONTHS BEFORE THE GENERAL MEETING TAKES PLACE ➔ IN 2013 BY 19.6.2013**
The Presidency

The Association member and Group Members shall inform the secretariat in writing of the names of candidates for the office of the President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer and the other members of the Presidency no later than four months before the General Meeting, stating the specialised sector which the candidate for the Presidency is prepared to take-over.

Term of office for a member of the Presidency is TWO YEARS. Office shall start and end with the General Meeting. On completion of his term of office the President shall become Immediate Past President for a further term of two years. After expiry of this term he shall be eligible for election to the Presidency like any other member of the Presidency but not to the office of President.

Membership of the Presidency shall lapse if the member ceases to be representative of an Association or group member.

Stepping down prematurely or being voted out implies simultaneous exclusion from office in the Presidency.
**How do I get elected?**

**Extended Board, FIATA Vice-President**

- I have been an active Member of a FIATA Association Member for 4 years and wish to run for the Board of FIATA
- My Association sends my application to be elected in the Extended Board of FIATA
- Elections take place at the General Meeting and I am elected, if not, I try next time
- If elected, I become a member of the Extended Board of FIATA and a FIATA Vice President

**Presidency: President, Secretary General, Treasurer, Senior Vice President**

- A Member of a FIATA Association Member I wish to run for the Presidency of FIATA, after the 1st two years of service as Board Member
- My Association Member nominates me for a specific function (President, Treasurer, Secretary General, SVP)
- Elections take place at the General Meeting and I am elected, if not, I try next time
- If elected, I become a member of the Presidency and represent FIATA in a specific portfolio or as SVP

I must attend most meetings and abide by the applicable Rules of Procedure, which I must read carefully.
Eligibility criteria

Extended Board

• Adequate representation of the regions. Two seats shall be reserved for each of the following Africa and Middle East; Asia Pacific; Europe; and the Americas.
• The first two elected candidates into the Extended Board from each of this region shall assume the reserved seats whereas the “ex-officio members” shall be elected before the “elected members” (Vice Presidents). The remaining seats are taken by the other candidates who obtain the most votes.
• The candidate must be an active FIATA delegate for at least four consecutive years. An exception can be approved by the Presidency.

Presidency

• Nominated and elected on the strength of professional qualities.
• If possible, the regions should adequately be represented.
• Must be (except the posts of the Secretary General and the Treasurer) a full-time practising freight forwarder, and should have been a member of the Presidency or the Extended Board resp. of their predecessor bodies for at least two consecutive years.
• The candidate for the Secretary General should preferably have experience in statutory, legal and organizational matters of a federation.
• The candidate for the Treasurer should preferably have experience in financial matters.
• The Presidency comprises the President, the Immediate Past President who is simultaneously the President’s deputy, the Secretary General, the Treasurer and up to three other members (Senior Vice Presidents).
• Care should be taken to provide a representative cross-section of international forwarding in the constitution of the Presidency. Each member of the Presidency shall be responsible for one or more specialised sectors.
Eligibility criteria and duration

Advisory Bodies
- Each Advisory Body shall comprise of a **maximum of twelve persons**
- The Chairman of an Advisory Body may co-opt any person
- Members of an Advisory Body should be experts in their particular field.
- The Chairman of the Advisory Body may consider replacing or removing, any person who has been absent for three consecutive meetings. He shall obtain the approval of the Presidency prior to any such replacement or removal.

Board
- The term of office shall be **two years**. The term shall begin with the relevant General Meeting. Re-election is possible. The term of office of the chairmen of ad hoc Working Groups is restricted to the period of activity of that Working Group.

Presidency
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The Regions

- Art. 7.2.1 of the Statutes:
  - The Presidency shall be permitted, after consulting the Extended Board, to establish Regional Committees, which at the discretion may be given political autonomy in regard purely matters that concern their own regions. Regional Committees are supranational organizations only. Further, such Regional Committees shall be self-financed by and from amongst its own members.

- Art. 7.4 of the Statutes:
  - The Presidency shall decide on the dissolution or merger of such Committees and Working Groups.
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Thank you!