



THE ASEAN FEDERATION OF LAND SURVEYING AND GEOMATICS

Minutes of the 2nd Biennial General Meeting Held on 20th October, 2001 (Saturday) at 9.30 a.m. at the Hotel Seri Petaling, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Present:

Ir. Rudolf W. Matindas (Bakosurtanal, Indonesia)	- Institutional Member
Dato' Abdul Majid Mohamed (Institution of Surveyors Malaysia)	- Institutional Member
Mr. Wee Soon Kiang (Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers)	- Institutional Member
Dr. Wicha Jiwalai (Surveying and Mapping Society, Thailand)	- Institutional Member
Mr. Tang Tuck Kim (Land Surveyor Board, Singapore)	- Institutional Member
Pg. Matusin bin Pg. Matasan (Survey Department, Brunei Darussalam)	- Institutional Member
Mr. Newas Ukoi (Newas Survey Consultancy, Brunei Darussalam)	- Corporate Member
Mr. Koh Lam Seng (Jurukur Alam Bumi, Malaysia)	- Corporate Member
Tn. Hj. Taib Said (Jurukur Taib Said, Brunei Darussalam)	- Corporate Member
Mr. Kong Hin Yew (Global Geomatics, Malaysia)	- Corporate Member
Tn. Hj. Abd. Rahim Wahab (Syarikat Abdul Wahab, Brunei Darussalam)	- Corporate Member
Mr. Audrew Phung Voon Seng (Andrew Phung Voon Seng, Malaysia)	- Corporate Member
Mr. Tantan Ruchiatan (Blom-Narcon Corporation, Indonesia)	- Corporate Member
Mr. Lee Boon Haw (Lee Boon Haw Registered Surveyor, Singapore)	- Corporate Member
Mr. Tan Siew Siong (Trimble Navigation Singapore Pte. Ltd.)	- Corporate Member
Mr. Lai Chiam Ho (Landsoft Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia)	- Corporate Member
Mr. Teo Chee Hai (Pejuta, Malaysia)	- Corporate Member
Dr. Khoo Boo Khean (Institution of Surveyors Malaysia, Malaysia) (Jurukur Perunding Services Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia)	- Corporate Member
Mr. Julian Chong Teck Lee (Institution of Surveyor, Malaysia)	
Mr. Teo Oon Hock (Singapore Institute of Surveyors & Valuers)	
Tn. Hj. Murni H. A Rahim (Jurukur Taib Said, Brunei Darussalam)	
Mr. Bebas Purnawan (Bakosurtanal, Indonesia)	
Mr. Sri Kusno Gularso (Bakosurtanal, Indonesia)	

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1.0	<p>The 2nd Biennial General Meeting was called to order at 9.30 a.m.</p> <p><u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</u></p> <p>The following Agenda was unanimously adopted: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Address by the President ii) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 1st Biennial General Meeting iii) Matters arising iv) Presentation and Adoption of BGM Report for Period 1999/2001 v) Presentation and Adoption of BGM Accounts for Period 1999/2001 vi) Announcement of Result of Election of Council Members for 2001/2003 vii) Appointment of Professional Auditors for 2001/2003 viii) Appointment of Honorary Auditors for 2001/2003 ix) Item Which Were Received by the Hon. Secretary General Prior to the Biennial General Meeting x) Presentation of Membership Certificates xi) Address by the Incoming President (Session 2001/2003) xii) Adjournment 	
2.0	<p><u>ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT</u></p> <p>Dato' Abdul Majid apologised for the late change in the venue for this BGM and appreciated the presence of those who attended. The quorum of the BGM was fulfilled (numbers greater than 4 countries represented in Council). He then explained briefly the need to change the BGM venue from Johor Bharu to Kuala Lumpur - the main reasons for the shift were due to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Last-minute cancellations by Councilors and Members who were attending events aboard; b) Concurrent hosting of PESUMA 2001 by JUPEM in Shah Alam (Malaysia); and c) Ensure that the quorum for the BGM will be met. 	Info.
3.0	<p><u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 1ST BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the 1st Biennial General Meeting held in Fremantle, Western Australia on 31st October 1999, having been circulated earlier, was taken as read and confirmed unanimously as true record of proceeding. The Minutes were proposed to be approved by Pengiran Matusin bin Pengiran Matassan and seconded by Mr. Tang Tuck Kim.</p>	Info.
4.0	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>There was nothing of significance being discussed except that Dr. Khoo Boo Khean mentioned the difficulty of getting participation from other countries such as Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos due to the 'high' cost of joining ASEAN FLAG. He suggested that some Councilors to look into this matter since the participation of representatives of these countries is far more important than the cost implications.</p> <p>To the question of whether ASEAN FLAG had served its usefulness, Dr. Khoo mentioned that ASEAN FLAG have achieved a fair level of its aims and purposes (he remarked that ASEAN FLAG is not just another professional institution or any other such professional body which exist to control its members and lay down restrictive regulations and that ASEAN FLAG is more concerned with the close cooperation amongst its members which should be helping each other are from different parts of the ASEAN region).</p>	All Info.

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5.0	<p data-bbox="284 210 1254 241"><u>PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF BGM REPORT FOR PERIOD 1999/2001</u></p> <p data-bbox="284 271 1270 331">The Hon. Secretary-General greeted everyone present. He then presented his Report for the period 1999/2001 excerpts of which reads as follows: -</p> <p data-bbox="284 353 1270 448">Time really flies. We are now entering our 3rd biennial term. At this stage, we must thank our dear President, Dato' Abdul Majid Mohamed for his very able leadership of The ASEAN FLAG during its initial stage.</p> <p data-bbox="284 470 1270 801">Looking backward, I dare say that we have achieved a fair bit of our aim and purposes. Let us not pretend that we are another professional institution or any other such body which is here to control the members and lay down regulations. No, here at The ASEAN FLAG, we are talking about close cooperation amongst the members, about helping each other who are from different parts of this region. We are here to disseminate information and spread goodwill with the aim of helping each other and learning from each other. In this, I must say that we have not failed as witnessed from the various Council Meetings held at different ASEAN nations. We also had successful visits to Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, though it is with some regret that we do not have any representatives from these countries as yet in The ASEAN FLAG.</p> <p data-bbox="284 824 1270 1008">Now having said that, I must not pretend that we have completed our job – no, far from it; we still have a lot more to do under the new leadership of Mr. Rudolf Matindas when we hope to be able to achieve more, to go to greater heights. It has often been asked by many what this Federation can do for them. In fact, I'd like to paraphrase John F Kennedy by asking them this: Ask not what the Federation can do for you, but what you can do for the Federation.</p> <p data-bbox="284 1030 1270 1249">Let it be clear in our minds that The ASEAN FLAG is meant to help out those in the profession in this region. Therefore, we need to get people in to accomplish this. Unfortunately, many people's response to our overtures is to ask first what they can get out of it. Well, we should always bear in mind that The ASEAN FLAG is here to help create opportunities for all in the profession be they surveyors, geomatics practitioners, service providers, etc. Let us help spread the word that opportunities could be obtained by joining The ASEAN FLAG.</p> <p data-bbox="284 1272 1270 1420">My dear friends and colleagues, The ASEAN FLAG is an ASEANIC platform – I think it is high time for us to open our doors a little wider to allow Corporate Members and Teaching Institutional Members to assist in running the show too. This is so that we can really help each other out to achieve the aims and purposes of this Federation.</p> <p data-bbox="284 1442 1270 1751">At the risk of sounding repetitive, let me drag up the other organisation I helped run for two terms some years ago: yes, I mean the Road Engineering Association of Asia and Australasia (REAAA). Now REAAA is booming, it is extremely active because it allows service providers to work as a team with the corporate, institutional and individual members. There are no restrictions at all. So long as they are keen, willing and able, they are welcome to help run the show. Many things were achieved through the REAAA because those people share the same interests and they get to network with people in the same or related fields. They get to introduce and be introduced to new products and services whenever the opportunity arises.</p> <p data-bbox="284 1774 1270 2024">On the other hand, as you are aware, our ASEAN FLAG Constitution is so restrictive; our Council has to be run by the Institutional Members only. But, my dear friends and colleagues, up to now we only have eight registered with us. At the very best, if we go round the whole ASEAN region in a concerted effort, we may get 5 or 6 more Institutional Members. Now, imagine, just imagine, how to get very active with only about a dozen people to run the organisation? Further more, mind you, not all surveying institutions are headed by surveyors or geomaticians and not all readily come forward to support our activities.</p>	Info.

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6.0	<p>I had brought this matter up a number of times already in the past Council Meetings but had not been successful in persuading the Council to see the necessity of widening our scope so as to allow Corporate Members to take an active part too. Really, we have nothing to lose but plenty to gain. And, we will achieve our aims all the more by doing so i.e. have close cooperation amongst us and to help and maintain peace and prosperity in the ASEAN region.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that the next Council will take up this challenge, forge ahead and see how best we can recruit more members, have more activities so that we can be in the position to have full-time staff to assist to run the Federation.</p> <p>My dear Council members and friends: I take this opportunity to offer you my heartfelt thanks for your services rendered under the able leadership of Dato' Abdul Majid Mohamed. Syabas! Let us look forward to even better and greater years ahead with our new President Rudolf Matindas. Thank you".</p> <p>After being proposed by Mr. Wee Soon Kiang and seconded by Dr. Wicha Jiwalai, the Report were adopted.</p> <p><u>PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF BGM ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD 1999/2001</u></p> <p>Mr. Tang Tuck Kim reported that there is an accumulated pre-tax surplus for period 1999/2001 of RM1,109.00. The Auditor mentioned that our accounting (by receipt basis) was a departure from the provision of Malaysian standard of accounting. The reason of this departure was given as membership subscriptions were recorded upon receipt of dues. He also remarked that there were sizeable outstanding subscriptions.</p> <p>Pengiran Matusin enquired why tax needed to be paid for ASEAN FLAG (being an NGO) for which Mr. Tang Tuck Kim replied that tax had to be paid for interest income earned from its Fixed Deposits (FD).</p> <p>After being proposed by Pengiran Matusin b. Pengiran Matasan and seconded by Mr. Wee Soon Kiang, the Financial Report was adopted.</p>	Info.
7.0	<p><u>ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULT OF ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2001/2003</u></p> <p>The following were elected unopposed: -</p> <p>a) President: Mr. Rudolf W. Matindas (representing Bakosurtanal, Indonesia)</p> <p>b) Hon. Secretary-General: Mr. Lukman Aziz (representing LABORATORIUM Pengolahan Citra dan Sistem Informasi Spasial Teknik Geodesi – Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia)</p> <p>c) Hon. Treasurer-General: Mr. Wee Soon Kiang (representing Singapore Institute of Surveyors & Valuers, Singapore)</p> <p>d) Council Member 1: Pg. Matusin b. Pg. Matasan (representing Survey Department of Brunei)</p> <p>e) Council Member 2: Dr. Khoo Boo Khean (representing Institution of Surveyors Malaysia of Malaysia)</p> <p>f) Council Member 3: Dato' Hamid bin Ali (representing Lembaga Jurukur Tanah of Malaysia)</p>	Info.

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	<p>g) Council Member 4: Mr. Colin Chan H.S. (representing Persatuan Juruukur Tanah Bertauliah Malaysia of Malaysia)</p> <p>h) Council Member 5: Mr. Federico Nadela (representing Philippine Society of Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing of Philippines)</p> <p>i) Council Member 6: Mr. Tang Tuck Kim (representing Land Surveyor Board of Singapore)</p> <p>j) Council Member 7: Dr. Wicha Jiwalai (representing Surveying and Mapping Society of Thailand)</p> <p>k) Council Member 8: Mr. Julian Chong Teck Lee (representing Institutions of Surveyors Malaysia of Malaysia)</p> <p>l) Immediate Past President: Dato' Abdul Majid Mohamed (representing Institutions of Surveyors Malaysia of Malaysia)</p> <p>After being proposed to close nomination by Pengiran Matusin b. Pengiran Matasan and seconded by Dr. Wicha Jiwalai, the meeting unanimously approved the above list of nominations.</p>	<p>Info.</p> <p>Info.</p>
<p>8.0</p>	<p><u>APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AUDITORS FOR 2001/2003</u></p> <p>Mr. Tang Tuck Kim informed that Messrs. Arthur Andersen & Co. had indicated that they did not wish to continue in their role as Professional Auditor. Another Malaysian registered accounting firm, Messrs. S.Y Kwong, Foong & Co. (which was sourced by the Secretary-General) had agreed to serve as the new Professional Auditor. Since ASEAN FLAG is registered in Malaysia, they (Messrs. S.Y Kwong, Foong & Co.) would be authorised to audit ASEAN FLAG's accounts where their Auditor fee was agreed at RM1,080.00 pa annum.</p> <p>After being proposed by Mr. Wee Soon Kiang and seconded by Dr. Wicha Jiwalai, the meeting unanimously gave its consent.</p>	
<p>9.0</p>	<p><u>APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITORS FOR 2001/2003</u></p> <p>After being proposed by Dr. Khoo Boo Khean and seconded by Ir. Rudolf W. Matindas the meeting unanimously elected Mr. Chettana Bhumichitr (representing Survey and Mapping Society of Thailand) and Tn. Hj. Jamil b. Hj. Mohd Ali (representing Survey Department of Brunei) as Honorary Auditors for the Year 2001/20030.</p>	
<p>10.0</p>	<p><u>ITEMS WHICH WERE RECEIVED BY THE HON. SECRETARY GENERAL PRIOR TO THE BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING</u></p> <p><u>Amendment to the Constitution</u></p> <p><u>Articles 6 : Item 4(c)</u> Election to the Offices of the Federation shall be the privilege of the Institutional Members only.</p>	

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	<p><u>Proposed Amendment:</u> Election to the Offices of the Federation shall be the privilege of <i>Institutional Members, Corporate Members and Teaching Institutional Members</i>, provided that the composition of both Corporate Members and Teaching Institutional Members shall be four (4).</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> To support the amendment of item 1 of Article 9. If the Council approves that one without amending this item, it will not work.</p> <p><u>Article 9: Item 1</u> Institutional Members of the general body of not less than the number of Council members from at least four (4) countries must be present at a General Meeting for its proceedings to be valid and to constitute a quorum.</p> <p><u>Proposed Amendment:</u> <i>Institutional Members, Corporate Members and Teaching Institutional Members of the general body of not less</i> than the number of Council Members from at least four (4) countries must be present at a General Meeting for its proceedings to be valid and to constitute a quorum.</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> To support the amendment item 1 of Article 9. If the Council approves that one without amending this item, it will not work.</p> <p>After being proposed by Pengiran Matusin b. Pengiran Matasan and seconded by Dr. Wicha Jiwalai, the Council unanimously approved the proposed amendment to the Constitution.</p>	
12.0	<p><u>PRESENTION OF MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES</u></p> <p>The Certificate for Messrs. Geo-Surveys & Mapping, Inc. of Philippines (approved under 12th Council Meeting) shall be mailed to them.</p> <p>The Administrative Secretary shall check whether other such certificates needed to be sent to those new members who have been approved under previously held Council Meetings.</p>	Administrative Secretary
13.0	<p><u>ADDRESS BY THE INCOMING PRESIDENT (SESSION 2001/2003)</u></p> <p>This is to be discussed under the 13th Council Meeting to be convened after the break.</p>	
14.0	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>As there is no other matter to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11.35 a.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.</p> <p>Minutes Prepared By: _____ Minutes Confirmed By: _____</p> <p>Julian Chong Teck Lee _____ Ir. Rudolf W. Matindas _____ Minutes Secretary/Council Member _____ President _____</p>	