

Asia Pacific Logistics Federation (APLF)
Minutes of the 1st General Assembly

1. Date and time: Wednesday, June 11, 1997, 14:00 – 18:00
2. Meeting Place: 2nd Floor "Haibiscus" Great Wall Hotel, Beijing, China
3. Attendants:

Chairman:

Nobuo Ogawa (Japan, Vice Chairman, JILS)

1st Deputy Chairman:

Kerry Hammond (Australia, Director of Hammond Consultants)

2nd Deputy Chairman:

Ma Yi Min (China, Chairman, CAMET)

Members:

Yoe Hwan Kim (Korea, Chairman, KLA)

Hyung-Nam Park (Korea, Executive Director, KSA)

Richard Lee (Singapore, President, SIMM)

Kovit Thanyarattakul (Thailand, Chairman, Multi Air Service Co., Ltd.)

Other attendees:

James McGrath (Australia, Logistics Consultant)

Xu Miaowen (China, Vice Chairman & Secretary General, CAMET)

Lu Hao Xing (China, Deputy Secretary General, CAMET)

Wang Chunming (China, CAMET)

Secretary General:

Motoki Inatsuka (Japan, Senior Executive Vice President, JILS)

Secretariat:

Masato Tokuda (Japan, Deputy General Secretary & Director of the International
Dept., JILS)

Midori Aoyama (Japan, Manager of the International Dept., JILS)

4. Order of Business

1. Opening
2. Introduction of the attendees
3. Confirmation of the program of business
4. Verification of the minutes of the founding general assembly
5. Report on the course of activities
6. Report on the logistics situation in the various countries
7. Business of the day
 - 1) Matter relating to the planning of future activities of the APLF
 - 2) Matter relating to country where the next international conference will be held
 - 3) Matter relating to the strengthening of the organization
 - 4) Matter relating to the election of officers in conjunction with the expiration of the current terms of office
8. Closure

5 Outline of the proceedings

1) Opening of meeting

At the appointed time, Secretary General Inatsuka, serving as acting master of ceremonies, formally opened the 1st General Assembly. Chairman Ogawa then celebrated the success of the '97 APILC, expressed thanks to the China Logistics Association for its preparations for the holding of the general assembly and announced that he would serve as President for the session.

2) Introduction of the Attendees

The attendees from the six nations each provided self-introductions.

3) Confirmation of the program of business

The President requested confirmation of the program of business, where upon the Secretary General disclosed the order of business that had been advised previously, which was then approved unanimously without dissent.

4) Verification of the minutes of the founding general assembly

Next, the President called for verification of the minutes of the founding general assembly and the Secretary General read the minutes of the APLF founding general assembly on November 17, 1995, which was approved unanimously without dissent.

5) Report on the course of activities

The President called for the report on the course of activities from the founding of the APLF to the time of the 1st General Assembly. The General Secretary then provided an outline report of the activities for the concerned one year period based on the available data.

6) Report on the logistics situation in the various countries

The President then requested a report on the logistics situation in the six member countries in attendance, whereupon reports were provided on the situation of logistics in the each of the countries as well as details on the activities of the member organizations in the order of Australia, China, Korea, Thailand, Singapore and Japan. We were told that a specialized organization would be established in Thailand during the course of this year, however, Mr. Kovit left the session due to a pressing engagement. (His report was omitted.)

7) Business of the day

Following the reports of the respective countries, there was a ten minute recess, after which the President entered into the business of the day.

(1) Matter relating to the planning of future activities of the APLF

Previously, inquiries had been made to the member countries as to their feelings with respect to the future activities of the APLF. The results of

these inquiries were revealed by the Secretary General as follows and debated.

- ① Implementation of an educational program under the APLF
- ② Further promotion of exchanges of information
- ③ Promotion of observations and interchanges among the various countries.
- ④ Strengthening and organization of the public relations activities of the APLF
- ⑤ Study of the problem of standardization (the pallet pool system, etc.)

Deputy Chairman Kerry Hammond, who represents Australia (LMA), proposed that members from the respective countries be appointed and organized into a committee on five proposed themes, which would then study specific activity plans and report to the general assembly.

- Deputy Chairman Ma, who represents China, concurred with the establishment of a committee, but expressed the opinion that he would like it to study themes focused on education and training.
- The Singapore (SIMM) representative, Mr. Lee, also proposed first the establishment of a committee focused on education problems and possibly also studying information exchanges and the dispatching of observation groups as part of this. In addition, because it would take a great deal of time to have mutual discussions at the general assembly once every two years, he advocated the holding of meetings as early as possible (for example, in less than six months).

Both the Korean representatives, Mr. Kim and Mr. Park (KLA, KSA) supported the establishment of an educational committee.

Following the above exchange of opinions, it was decided to establish a committee on education and the cultivation of talented persons and to study this through a meeting once each year. It was further decided, after the election of officers, to have the regular chairman and deputy chairmen put together an outline of a "talented persons cultivation committee" and after communicating this to all the members, to form a committee composed of

professionals.

- (2) Matter relating to country where the next international conference will be held

The Secretary General indicated the positions of the respective countries with respect to the country for the holding of the next international conference to be as follows.

- ① Countries desiring to hold the next conference:

Australia, Singapore

- ② Countries recommended for the holding of the next conference:

Singapore, Japan, Malaysia and Indonesia

- The President put the study of this matter to the floor and a debate as conducted focusing on Australia and Singapore, both of which desired to be the next site.

Singapore's Mr. Lee announced that preparations were underway for the holding of a general international conference there in the fall of 1998, which was to look at logistics in the background of globalization.

Mr. Hammond of Australia said that the International Logistics Conference (ILC), an international conference on logistics that includes the United States, was to be held in Sydney in May of 1999. He voiced the opinion that the International Conference on Logistics (ICL) of the APLF could be held cooperatively from a standpoint of equality, in a way similar to the Tokyo conference in 1995, which would provide an opportunity for exchanges with experts from around the world. China supported Australia, whereas Korea supported Singapore.

- Given that Japan did not have any plans to hold the convention and Malaysia and Indonesia were not in attendance, the General Secretary called upon Singapore and Australia to discuss it among themselves and to reach a conclusion.
- As a result, Mr. Lee of Singapore declared that he would withdraw his proposal and it was decided to hold the next conference in Sydney,

Australia in early May of 1999.

The Chairman requested that Mr. Hammond assume the responsibility for contacts that would permit the ICL, under the auspices of the APLF, to hold a joint conference with the ILC as equal partners.

(3) Matter relating to the strengthening of the organization

The President had requested from the secretariat a proposal for strengthening the organization of the APLF. The General Secretary posed two solutions to this problem, ① the adding of new member countries and ② the positive participation of current member countries. and he stated that negotiations are underway with the Philippines and India to become new member countries.

In terms of the positive participation of member countries, they were seeking to strengthen cooperation with Indonesia, Malaysia and New Zealand and would also consider making changes to member groups on a case by case basis.

The following two proposals were made.

- Singapore's Mr. Lee, China's Mr. Ma and Australia's Mr. Hammond respectively expressed opinions along the lines that ① it is necessary to promote a strengthening of the organization and ② the member countries (and their organizations) should be made to adequately understand the significance of the Federation and to participate in its activities.
- As a result, it was decided to proceed as follows. ① The secretariat and Mr. Lee would cooperate to ascertain the commitment of Indonesia and Malaysia to continue. ② Mr. Hammond, in cooperation with the secretariat, would work toward the continued and positive participation of New Zealand. ③ Mr. Lee, in cooperation with the secretariat would seek to investigate groups in India and the Philippines capable of participating in APLF activities. It was additionally decided in the future to also consider the member countries of ASEAN as candidates.

(4) Matter relating to the election of officers in conjunction with the expiration of the current terms of office

The President called upon the Secretary General to explain the re-election of officers in relation to the expiration of current terms of office. The Secretary General explained that the term of office of the officers is two years and that although the period from November 1995 represented one year and seven months, the initial business year of 1995 had ended in four months time and hence two business years had actually elapsed, thus the re-election of officers should be arranged at the first general assembly following the end of the year in which the current terms of office would expire.

The officer recommendations previously gathered from the respective member countries are as follows.

Chairman : Japan - 3 votes, China - 1 vote

Deputy chairman: China - 2 votes, Singapore - 1 vote

- Opening the floor to debate, Australia's Mr. Hammond proposed that, because it was less than two full years since the founding of the APLF and priority should be given to strengthening the organization, that the current officers should continue and that they should take also advantage of the three deputy chairman countries permitted under the bylaws, and as one of these he wished to recommend Singapore.

Representatives Ma of China, Kim and Park of Korea concurred with this opinion.

- Mr. Lee of Singapore stated that he would accept the post of deputy chairman.
- Mr. Ogawa of Japan stated that he had only intended to serve a single term, however, if it was the will of the entire body, he would continue to serve.
- As a result thereof, the following were elected.

Chairman Nobuo Ogawa (Japan, JILS)

1st deputy chairman Kerry Hammond (Australia, LMA)

2nd deputy chairman Ma Yi Min (China, CAMET)

3rd deputy chairman Richard Lee (Singapore, SIMM)

- As the JILS will be responsible for the secretariat, the new chairman, Mr. Ogawa recommended that Mr. Motoki Inatsuka again serve as Secretary General, a motion that was approved unanimously.

8) Closure

All the business of the day having been concluded, the President thanked the attendees for their cooperation in the operation of the general assembly and with a salutation expressing his expectations for positive participation in the future activities of the APLF, he brought the session to a close.

Nobuo Ogawa,
Chairman

Motoki Inatsuka,
Secretary General