

Minutes WUDC Council 2015

Taken by Acting Secretary Steven Penner

Please note that these minutes are not yet confirmed. Errors can be corrected at Council in Greece.

Called to order @ 9:39am

Call for New business.

Austria adds motions for disappointment in Israel's inability to attend. And a constitutional amendment (text from Monica later) to force bids to produce evidence they tried to admit everyone. Voice vote allows both unanimously.

North America motions for amendment to tiebreaking procedures. Voice vote unanimous.

New agenda is moved and approved. I'm flexible, not wedded to anything as mother frequently reminds me. NZ moves, Australia seconds.

Approval of minutes: No one has raised any issues with the minutes. NZ moves approval, NA seconds, unanimous voice vote.

Gin and personal sanity run is unanimously approved. Council is fun this year. For now.

EFL retro recognition of champions. US moves, Germany seconds, unanimous.

Equity Report: Hyewon gives report. John got into a fight with mother nature. Chair still thinks its all his fault. People generally very polite at this tournament, happy and open to talk about and resolve matters in a conciliatory way. Only 1 or 2 investigations. Pronoun policy generally well practiced.

HK: There was announcement of harassment that was fairly serious. Progress of investigation?

Equity: Its anonymous, can't discuss it in front of council. No official complaint.

NL: Equity officers were announced extremely late, they had to choose officers to solve the above issue after it had already happened. Thoughts on when policy/officers should be announced?

Equity: Should be announced at least a few days in advance. Try to mitigate delay through transparency and publicity in GA to increase approachability.

Oceania: Wanted anyone in attendance to be considered. Wanted to run feedback process to increase accountability. Recommend a process in future that starts a couple weeks earlier.

Chair: Perhaps an advisory motion that two weeks out is a good-

EU: Equally true for language. Had to come up with form, limited time for people to apply.

Oceania: Understand that wasn't ideal. Sorry for putting people in a difficult position. "Council recommends that hosts appoint language and equity teams more than two weeks prior to the arrival of participants" Germany moves for voice vote, lots of seconds, passed unanimously.

#### Budget Review of Malaysia

Mai has a presentation. Monica is too cheap to get Office, formatting errors are from her bad software, not Mai's. One hotel, everyone is in KL Bangsar. Everyone happy with breakfast and booze discounts. Some complaints about speed and accessibility of wifi. Pullman was very nice about this and got rid of logins; they also upgraded their connection to help us out. Lift system has worked pretty well. Some of us have found the service elevator. Had some issues with allocation of roommates. Initial rooms were changed because some people switched to triple share in order to get access to their room. This left some people without their preferred roommates. As much as possible we moved people. Everything until 3<sup>rd</sup> will take place on campus. Aircon is great because Malaysia is very hot. No rooms too far from the GA's. Significant burden of stairs, unfortunately a necessity, sorry. Good feedback on the runners. We warned about the rain, it happens here. A lot of clogged toilets, we tried to clean it up as best we could. Unfortunately couldn't move as fast as the participants. Advised participants to use toilets farther away from main halls. Never ran out of buses, always available and always had space. A number of buses had a star of david crossed out, we identified those and had the drivers remove the offending displays. Food provided 3 times daily. Lots of integration to make things easier for those with dietary requirements. Only issue was that people who weren't vegetarian or gluten free would take that food. We ended up just ordering more of that food, solved the problem. Ran out of pasta for dinner on the 29<sup>th</sup>. People took more pasta. Those who came after were given food, unfortunately there was a delay, we apologize. Queues were long, this is just something that happens at worlds, nothing we can do. Issue with womens night, very few people wanted to attend on the 29<sup>th</sup>. As a result was moved to 30<sup>th</sup>, combined with cultural night. Visas were difficult for some countries, but we were able to help everyone get their visa, some delays. No Israelis requested visas. Private channel letters were provided, but no Israelis attended. This is a terrible issue, very unfortunate. Scholarship program had a big problem. Granted scholarship to 60 teams. 2 withdrew for unrelated reasons. Changing conditions caused some to change. Peru Jamaica, Colombia, Dominican Republic were countries from. Partially unauthorized purchases exhausted the travel funds. Travel agency purchased 22 tickets, and then ran out of money. Delayed because of government restrictions. Used own money to bridge until it arrived. No more funds meant they had to change full travel subsidies to partial ones and to remove registration waivers. Pre-tournament workshop was still free, along with accommodation for the 6 days prior. As compensation we have refunded registration and visa costs for those who were unable to get to KL. Will be prepared to reimburse visa expenses from scholarship applicants as well. Final deficit of 25k Ringgit, will be borne by MIDP. Additional costs not initially budgeted,

such as those visa fees, will be borne by MIDP and UT Mara debate. UT Mara paid for buses, Pullman paid for water, those don't appear on the budget.

Austria: What is EMCEE

Mai: Talent for Opening Ceremony

Austria: Other cost?

Mai: Hired event managers unconnected to debating

LA: No complaints, just want to state that countries affected are from my region.

Heard about changes very late so no time for Plan B. Why all from Latin America? 3 were new. Very sad.

Mai: flights were more expensive, could only offer about 1/3 of flight subsidy. We also had no prior knowledge. MIDP undertook a huge deficit and was reluctant to release more.

HK: Why was scholarship problem exposed so late? Recommendations for future worlds?

Mai: Had hope that the funds would be disbursed by government agency. We eventually disbursed our own. Recommendation I don't know. Undertaking an organization that has credit facilities? Otherwise just make people be reimbursed.

Penner: Thanks. Suggestion for buses.

Mexico: Why wasn't scholarship budget published?

Mai: Happy to be transparent about how we spent, its not part of the tournament budget. Can make it available on social media afterwards.

China: Use of FB as dissemination of info is problem. We don't have access.

Mai: So sorry, we totally forgot. We will set up an alternative system. In the meantime VPN is short term answer. Only stopped using website when it became day-to-day communication.

Australia: Thanks!

Sweden: Be skeptical of promises of payment in future. Risk should be communicated to relevant people.

Mai: We have a contract.

South Africa: Some institutions paid long ago, why was deficit not communicated until registration day?

Mai: We communicated 3 ways. FastRego, Registration list with payment status. No personalized emails, too many logistical problems with sending those out.

Jamaica: Issue with website access, both main and the shadow one. Some people couldn't access either, we had an issue with communication flow. Delayed communication can cost a lot, we had that issue.

NA: Did organizations not pay?

Mai: Yes. Lots.

NA: Give us a list, they are violating the constitution and cannot attend again until they pay.

Mai: Gladly.

Singapore: Lots of payment issues are due to currency fluctuation.

Mai: Could have been clearer, we used euros because it was point of preference, maybe should have used ringgit.

### Recognition of CMUDE and Panams

Arlan: CMUDE has happened for 5 years, attached to format and rules of WUDC, this is a recognition that we are part of the system of worlds debate. Show a commitment of the WUDC Council.

NZ Moves, AUS seconds, unanimous voice vote.

### Womens

Becca: Postponed to culture night, problems with venue and sound, first speaker wasn't heard very well. She had valuable things to say. Raised over 1000 Ringgit for Womens Foundation of Malaysia. Everyone got to see a topic they wanted to see. Also nice to be a topic that wasn't a "women" topic. Womens Forum was highly successful, lots of attendance, not coerced by holding it in GA. Notes and minutes will go online as soon as I get access. Lots of info on gender numbers is available.

New Womens officer is Ratwa, from Pakistan

Chair: Nice thing was number of men in audience at forum, lots of good allies. Very welcoming and encouraging.

Malaysia: Vote of confidence in budget NL moves, Malaysia seconds all in favour.

### Greece

Josh: Is there a time by which I should get them all here? (It is 11am)

Chair: 9am, seriously 11:45/12.

### Wits

Also basically not here, Gemma is!! Will not be presenting today. Significant concern about level of external sponsorship. Confident in getting that imminently, but cannot guarantee it today. We would like to suspend the vote/ratification of the bid for a period of time. Still very confident in running the bid. Also plan to present a second option bid, in the event that the sponsorship falls through, which wouldn't be at Sun City.

Chair: Thank you for the transparency.

Germany: Could other bids still apply.

Chair: Would be a vote to extend deadline, would apply equally to all.

Sweden: What percentage can you say you've secured?

Gemma: Only secured funding is from Wits, waiting on Limpopo and others.

Confirmation from SA Airways for IAs. As a proportion, I don't know. Bid is contingent on getting that money.

EU: Any reason to justify big increase as opposed to when opposing Greece and to recent worlds. Lots of self-funding institutions, expense is an enormous issues.

Gemma: Last years bid was incredibly different, was at Wits, student

accommodation as opposed to Sun City. Moved partly due to security concerns.

Nature of tournament will be much much better. Value will be much greater as a result of Sun city, level of personal expenditure will be lower. If people would prioritize lower reg fee as opposed to other things, we will entertain that.

Oceania: Part of problem is in online being a poor mechanism, should do it in person.

Penner: Flights are expensive. 50 is not a huge number.

Saddiq: Deal with SA Airways is for 50 fully subsidized seats. If we move to Wits, higher number of adjes.

Gemma: One thing to note is that people who are older find prospect of a 5-star vacation very appealing.

Netherlands: How would bidding process work if we suspend.

Chair: Would postpone to a specific date. Most bids announced about 4 months out, postpone to March or April 1<sup>st</sup>. Registrar would need to get a full and accurate country rep list, and convene an e-council.

Germany: Suggest a hangout, can actually communicate or video conference.

Oceania: 440 planned for 93, ended up at 360 and about 83. In context of Malaysia being a pretty close hub that was convenient to reach.

Australia: Is Sun City exclusive?

Gemma: No, its got 7 hotels, we will be using 2-3 of them.

South Africa: We want to postpone until we can present with full confidence.

Gemma: We will put together (probably) two bids, one for Sun City, and one at Wits. Could vote on which of those is more amenable.

Penner: 5 star resort is sick.

Slovenia: What are rooms, what are relative costs?

Gemma: They have breakout rooms, it won't be actual bedrooms. Volunteers housing will be resolved in way that can save money.

Chair: Proposal of deadline?

Australia: Different deadline for bids and then voting.

Chair: All in favour of extending deadline to have finished bids submitted to an ecouncil by March 1<sup>st</sup> and then Council vote by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Australia moves, Netherlands seconds, all in favour.

#### Scholarship status exemptions

Chair: As discussed at pre-council, 3 countries functionally prohibited by changes to scholarship program, suggest exempting them from any change in status due to voting, this should not be contentious.

Oceania: Does this mean we skip the year, or count them as having attended.

Chair: Initially conceived as count attendance, could be either.

EU: Affect on reg brackets?

NA: Should count as attending.

Discussion between Oceania and EU that is hard to minute

Malaysia Moves, NA seconds "Council will treat the nations excluded from WUDC Malaysia for scholarship circumstances as if they had attended worlds as if those institutions had attended for determining status."

#### Reform of Elections

USA: Make declarations of candidacy at Pre-Council. Positions are important should have time to deliberate.

Oceania: Have often ended up with people putting up their hands. Could deter people, very few like Council or want to show up. Usually over the course of a tournament that interest develops.

USA: This is why I included the 2/3 exemption. Can't evaluate candidates who run at last minute.

NA: Secretary was manifestly incompetent and inflammatory. We elected a misogynistic, race-baiting imbecile.

Chair: I was elected because our delegation feared worse, and in absentia. These positions are super important. This will make chairs not cry themselves to sleep at night.

Oceania: Happy to be happy with this evaluation.

Womens: Provision that woman's officer ALWAYS be voted at the womens forum.

USA: Friendly amendment to "excluding womens officer"

Sweden: In every volunteer run organization in Sweden we have some committee structure.

IONA: What if bad people put selves forward at pre council and then its harder to oppose them.

Friendly amendment accepted re: Womens, NA moves, Malaysia seconds, all in favour.

#### Thessaloniki Ratification

Greece night will be tonight, free ouzo beer and soft drinks. Adj Core introduction. Dan Corder will be an ACA. There will be more applications. All promises in bid for IAs are still here. 50k Euros. 25k euros for flights. Significant fundraising still to come. Updated budget will be online in a google doc in a few hours (and projected at council). NA sees Heineken sponsorship on the screen and screams with joy. Have signed with hotel, saved 21k from our presentation last year. Currently on a surplus of 18k euros. Josh will get us McKinsey money.

Germany: Does your surplus include space for contingencies?

Manos: Yes.

NL: Does your budget include ACA's Language and Equity

Tasneem: That's in the IA budget, the more sponsorship the more money.

IONA: Sponsorship seems slow. How will you change strategies to attract more sponsorship?

Manos: Lots of discussions, don't include in budget until we have in on paper from funders.

Katerina: NGO's and local companies have approached us themselves, in contact with lots of people, because of the 2015/16 split, we had trouble securing funding prior to January/February. Red Bull for instance.

China: Talk to Bojana, experience applying for EU grants. Please ensure all announcements are not on fb. Very few scholarships for Chinese teams in past.

Katerina: debating.gr you will find in the subscribers bar and we will provide constant updates and a newsletter.

Tasneem: Understand internet access is hard, even for adj test. No discrimination on scholarships, goes to those who will need it most.

Europe: Math doesn't work on funding the Lang, Equity, ACA's from adj core budget.

Manos: 18k surplus without any sponsorship.

Netherlands: This budget seems impossible, flight prices are much higher than that.

Tasneem: This budget is an absolutely worst case, based strictly on registration. We have lots of potential agreements coming. We WANT ACA's from other side of the world.

SA: What about lunch on the 28<sup>th</sup>? Transport? Debate venues?

Katerina: Have secured social with lots of food on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Manos: We have buses exclusively for our use.

NA: How is adj money broken down?

Manos: 50 for flights, 25 for reg.

NA: Yakka in tab room?

Thess: Shocking refusal to answer.

IONA: Will you send Manos on the first bus tomorrow?

IONA moves and NA seconds that Manos is now obligated by council to be on the first bus to outrounds tomorrow.

Germany: You should scrutinize your budget more carefully.

Chair: There will be an audit.

Venezuela: Mor strict registration time. Waiting for people who are late is bad for those who show up on time.

Josh: Hotel is a 5 minute ride or 20 minute walk away from tournament. Same barcode registration as in Berlin.

Unanimously ratified.

Adjourn for lunch

ADJ: Thanks for patience, I was quite tired. Was told being on CA team destroys you, mercifully not the case, I've kind of enjoyed myself. Reason is there were people who were heroic in making this work. Whole adj core went above and beyond. Tab officers fixed problems and turned around things quickly, ballots processed in average of 25 minutes. Mai and Med as well were fantastic to work with. Quality here was really high, excellent mixing of styles and debating. Very pleased with feedback on the manual, this relied on past contributions of adj cores in previous years. Hope it is picked up by coaches around the world to help teach. Document should evolve with the passage of time and can be improved. Arlan wants to translate into Spanish. Wanted to get more adjs with less money, asked to make larger contributions themselves. Funded 85 in some manner or another, 4 through different arrangement. No one got full subsidy at this worlds. Deliberate decision to try to lock people in with minimum money they would accept and then allocate more at future date if possible. Lots of long negotiations as a result of this plan. People would accept offers and then drop them when circumstances change. Email address dropped out. Adj test wasn't universally available. Better to allocate on best possible objective data rather than subjective opinions we hold. Used to be worried about falling below the pool, not an issue because all chairs were strong. Actual numerical pool was smaller, N-1 judges went down very considerably. Its now

difficult to build overall pool. That size issue was linked to delays, because we had to confirm everyone was here and couldn't run risk of them not turning up. E-feedback went well, especially the dropdown on selecting attributes. Fairness stats 1-7 are good. Haven't had time to check 8-9 yet. No position outside 70-130% for any round. Slight opp lean, well within margin of acceptability. Number of teams had to ironman for rounds. Allowed these speakers to ironman, get the higher of their two speaks but no team points. Impossible to take away their team points in the tab software, debated in higher bracket than tab will reflect they "should" have been. Really sorry for miscommunication with these teams. Basically no guidance from constitution on this issue. Erratic participation by teams was one hindrance. Combining feedback with check in was a problem; led to overloading. Unpleasant for 48<sup>th</sup> to be decided by coin toss. Will be meeting with Thess adj core to pass along info. Consulting with past years is incredibly helpful.

EU: You guys did a great job, thanks so much!

Indonesia: Diversity of judge break was impressive. How difficult was it to implement regional balance?

ADJ: Tabbie now has regional flags. It is now a value in the parameter sheet of tabbie. Tabbie now also does shadow draw that allows you to build panels and then superimpose that onto the draw once its done.

Womens: What role did gender play in allocation of chairs and wings?

ADJ: Not as explicitly. Tabbie doesn't do that automatically, so its harder.

NA: Test had results online

ADJ: Hard to get a debate that is good for a test. Went through a lot of videos, everything had strengths and weaknesses.

Zimbabwe: Test was very comprehensive. Can we get the model answers to use in future as training material for judges?

ADJ: Already online.

Chair: Council is in charge of running a website, it is an unmitigated disaster. Every time you improve it something breaks. Currently secretary's only job is to take minutes and coordinate correspondence. No one responsible for the website. Change to "maintain the website and all related social media accounts".

Australia: Is there a central email address?

Chair: Each position has a @wudc.org account. I will pay for a year. No more.

Womens: Some allocation of funds is necessary to expand the website.

USA: Would cost about \$150, can make the budget of worlds pay for it.

Asia: Maybe a recommendation or advisory motion.

"Council amends article 28 sec b to "A secretary who will maintain the website and all related social media accounts, as well as taking minutes of council". USA Moves, AUS seconds, all in favour.

Constitutional Review Committee

The constitution is a goddamned mess. Technically Mai and Monica have the same power. No impeachment provisions. No provision to reconvene a meeting, we are

doing this on the honour system. System of selecting DCA's is explicitly unconstitutional.

Oceania: The document is legitimately unintelligible. Process of singular additions and changes has made this worse. Impossible to determine powers or actions. Suggest committee with feedback and rewrite.

Zimbabwe: Can it ensure regional representation?

Oceania: Absolutely.

Scotland: Can we change some language around ESL/EFL?

Oceania: Yes, but of course only with meaningful consultation.

Asia: EFL definition in SQ is absurd.

Chair: This is kind of off track. Goal is a committee to know which areas need rewriting.

"This council would form an internationally representative committee to make recommendations on constitutional restructuring to be presented to this Council next year" Unanimous.

#### Proposal to Disconnect CA Teams and Bids

USA: Will split voting on bids from adj cores. We will select a bid and then separately select an adj core afterwards. Maximum of 3 on a slate, no more than 2 CA's or 2 DCA's. Incentive to regional balance is democratic necessity. People will campaign to be selected as a CA slate. Bid will have opportunity to express preferences on makeup of adj core. Council will be likely to respect those wishes unless it has a good reason not to.

Russia: Would bids be able to control their CA team?

USA: No. They could express a preference.

USA: Seems like bidding process places far too much faith in the adjudication core. Harish and Michael wrote a paper on this, they had less influence on Chennai than everyone expected. Presentation of bids and questions of logistics are filtered through and directed at adj core. Single bid years have enormous power and we have basically no influence. Concern that no one would bid is silly. If someone put together a bid and got it through council, we wouldn't reject them without damned good reason. Possible for individual to be on both slates. Cannot be on both slates unless affiliated locally with one bid.

Netherlands: Not solving anything if bid can still express preference.

USA: Shouldn't be willing to say "you worked hard, so you get a spot". Also, changes deliberation of rest of bid.

JLM: Don't lose sight of overestimating logistical competence based on CA reputation. Need more bids, not less, if this discourages that, its bad. Appointments that orgcom needs to make, Shafiq's relationship with orgcom was vital.

USA: Would you be comfortable with an amendment that allowed bid to specify one and allow community to select two others.

IONA: Trust required between orgcom and CA team. Not something that can be simplified into a line in a campaign. Could be uncomfortable working with people on

the “other” slate. CA teams are usually encouraged to be given lots of help with logistics, will look like VIP celebrities and won't help out.

Indonesia: Job of community to scrutinize logistics and not just CA team. Would change the nature of relationship during the bidding process. Hard to convince outsiders to take on a lot of work in a bid process without guarantee you couldn't be put aside. This discourages taking individuals with marginally lower profile from home institution.

USA: This doesn't mandate council to do this. It gives council the option. We often appoint bids without ever seeing them at council. They often have less experience and familiarity with us.

Philippines: Very difficult for organizers. Politicizing selection of adj cores.

NA: Hard to criticize adj cores, we have no leverage over unopposed bids. Only time it would be used is when a choice is so unpalatable we need to override hosts discretion.

Russia: In SQ, CA takes responsibility personally for the bid.

EU: Potential for announcement of whole team, is council best body to decide CA's? Council will always have interest in appointing people from a particular region, smaller regions will have less power.

USA: Every region gets represented on adj core, this is not a concern.

South Africa: Doesn't take into account relationship between CAP and orgcom, need people who are willing to cooperate.

USA: Will withdraw this. Serious refusal to engage. People have opposed in self-interest, I have been told this will hurt bids being planned and they are strongly whipping opposition to this. Council makes these decisions very badly. We need a better system.

### Gender quota exploration

“This council endorses the collection of data and submissions and the preparation of a report into the possibility of introducing a form of gender quotas/affirmative action (and the form it may take) to be presented at WUDC Council 2016.”

Australia: NOT about a quota for Thess, its about exploring what a quota could look like, if it would be a good idea for worlds, and to explore how inclusive worlds is.

This would be a report back to council at some time in future.

China: Most debaters in China are female.

EU: Within Europe we've briefly discussed this, hard for institutions with self-funding, totally in favour of people putting their heads together.

HK: Committee should be regionally diverse.

NZ: Would be helpful to publish a few months prior to worlds for discussion.

Indonesia: Would make sense to be headed by the women's officer.

Philippines: We could be a good model, lots of sudden upsurge in women.

Chair: Multifaceted report addressing challenges women face across the world?

Take 5-10 minutes for language refinement. Ended up being a couple hours for language refinement. Australia would like to withdraw their motion and come back with something more solid.

Indonesia moves and Netherlands seconds the language on the screen.

### Disclosure of Payment to Adjudicators

Asia: Don't expect them to disclose reasons necessarily. Council can evaluate any inconsistencies or issues. Meant as a deterrent rather than punitive.

Indonesia: Significant funding is spent on independent adjudicators. You get to scrutinize other funding. Some cases of people getting far more money than their CV or reputation would dictate.

Asia: No authority to reverse a subsidy, just a precautionary deterrent mechanism.

JLM: This would be a list of IA's with names and money?

Asia: Yes.

JLM: You can't do that, it reflects information on financial status, we absolutely cannot make that public. Many wouldn't apply if they know their financial status could be made public. Maybe appoint a single individual to scrutinize, perhaps council chair. But this as written could even be illegal.

Oceania: Particularly true because this year we pushed people to accept the absolute minimum they could afford. Very obvious who was very wealthy.

JLM: Could also maybe ask adj cores to present a report of some type of aggregate.

Indonesia: Could we get breakdown for particular regions. Would prefer instead of one person that there be a group of people that are regionally diverse

Oceania: Adj core of next years worlds could scrutinize.

Canada: Have we moved away?

Asia: Yes, next years adj core will make this report.

Canada: Im done then.

North America: Presenting the report with names is equally bad...

Indonesia: Can justify anomalous cases to the next years adj core. Not about lack of trust, about justifications.

Asia: The adj core would also not be revising, they'd be reviewing.

USA: Lots more reason to trust CA's than orgcoms, the analogy to bids is silly. This will disrupt ability of adj core to get most value out of the budget. Regional breakdown is hugely variable to individual circumstance to make broad judgements.

Asia: Not a proposal to shame adj cores or point out their failures, purely a precautionary measure. Could add applied or accepted.

Indonesia: Adj cores should have to justify why one region gets way more money. We can head off problems in future.

IONA: Not impossible for next years adj core to have bid against the people they are checking. What happens if irregularities are found, would people then be named?

Asia: No corrective mechanism, purely a precaution. Animosity doesn't continue outside of bidding process.

Language: This council would require A-teams of the next WUDC to review a full list of IAs and their subsidies. A report should be presented to council including but not limited to the following areas:

Female representation, regional representation, types of subsidy granted, ratios of accepted and rejected applicants.

Asia moves, Malaysia seconds, voice vote Carries on roll call vote.

Proposal to make rounds 7 and 8 open adjudication

Asia: Great educational value to more feedback. Many institutions don't get to attend a lot of tournaments and they need the development. More feedback on judges the better.

Indonesia: Judges make better decisions when they need to disclose, that scrutiny is most important in rounds 7 and 8. Bias is far more likely to play a part in decision. Throwing rounds is not a big concern, this practice is employed widely without that concern. People want to finish high and have respect for the tournament. Social condemnation would be huge. Speculation and suspense is not valuable, doesn't make experience better, it just stresses everyone else.

India: Judges and teams know how many points a team is on, easy to tell is the room is a bubble.

EU: Day 3 runs incredibly late. Decisions are more contentious. How does this change logistically? Unconsciously do not quite as well as you can, not actively throwing rounds, but just less incentive to try incredibly hard. Teams will change strategy in round 9 if they need to avoid 4<sup>th</sup>. Could do written feedback.

NA: Exacerbates nationalism.

Sweden: Need the added impetus to really try, there is a massive difference. ESL teams in 13 rooms will have a distinct advantage, because the native teams won't have extra push to try really hard.

China: Echo what has been said so far, transparency is good.

India: Bias already exists, feedback is a check. Judges get complacent and need this push to make their reasoning matter.

Oceania: Not a voice of the adj core, just personal. Would change how teams view themselves, deserves a lot of discussion, more than it can get today. Teams have said and done stupid shit in rounds where they know they're out and screw over novice or ESL teams. Also worry about judges who know they are not judging rounds that are live. ESL or EFL teams trying to avoid the higher break, knowledge would make this easier. This deserves further study.

Chair: Would people feel more comfortable putting off this discussion to future councils?

Indonesia: Questions value of ongoing discussion, we will never have really good data on this. Lots of circuits already operate on all open rounds without seeing the concerns.

HK: Open system creates accountability, knowing feedback will occur creates better decisions.

IONA: Norm of encouraging people to talk to judges in the next several days after worlds would be good.

Botswana: Lots of teams just didn't turn up at all at nationals after they knew they were out.

USA: Anecdotal evidence is that judges judge differently. Definitely needs to be delayed.

Jamaica: Feedback is often just giving constructive comments, doesn't have to include first or fourth.

Germany: It is the peak of competition, you have 6 rounds to get feedback.

Singapore: Silent rounds have not caused the problems people are discussing. Tournament is about teams that don't break too.

Netherlands: Does this not cause significant burden on the adj core? Examples on both sides of the "will people dick around" debate.

Oceania: Fairly certain this would have delayed round 9 probably in vicinity of half an hour. Timelines can be very tight.

Indonesia: Day 3 will obviously take longer. People pay for right to receive feedback. Decisions > socials. Break deadlock between examples and acknowledge that worlds is not your regional IV.

Latin America: We are repeating ourselves. We can reach a compromise, can have feedback without adjudication.

Philippines: Immediate accountability is not given by that, we need best possible decisions. Make better non-nationalist decisions. Better for ESL if people throw rounds. Dino says its doable orgcom can spare enough time.

South Africa: Feel there is a strong regional and institutional bias, forcing justification makes better decisions.

South Korea: Whether teams are throwing low rounds at worlds can be explored. Mutual judge feedback is a check against corruption.

Bangladesh: Wings succumb to chairs to get better scores, chair becomes accountable to teams.

India: Not about education, it's about fairness.

USA motions to end discussion. Motion to end discussion passes with dissent.

The proposal to amend the constitution to make rounds 7 and 8 open adjudication fails to gain the necessary approval of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of Status A Nation's present and voting on a vote of 11-7 (61.11% falls short of 66.67%).

The proposal also fails to gain the  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the weighted vote needed to amend the constitution on a weighted vote of 51-38 (57.30% approval falls short of 66.67%).

Indonesia moves

North America moves to include opp strength, I confuse everyone. Amend to just add debate offs for 48<sup>th</sup> place. Pass to Monica, who opposes coins.

EU: This was done at Euros. Hugely successful.

Austria: What if there are 5 teams?

North America: Then I will fund worlds.

Oceania: This is better than a coin toss. Difficult to fit into a schedule.

Chair: Do it today.

Oceania: Elo could be better.

Indonesia: Have to not use the coin toss, that's ridiculous. Do it before the next worlds.

Chair: Remove the coin toss, defer to next council

Oceania: Want to have something in place for next year.

Sweden: Take out coin toss, and replace with debate off, if we have a better way next year, then sold

North America: There are other ties

IONA: Standard for alternative needs to be better than coin toss. Because everyone knows its arbitrary, so everyone thinks Princeton is equally legitimate.

USA motions to abolish the "evil" coin toss and provisionally institute a debate-off for 48<sup>th</sup>, with an obligation to research and present alternatives at pre council next year. Sweden seconds, motion passes.

Austria: Europe massively regrets that Israel was unable to participate in this tournament. That's not specific to Malaysia worlds, visa issues can happen with other countries as well. We really wanted to thank Mai for all of her work to make it possible for them to attend. Israelis had valid reasons for thinking being here would be impossible. We do not support the walkout that people on facebook are advocating for. Malaysia complied with this rule, they would still get to hold worlds.

Oceania: Australia is the 2<sup>nd</sup> best country in the world for visa access, and we would fail this test. This already de facto exists in bidding, it is highly scrutinized in bidding. Wonder if this is a distraction from discussion that would happen if this effort didn't occur. This seems unnecessary.

Netherlands: Smaller nations have trouble and might be less vocal than the Israelis, this would benefit them. Many people were unaware of all the hard work that Malaysia did to increase accessibility.

USA: Obviously we have really stringent visa restrictions. What would you expect the organizers to do to satisfy this requirement?

Austria: Its more like a symbolic gesture.

Netherlands: Aim is not to say "if you can't get everyone in, you can't bid".

Presumably US could provide documentation of correspondence with ministries.

USA: Hard to satisfy before bid is considered.

Austria: This is meant for ratification.

Sweden: Every nation will exclude some people, this just stresses the importance of fixing visa issues.

Indonesia: Arbitrarily preferences visa restrictions over other restrictions people face for access. This might cause bids to put in too much effort. Mai spent a huge amount of time on this. Obviously well spent, but requiring yet more can require such significant work to actually hurt rest of tournament.

Netherlands: Israel has the power to force Malaysia to put in the work, this helps smaller nations that won't have that power. Lots of other ways to overcome financial hurdles, people need help exclusively from organizers on visa issues.

Hong Kong: Malaysia has already done everything they can, this seems unnecessary. Consequence is very severe and language of what triggers it is very vague.

USA Moves, Zimbabwe seconds, motion fails on voice vote.

#### Elections

Australia nominates Madeline Schultz for Chair

Singapore nominates Moustafa E. for Chair

Gemma self-nominates for equity

SWP for Secretary

Bridgette for Secretary

Connery for Registrar

Madeline: Running for chair because there are institutional problems with how council runs, worst is constitutional which badly needs reform. Discussion makes clear why that needs to occur. I've got lots of experience dealing with bits that are problematic; dealing with 18-point break in Berlin. People now approach her for constitutional concerns. Problems of audit are something I spend time communicating with Monica about and Ill try to apply this experience. Had chats with McKinsey, perhaps incorporating expertise of regular sponsors into how worlds works. Try to improve ways that committee operates between worlds. Council shouldn't be a body that operates only once per year.

Moustafa: I've not read much of the constitution, didn't know where to find it until very recently. There are obviously issues that need to be modified. ABP had massive problems, I was a driving force behind rectifying some of that. Spearheaded the reforms to that tournaments constitution. Chairs have been North American for past few years, good thing for this position to be rotated, Asia hasn't had an elected chair in long time.

USA: How will you handle bid communication with delegates given that many don't even show up to the meeting?

Madeline: List of email addresses was hard to come by, we can use what we have now. Can collect all emails of people currently here. Coordinating with those likely to bid, keep lines of communication open with those who want to bid.

Moustafa: Yahoo and google groups have worked well for Asia, some type of similar forum for this would be good. Regional representative have ability to help with this.

Indonesia: Leader of the debating community, what are the priorities for the community, revising the constitution isn't my biggest priority?

Moustafa: Bringing global community together, talking about things that don't get discussed because the people just aren't here.

Madeline: Debate community doesn't have monolithic goals or desires. I've done stuff around the world, 6 of 7 regions here just in the last year.

Both candidates are saying smart things I'm too tired to transcribe. Sorry.

Madeline wins the election.

Andrew Connery becomes registrar by acclamation.

Sam Ward-Packard wins Secretary.

Gemma Buckley becomes Equity Officer by acclamation.

Monica clarifies that the earlier motion on open round 7 and 8 failed both the 2/3 Status A requirement and the overall 2/3 requirement.

The Asia regional rep. motions to adjourn. Swede seconds. The motion carries unanimously.