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Agenda Item 30:Membership Issues (Voting Rights)

Report back from Break Out Session (20 May 2011)

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- Break out attended by 16 Member Associations
- Good, open discussion on the issues
- Key points made grouped on the next slides
- Then consideration of the way forward



Structural issues

- The structure of associations in each country is a matter of law and history
- This structure determines how many members from each country, and therefore votes
- Some current associations could split, with several FIG members emerging
- Do we want a unified profession?
- We also now have regional/ language associations etc



Do we need to change?

- Is this the best system yet devised?
- If it isn't broken, do we need to fix it?
- Is this a natural task following the governance changes over recent years?
- How can we decouple fees from votes?
- How important are voting rights – is it more important to belong and share in the work of FIG?
- Decide these things first: do we need to change?



The consequences of change

- Smaller associations would have their rights watered down – leaders and followers?
- FIG budget includes support for poor associations – but change would reduce their rights
- Or does a change recognise the amount of funding larger MAs provide to FIG?
- How often would we need to review – or agree to fix for say 5 years?



Possible models

- Keep system simple eg. 1/2/3; 1/3/5
- Linked to number of surveyors with maximum, say 5 votes
- Break points will be fairly arbitrary
- Consider the 'average' GA with around 50 MAs attending, including most of the large ones
- Base it on FIG being a Federation of Member Associations



Other members

- Should Corporate Members have a vote?
- Any changes need to be tightly linked to the vision of FIG
- Perhaps a collective say for Platinum Corporate Members, not an individual say?



Conclusion

- There are different views
- It needs more time and investigation to resolve this matter



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The way forward

- We need to continue the discussion and decide on the issues
- We need to be thorough but keep to a reasonable timetable
- The breakout suggested that a Task Force be convened to progress the issue
- Other possibilities include for Council to progress the matter
- Council will be guided by the GA