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Minutes of IMSSC Session 49A
In person and Online
January 27, 2026

Minute Taker: Mark Nolan, Secretary (USA)

Attendance: in person

Members:	Voting Attendees
CAN - Randy Plett (RP)	V
FIN - Seppo Saarinen (SS)	V
FRA - Olivier Chailloux (OC)	V
GER - Thomas Rumpf (TR)	V
ITA - Silvia Tassara (ST)	V
JPN - Kenji Takai (KT) President	V
MNG - Oyuntsetseg Nanjid (ON)	V
NED - Tjeerd Smies (TS)	V
USA - Mark Nolan (MN) Secretary	V

Non-Members:
GER - Dr. Volker Serini, Honorary Member (VS)
NED - Kevin van Kleeft, Deputy (KK)
NED - Leen van den Heuvel, Technical Delegate - LT (LH)

Attendance: online

Members:

AUT - Hubert Kreutz (HK)	V
GBR - Peter Carr (PC)	V
KAZ - Leila Utegulova (LU)	V
NOR - Ragnvald Naess (RN)	V
SUI - Hans-Peter Ambass (HA)	V
SWE - Nils Larsson (NL)	V
RUS - Boris Repnin (BR)	V
USA - Andrew Love VP - LT	

Non-Members:
GBR - Keith Wright, Deputy, Technical Delegate - ST (KW)
NED - Azamat Ismailov (AI) Treasurer

Apologies:

AUS - Frank Anderson (FA)	V
SPN - Marcell Bresin (MB) Statistician	V

ISU Representative
Alexander Kibalko (AK)

Applicable votes 16

The Session Agenda

1) Approval of the Minutes 48th IMSSC Session held virtually May 2025 (see attached)
2) Review of Action Items from 48th Session (see below)
3) Alterations of Members in the IMSSC
4) Election of new VP-LT and TD-ST of the IMSSC
5) Applications for 2026/27 and 2027/28 Allround Games, Sprint Games, and MIST Games; determine dates for 2026/27 events
6) Determine date and location of Session 49B in 2026
7) ISU update - A. Kibalko
8) Financial Preview/Budget 2025/26 (Ismailov)
9) ~~New Proposals for changing IMSSC governing documents~~ **none received**
10) Miscellaneous Items

Meeting convened by Kenji Takai at 15:04 hours CET

Minutes of the Session

1) Approval of the Minutes 48th IMSSC Session online, 2025

a. A motion and second to approve the Minutes as circulated was unanimously approved.

2) Review of Action Items from 48th Session

a. Completed - several items will carry over to Action items from this Session
b. New Action/Open item list is included below

3) Alterations of Members in the IMSSC

a. Netherlands member and Former President Tjeerd Smies confirmed his retirement as Netherlands Member. Tjeerd announced Kevin van Kleet (KK), who was present, as successor.
b. VP-LT Andrew Love confirmed his retirement as VP-LT. He agreed to provide as much support as possible to this role until a replacement is elected.

4) Election of new VP-LT and TD-ST of the IMSSC

a. No candidates were presented for either of these positions.
b. KW reminded the attendees that he had previously submitted a candidate, Andi Thorntion, for TD-ST.
c. RP indicated he may have a candidate for TD-ST
d. KT stated that these open positions will be reviewed for election at Session 49B and encouraged Members to identify and present candidates.

NOTE post session: The document describing the qualifications of Andi Thornton was distributed after Session 49A to all Members.

ACTION ITEM 1: All members encouraged to recruit candidates for VP-LT and TD-ST

5) Applications for hosting of 2026/27 Allround Games, Sprint Games, and MIST Games

a. Applications received:
   i. MSG2027: Gothenburg, Sweden

ii. MAG2027: Salt Lake City, USA
iii. MIST2027: Lyon, France

b. Several Members expressed concern over travel to the United States. Discussion ensued regarding possible alternative venues but various issues eliminated Quebec, Baselga de Pine, Collalbo and Zakopane
c. After discussion, voting took place and finalized the selections:
   i. MSG2027: Gothenburg, Sweden 6 & 7 February 2027
   ii. MAG2027: Salt Lake City, USA ~~19-21 March 2027~~ ***incorrect***
   iii. MIST2027: Lyon, France TBD

Note post session: date for MAG2027 was 12-14 March 2027 on application. That date is now under discussion with the Event organizer

ACTION ITEM 2: KW determine date for MIST2027
ACTION ITEM 3: All recruit venues for all 2027/28 events

6) **Determine date and location of Session 49B in 2026**
   a. Session 49B will be a virtual meeting on Sunday 3 May 2026 at 16:00 CET (GMT +1)

7) **ISU update**
   a. AK discussed the new ISU Constitution that went in to effect June 2025
   b. ISU elections will take place in June 2026
   c. An Integrity unit has been added to the ISU
   d. AK requested proposals from the IMSSC regarding communication with the ISU to improve cooperation. IMSSC needs to exhibit benefit to the ISU of the relationship

8) **Financial Preview/Budget 2025/26 (Ismailov)**
   Note: Brought forward out of sequence; presented before item 1 of the agenda.
   a. Final payments made to 2024/25 event Organizing Committee's
   b. MAG2023, hosted by Quebec, will receive 50% reimbursement
   c. Audit of IMSSC accounts and financial transactions underway
   d. Non profit status of IMSSC has been approved (IMSSC is an entity registered in the Netherlands)
   e. TS has been removed from official IMSSC legal documents. KT and MN have been added
   f. Request made to ISU for 50k euros for support of 2025/26 events
   g. Current cash on hand = 11,700 euros
   h. MN reminded the Group that IMSSC had committed to a 200euro donation to SpeedSkatingresults.com and asked if that had been sent. AI advises that it has not been done. This remains on the Open Item/Action list.

NOTE: subsequent to this meeting the ISU requested that Organizing Committees submit reimbursement requests directly to the ISU. Several invoices were immediately sent to the ISU and reimbursement appears imminent.

9) **New Proposals for Changing IMSSC governing documents**
   a. None received

10) Miscellaneous

a. The Netherlands nominated Tjeerd Smies for Honorary Member status
    i. nominated by Leen. Kevin spoke to Tjeerd's contribution and achievements as IMSSC President
b. KT asked all Members to provide a season end update on speed skating activities in their Country. Updates to be provided prior to Session 49B
c. KW inquired as to the status of speed skating in Russia and Belarus. BR responded that skating is taking place

ACTION ITEM 4: All Members to provide season ending update for their Country

The IMSSC Session 49A closed at 1634 hours CET (UTC-5) 27/01/2026.

OPEN/ACTION ITEMS
Session 49A
27 January 2026
Virtual and in person

OI#	Description	Action by	Due Date	Status	Notes
1	All members encouraged to recruit candidates for VP-LT and TD-ST	All	3 May 26	Open	
2	Determine date for MIST2027	KW	3 May 26	Open	
3	Recruit venues for 2027/28	All	3 May 26	Open	
4	Season ending update from each Country	All	3 May 26	Open	
S48-2	Remit donation to Speed Skating Results	AI	15 July 25	Open	Agreed to send 200 euros
S48-5	Acquire signed applications for MIST2026 &MIST2027	KW	3 May 26	Open	Need signed application for 2027
S48-6	Create C&R proposal to change MIST from every 2 years to annual	KW	3 May 26	Open	
S48-10	Create process for collection of 10euro fee at IMSSC events	AI	15 Oct 25	Open	
S48-12	Committee to review 1500m time standard for older skaters	AL/RN/LH	3 May 26	On going	Leen to take lead
S48-13	Committee to update “Advice to Organizers” document	MN/LH/NL	3 May 26	On going	
S47-4	Discuss ISU increase for G&A expenses	AI/KT	3 May 26	On going	
S47-17	Generate Change Proposals for 48th Session to codify the new IMSSC Org Structure	KT/AL/	28 Jan 26	Open	Define structure, titles, terms, election process; present at 49th Session A

NOTE: Open / Action items with the prefix “S47” are carried over from Session 47
Open / Action items with the prefix “S48” are carried over from Session 48