Present:

Officers: Dick Smith (President and RIN)
Bengt Stahl (Immediate Past President)
Lars Magnusson (Senior Vice President and NNF)
Refaat Rashad (Vice President and AIN)
Johan Rutten (Treasurer and NIN)
Norman Bonnor (Secretary General and RIN)

Representatives: Yves Desnoës (IHO and IFN)
Rein van Gooswilligen (IMO and NIN)
Elisabeth Klaffenboeck (ICG and OVN)

Members: Carl Andren (ION - USA)
Yasou Arai (JIN)
Moritz Askildt (NNF)
David Broughton (RIN)
Krzysztof Czaplewski (PNF)
Andrzej Felski (PNF)
Börje Forsell (NNF)
Salvatore Gaglione (IIN)
Alain Geiger (ION-CH)
Arne Ofstad (NNF)
Giovanni Pugliano (IIN)
Tomáš Raboch (Guarant International)
Jan Skaloud (ION-CH)
Jac Spaans (NIN)
Frankišez Vejražka (CZIN)
Mario Vultaggio (IIN)

Apologies: Ludovik Garzik (Vice President)
Boris Rivkin (Small Members Representative and ANMC)
Peter Voersmann (DGON)

Secretary’s Note: Appointments in Bold Italics below indicate action items.

1. The President welcomed new members, and the Secretary General read out the apologies above.

2. The agenda prepared by the Officers and the minutes of the 12th General Assembly held on 17 October 2006 were approved.

3. The Secretary General’s report covered the 3 years since the last General Assembly in Jeju - South Korea. In between there have been three Officers’ Meetings in Geneva, Toulouse and Naples.
IAN representation at United Nations organisations remains strong and for the past three years IAIN has also been represented at the US PNT Advisory Board. Our representative at ICAO (John White) retired two years ago and wishes to step down but has continued providing reports; we are seeking a new representative who is currently active at ICAO meetings. Rein van Gooswilligen has been our representative at IMO throughout the period, and his reports have been most valuable in keeping us all informed on maritime issues. Elisabeth Klaffenboeck replaced our President as the IAIN representative at the International GNSS Committee (ICG) and has attended all their meetings since 2006. Jac Spaans had wished to retire from representing us at IHO and was most ably replaced by Yves Desnoes in 2008. As mentioned earlier, Dick Smith took on our observer role at the US PNT Advisory Board, which has helped keep us up-to-date with GPS developments.

4. The Treasurer reported that the financial statement for the period 2006-09 showed a surplus of €8,763 and assets carried forward of €30,202. It was agreed the finances are in a healthy state. The 2010-13 provisional budget was reviewed and approved.

   The Treasurer reported that NKIN had not responded to his reminders about payment of subscriptions; as there are only a handful of people involved in their institute, the Officers had agreed that they should be treated as a "corresponding member”.

5. The Secretary General reported that no new members had joined in the past three years and that some corresponding members no longer exist.

6. The IAIN website has been completely re-designed and now provides details of our membership, forthcoming events as well as news items and other information. I must thank the Netherlands Institute for the great work they did to improve the website design, and also the two website managers who have worked so well with the Newsletter Editor and myself over the past two years. I have suffered the same problems as my predecessor with ‘bounced’ emails to members because addresses have changed and because some national servers block communications; it is difficult to keep members informed and their details up-to-date when you cannot communicate with everyone.

7. The Officers’ Meeting recommended two awards for the 2009 General Assembly; Professor Hansjürgen Freiherr von Villiez for the Harrison Award and Mr Håkan Lans for the Necko Award. Two proposals for Honorary Membership were also recommended: Bengt Stahl - the immediate Past President and John White the retiring ICAO Representative. These recommendations were approved.

8. The President of the Arab Institute of Navigation (AIN) had briefed the Officers on the proposal for 14th IAIN World Congress to be held in Cairo - 1st to 3rd October 2012; the General Assembly approved the recommendation. The Officers had also received a detailed proposal from the President of the Czech Institute of Navigation for the 15th World Congress to be held in Prague from 20th to 23rd October 2015. The Japanese Institute also wished to bid for either the 15th or 16th World Congress to be held in Tokyo; these bids to be considered at the next meeting of the Officers in Braunschweig, Germany on 18th October 2010 before ENC 2010.

9. The following were elected as Officers for 2009 - 2012:
President: Refaat Rashad AIN
Senior Vice-President: Elisabeth Klaffenboeck (OVN)
Vice President: Carl Andren (US ION)
Vice President: Frankišez Vejražka (CZIN)
Vice President: Yasou Arai (JIN)
Immediate Past-President: Dick Smith RIN
Small members’ rep.: Boris Rivkin ANMC
Treasurer: Rein van Gooswilligen NIN
Secretary General: David Broughton RIN - from January 2010

10. In closing the meeting, the outgoing President thanked the Nordic Institute for providing the venue and hospitality for the meeting. The next General Assembly would be in Cairo in October 2012.

Air Commodore Norman Bonnor
16 November 2009