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**To all Presidents of the FISM member societies
and Delegates in the General Assembly**

Dear President, Dear Friend in Magic,

In the following pages, you will find the Minutes of the General Assembly held in Quebec City (Canada) on July 26th, 2022, approved by the FISM International Board.

Best regards,

Andrea Baioni
International President



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MINUTES

of the Meeting of the General Assembly
held in Quebec City, Canada, on July 26th, 2022

69 Societies, 18 of which voted by e-mail, are represented,
with a total amount of 366 votes.

1. Welcome and opening

At 3:15 pm FISM International President Domenico Dante (IT) welcomes the delegates and opens the meeting.

2. Triennial Report

The President comments on the Triennial Report of Activities 2018-2022.

3. Endorsement of the FISM Accounts 2021 and 2022

The treasurer's report is presented by the Vice-President (Finance) Peter Din after the presentation of the accounts by the International President. The accounts, which had previously been checked by the Finance Committee, are then unanimously approved by the General Assembly. The Finance Committee (consisting of Jean-Claude Mugny, Douwe Swiestra, and Hector Carrion) is reinstated for the next three-year period.

4. Election of the FISM Board for the period 2022-2028

4.1 *International President*

Andrea Baioni (Italy) is the only candidate, and he is elected with a resounding majority of 347 votes.

4.2 *International Vice-President (Finance)*

Peter Din (France) is the only candidate, and he is re-elected with a resounding majority of 349 votes for another three-year period.

5. Venue for the FISM World Championships of Magic 2025

The 2 candidates are Shenzhen (China) and Turin (Italy).

Shenzhen is the first to give an extensive presentation and the presenters take the opportunity to highlight the excellence of their region of Shenzhen and the advantages the park, where the WCM could be organized, offers all Delegates, such as a free stay

during the Convention. Mrs Juliana Chen sponsors the FISM WCM 2025 in Shenzhen. After Shenzhen, Turin approach zooms on the virtues of the venue and the practical advantages of Lingotto and the attractiveness of Italy, not only for conventioners but also for companions and families. Luis de Matos and Max Maven support the presentation with a speech.

When the votes are counted, Turin wins over Shenzhen with 265 votes. 101 votes go to Shenzhen.

6. Continentalization: analysis & report

Domenico Dante explains that even if in 2012 the Continentalization was announced by the former international President as completed, this was not the case. Nowadays each Continent has its Rules of Conduct and thanks to the collaboration of the current Continental Presidents, David Gore (Africa), Satoru Yamamoto (Asia), Andrea Baioni (Europe) Renée-Claude Auclair (North America), Timothy McDougall (Oceania), Hector Carrion (South America), there is an excellent co-operation that shows their enthusiasm to support FISM and the Art of Magic. Nevertheless, there are some real difficulties to organize a Continental Championship in every continent but Domenico Dante believes that a solution may be found. Just to be clear, Domenico Dante also said that it was never intended in the agenda of the FISM Board to modify the Statutes and cancel some Continents.

7. Request to speak

Alain Slim, from the Royal Cercle Magique Liégeois 'LES 52', pays tribute to **Gerrit Brengman** and remembers him for the work he did for FISM. A big applause follows his speech.

8. Intention to bid for WCM 2028

8.1 Mr. Mark Weidhaas, SAM USA, expresses their intention to bid for WCM 2028. He asks for having the possibility to bid before 2025 because if they win, Las Vegas will need to book the hotel for the venue of the convention more than 3 years before.

8.2 Domenico Dante explains that there is no one from Russia to express any intention to bid for FISM WCM 2028 because the delegates were not able to reach Quebec.

9. Honorary President 2022-2028

Andrea Baioni informs the General Assembly that, according to the FISM Statutes, Domenico Dante is elected FISM Honorary President for the period 2022-2028, and he thanks him for what he did during all these years. A long standing ovation from the General Assembly pays tribute to Domenico Dante for his unconditional and tireless contribution to FISM and the Art of Magic.

10. Closing

After having introduced the new Board and the organizers of the next FISM Convention, the new International President thanks the delegates for their interest, attention and trust and closes the meeting.

Voting Result @ FISM General Assembly 2022 (July 26th)

President <Andrea Baioni>

		Vote numbers	÷C
A	Andrea Baioni	347	98,02%
B	<i>Abstention</i>	7	1,98%
C	Votes NOT received	12	---
D	Total Votes (A+B)	354	100,00%

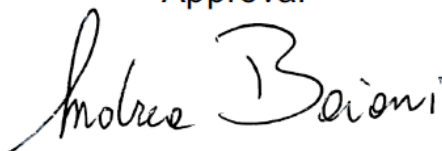
Vice-President <Finance – Peter Din>

		Vote numbers	÷C
A	Peter Din	349	98,31%
B	<i>Abstention</i>	6	1,69%
C	Votes NOT received	11	---
D	Total Votes (A+B)	355	100,00%

VENUE WCM 2025

		Vote numbers	÷D
A	<i>Shenzen (China)</i>	101	27,60%
B	Turin (Italy)	265	72,40%
C	<i>Abstention</i>	7	1,67%
D	Total Votes (A+B+C)	366	100,00%

Approval



Andrea BAIONI
International President



Satoru YAMAMOTO
International Vice President



Peter DIN
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