

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FAIB PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 17 JUNE 2021

After greeting members, Adrian Harris, FAIB President briefly reported on the highlights of this very particular year for those who run associations:

First aim: to continue to offer members a comprehensive and quality service despite the pandemic

- Replacing our lunch events with regular webinars on essential issues affecting our members;
- Modernising and developing our written information to members through a new look FAIB News, the development of our web site and our web site offering (FAQs, etc.);
- Developing our social network communication through LinkedIn.

Second aim: continuing our support at the regulatory level for the federal government's work on Covid19 legislation and fine tuning the Company and Association Code (CAC) for

- General Assemblies of associations which may be organised virtually with a limited presence of members of the association's "bureau", whether this is foreseen in the statutes or not;
- Written procedures for General Assemblies are allowed but these remain unduly complex;
- Voting up front on resolutions on resolutions is allowed if specified in the association's statutes.

Third aim: continuing increasing the external visibility of FAIB

- Among associations at the European Association summit : participating with our experts and a colleague from the King Baudouin Foundation on panel on the Covid 19 regulations;
- Among Belgian regulators and Belgian lawyers: drafting an in-depth article on the impact of the new Company and Association Code in the "Revue Pratique des Sociétés".

These actions led to FAIB achieving:

- Growing membership numbers;
- Increased following of our social network communication and our webinars.

To conclude his report the President highlighted some short term actions which FAIB will be undertaking that require the convening of one or two General Assemblies later this year: indeed FAIB will be following ourselves the advice we have given members on updating their statutes to be in line with the CAC, an extraordinary General Assembly is therefore planned for 7 October and if, the

required quorum is not reached, a second on 21 October. Documents related to the meeting(s) and the change in statutes will be sent well in advance.

Adrian Harris, FAIB President

