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Minutes of the 8th Annual - I.B.A.- Meeting

Held on 29th October 1959
At The Store KRO, Fredensborg, Copenhagen – Denmark

Present:

Mr. Angelo Zola - President	A.I.B.E.S.	Italy
Mr. Ernst Bardorf - Mr. Tony Stadlbacher	Ö.B.U.	Austria
Mr. Gustav Tops - Mr. Victor Verbruggen	B.L.B.U.	Belgium - Luxembourg
Mr. Kurt Sörensen - Mr. Gaston Nouard	D.B.L.	Denmark
Mr. Charles Tuck	U.K.B.G.	Gr. Britain
Mr. Bjorn Brandtberg, Mr. Jan Ahvenainen	F.B.S.K.	Finland
Mr. Jean Doreau - Mr. Michel Levavasseur	G.A.B.F.	France
Mr. Fred Friede - Mr. Charly Buck	D.B.U.	Germany
Mr. Jac. Platteschorre - Mr. G. Kooymann	N.B.C.	Holland
Mr. Tony Paitowsky - Mr. Vic. Tombolini	A.I.B.E.S.	Italy
Mr. Arne Normann - Mr. Leif Solbu	O.B.C.	Norway
Mr. Heliner Jansson - Mr. Bone Lundquist	S.B.G.	Sweden
Mr. Roger Lebet - Mr. Luisito Clericetti	S.B.U.	Switzerland

Observers:

Mr. Bernard Paul	U.K.B.G.	Gr. Britain
Haruyoshi Honda - President	A.N.B.A.	Japan
Mr. Santiago Policastro	A.U.D.E.B.	Venezuela
Mr. Mimmo Ferretti	A.I.B.E.S.	Italy

Agenda:

- 1 a. To hear the welcoming address by the President of the D. B.L.
- 1 b. To hear welcoming address and opening of the Meeting by the President of I. B.A.
2. To approve the Minutes of the last I. B. A. Meeting in Brussels
3. To approve the President's report
4. To approve the financial report
5. To discuss amendments of I. B. A. Rules as proposed and discussed at the I. B. A. Meeting 1958
6. To discuss I. B. A. Bulletin questions
7. To discuss standardization of beverages (the first fifty standardized cocktails recipes)
8. To discuss new applications for membership to the I. B. A. of:
 - a. - A.N.B.A.
 - b. - A.U.D.E.B.
9. To discuss I. B. A. activities for 1960.
10. To discuss any other business.



The Meeting was opened at 10.20 a.m. by the President, **Mr. Angelo Zola**, who introduced to the delegates his secretary, Mrs. Colombo acting as I.B.A. General Secretary since the time that Mr. Zola took over the Presidency of the Association from Mr. Pietro Grandi.

Point 1 a

Mr. Kurt Sörensen welcomed the delegates to the 1959 IBA-Meeting expressing the hope that the Meeting would be a successful one. The President then asked the delegates to stand up for a minute thinking of the member who deceased during the past year.

Point 1 b.

The President: The past year since the Meeting in Brussels has been for I.B.A. a period, we can say, of starting improvement of international activity and organization:

Nevertheless, we cannot say to be completely satisfied about our work, because it was our great wish that I.B.A. problems had to find, during these twelve months, a complete realization. It is, however, useful and necessary to take note of what has been possible to do and overall it

will be satisfying to remark how international feelings are always growing up together with friendship and reciprocal help. The various points of the agenda will be able to ascertain our task and our absolute need of perfect organization.

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This Meeting in Copenhagen has to point out about the necessity of a greater collaboration of every member guild to our international activity.

I wish also to remark, besides the fact of a wider interest shown by every association to our problem, the positive amount that our cash declares in comparison with the previous one.

We can also consider encouraging the beginning publication of I.B.A. News, even if inevitable faults have given us serious troubles.

Today we have also to examine the application of membership of two countries, who heartily wish to enter in our international association. I beg you, Sirs, to consider seriously this task of yours and to accomplish it consciously and with the right aim of I.B.A. friendship.

But to reach a rapid progress in our activity and in order to be able to give right satisfactions to the hopes of the barmen in every country, we need that the Presidency's work at all times is more and more supported by the single guilds. In one word, we need that the feelings and the activity for which every single guild is successful in its activity, become opportunely transfused in international field.

The Guild, I have the honour to preside, the A.I.B.E.S. is faithful to the engagement, taken since the day of Torquay, giving its best in this sense, but it is far from us to think that the steps of I.B.A. Progress could not overcome without a real and constant support from all other Associations.

Certainly, through this Meeting in Copenhagen, I.B.A. will have a further organizing power and this will be easier if we keep our word in order to make deeper our purpose and accomplish together the necessary work. The report was unanimously approved.

Point 2

The Minutes of the last I.B.A. Meeting in Brussels were proposed, accepted by Mr. Ch. Tuck and seconded by Sweden. They were approved.

Point 3

The President's report was given under No. 1 b and accepted by Mr. Tuck, seconded by Denmark. The Report was approved.

4 Point

Mr. Roger Lebet, I.B.A. Treasurer, presented the financial report 1958/ 1959, which was unanimously approved. The President referred to a letter from South America, in which the Presidency was asked whether it was intended to change the way of payment. The President's personal opinion was that the payment from each guild is so small that it should not mean any particular question for any guild.

The President said that an organization, which cannot dispose of £10, is not an organization.

Mr. Tuck said that it was difficult for the small countries to take part in the competition, because they did not have the financial status. They needed financial help from the I.B.A.

In Mr. Tuck's opinion it is the first point that must be considered.

The President said that it was quite clear that the smaller countries needed more help. It will be a matter of study, and the Presidents of the smaller countries must be aware that the I.B.A. intend to act in that way.

As a personal point of view the President said that each barman in the world should pay a small amount of money in order to get the feeling that he has personally done something for the IBA.

After a long discussion on the subject it was agreed by show of hands (11) to form a committee for that special purpose, that committee consisting of a delegate from each of the following countries.

England - France - Germany - Holland - Switzerland.

A discussion brought to light, that it was very difficult to get any support from the Scotch Whisky Trade.

Mr. Tuck promised to try to get a step forward by approaching the Scotch Whisky Trade and thereupon to send a report to the President about the result obtained.

Point 5

It was agreed to modification I.B.A. rules as follows:

Art. 1 - Name of the organization.

The name of the organization is the "International Bartenders Association".

The address of the Administrative Headquarter shall be: c/o the President of the Presiding Guild.

Art. 2 - Object of the Organization

To organize: International Cocktail Competitions.

Art. 3 - Membership.

Membership of the organization is open to all recognized national Bartenders Guilds, whose members are Cocktail Bartenders and which are non Trade Union organizations. Application for membership shall be addressed

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to the Council of the organization in English or French language together with the Rules applicant and will be considered at the Annual Conference or special Meeting and acceptance shall be by vote of two thirds of the delegates. When a Guild will accept a Foreign Member, this application must be approved by the Guild of the Country, if that Guild is associated to I.B.A.

Art. 4 - Finance.

a - The annual subscription of the Member Guilds shall be £10.= sterling. The subscription shall be paid in advance yearly on the 1st. of November. Any question of suspension for non-payment of fees shall be decided by vote from the Council of the Association.

b - The financial year of the International Association shall be from the 1st November to 31st October of each year. An audited report of each financial year shall be submitted to the council of the Association at the annual Conference.

Art. 5 - Annual Conference.

A Conference of the International Association shall be held once in every year and not more than 12 months from the date of the previous conference.

Notice of the conference together with the Agenda shall be communicated to Member Guilds by the General Secretary in writing at least two months before the date of the conference.

The Agenda of the Annual I.B.A.-Meeting

Meeting shall include:

- 1) To read and confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting
- 2) To consider the financial report.
- 3) To elect I.B.A. President (once every three year)
To elect I.B.A. Vice-President (once every three year)
To elect I.B.A. Treasurer (once every three year)
- 4) Any other business.

Art. 7 - Constitution and Officers.

a - The Organization shall be a non-political, non racial and non-Trade Union Body, the officers of which shall be active members of the Guilds.

The organization shall co-operate in any possible way with the Wine and Spirit Trade of all countries, but it shall not be dependent of or tied in any way to any individual concerned in the Trade.

The control and Management of the Association shall be vested in a Council consisting of the President, Vice-President and General Secretary.

b - The President shall be elected every three years at the Annual Conference by a vote of the delegates of the Member Guilds, each member Guild being entitled to nominate a candidate. The term of the office for the President of the International Barmen Association shall be for a period of three years from his date of election. The General Secretary shall be a person appointed by the President and also domiciled in the President's Country.

The new elected president shall take possession of his office from the date of the election.

d - The Annual Meeting shall consist of a delegate from Member Guild who shall be nominated for the appointment by his own organization.

e - The treasurer shall be elected by vote. He shall be responsible to the council of the Association for the proper control of the Association's money and accounts to the council of the Association. He shall report to the council when full statements of the Association's finance are required. The term of his office shall be three years after the date of the election. Retiring Treasurer may stand for re-election.

Art. 9 - Voting

For purpose of voting at Meetings of the Council the delegate of each Member Guild shall be entitled to one vote.

The president shall only vote when a casting vote is necessary.

Voting concerning Guilds or persons shall take place by secret ballot, for other matters voting shall take place by show of hands.

Art. 11 - Interpretations and Alteration of Rules.

If any question or dispute shall arise that is not provided for the Rules, or if any question shall arise to the interpretation of these rules, the majority decision of the Council of the Association, considering the question dispute or interpretation shall be final, but no alteration, addition or variations may be made to these Rules except any resolution of the Members Association through their delegates at the Annual or Special Meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 1.10 p.m. for lunch.

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The second section of the Meeting was opened at 3.10 p.m. by the President, who said:
The new I.B.A. rules are going to be printed in the way we have agreed upon, and as they should be signed by the presidents of all the guilds, three copies of the final I.B.A. Rules will be sent to every guild which have to return them signed by the president. Afterwards every guild will receive one copy of the rules signed by all other presidents.

Mr. Tuck proposed a rough proof copy be sent to all guilds prior to the finishing of the original copy. This was agreed.

It was further agreed that the President should be allowed to send such copy for approval in the English language only.

Point 6

The President said that the time had now arrived that the I.B.A. should have its own Magazine. A magazine that should be the voice of all barmen of the world. I am so sure that if we are all collaborating in the same way in which we discussed our financial status we can get many possibilities to have that Magazine in the way we need and even with a profit for the I.B.A. and with a profit for the guilds that will provide publicity to the I.B.A. Magazine.

Mr. Kurt Sörensen complained that he had sent several letters to the editor that had never been printed.

The President replied that everything for the Magazine should be sent to the President.

Proposals were also made that articles should be sent to the editor with a copy to the President.

Furthermore, Mr. Sörensen complained that the prices for printing given to him when in Brussels had not been kept.

The President answered that was the reason why these people had been sent off, and the President further promised that from now everything would be changed.

Mr. Sörensen further asked the President if he would promise the delegates that they get information about the prices for printing and advertising in dollars. Mr. Sörensen also complained that Holland for instance had an article in the Magazine printed in their own language.

The President admitted, that it would be much easier for the editor if the Magazine were printed in one language only, with the exception that any article should be printed in the original language.

Mr. Sörensen said that when the Meeting language is English why not print the Magazine in English too. It would mean less work to the editor and less expense for the I.B.A.

After Mr. Sörensen had raised the question whether the editor should be changed next year together with the change of President a long discussion took place on that subject ending in a statement from the President to the effect that this was a question of Magazine or not, and if we want a Magazine we must have a good one.

Mr. Tuck said that he thought that it had been sufficiently expressed by the President that this Magazine could be produced and would be produced, and that the President was very sincere in every word he had said, and Mr. Tuck therefore proposed to the delegates to vote on confidence in President to go ahead.

Mr. Platteschorre said that he hoped it would be possible to build up a good I.B.A. Magazine. He was very glad to hear Mr. Tuck giving the opinion of the U.K.B.G. delegation. The N.B.C. had been a bit afraid about the Bulletin, and it was now hoped that next year we would have one of the best Magazines in the world - printed in two languages. Here the President read a telegram received from the firm Courvoisier.

On this stage the vote on confidence in President was unanimously agreed by show of hands.

Still another long discussion took place on the Magazine subject ending in an agreement to the effect that a committee was established, consisting of Mr. Jacques Platteschorre- Holland, Mr. Fred Friede- Germany and Mr. Charles Tuck- England.

Point 7

The President said that he started to work last year acting as a General Secretary. At the 1958 Meeting it was agreed that he should give a copy of the first fifty recipes to every Guild, and that the list after correction should be returned to the Presidency. At that meeting it was also stressed that I.B.A. must have a complete Cocktail Book, but this problem will be solved, when all the recipes have been corrected.

The President then asked whether the delegates were now ready to approve all the work that had been done. It should be quite clear, as it had already been approved by every single Guild. Mr. Zola had got all the signatures of the presidents of all the Guilds. There are only a couple of recipes, which are not very clearly approved, but those two recipes will be approved in a special meeting. It must be confirmed here that the Committee must at least meet 2 times before the next Annual Meeting, because during the year the matter must be worked up.

The work should be finished next year, and should be very much improved.

The two recipes not approved by all the Guilds were: Orange Blossom and Rose.

As to the Orange Blossom the problem was whether it should be with or without Grenadine.

The President asked each of the presidents about their opinion on the subject, and the final result was that it should be without Grenadine.

As far as the Rose was concerned no resolution was reached, whereupon it was agreed to form a new committee to settle that problem, the committee consists of:

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Mr. Platteschorre - NBC
Mr. Friede - DBU
Mr. Tuck - UKBG
Mr. Cotto - GABF
Mr. Zola - AIBES

Point 8 a

Application for membership had been received from A.N.B.A. (All Nippon bartenders Association) and in Mr. Zola's opinion the A.N.B.A. Rules were on the whole in agreement with the I.B.A. views.

The President however said he was very surprised to know that there could exist within the same country, two or more barmen associations, but he had been informed by the A.N.B.A. President very clearly that there was nothing wrong with the existing association.

Then the President Mr. Zola asked Mr. Haruyoshi Honda to explain to the delegates the situation of Barmen Guilds in Japan.



Mr. Honda addressed the Assembly said that due to the war Japan was divided both politically and geographically. Owing to this situation some Guilds had been formed in various regions of the Country. These Guilds however, have never had any disagreement but have always collaborated and have always given aid to one another. When the war was finished, the various guilds had been practically taken up by the two bigger and better organized guilds: A.N.B.A. and J.B.A. The Presidents of these two associations know that the fact of being members of an International organization will enable them to unite all the Japanese barmen in one association and they know also that this is something which is desired and supported by every member. Charlie Tuck, the English delegate, asked some explanation about the bar-women as members of Guilds in Japan.

This, Mr. Honda said, is only a question of workmanship. There are many schools in Japan and also women can go into these schools and learn their job. It is natural that, when the courses are finished the women are qualified in the work they have learnt to do. But, the President of A.N.B.A. said, those female bartenders have their department within the association, and that department treats only problems of women's work.

Besides that, the liability of the bars is always given to the appointed of the bar, which is always a man. Mr. Platteschorre, President of N.B.C., showing that he understood the situation, proposed that A.N.B.A. be asked to join the J.B.A. (Japanese Bartenders Association), as soon as possible, and that this association must have as their members' man only.

The A.N.B.A. President accepted saying that he would try to form such a male association.

On proposal made by Mr. Tuck was then unanimously agreed, by secret ballot, to accept A.N.B.A. for one year, and if, within that year, they do what they had been asked, they would be accepted as full I.B.A. members next year.

Point 8 b

The President said that last year a few weeks before the Annual Meeting application for new membership was received from Venezuela. The application was sent by the president of the Venezuela association who just had been elected at that time and who is still its president. Personally the President thought everything all right to accept the new Venezuela organization. The organization is supported by a lot of firms.

On inquiry the Venezuela-president said that he was representing a spirit fir, but he was also working behind the bar.

His official work is to be the leader of 12 bars owned by a firm, but from the next month he will give all his activity to a new bar, which is opening, a bar in which he will be entirely occupied. Owing to this and in order to ease the position of my association. Mr. Policastro said I have already given to the Council of my association my resignation from the Presidency.

When coming back to Venezuela and my mission will be brought to an end, the Council of A.V.B. will appoint a new President who surely will be a worthy man.

Mr. Policastro said also that most of the men of his organization are of high capacity most of them coming from the best places in Europe and he would like also take this opportunity to remember that in 1945 when he was in Europe he paid all his attention to help the organization in South America to join the I.B.A. organization and at that time he was quite happy to be able to do something for them. Mr. Tuck then moved that the Venezuela-organization should be accepted as an I.B.A. member. This was unanimously agreed by secret Ballot.

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Point 9

The Venezuela President proposed the next I.B.A. Meeting and Competition be held in Venezuela. He believed that within a time of 45 days he would be in a position to inform the I.B.A. President how to arrange for two members of every I.B.A. Guild to attend the 1960 Meeting free of fees, travel and stay.

He would be very happy, if he could be the one able to organize that Meeting.

Mr. Zola thanked the Venezuela-president and said that he was very grateful to him.

Point 10

Mr. Platteschorre said: Mr. President, first of all I wish to thank you for the good leading you have been given here on this Meeting. I know you are also a very charming president. May I propose that we send a telegram from this conference to Milano to Mr. Pietro Grandi. This was unanimously agreed.

Austria wished to inform the delegates about a new form for competition that had been held in Austria but it was approved to hand over this problem to the two committees.

Mr. Kurt Sörensen complained to Holland for the late dates on which they received the recipes. This was much regretted by Mr. Platteschorre.

The President said that he had not said anything about the possibilities for an international competition to be arranged in Italy, which could be organized in spring. Of course, the President would ask the members of his Guild about their opinion. If possible it would be arranged in April 1960 (the first week), and the place would be St. Remo.

No fees should be allowed to the couple of foreign friends that would be able to attend.

The President was not quite positive about it, but was just bringing it up.

Finally, the President thanked everybody for the kindness showed to him, for the good work done and for the progress obtained. Furthermore the President thanked the President of the Danish Bartender Lang once more for the hospitality given.

Being no other questions to examine and resolve the session was closed at 6.45 p.m.

I.B.A.General Secretary, Maria Grazia Colombo.