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**The Chairman's Vision and Mission**

As the new World President, let me start by expressing my gratitude to you all for giving me this chance to lead this great organization. Past World President James Alexander did an extraordinary job during his term of office. His vision of change and increase in communication led the fellowship into a mode of renewal and set a new standard pointing us forward. Last year marked our 50 years’ anniversary and there was much to celebrate. We have had great achievements and many successes over the years. The Rotary fellowship has expanded both in numbers of members and in geography.

Every year a large number of fly-ins, lunch meetings, fly-about and now also fly-outs are organized by dedicated and committed members. This is the core of our activities and what drives the fellowship.

Our focus should continue to be on membership expansion. We get one year older every year - if we are lucky. We need new and also younger members. This is however a challenge in a world where GA is shrinking. Therefore, we should learn from each other, and use all the opportunities which regionally are available. Today Rotary has a more lenient attitude towards membership of fellowships, seeing it as a feeding channel to Rotary, and they do use the expression Rotary Family in order to encompass member’s families and partners. This we should use in order to tap into pilot communities generating members which can be both IFFR members and over time also Rotarians, Rotaracters, Inner Wheelers and so on.

But new members are not all we need to focus on. Retention is just as important. A large number of our members are dormant, and we have an obligation to see if we can wake their interest in participation. Whether it is in a luncheon, a fly-in or a fly-about is not important, as long as we can get them re-activated.

Also here we can learn from each other: the Brits are great at holding monthly luncheons, and others are good at keeping in touch with their members, letting them know what is going on.

So in short: Focus will be on membership, both new and old. Acquiring new ones and activating the current ones. Han Klinkspoor will be the coordinator of the cross feeding of good practice, but it is up to the regions and individual sections to implement what is right for them.

The world is getting smaller and with the new communication tools now available, the feeling of distance diminishes. Our monthly newsletters, both the WP’s as well as the American and British ones have increased the awareness of all our activities as well as keeping us up to date with what is going on with friends in faraway places. Do keep up the good work. I will try to follow in the footsteps of PWP James Alexander regarding the WP newsletter, but I do need the support of all members contributing with interesting material to go into my newsletter.

For the executive board I have an ambition to use video-conferencing for our
meetings. This will give us the possibility of eyeball contact during our conversations.

The Executive Committee consists of the following:
Svend Andersen  WP 2016-2018
Ian Kerr  World Secretary
James Alexander  Immediate Past President
Phil Pacey  WPE 2018-2020
Ian Jenner  VP Australasia
George Chaffey  VP Americas
Thomas Morf  VP Europe and IFFR president Switzerland
Vladimir Kogan  VP Rest of the world

Finally, I have an ambition to get our Bylaws up to date. A number of motions have been carried over the last years which are rendering part of the Bylaws obsolete. That is not how it is supposed to be.
I think the time has come for some housekeeping and to get Bylaws in compliance with how we conduct our business, and do away with motions violating our constitution.
Drawing to a close I would like to emphasize that:
We are a “Flying Club”, -a special one.

Our origin is Rotary and that is our underlying strength. If not for Rotary, we would not have this very international and unique fellowship.

Our Flying Rotary Fellowship is a pearl, - let’s make it shine.
Fly safe!
Svend Andersen
WP 2016-18
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Our new Safety Committee

Ted and Angus have decided to pass on the challenge of keeping us all safe during the IFFR events. I will like to thank you both very much for the considerable contribution you have rendered to our fellowship and for leading us out of some troubled times.

In accordance with the decision at our AGM a new safety committee organization has been elected. It consists of experienced airmen and well known IFFR members.

Jack Welge, Americas region.
Michael Bryant, Austral/Asian region
Christian Denke, European region.
Jack will chair the committee and Sam Bishop will be Counselor emeritus helping the new group to continue the great work done by the previous committee.

I do wish Jack and his team all the best in their work.
PWP James Alexander presenting the 2016 'Flyer of the Year' Award to Ulrich Starke

Fly in to the top of the World

Bodø, Norway was the base for this year Scandinavian section meeting. Bodø is situated north of the polar circle close to Lofoten. Most of us arrived on Thursday the 4th of August on a warm and pleasant evening, not to be expected that far north. The IFFR fly in coincided with the yearly music festival and some of us got to experience Orchestra Academy of St. Martin in the Fields who gave a great concert in the local theatre.
Some executive committee members having fun

Ellen and Peter ready to sail
Bodo is a special city being a local center with a catchment of almost 250 km surrounding the city. The airport has great importance for the city but also as base for the Norwegian military. The CAA of Norway had their quarters in Bodo which also housed the Norwegian aviation museum. We joined a seminar on the development of the city where project plan for moving the Airport slightly in order to make room for the expansion of the city was explained. For once you got the impression that the airport was seen as vital piece of infrastructure and not as noisy necessity. After lunch a visit to the local Newton Flight Academy was arrange and some got airborne in the simulators.

The following day we participated in the official opening of the Music festival. The whole city was served cake and coffee.

Cake for the Town

DG Helge and WP Svend
View to Lofoten at 11:20pm

Tollef and Peter looking at a new cabin class
Stone Age Lunch

Lunch was later taken in a stone age cave where we were served a good tasting fish dish with barley. Local old beer brewed on honey was sampled, but not consumed in greater quantities.

Bodo is located in the midst of the great Norwegian nature. A special phenome is the maelstrom generated by the tide when entering and leaving some of the fjords.
A boat tour to see it required special survival suits, which in itself created a number of great photo opportunities.

Our meeting also marked the 30-year anniversary of the Scandinavian section. The festivities were combined with the local rotary clubs 70 years’ anniversary so we collectively celebrated a 100 year of Rotary. The Nordic Aviation Trophy was awarded your truly, a honor of which I am deeply touched and very thankful to my fellow Scandinavian IFFR members.

Thanks to the organizing team: Per Strømhaug, Ole Hjartøy and Svenn Larsen.

**Scandinavian trophy .. Bo and Svend**
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New Member Manager users

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You can change to a password of your choice
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Select ‘Edit My Info’, change your password then click ‘Submit’ top right
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