

**Report of the Auditor**

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**SUMMARY**

Presentation of the audited Financial Statements for FY23/24

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The audit of IFATCA accounts was conducted by BCGO, of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. This audit was conducted in line with Canadian generally accepted accounting standards for non-profit organisations. BCGO are also employed as the IFATCA Accountants. Different individuals and departments conduct these functions.

1.2. All required statements, material, and information was provided, as requested, in good time by the Office Manager (OM) and the IFATCA Accountant. Any further clarification was provided by the EVPF and OM where required.

1.3. A copy of the report is attached for scrutiny.

1.4. All amounts contained or quoted, are in US Dollars, unless specifically noted otherwise.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1. At annual conference there were some changes to the draft budget presented by the Executive Board (EB) to address directors' preference for priorities of the federation. The final budget was then proposed and accepted by the directors.

2.2. There was approved use of reserve funds to continue support for attendance at both regional and annual conference and provide assistance to those still trying to recover from COVID times and other challenges.

2.3. In order to ensure that both the EB and FIC had sufficient time to examine and review the Financial Statements (FS), the audit began immediately on closure of the FY with all details passed to our Auditor.

2.4. Close collaboration between the acting EVPF, OM, and BCGO meant that any errors or misunderstandings were identified and remedied ensuring accuracy of recorded accounts of the Federation.

2.5. The draft package, including supporting ledgers, journals and mapping, was

received by EVPF in October. Consequently, it was passed onto both the EB and FIC for their review. After some questions from the EB to ensure correct budget line allocation, which has been a known issue, and no questions from FIC, the draft was returned to BCGO for finalising.

- 2.6. The final Financial Report package was signed in November by EVPF and PCX. The complete and thorough package was then available to the EB and FIC for further reading. No further questions, comments, or observations were forthcoming from either group.
- 2.7. The headline for the IFATCA Financial Statement for FY22/23 is the report of a **profit of \$17,807.**
- 2.8. As mentioned in this report, and highlighted in other Information Papers, reserves are healthy and are being exercised correctly. Furthermore, compliance with policy remains and no indication of fraud or criminal intent was seen.
- 2.9. **Report layout** - carrying on from the last FS, the layout continues to be clear across the whole report and reasonably easy to read.
- 2.10. While the overall report provides a small profit it must be noted that due to the restricted funds and currencies held there was a small reduction in total cash on hand. Each budget holder should be commended on their management of funds during the year.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1. A profit of income over expenditure of \$17,807 was reported.
- 3.2. Draft Financial Statements were published in good time as was the final package.
- 3.3. FIC was included in the review of the Financial Statement for FY23/24 and discussion with the Auditor regarding queries took place.
- 3.4. IFATCA activities were influenced by high inflation and very high travel costs, but the budget was managed accordingly.
- 3.5. Any overspends were justified and controlled by the board and reserves were spent in line with the budget approved by directors.

### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1. It is recommended that Directors release the Executive Board from its responsibilities concerning the 2023/2024 finances.

### **5. REFERENCES**

- 5.1 The IAM