

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF WELDING

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Minutes of a meeting held at the Fondation
Universitaire, 30 rue du Champ de Mars,
Brussels, on Wednesday, 9 June 1948, at
5.30 p.m.

The President of the Provisional Committee,
M. L. Isaac, in the Chair.

1. Mr.G.Parsloe, as secretary to the Provisional Committee, submitted the following list of institutions wishing to become Founder Members and of their representatives present at the meeting:-

Australia	Australian Welding Institute, Sydney	Mr.J.W.Atherton
Austria	Osterreichische Gesellschaft für Schweisstechnik Schweisstechnische Zentralanstalt	Mr.R.Marek "
Belgium	Institut Belge de la Soudure	M. C. Cito M. P. Goldschmidt
Denmark	Dansk Svejseteknisk Landsforening	Mr. Kaj Christensen Mr. Hans Vinter
France	Institut de Soudure Société des Ingénieurs Soudeurs	Professor A.Portevin M. A.Audigé
Great Britain	British Electrical & Allied Manufacturers' Association, Welding Sections	Mr.R.Butler
	British Welding Research Association	Dr. F.A. Fox Dr. R. Weck
	Institute of Welding	Dr. H.Harris Mr.C.S.Milne Dr.J.H.Paterson Mr.E.S.Waddington
	Sheet & Strip Metal Users' Technical Association	Mr.John Hooper Mr.E.S.Waddington

Italy	Direzione generale Ferrovie dello Stato - Centro Studio Saldatura	Dr.Ing. Rienzo Verzillo
	Istituto Italiano della Saldatura	Dr.Ing. Ugo Guerrera Dr.Ing. Rienzo Verzillo
	Registro Italiano Navale	Dr.Ing. Ugo Guerrera
Netherlands	Nederlandsche Vereeniging voor Laschtechniek	Ir.W.Gerritsen Ir.W.E.Happé Professor H.E.Jaeger Mr.G. de Rooy Dr.P.Schoenmaker
Norway	Norsk Sveiseteknisk Forening	Mr. Brynjulv Mugås
South Africa	South African Institution of Welding	Mr.R.L.Graham
Spain	Instituto de la Soldadura	Mr.Francisco Bustelo Mr.Manuel Miró
Sweden	Svetskommissionen	Mr.Walter Edström Mr.Axel Harlin
Switzerland	Commission No.4, 'Soudure', of the Association Suisse pour l'Essai des Matériaux	M. C.G.Keel
	Société Suisse de l'Acétylène	"
United States of America	American Welding Society of America	Mr.R.D.Thomas

The Chairman welcomed the representatives of the various societies present at the meeting and explained the proposals of the Provisional Committee, which had been circulated to all present. The following resolutions were carried by acclamation:-

- (a) The International Institute of Welding is hereby constituted.
- (b) The Constitution proposed by the Provisional Committee is approved, on the understanding that the Governing Council will later make propositions to meet the reservations expressed to-day or in the interval, by the representatives.
- (c) The first Governing Council shall consist, in accordance with the Constitution, of three delegates from each of the following countries:-

Australia (subject to confirmation)	Netherlands
Austria	Norway
Belgium	South Africa
Denmark	Spain
France	Sweden
Great Britain	Switzerland
Italy	United States of America.

(d) The Governing Council shall meet on 11 June. It shall proceed to the statutory elections as well as to the establishment of the first international commissions, so that work may begin at once, and shall take note of the data furnished in the papers presented on 8 and 9 June.

(e) The following associations, societies and bodies are Founder Members:-

Australia	Australian Welding Institute, Sydney (subject to later confirmation)
Austria	Osterreichische Gesellschaft für Schweißtechnik Schweißtechnische Zentralanstalt (subject to later confirmation)
Belgium	Institut Belge de la Soudure
Denmark	Dansk Svejseteknisk Landsforening
France	Institut de Soudure Société des Ingénieurs Soudeurs
Great Britain	British Electrical & Allied Manufacturers' Association British Welding Research Association Institute of Welding Sheet & Strip Metal Users' Technical Association
Italy	Direzione Generale Ferrovie dello Stato, Centro Studio Saldatura (subject to later confirmation) Istituto Italiano della Saldatura Registro Italiano Navale (subject to later confirmation)
Netherlands	Nederlandsche Vereeniging voor Laschtechnik
Norway	Norsk Sveiseteknisk Forening
South Africa	South African Institution of Welding
Spain	Instituto de la Soldadura
Sweden	Svetskommissionen
Switzerland	Commission No.4, 'Soudure', de l'Association Suisse pour l'Essai des Matériaux (subject to later confirmation) Société Suisse de l'Acétylène
United States	American Welding Society

3. RESERVATIONS

(a) The representatives of the following intimated that their adhesion as Founder Members would be subject to later confirmation by their governing bodies:-

Australian Welding Institute, Sydney
Schweißtechnische Zentralanstalt
Direzione Generale Ferrovie dello Stato, Centro
Studio Saldatura
Registro Italiano Navale
Commission No.4, 'Soudure', de l'Association
Suisse pour l'Essai des Matériaux.

(b) The adhesion of the Institut de Soudure and the Société des Ingénieurs Soudeurs of France was made subject to reservations already communicated in writing to the Secretary of the Provisional Committee and circulated to all present.

(c) The adhesion of the Instituto Italiano della Saldatura was made subject to the same reservations as those of the two French societies.

(d) The adhesion of the British Welding Research Association was made subject to agreement with the decisions to be reached by the Governing Council at their meeting on Friday, 11 June 1948.

(e) The adhesion of the Société Suisse de l'Acétylène was made subject to the approval of the subscription.

(f) The adhesion of the American Welding Society was made subject to reconsideration at the end of the first year and to approval of proposals with regard to subscriptions.

(g) Mr. Edström, representing the Svetskommissionen, said that though they had no reservations to make, they would like to put forward a number of suggestions for the consideration of the Governing Council, as follows:-

(1) The draft Constitution provided that the chairmen of all commissions should be chosen from among the members of the Governing Council. Mr. Edström considered that this would unduly restrict the Council and that it was desirable that the chairmen should be chosen solely on the grounds of their special qualifications for the work of the commission concerned.

(2) It was further proposed in the draft Constitution that each country should be represented on each commission by one representative. He proposed that this clause should be made permissive, so that each country should have the right to representation on each commission, but should not be compelled to appoint a representative.

(3) The Constitution provided for subscriptions by member societies. Mr. Edström proposed instead that the subscriptions should be by countries, which would avoid the difficulties arising when several member societies existed in one country, which would not necessarily be wealthier than countries having only one society.