

# BCI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2014

## General Assembly Minutes

<b>DATE</b>	24 June 2014
<b>CHAIR</b>	Lena Staafgard
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	BCI Council BCI Secretariat BCI Members (52 in person, 87 electronically in advance)
<b>GUESTS (non-voting)</b>	Joost Oorthuizen, Anita Chester, Primit Chanda – IDH Pins Brown – Independent member of the BCI Advisory Committee Shibin Yang – CKIA, guest of China team YickChung Man – Esquel, guest of membership team

### Agenda Items:

- » Voting on four proposed amendments to the BCI Statutes
- » Elections for the BCI Council

### Summary of each item:

#### Voting on four proposed amendments to the BCI Statutes:

A quorum (at least 10% of the members of each category) was sought and found to be present. The quorum was achieved by counting the number of members present and voting at the event added to the number of members who had previously cast their voted electronically.

The four amendment votes were then sought for approval in order. To be approved, the amendments needed to be accepted by the majority of the quorum; and by 30% of the members voting in each category.

Over the course of the voting, all four proposed amendments to the BCI Statutes were approved. The four amendments were:

**Amendment 1: Specify a time limit for Council membership**

**Reason:** To ensure BCI governance conforms to best practice

**Amendment 2: Clarify eligibility for Council election candidates**

**Reason:** To align eligibility criteria with the introduction of time limits for Council membership

**Amendment 3: Broaden the definition of the Retailer and Brand membership category**

**Reason:** To include service providers (hotels, tour operators, etc.) and expand the scope of membership

**Amendment 4: Affirm the Association's financial powers**

**Reason:** To facilitate BCI's financial obligations when setting up subsidiaries in Better Cotton producing countries

The members were informed of the outcome and a Powerpoint slide was shown with the results.

**Elections for the BCI Council:**

It was explained that the Council election was affected by the outcome of the first and second amendments to the BCI Statutes which had just been approved. Since these were approved, the candidate for the Civil Society seat (WWF) was able to run to re-election.

A quorum (at least 10% of the members of each category) was again sought and found to be present. The quorum was achieved by counting the number of members present and voting at the event added to the number of members who had previously cast their voted electronically.

The elections for the four categories were held in turn for Retailers & Brands, Civil Society, Producer Organisation and Suppliers & Manufacturers. All four reached conclusive outcomes and no re-votes were required.

The results were announced by showing the successful candidates followed by a summary of the new BCI Council comprising new and current members. Please see the attachment "GA General Assembly 2014 - Voting Outcome" to see these results. They were also published on the BCI website on the [BCI Council page](#).