

# BCI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2016

## General Assembly Minutes

<b>DATE</b>	14-15 June 2016
<b>PLACE</b>	Hong Kong
<b>CHAIR</b>	Ruchira Joshi
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	BCI Council BCI Secretariat BCI Members (96 in person, 748 Member were eligible to vote, 256 voted electronically)

### Agenda Item:

- » Elections for the BCI Council

### Summary of each item:

#### Elections for the BCI Council:

Council elections were conducted over a period of 41 days leading up to the General Assembly meeting. Six seats were open to candidates (1 Retailer & Brand, 1 Supplier & Manufacturer, 2 Civil Society and 2 Producer Organisations). Candidatures were received for all seats, except the Producer Organisation caucus, where no candidates stepped forward for election.

All votes were casted in advance using the survey tool Qualtrics. 748 Member were eligible to vote, as of 4 May when voting opened. In total, 256 members (21 from Retailers and Brand, 20 from Civil Society & 215 from Suppliers & Manufacturers) elected the new Council.

A quorum according to Article 7, BCI Statutes, was sought and found to be present.

- » The GA requires attendance (participation in elections and voting) of 1/5th of members (min.157): **256 members voted**
- » For decision-making, or election in the GA, 10% quorum of all member categories as a minimum must be present: **achieved in all categories**
- » 90 days prior to meeting each member has written notice specifying date, time, place and draft agenda: **sent to all members in November 2015**
- » 15 days prior to meeting each member receives supporting documentation and a detailed agenda: **Sent to all members in May 2016**
- » Electronic voting by members is possible.

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 below the results and all Council members.

#### **Retailer and Brands**

Candidates: Marks and Spencer, Decathlon, Levi Strauss & Co.  
Elected Representative: Marks and Spencer

#### **Civil society**

Candidates: Ambuja Cement Foundation, PRDIS, CABI Pakistan, CSPC.  
Elected Representatives: Ambuja Cement Foundation & PRDIS

#### **Suppliers and Manufacturers**

Candidates: Olam International, Nagina group, Rauf Textile & Printing, Louis Dreyfus Company, STAC Enterprises, CHTC Dayao Textile, Basil Commodities.  
Elected Candidate: Olam International

### **BCI Council 2016 – 2018/20**

#### **Civil Society**

- WWF, represented by Richard Holland (until 2018)
- Ambuja Cement Foundation, represented by Sunil Rana (until 2020)
- Participatory Rural Development Initiatives Society (PRDIS), represented by Sarvareddy Venku Reddy (until 2020)

#### **Producers**

- Cotton Australia, represented by Simon Corish (until 2018)
- Farmers Associates Pakistan, represented by Bilal Israel Khan (co-opted by Council to join until 2020)
- 1 seat is vacant

#### **Retailers & Brands**

- IKEA, represented by Pramod Singh (until 2018)
- Nike Inc., represented by Susi Proudman (until 2018)
- Marks and Spencer, represented by Phil Townsend (until 2020)

### **Suppliers & Manufacturers**

- Olam International Ltd., represented by Anupam Gupta (until 2020)
- Spectrum International, represented by Amit Shah (until 2018)
- Orta Anadolu, represented by Leon Picon (until 2018)

### **Independent**

- Joost Oorthuizen (until 2017)
- Barry Clarke (until 2017)

These results also published on the BCI website on the [BCI Council page](#).