

Minutes of the 12th Ordinary General Meeting of the European Society for Environmental History

Bern, 24 August 2023 at 16:30-18:00 (CEST), University of Berne (room S003)

Chair: Marco Armiero; **Minutes:** Roberta Biasillo

Attendance: On attendance list 76 persons signed; 104 joined online. Quorum out of 597 members would have been 60. The OGM is valid.

Opening of the meeting by the President

The meeting was duly and formally opened by the outgoing President, Marco Armiero, at 16:30.

1. Presentation of Minutes of the 11th Ordinary General Meeting, online, 9 July 2021

The outgoing President presented the minutes of the 2021 OGM accessible via the ESEH website. The minutes have been approved by the OGM.

2. President's report on the development of ESEH

The President read the 2021-2023 Society's report. All the information are in the report, that is available on the website.

3. Report by the Chair of the Council of Regional Representatives

The outgoing Chair of the Regional Representatives, Martin Knoll, introduced and outlined the report on the activities of the Regional Representatives. He underlined the qualitative and quantitative contributions of the regions to European environmental history.

The full report is available online, following the President's report on the Society's activity during the term 2021-2023.

4. Treasurer's report on budget 2021-2023

The outgoing Treasurer, Ulrich Koppitz, read his report on the 2021-2023 budget, which is included in detail in the ESEH 2021-2023 Biennial Report.

5a. Vote on membership fees

The Treasurer proposed maintaining the current membership fees. Results of the voting: 2 abstentions. The rest of the assembly approves

5. Report by the Financial Control Committee

The Financial Control Committee communicated that the Committee had found all the Treasurer's accounts to be in order for the whole 2021-2023 period.

6. Report by the Nomination Committee

The Chair of the Nomination Committee, David Moon, introduced the candidates for elections and proceeded to open the voting process. The Committee stressed that it was acted considering the diversity principle.

David Moon asked the assembly to dismiss the Treasurer and the rest of the outgoing Board and Regional Representatives with a vote of confidence. No votes were called against this resolution. The 2021-2023 ESEH Board was duly discharged.

6a. Presentation of the candidates.

Candidates for the position of presidents and vice-presidents introduced themselves in 3-minutes. Formal statements for all candidates running for positions and videos of candidates running for board positions were posted on the website.

6b. Voting instructions for online ballot.

Roberta Biasillo gave the following instructions: The ballot was open from the opening of the OGM until 30 minutes after the end of the OGM (24 August 2023 at 16:30-18:30 CEST). Members are asked to vote after they have heard candidates speak. Members had received two ballot emails and they had the opportunity to indicate a new email address if they had no receive any ballot until then. The link was valid for use only once, and was not transferable. Voting is possible by selecting the 'Vote!' button below and following the instructions on the ballot.

180 votes were counted, quorum for 597 members would have been 120 for online ballot. The elections are valid.