

Minutes of the 13th Ordinary General Meeting of the European Society for Environmental History

Uppsala, 21 August 2025 at 16:00-17:30 (CEST), University of Uppsala (Grand Auditorium)

Chairs: Wilko Graf von Hardenberg and Marco Armiero

Attendance: 53 attending in person; 11 joined online. Quorum out of 302 members would have been 31. The OGM is valid.

1. Opening of the meeting by the President

The meeting was duly and formally opened by the outgoing President, Wilko Graf von Hardenberg, at 16:00.

2. Presentation of Minutes of the 12th Ordinary General Meeting, Bern, 24 August 2023

The outgoing President presented the minutes of the 2023 OGM accessible via the ESEH website. The minutes have been approved by the OGM.

3. President's report on the development of ESEH

The President reported about the Society's activities for the 2023-2025 period. All the information are in the report, which will soon be available on the website. A summarised preview was published in July as an ESEH Notepad on Environment & History.

4. Presentation of the next venue

The chair of the Site Selection Committee announced the venue for the ESEH 2027 conference. The venue is Salzburg. The chair of the LOC, Martin Knoll, briefly presents the venue and introduced the membership to the dates of the conference: September 6-10, 2027.

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

The outgoing Chair of the Council of Regional Representatives, Kati Lindström, outlined the exhaustive report on the activities of the Regional Representatives, highlighting the many activities of the Society in all regions.

The full report will soon be made available online, following the President's report on the Society's activity during the term 2023-2025.

6. Treasurer's report on budget 2023-2025

The outgoing Treasurer, Agnes Limmer, presented her report on the 2023-2025 budget, which is included in detail in the ESEH 2023-2025 Biennial Report.

7. Vote on membership fees

The Treasurer proposed maintaining the current membership fees. The assembly approves.

8. Report by the Financial Control Committee

The outgoing President read out the report of the Financial Control Committee, communicating that the Committee had found all the Treasurer's accounts to be in order for the whole 2023-2025 period.

9. Report by the Nomination Committee

The Chair of the Nomination Committee, Marco Armiero, introduced the candidates for elections and proceeded to open the voting process.

Marco Armiero 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 2023-2025 ESEH Board was duly discharged.

10. Presentation of the candidates.

Candidates for the position of president, vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer were offered the opportunity to introduce 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.

11. Voting instructions for online ballot

Marco Armiero gave the following instructions: The ballot was open from a week before the OGM until the end of the OGM (21 August 2025 at 17:30 CEST). Members are asked to vote after having read or heard the candidates' statements. Members had received two ballot emails and they had the opportunity to indicate a new email address if they had not received any ballot until then. A last call is made for paying members attending the OGM to reach out if they haven't got a valid ballot. 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.

80 votes were counted, quorum for 302 members would have been 61 for the online ballot. The elections are valid. (It must be noted however how of the 302 paying members only 288 seem to have received a valid ballot due to bouncing mails and spam filters.)