

**Minutes from the Ordinary General Meeting of the
European Society for Environmental History
Amsterdam, Thursday 7 June 2007, 16:00 – 17:30**

Chair: President of the ESEH Prof. Dr. Poul Holm

1. Opening of the meeting by the President.

2. Minutes of Business Meeting read to the Ordinary General Meeting.
Petra van Dam asked for second reading of point 2 of those minutes.

3. President's report on development of ESEH (activities undertaken).
President read the Biannual report to the General Meeting. A copy of the Biannual report will be made available as a downloadable file from the Internet within next week.
President reported on the European context and policy related to the environmental history. He mentioned these particular activities of the ESEH during the last two years: educational committee, webpage, bibliography project, CEEH project, global environmental journal, ICE-HO Congress, membership of the Society.
Discussion was postponed to item 6.

4. Treasurer reports on budget 2006-2007.
The Treasurer explained the accounts for the year 2005-2007 to the meeting and the budget for the year 2007.
The Treasurer presented the following membership categories and fees for the years 2005-2007:
Full membership: 20 Euro per annum
Student/unwaged: 10 Euro per Annum
The General Assembly voted unanimously in favor of these fees.

5. Report by the Financial control committee
The Financial control committee reported that it had found the accounts in order.

6. Presentation Biannual report by Secretary.
As stated above the Biannual report will be made available at the ESEH webpage within next week. The Report read by the President in point 3 was approved.

7. Discharge of the outgoing Executive Board and Regional Representatives who step down.
The President discharges the outgoing Executive Board and Regional Representatives.
Bernd Hermann thanked the Board especially for representation and efforts to strengthen the position of environmental history on the political level.

8. Election of new Executive Board and Regional Representatives
The Chair of the Nominating Committee gave a report on the activities of the Committee and presented the slate of candidates for all positions. It was also reported that because of a change in nearly whole Board the work of the Committee was extremely difficult. The Chair announced that members of Financial control committee are willing to continue in their function for the next period.

Election of Executive Board

All nominated members of the Executive Board introduced themselves to the General Meeting.

The options for voting and voting procedures were explained to the Ordinary General Meeting. The General Meeting decided to vote collectively for the Executive Board by raising hands.

The result of the vote for the Executive Board was as follows:

The General Assembly voted unanimously in favor of the new Executive Board.

With this result the new board was accepted by the General Meeting and installed to serve as Executive Board for the period until the next Ordinary General Meeting in 2009.

Executive Board for the period 2007 - 2009:

President: Geneviève Massard-Guilbaud

Vice-President: Petra van Dam

Vice-President: Mauro Agnoletti

Secretary: Martin Knoll

Treasurer: Ulrich Koppitz

Election of Regional Representatives

Newly nominated Regional Representatives introduced themselves to the General Meeting.

The General Meeting decided also to vote collectively for the slate of candidates proposed by the Nomination Committee.

The result of the vote was as follows:

The General Assembly voted unanimously in favor of the new Regional Representatives.

With this result the Ordinary General Meeting accepted the proposed slate of candidates and the Representatives were installed to serve for a period of four years.

New Regional Representatives for the period 2007 – 2011:

Benelux: Adrian de Kraker, The Netherlands

British Isles: David Moon, England, UK

Francophone Countries: Stephane Frioux, France

Germanophone Countries: Christian Rohr, Germany

Iberian Peninsula: Antonio Ortega Santos, Spain

Italy: Simone Neri Sernerri, Italy

Russia & additional Eastern European Countries: Julia Lajus, Russia

Election of Nomination Committee

The General Meeting decided also to vote collectively for the slate of candidates proposed by the Board and the Nomination Committee.

The result of the vote for the Nomination Committee was as follows:

The General Assembly voted unanimously in favor of the new Nomination Committee.

With this result the Ordinary General Meeting accepted the proposed candidates and the new Nomination Committee was installed to serve in the year 2009.

Committee members from the Regional Representatives:

Stephane Frioux

Julia Lajus

David Moon

Other two committee members:

Eva Jakobsson

Christian Pfister

9. Miscellaneous (any other business)

The President informed on the preparation of the ICE-HO Congress and roles of the ESEH members in it. Poul Holm – chair of the Organizational Committee, Verena Winiwarter – chair of the Programme Committee and Steven Anderson – chair of the Preparation Committee.

10. The Chair closes meeting