

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting of the European Society for Environmental History held on Friday, 1 July 2011 from 15:15-17:00 at Turku University, Turku, Finland

Attendants: 72 ESEH members present

Chair: Geneviève Massard-Guilbaud, ESEH President

Agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting by the President
2. Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting, Copenhagen, 6 August 2009
3. President's report on the development of ESEH (activities undertaken 2009-2011)
4. Report by the Chair of the Council of Regional Representatives
5. Treasurer's report on budget 2009-2011
6. Approval of the appointment of an Emergency Financial Control Committee
7. Report by the Financial Control Committee
8. Presentation of the Biannual Report by the Secretary
9. Discharge of the outgoing Board Members and Regional Representatives
10. Report by the Nomination Committee and Election of the new Board Members and Regional Representatives
11. Various

1. Opening

President Geneviève Massard-Guilbaud opens the meeting and presents the agenda.

2. Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting, Copenhagen, 6 August 2009

Minutes are adopted by a show of hands. 1 person abstained and the rest voted in favour of adoption.

3. President's report on the development of ESEH (activities undertaken 2009-2011)

The President reports on the development of ESEH and activities undertaken by the Board between 2009 and 2011, indicating that a written version of this report will be published on the ESEH website as an appendix of the Biannual Report.

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

Christian Rohr, the chair of the CRR, explains the how the CRR functions and provides a short overview of the most important activities undertaken by the Regional Representatives. He notes that short reports by Regional Representatives will be published as an appendix of the Biannual Report

5. Treasurer's report on budget 2009-2011

Ulrich Koppitz, the ESEH Treasurer, reports on the finances of the society for the years 2009 to 2011, particularly the budget for 2010 and 2011. The Financial Report will be published as part of the Biannual Report on the ESEH website. The accounts of the ESEH are approved by a show of hands: 1 person abstained and the rest voted in favour of adopting the accounts. Upon request of the treasurer, the OGM votes on the maintenance of the membership fees at the current level (€20, €10 for students). The maintenance is approved by the meeting without any dissenting votes.

6. Approval of the appointment of an Emergency Financial Control Committee

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the current ESEH Financial Control Committee could not perform their tasks. An Emergency Financial Control Committee was appointed, consisting of Ulrike Plath and Adriaan de Kraker. David Moon, the chair of the Nominating Committee, requests the OGM's approval of the appointment of this committee, by way of a show of hands: the measure was approved by all those present, with 2 abstentions and no objections.

7. Report by the Financial Control Committee

Adriaan de Kraker reports on behalf of the Emergency Financial Control Committee on the cash audit. The Committee has no objections against the cash management by the Treasurer. Four recommendations were made:

1. That the financial documentation require more attention and tidying-up
2. That the use of credit card facilities be reconsidered since credit card fees actually cost €100 more than the membership fees paid by credit card
3. From the records it is clear that many members are in arrears and it is recommended that more pressure be placed on those members who have not paid their membership fees
4. Recommend the discharge for the Treasurer

By a show of hands, the discharge of the Treasurer is adopted by the OGM: only 1 person abstained from voting and none objected.

8. Presentation of the Biannual Report by the Secretary

Phia Steyn, Secretary of the ESEH, presents the Biannual Report. The entire report will be published on the ESEH website.

9. Discharge of the outgoing Board Members and Regional Representatives

The OGM discharges the outgoing Board Members (President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer) without a dissenting or an abstaining vote. The OGM also discharges the outgoing Regional Representatives David Moon (British Isles and Ireland), Leoš Jeleček (Czechia and Slovakia), Antonio Ortega Santos (Spain and Portugal), and Julia Lajus (Russia).

10. Report by the Nomination Committee and Election of the new Board Members and Regional Representatives

David Moon, the chair of the Nominating Committee, reports on the nomination process and introduces the candidates as follows:

President: 1 nomination

Christof Mauch, Rachel Carson Center for Environmental Studies, Munich, Germany

Vice-President: 3 nominations – 2 positions vacant

Stefania Barca, University of Coimbra, Portugal

Julia Lajus, European University at St. Petersburg, Russia

Timo Myllyntaus, University of Turku, Finland

Secretary: 1 nomination for re-election

Phia Steyn, University of Stirling, United Kingdom

Treasurer: 1 nomination for re-election

Ulrich Koppitz, University of Dusseldorf, Germany

Financial Control Committee:

Ulrike Plath, University of Tallinn, Estonia

Martin Knoll, Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany

Regional Representatives

New nominations

Baltic countries: *Sabine Brauckmann*, Tartu University, Estonia

Britain and Ireland: *Ian Rotherham*, Sheffield Hallam University, United Kingdom

Czechia and Slovakia: *Pavel Chromy*, Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic

Romania: *Stefan Dorondel*, Academy of Social Sciences, Bucharest, Romania

Russia: *Alexei V. Kraikovskii*, European University at St. Petersburg, Russia

Spain: *Pablo Corral*, EHESS (CRH), Paris (France); Universidad de Granada (Spain)

Representatives for new regions: Appointed in 2010, and the OGM needs to confirm appointments:

Australasia: *Tom Brooking*, University of Otago, New Zealand

Croatia: *Hrvoj Petric*, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Greece: *Vaso Seirinidou*, University of Athens, Greece

Poland: *Tomasz Samojlik*, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland

Serbia: *Jelena Mrgic*, University of Belgrade, Serbia

South Africa: *Sandra Swart*, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa

Regional Representatives standing for re-election:

Benelux: *Adriaan de Kraker*, VU University, Netherlands

France: *Stephane Frioux*, University of Lyon 2, France

German Speaking Countries: *Christian Rohr*, University of Bern, Switzerland

Italy: *Simone Neri Serneri*, University of Siena, Italy

Candidates for the Board positions present themselves in short statements.

Voting for all the positions with the exception of the Financial Control Committee is conducted by ballot. The latter was conducted by a show of hands. The ballots are counted by Phia Steyn, Ulrich Koppitz, Finn Arne Jørgensen, Andrea Kiss and David Moon. David Moon presents the following results:

President:

Christof Mauch

72 voters: 70 = Yes; 1 = No; 1 = Abstain

Vice-President: 2 positions vacant

72 voters – 2 votes each

Stefania Barca = 49 (elected)

Julia Lajus = 48 (elected)

Timo Myllyntaus = 44

Secretary:

Phia Steyn

72 voters: 70 = Yes; 1 = No; 1 = Abstain

Treasurer:

Ulrich Koppitz

72 voters: 72 = Yes; 0 = No; 0 = Abstain

Financial Control Committee:

Voting was conducted by a show of hands. All voted in favour of the new committee apart from 1 abstention.

Ulrike Plath

Martin Knoll

Regional Representatives:

Baltic countries: Sabine Brauckmann

72 voters: 34 = Yes; 34 = No; 3 = Abstain; 1 = Invalid ballot

Britain and Ireland: Ian Rotherham

72 voters: 65 = Yes; 3 = No; 4 = Abstain

Czechia and Slovakia: Pavel Chromy

72 voters: 68 = Yes; 1 = No; 3 = Abstain

Romania: Stefan Dorondel

72 voters: 66 = Yes; 3 = No; 3 = Abstain

Russia: Alexei V. Kraikovskii

72 voters: 66 = Yes; 2 = No; 4 = Abstain

Spain: Pablo Corral

72 voters: 68 = Yes; 0 = No; 4 = Abstain

Australasia: Tom Brooking

72 voters: 65 = Yes; 2 = No; 5 = Abstain

Croatia: Hrvoj Petric

72 voters: 67 = Yes; 2 = No; 3 = Abstain

Greece: Vaso Seirinidou

72 voters: 65 = Yes; 2 = No; 5 = Abstain

Poland: Tomasz Samojlik

72 voters: 68 = Yes; 2 = No; 2 = Abstain

Serbia: Jelena Mrgic

72 voters: 64 = Yes; 3 = No; 5 = Abstain

South Africa: Sandra Swart

72 voters: 68 = Yes; 1 = No; 3 = Abstain

Benelux: Adriaan de Kraker

72 voters: 69 = Yes; 1 = No; 2 = Abstain

France: Stephane Frioux

72 voters: 70 = Yes; 1 = No; 1 = Abstain

German Speaking Countries: Christian Rohr

72 voters: 71 = Yes; 1 = No; 0 = Abstain

Italy: Simone Neri Serneri

72 voters: 70 = Yes; 1 = No; 1 = Abstain

No recount is required by the assembly. All elected candidates accept their election. The candidate for the RR Baltic Countries is not elected since a majority of the vote was not achieved.

The newly elected ESEH President, Christof Mauch, closes the meeting at 17:00.

Phia Steyn

ESEH Secretary

Stirling, 7 September 2011

