

Minutes of the 8th Ordinary General Meeting of the European Society for Environmental History

Versailles, France, 1 July 2015

Attendants

65 ESEH members were present at the OGM. The constitutional quorum was thus met.

Call

The date and venue of the OGM were regularly communicated to all members by email on 19 May 2015, thus more than 40 days before it took place as required by the Society's constitution. The same call was then also published on the Society's webpage

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting by the President
2. Minutes of the 7th Ordinary General Meeting, Munich, 23 August 2013
3. President's report on the development of ESEH
4. Report by the Chair of the Council of Regional Representatives
5. Treasurer's report on budget 2013-2015
6. Report by the Financial Control Committee
7. Vote on constitutional amendment
8. Vote on creation of new region
9. Discharge of the outgoing Board Members, Financial Control Committee, and Regional Representatives.
10. Election of the new Board, Financial Control Committee, and Regional Representatives

1. Opening of the meeting by the President

The meeting was duly and formally opened by the outgoing President, Dolly Jørgensen, at 17:45.

2. Minutes of the 7th Ordinary General Meeting, Munich, 23 August 2013

The minutes of the 2013 OGM, available for perusal on the ESEH website, have been approved by raise of hands. No votes were called against.

3. President's report on the development of ESEH

The President read her report on the Society's development, which will be included in the ESEH 2013-2015 Biennial Report.

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

The Chair of the Council of Regional Representatives read his report on the activities of the RRs, which will be included in the ESEH 2013-2015 Biennial Report.

5. Treasurer's report on budget 2013-2015

The Treasurer read his report on the 2013-2015 budget, which will be included in detail in the ESEH 2013-2015 Biennial Report.

6. Report by the Financial Control Committee

Dominik Collet, representing the Financial Control Committee, communicated that the Committee found only one missing receipt in all of the Treasurer's accounts over the two years. The Treasurer has promised to make that receipt available as soon as he was back home. The FCC asks the assembly to dismiss the Treasurer with a vote of confidence.

7. Vote on constitutional amendment

The constitutional amendment proposed by the 2013-2015 ESEH Board asking for the introduction of a new article on how to fill elected positions in case they are vacated in between OGMs was approved with 64 yes votes and 1 abstention. The new constitutional article reads:

"9.7 If a Board member (other than the President) or a Regional Representative resigns for any reason, the Board may appoint a replacement to serve until the next OGM. If the

President resigns for any reason, the Board will vote to fill the President position with one of the Vice-Presidents, who will then serve as a replacement until the next OGM.”

8. Vote on creation of new region

The institution of the ESEH region Israel, duly required by local members and supported by the exant Board, has been approved with 46 yes votes, 9 no votes, and 11 abstentions.

9. Discharge of the outgoing Board Members, Financial Control Committee, and Regional Representatives.

The 2013-2015 ESEH Board was duly discharged.

10. Election of the new Board, Financial Control Committee, and Regional Representatives

The elections have run regularly under the supervision of the exant Nomination Committee. The results were as follows:

President

Dolly Jørgensen 62 Yes 0 No 2 Abstain

Vice-Presidents

Marcus Hall 45 Votes — Elected

Peter Szabó 41 Votes — Elected

Karen Jones 38 Votes

1 Abstain

Secretary

Wilko Graf von Hardenberg 65 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Treasurer

Ulrich Koppitz 62 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Financial Control Committee

Stéphane Frioux 59 Yes 0 No 2 Abstain

Dominick Collet 56 Yes 0 No 2 Abstain

Regional Representatives

Australasia: **Tom Brooking** 52 Yes 0 No 5 Abstain

Benelux: **Tim Soens** 49 Yes 0 No 8 Abstain

Britain & Ireland: **Ian Rotherham** 48 Yes 0 No 8 Abstain

Czechia & Slovakia: **Pavel Chromy** 47 Yes 0 No 11 Abstain

Croatia: **Hrvoje Petric** 51 Yes 0 No 5 Abstain

France: **Charles-François Mathis** 52 Yes 0 No 5 Abstain

German speaking countries: **Martin Knoll** 55 Yes 0 No 3 Abstain

Greece: **Vaso Seirinidou** 47 Yes 1 No 9 Abstain

Israel: **Yaron J. Balslev** 51 Yes 0 No 6 Abstain

Poland: **Adam Izdebski** 47 Yes 0 No 10 Abstain

Romania: **Stefan Dorondel** 50 Yes 0 No 7 Abstain

Russia: **Alexei V. Kraikovskii** 50 Yes 1 No 6 Abstain

Serbia: **Jelena Mrgic** 48 Yes 0 No 9 Abstain

Southern Africa: **Sandra Swart** 50 Yes 0 No 7 Abstain

Spain: **Juan Infante** 49 Yes 0 No 8 Abstain

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Miscellaneous

The OGM ended at 19:25.