

Minutes of the EELA Board Meeting on 8 June 2017 in Zurich

Place: Walder Wyss Ltd.
Seefeldstrasse 123 P.O. Box 8034
Zurich, Switzerland

Time: 1 pm – 4 pm

Present:

Claire Toumieux (Chair)
Bartłomiej Raczkowski (Vice-Chair)

Ueli Sommer
Martin Diller
Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt
Constantin Bakopoulos
Petteri Uoti
Anna Jerndorf
Corina Radu
Pilar Cavero
Maria da Glória Leitão
Christiaan Oberman
George Z. Georgiou
Guy Castegnaro
Chris Engels
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Joan Cradden
Glasgow, Scotland
Dušan Nitschneider
Bratislava, Slovakia
Raquel Flórez Escobar
Madrid, Spain
Anna Jerndorf
Stockholm, Sweden
Ueli Sommer
Zurich, Switzerland

Dame Janet Gaymer DBE QC
London, England (Hon. Chair)
Martin Diller (Secretary General)
Stuttgart, Germany

Dusan Nitschneider
Helene Amsinck
Terrence McCrann
Lars Holo
Malcolm Pike
John Ernest Macmillan
Jón Sigurðsson

1. Welcome and opening

Claire Toumieux opened the meeting.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Board meeting held on 23 January 2017 in Zurich

Minutes were approved.

3. Update on the Zurich conference, Board members elections and General Assembly

Claire Toumieux gave an update on the conference and candidates standing for the Board.

The Board discussed the possibility of electronic voting at general assembly and concluded that it is not against the Constitution.

4. Conference venue for 2020

Malta volunteered to host the conference of 2020.

The outcome of the survey was great majority in favour of giving priority to countries which have not hosted a conference.

The Board decided to give priority to such countries but to also hold a conference in one of the "old" countries from time to time.

Germany also volunteered to hold the conference in 2020.

The Board decided to award the 2020 conference to Germany, Hamburg.

5. Update on the conference in Brussels (or another place)

Dusan Nitschneider gave an update on the conference and the topics to be proposed to the conference organisers:

- European Pillars of Social Rights
- Whistleblowing
- New Forms of Employment

6. Tender for conference organiser (final selection among the two short listed candidates)

The Board discussed the proposals from both shortlisted companies, C-In and Event Factory.

The Board took a vote in a secret ballot and chose C-In.

The Board decided to reimburse the costs of participation in the tender of the Polish firm in the lump sum of EUR 2,000.

7. Arbitration Initiative

Martin Diller explained the proposed rules of EELA arbitration. The proposed rules should be reviewed by a new arbitration committee. The Board will ask members at the General Assembly to create a new arbitration committee.

George Z. Georgiou volunteered to be a representative of the Board on the new Committee. He will be a Chairman of the Committee. The Committee should consist of 5 members with the decision making power with quorum of 3.

Volunteers from among the members will be asked to report to George and present their arbitration experience.

8. Brexit

Decisions will be made at a later stage. The Assembly will have to make a decision if to enter the UK on the list of the countries eligible for membership.

9. Update on collaboration with Sarah Forster

A new twitter account has been set up.

The Board will ask the Assembly to propose persons who could assist the Board in activity on twitter and LinkedIn.

10. Other issues (as the case may be)

No issues were raised.

11. Date and timing of next Board meeting

18th September, 12-16, Warsaw

5th February, 12-16, Bratislava

12. Closing

Claire Toumieux closed the meeting.

Claire Toumieux

Bartłomiej Raczkowski