

FLORENCE 29TH SEPTEMBER 2014

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) OF THE EUI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ELABORATED BY THE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WHO ACTED AS PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF THE GA

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EUI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (AA)
26TH SEPTEMBER 2014 IN BADIA FIESOLANA 18:00

ALUMNI MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)

SIGFRIDO RAMIREZ PEREZ (PRESIDENT OF THE EUI AA)
SVETLOZAR ANDREEV (TREASURER OF THE EUI AA)

MEMBERS OF THE SUBELECTORAL COMMITTEE

ANNIKA ZORN
SIGRID STROUX

CANDIDATES TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

STEFAN IMHOFF
FABIAN BREUER
THOMAS JORGENSEN
COSTANZA HERMANIN
SVETLOZAR ANDREEV

FULL MEMBERS

MARINA CALLON
ALESSANDRA CHIRICO
LUIS DE SOUSA
WIM MULLER

MEMBERS OF THE EUI ADMINISTRATION IN CHARGE OF ALUMNI

STEPHAN ALBRECHTSKIRCHINGER-DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION EUI
BARBARA CIOMEI (STAFF, COMMUNICATION SERVICE)
JUDITH PRYZROWSKI (STAFF, ACADEMIC SERVICE)

NON MEMBERS ALUMNI ATTENDING THE MEETING

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INTRODUCTION

The President of the AA welcomes all members of the association who made the effort to participate in the General Assembly and in the EUI Alumni Association. He also excuses the other 3 members of the Executive Committee that for various reasons were not able to attend the General Assembly. The general report submitted to the General Assembly and the treasurer report had been approved by the majority of the members of the EC (President, Treasurer and the Vice-president of the Association, Zoe Bray). The annual report is distributed including as annexes

- 1/ The new Statutes approved on the last General Assembly, 04.10.13as transmitted by our lawyer, Avv. Marinella Baschiera, who registered the changes.
- 2/ Memorandum of understanding signed by the AA with the Association Friends of the Historical Archives of the European Union (FHEU) which has been co-founded by the Alumni Association.
- 3/ Report made by the President of Friends Jean-Marie Palayret requesting that the 2014 participation of 5,000 euros is approved by the AA.

AGENDA

- 1/ Approval of the draft minutes of the General Assembly 2013- The minutes were unanimously confirmed and therefore approved.
- 2/ Annual report of the Executive Committee of the AA/ The President proceeds to its presentation point by point. The report is approved unanimously after various exchanges concerning various points of the report. The President clarifies some of these points. In particular he informs on the approval given by the EC to the MoU signed with the FHEU for 2014. The outgoing EC encourages the new EC to look positively to financing at a

similar level for 2015 and 2016 until it becomes consolidated and self-sustainable. These are considered as satisfactory by the majority of the General Assembly. There is no vote requested or cast on any of the contents and proposals of the report. In reference to whether the General Assembly can mandate the Executive Committee to carry out some of the proposals included in this report, the President makes clear that the Assembly is sovereign and can decide on whatever is deemed necessary. If the EC does not follow these requests the questions could be raised in the next general assembly.

3/ The Treasurer presents the financial report whose figures are transmitted by the financial service of the EUI where the accounts of the association are now deposited. The balance is considered extremely positive despite the unilateral decision of the EUI to **temporary** withdraw for 2014 the subsidy of 10,000 euros that the association received from the EUI. Until 2013 there has been two financial source of revenue for the association: the fees which oscillate between 15/25,000 euros per year and the subsidy. The treasurer invites the next EC Treasurer to see the matter with the EUI. The President adds that this outgoing EC leaves the association in the best financial condition which he received when he entered the EC association which effectively had only the subsidy of 10,000 euros. Now we have in our accounts around five times that figure and the possibility to increase it. The EC hopes that the incoming EC will take care of these financial assets of the association to maintain or deploy new activities of the AA which will benefit its members. They also informed that there is a legal possibility of re/creating a private bank account of the association if the EUI does not restore the subsidy in order to have full control of the financial assets of the association which until now are deposited in internal accounts of the EUI in order to follow their financial rules as far as practical use is concerned for missions and other expenses. The treasurer report is unanimously approved.

4/ Elections to the New Executive Committee. The President expresses his satisfaction with the number of candidacies (11) for 5 positions of the EC. He believes that this indeed a result of the work done in these four years by the outgoing EC in its two consecutive mandates. He also recalls that whatever the result the EC will have to invite

to its meetings the representative of local chapters as stated in article 12.6 of the Statutes which reads "The EC meetings are open to representative of Local chapters of the Association set in accordance to article 22: for this purpose the Executive Committee shall extend invitations to its meetings to the representatives of local branches of the Association. Representatives of the Local chapters shall not be granted the right to vote."

The sub-electoral committee (Alumni Serge Noiret, Niccolo Tognarini and Annika Zorn) made their report via the present member Annika Zorn about the organization of the votes which are its exclusive responsibility. They also decided to include Alumna Sigrid Stroux to the committee in consideration that nor Noiret, nor Tognarini were to be present in the GA. This was necessary to have two persons to count the votes which will be casted in the assembly by its members. These votes will be added to those by e/voting which is a system organised in cooperation with the Communication and Computing services of the EUI without any participation of the EC.

In the assembly various problems concerning the system of e-voting and the candidacies were raised. The candidate Svet Andreev raised the point that may be next time "collective candidacies" should be abolished and/or better controlled by the sub-electoral committee. For instance, some candidates disappeared; others changed their programme after the deadline and joined other teams on a different joint programme. The administration of the EUI carried out some implementation of the e/voting system which according to standard rules of electoral systems would conduct to the automatic elimination of two of the three collective candidacies running for election. Originally when the call for candidacies was sent by the EUI there were various dates to present individual or collective candidacies and a manifesto. After this deadline of 12th June 2014, the sub-electoral committee allowed that some individual and collective candidacies were merged under a single manifesto. He also stated that he was not going to ask to the General Assembly to cancel the competing candidacies as it would be his right to do, because he believed that it was a good thing that we had so many people willing to serve the Association. However, this sort of regularities should not happen anymore in future elections.

After these considerations the President asked the present candidates whether they wished to say something about their candidacies before we proceed to vote in the assembly. Some interventions were made. He then asked those with right to vote whether they wanted to ask something to any of the candidates. No question was raised and we proceeded to vote remembering that we voted for a maximum of 5 individual candidates even if they are present in teams.

The results are as follows:

Total number of members of the association: 748

Total participation: 138

Despina Chatzimanoli 59 votes

Costanza Hermanin 56 votes

Carsten Schneider 49 votes

Anna-Christina Loli 48 votes

Fabian Breuer 43 votes

Svetlozar Andreev 43 votes

Moritz Jesse 42 votes

Thomas Jorgensen 41 votes

Stephan Imhoff 41 votes

Sacha Gerben 37 votes

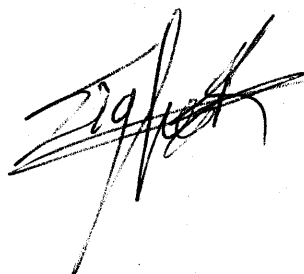
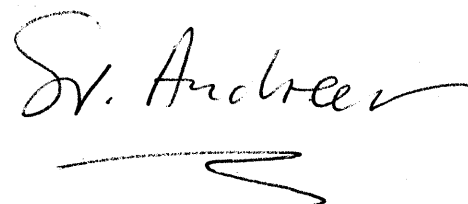
Federiga Bindi 37 votes

As there are only five seats for the Alumni Association the question is raised on how to decide on the fifth member of the EC. Svetlozar Andreev offers not to proceed to a vote in the assembly to decide this and withdraw on behalf of Fabian, who is accepting this. The President congratulates those elected for the new executive committee and reminds that according to the statutes there is unfortunately no quorum of at least three members of the EC with right to vote in order to have a valid meeting to distribute responsibilities. He remembers that in case of a withdrawal of any elected member, the EC shall replace

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them in the order of votes obtained by the following candidates who run in the elections. He would like to remind that according to the new Statutes the representatives of local chapters fully registered according to article 22 have to be informed about the agenda of the EC meeting, including this first constituent meeting. As President of the registered local chapter in will look after the fulfillment of the Statutes and he will ask the Belgian chapter to send a representative to this first constituent meeting. He reiterates that it is important that the EC manages to integrate those non/elected candidates through local chapters in order to ensure a positive and smooth transition which would provide the AA with a new impetus to which all energies are needed.

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