

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE EUI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2 DECEMBER 2012 20:00- SKYPE CONFERENCE

Present: Zoe Bray (Vice-President), Sigfrido Ramírez (President), Svet Andreev (Treasurer)
Absent: Chris Armbruster (Secretary), Nanette Neuwahl (member).

AGENDA

1- General Assembly and Alumni Weekend

- a. Minutes- Nanette was in charge of drafting the minutes which have to be approved by the Executive Committee (EC) before they are posted on-line and approved in the next General Assembly.
- b. Sigfrido and Zoe drafted for the new EUI newsletter a report which informed the whole EUI community about the conclusions of the event and the results of the General Assembly.
- c. As the General Report was approved with unanimity, we can post it already on our webpage.
- d. Alumni weekend- The balance was deemed extremely positive and the Exec committee confirmed that the Alumni Weekend from Thursday to Sunday at the beginning of the Academic Year is a perfect format. The next Alumni Weekend will be from Thursday 3rd to 6th October 2013. This date should already be announced.

2- Local Sections

- a. On the different sections, we agreed that Alumni willing to create local chapters will be encouraged to do so by putting at their availability up to 2,000 euros to cover various expenses.
- b. The necessary transparency and general conditions of what are eligible expenses will be ensured on a practical basis since requests could vary, but typically they will include costs of registration of an association, payment of a lawyer to assess this registration, opening a bank account, paying the reservation of a room or hotel for a reception or lunch-dinner, organization of a workshop or seminar, invitation of key-note speaker, other administrative costs, etc.
- c. North American Chapter- It is agreed to create a working group on the online social network site where all potential members of the chapter will be invited to join. It is there where the discussion about how to proceed can be developed further.
- d. International Studies Association Conference 2013 in San Francisco- The organization of a reception is approved within the limits of the expenses of the NA chapter.
- e. Alumna Sigrid Stroux (resident in Genova) expressed her interest in working towards the creation of an Italian chapter and we agreed to provide her support for an activity for its kick-off.
- f. On the basis of information received so far, there are currently 12 potential local sections, which may apply for funding (Berlin, Warsaw, Paris, New York, Luxembourg, Brussels, Lisbon, Barcelona, Nordic Chapter, Asian Chapter, Latin-American Chapter, Italian chapter).
- g. We will create working groups on the social network site to propose activities by the local chapters to be coordinated by those Alumni willing to be more active and take on chapter responsibilities. They will be supervise in their

activities and expenses generated from them by at least two members of the Alumni EC, who will report to the EC.

- h. We also agreed that the next General Assembly should include among its objectives the approval of an increase in association fees in order to transfer a part of the increase to local chapters. Such an agreement will require that either a bank account be set up for each chapter where this transfer may be done, or a separate account within the EUI bank account be created for the local chapters.
- 3- Friends of the Historical Archives of the EU (HAEU):
 - a. Sigfrido reports about his agreement with the director of the Historical Archives of the European Union by which the Alumni Association will dedicate 5,000 euros for the creation of an autonomous association bringing together Alumni, but also other users of the archives. The amount dedicated by the AA has been approved. The HAEU is prepared to contribute with 3,500 euro to this project.
 - b. Sigfrido will contact an Italian lawyer to help draft the Statutes and will go to Florence in January to complete all details of the association with the lawyer and participate in a conference of the HAEU.
 - 4- Online Social Network:
 - a. It is acknowledged that the online social network concerns not just researchers but also former professors and employees of the Institute. Therefore some adjustments should be made to the files presented on the website so as to host this diversity accordingly. We contacted Bob Danzinger, from the Trade Unions of the EUI, and suggest him to become administrator of the social network in the same way that Chris and Sigfrido.
 - b. It is assumed that the executive committee should take in 2013 the lead for the animation of the network after the tool has been put at our availability since early December.
 - c. An email should be sent to all non-members of the Association informing of the online social network and asking them to adhere to the association in order to benefit from this new service and be easily contacted by the administration via their eui account.
 - 5- Approved calendar of Activities for 2013:
 - a. 9th May Thursday. It is approved that in the framework of Europa's Day, the association will offer a cocktail.
 - b. 10th May: Friday. Friends of the historical archives will organize a conference and in the evening a dinner to the Alumni who came for the 9th and 10th.
 - c. 11th May: Saturday. It is approved to organize a Chianti Walk on Saturday for those Alumni and researchers who wish to participate.
 - d. June Ball: We will request a presence in the Graduation ceremony. Before and after the ceremony, we will have a stand with information about the EUI AA and how to register as members. Public concession of their cards and the public acknowledgment of two Honorary Alumni (one male and other female). These Honorary Alumni will receive a symbolic reward by the AA in a way that can be discussed and fixed by the AA.
 - 6- Any other business:
 - a. Online library resources. Sigfrido will enquire during his stay in January how to progress on this front.
 - b. Statutes update. It is also approved that we will hire a lawyer to report on the state of the Statutes and the changes that should legally be done. All expenses

associated with this will be made on the basis of a budget previously submitted by the lawyer.

- c. Financial situation. The situation is sound with around a positive balance of 43,000 Euros which should serve to fully support all the forecasted expenses
- 7- Next meeting of the EC: As Sigfrido plans to go to the EUI on mission for the week of the 21st January 2013, it is suggested that the next meeting takes place on Sunday 20th January at 20:00.