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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING October 17, 2019

Meeting date: 17 October 2019, from 12:40 to 14:00 – via Skype

Meeting agenda:

1. Update on the administrative situation of the AA
2. Update on the website and membership renewal
3. Role of the ExCo in supporting local chapters
4. AOB

Participants

Elie Michel	President
Hanna Schebesta	Vice-President
Diego Garzia	Treasurer
Alessandra Chirico	Secretary
Filippo Vergara Caffarelli	Member

1. Update on the administrative situation of the AA

Elie Michel chaired the meeting and welcomed the other participants.

Elie Michel thanked everybody for the common effort in collecting and filling in the documents to be submitted to Prefettura di Firenze in order to register the names and personal data of the new members of the ExCO. The ExCo unanimously decided to proceed to the submission of the documents in due course.



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Diego Garzia reported that he had been liaising with the Italian accountant of the AA and with the Italian Bank, waiting to finalise the very last administrative steps to get access to the online banking service. The two signatories will be then Elie Michel and Diego Garzia, being the legal representative and the Treasurer of the AA. Diego has been also asking the bank the evidence that the former AA President (Federiga Bindi) is no longer entitled to have access to the AA's bank account. Final evidence on this needs to be gathered.

As for this point on the agenda, the ExCo unanimously decided to proceed to the submission of the documents in due course (both for Prefettura and for the bank).

2. Update on the website and membership renewal

Elie Michel and Diego Garzia have been investigating the entire website issue liaising with different interlocutors and webmasters.

Elie Michel made it clear that having an operational website up and running as soon as possible was really a matter of urgency, as membership renewal is carried out via the website. The website becomes then a top priority as a tool linked to the very possibility for the AA to raise and collect money through membership renewal.

On such a basis, Elie Michel and Diego Garzia proposed to keep the existing website as it currently is (including PayPal for collecting money). In the long run, if deemed necessary, the website might be changed, but this is not a concern for the time being.

Filippo Vergara Caffarelli reported that Roberto Di Quirico had been in touch with him and Alessandra Chirico to provide the ExCo with additional documentation illustrating all the different functionalities present in the existing website (database, webinar, surveys mechanisms, videoconference platform, e-commerce platform). The ExCo had an exchange on these different functionalities. With specific regard to e-commerce, Elie Michel expressed himself against it. Diego Garzia showed himself to be more in favour. Alessandra Chirico asked if extra costs were to be faced in order to have the website up and running. Elie Michel said that no extra costs will occur at this stage.

Based on the above discussion, the ExCo unanimously decided to have a step by step approach, whereas in the short term the existing website will be kept as to allow membership renewal, while a long-term strategy will be discussed at a later stage.

3. Role of the ExCo in supporting local chapters

The ExCo discussed how to best support local chapters, creating and stimulating a sense of attachment to the AA and to the EUI.

Hanna Schebesta remarked that Alumni present in different local communities seem to be engaged, judging from their presence, response and interaction on social media (AA's Twitter and Facebook group). Elie Michel said that Alumni should organize themselves autonomously and that the ExCo should simply play a role of facilitator in supporting local initiatives. Hanna Schebesta suggested that local chapters could carry out a fund-raising activity on behalf of the AA, while being allowed to use the AA's logo. Alessandra Chirico proposed to give a financial support to local chapters under certain conditions (e.g., appointment of a contact person or national representative, list of members participating to local initiative, minimum number of paying members being affiliated to the AA,



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organization of gatherings and events). Alessandra Chirico also proposed to draft some suggestions to support local chapters to be shared with the ExCo members and with the Alumni community at large. The proposal made by Alessandra Chirico has been considered by the ExCo. It will be decided upon through written procedure based on the draft proposal to be circulated within the ExCo. No financial commitment, at this stage, has been approved.

4. AOB

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 14:00.

The ExCo agreed to meet again in November via Skype.

Brussels, 22 October 2019

Read and approved,

(President)

E. MICHEL

(Secretary)

A. Chirico