

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE WAPCEPC, 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2003, EGMOND aan ZEE, HOLLAND.**

Present: The Board 2000-2003

Individual votes: 146

Organisational votes: 36

1. WELCOME by Chair of the Board, Germain Lietaer

2. REPORT FROM THE BOARD

2.1 *Germain Lietaer* gave a brief overview of the activities of the Board over the past 3 years: production of flyer; creating and maintaining of website; establishing online registration and payment of dues; launching of PCEP; developing membership base; recruitment of new members; managing finance and establishing the membership office; regular Newsletter; communication with members; link with PCE conference; development of election procedure and organising election of new Board. The Board members have mainly communicated by e-mail.

2.2 *Robert Elliott*, managing editor of the Journal, gave a brief report on the development of the journal so far and outlined the plans for the future.

2.3 *Anne Wunderle*, the treasurer, gave a brief overview of numbers of Individual and Organisational members, and a breakdown by country. Total individual members: 535; organisational members: 29.

3. ELECTION OF NEW BOARD.

Alan Turner, co-ordinator of the election committee, announced the results of the election for the new board. A total of 116 individual and 15 organisational votes were cast. Of the 10 candidates, 9 were elected. The new Board members presented themselves:

Naoko Hatase; Magda Draskoczy; Shari Geller; Alberto Zucconi;

Peter F. Schmid; Germain Lietaer; Rainer Bürki; Elke Lambers. Claudio Rud was not able to be present. The Board will be in post until the next GA in 2006.

4. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

G. Wyatt and L. Timulak were elected as auditors.

5. STATEMENT OF FINANCE

Due to unexpected administrative difficulties, caused by staff changes in the office, the accounts were not yet complete. On behalf of the Board Anne Wunderle asked the GA for provisional acceptance of the accounts, subject to approval by the auditors. The proposal was accepted by majority vote.

## 6. BUDGET 2003-2004

The treasurer presented the projected budget. The costs of administration and journal are barely met by the membership dues at the moment. The WAPCEPC has currently 535 members, but only 357 have paid their dues for 2003. This has caused a shortfall which will have to be met out of a transfer from 2002. If income from membership dues remains constant or falls, the dues may have to be increased; if income goes up, dues may be lowered.

## 7. DUES

7.1. The Board proposed new membership categories from 2004:

- \* Individual members residing in countries in World Bank Category A will pay full membership
- \* Students and individual members residing in countries on World Bank Category B,C,D will pay a reduced fee.
- \* Couples will pay €70

Members may apply for a reduction of dues.

Dues for organizational members remain unchanged.

7.2. The Board proposed that membership dues can be raised *or* lowered by up to 20% annually in the next three years, depending on the financial situation of the WAPCEPC. In the discussion, the Board emphasized the wish to maintain the dues at the lowest possible level. The proposal was accepted by majority vote.

## 8. PROPOSAL A: TO HOLD THE PCE CONFERENCES BIENNUALLY.

8.1 This proposal was put forward by Dave Mearns and Mick Cooper, who argued that a biennial conference would create a greater momentum and would create a more dynamic structure. After extensive discussion, the proposal was amended as follows:

TO HOLD THE NEXT PCE CONFERENCE IN 2006, AND SUBSEQUENT PCE CONFERENCES BIENNUALLY.

This proposal was accepted by a majority. Submissions to organize the 2008 PCE conference will be invited by email.

8.2 PROPOSAL: ORGANIZERS OF FUTURE CONFERENCES ARE ASKED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF INCOME AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP AND TO KEEP FEES AS LOW AS POSSIBLE.

This proposal, put forward by Alberto Segrera, was accepted.

## 9. PROPOSAL B: THE BOARD PROCEEDS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE GwG OVER THEIR PROPOSAL TO HOLD THE 2006 PCE CONFERENCE IN GERMANY.

The Board had received a submission from the GwG, which was presented by Paulus Wacker. Since there were a number of questions still to be resolved, the proposal was accepted.

10. PROPOSAL C: IF AN IMPORTANT MATTER ARISES IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS, AN E-MAIL BALLOT MAY BE HELD.

a. 10% of individual or organizational members may instigate such a vote

b. the Board may instigate such a vote.

The proposal was accepted by majority vote.

11. PROPOSAL D: THAT THE ELECTION PROCEDURE DEVELOPED BY THE BOARD BE RATIFIED.

Proposal accepted by majority vote

12. PROPOSAL E: THAT THE BOARD, OR SOMEONE CO-OPTED BY THE BOARD, SHOULD INVESTIGATE ALTERNATIVE, COLLABORATIVE STRUCTURES FOR THE WORLD ASSOCIATION AND REPORT BACK TO THE 2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

This proposal by Janet Tolan and Allan Turner was altered after discussion to:

*That Janet Tolan, Allan Turner and Sheila Haugh should investigate alternative, collaborative, structures for the World Association and report back to the 2006 General Assembly.* This proposal by Peter F. Schmid was accepted by majority vote.

13. PROPOSAL F: THAT THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD BE DIRECTLY ELECTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The proposal by Janet Tolan and Sheila Haugh was rejected by a majority vote. The Board will decide among themselves.

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Elke Lambers