

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE WAPCEPC
13TH JULY 2006 POTSDAM, GERMANY**

The meeting was attended by 75 individual members and 14 organizational members.

1. Welcome by Chair of the Board, Elke Lambers.
2. The agenda was accepted by the GA.
3. The minutes of GA 2003 (see website) were accepted as correct.
4. Reports from Chair and Journal editors
 - 4.1. Elke Lambers gave a brief overview of the activities of the Board over the past 3 years: the office move from Switzerland to UK, management of membership administration and finance, publication of the Newsletter, representation of the WA at conferences, membership of the WCP and participation in the WCP conference, preparation of PCE conferences, development of PCEP and contact with the publisher, continuing development of the WAPCEPC
 - 4.2 Membership: so far in 2006, there are 389 individual members (from 27 countries) and 19 organizational members.
 - 4.3 Robert Elliott, managing editor of PCEP presented a brief progress report on the journal. Bill Stiles has been appointed as an additional co-editor; the editorial team has successfully produced 4 issues per year and the journal continues to develop. The number of subscriptions has increased, due to the fact that BAPCA (UK), IPS (Austria) and the VCgP (Holland) have taken out a subscription for all their members. This has put the publication of the journal on a secure base, and has helped to keep the production and subscription costs down.
5. Finance
Treasurer Rainer Bürki gave a survey of the accounts. The income from members has remained sufficient to cover the administrative costs of the association. The accounts currently show a positive saldo.

6. Auditors report

The accounts were examined by the auditors, G. Wyatt and L. Timulak, and approved. The accounts were formally accepted by the meeting.

7. Donor fund

Germain Lietaer gave some information about the Donor fund. This offers free membership to colleagues from countries in World Bank Categories B, C and D who are not able to afford the dues. He emphasized that donations for the fund are most welcome and asked that the fund should be made better known to colleagues who might welcome this form of support.

8. Financial projection and membership dues

The Board announced that the membership dues for the coming 3 years will remain the same.

9. Website

Since Peter F. Schmid will not continue to be the webmaster of the WAPCEPC website, the board are urgently looking for someone to take over this task.

10. Bylaws: changes to I.7-I.9: II.1; IV. (See website, under GA agenda 2006)

The following changes to the Bylaws were accepted by unanimous vote and the Bylaws will be amended as follows:

- I.2 membership of the association will be terminated if dues have not been paid after 2 notifications of the annual payment
- II.1 The GA will meet every 2 years, normally in connection with the pce-conferences
- IV.1 Board elections will take place every 2 yrs
- IV.2 Board members can be re-elected to the Board for a maximum of 3 times.

11. Regional Chapter proposal (incl. amendments to Statutes and Bylaws) [see website, under GA agenda 2006]

Proposal 8a: The proposed change to the Statutes was accepted with 3 abstentions and the Statutes will be amended as follows

V. Chapters

In order to support the development of the PCE approaches in various regions of the world, and in support of shared goals, a Regional Chapter of the World Association can be formed by Organizational Members and/or Individual Members of the WA in a particular region. The philosophy, aims and objectives of the proposed Regional Chapter must be fully consistent with those of the WAPCEPC

Proposal 8b: the proposed change to the Statutes re. appointment of representatives of Regional Chapters to the WA Board was discussed at length by the meeting, and an attempt was made to reach agreement on a modified form of words. The main objection to the proposal remained that it would be perceived as in conflict with the principle of an elected board. This had been a proposal from the Board and since no agreement could be reached the Board decided to withdraw it.

Proposal 8c: As a result of the withdrawal of the proposal 8b, the Board subsequently also withdrew proposal 8c. The proposal was not discussed.

The Board will continue to work on procedures for the formation of Regional Chapters, and will present these to the next GA.

12. Approach-oriented Chapters (a proposal by Sommerbeck and Purton) [see website , under GA agenda 2006].

This proposers decided to withdraw this item and present it again at the GA in 2008

13. Presentation of New Board

Alan Turner, the co-ordinator of the election committee, presented the results of the election for the new board

The members of the new Board are: Michael Behr, Magda Draskoczy, Sheila Haugh, Naoko Hatase, Suzanne Keys, Elke Lambers, Jean-Marc Randin, Claudio Rud, Jeffrey Cornelius-White. The meeting ratified the appointments of these elected members to the WAPCEPC Board for the period 2006-2008.

14. PCE conference 2008 presentation

Judy Moore presented the proposal of the Norwich group to organize the PCE conference in July 2008 in Norwich, UK. (see website, Conference 2008) The proposal was accepted by the meeting.

15. PCE conference 2010

Alberto Zucconi presented a provisional proposal to organize the conference in Italy in 2010. The meeting accepted the proposal and the Board will continue to discuss the plans with the organising group.

16. Any other business.

On behalf of the Board and the meeting, Elke Lambers thanked the outgoing Board members for their commitment and hard work over the past years.

The next GA will be held during the PCE conference in Norwich, 2008.

13th November 2006
Germain Lietaer and Elke Lambers

Note:

Following the GA, and in accordance with the Statutes and Bylaws, the office bearers of the WAPCEPC were appointed as follows:

Chair: Elke Lambers
Secretary: Sheila Haugh
Treasurer: Jean-Marc Randin