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Member Representatives and Delegates present: Austria, Azerbaijan, Leuven Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey.

Observer Representative present: Bosnia & Herzegovina

Executive Board teams present: Social Impact, EFPSA Office, Study & Travel Abroad team, Training Office, Finance Office, Marketing Office, Conference 2015 org com and Congress 2016 org com.

Board of Management present: Ana Odabašić (President), Jayne Hamilton (Vice President), Clara Chetcuti (Secretary General), Timo Rautavaara (Finance Officer), Blaž Podobnik (Marketing Officer), Ioanna Florou (Member Representatives Officer) and Benedikt Ričný (Events Officer).

Minutes by: Clara Chetcuti (CC) (Secretary General)

Topics/agenda:

-  **0. Introduction – Quorum & Voting**
-  **1. Approval of EFPSA's Updated MVV**
-  **2. Approval of new members of the Ethics Committee**
-  **3. Approval of new position names within the Executive Board**
-  **4. Approval of EFPSA Facebook Pages and Facebook Groups' Rights**
-  **5. Approval of calling the Internship Task Force**
-  **6. Approval of starting a search for a new bank for EFPSA**
-  **7. Approval of Senior Training Officer Change**

Topic	Things discussed	Decision
0. Introduction; Ana Odabašić (AO) & Jayne Hamilton (JH)	- AO: welcome to the second session of the General Assembly. The whole Board of Management presents these proposals and we will present them via the BM responsible or how we agreed.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AO presented the agenda for the General Assembly. - JH explained what a General Assembly is and explained the voting rules. - AO: Any requests for anonymous voting? We have 4 requests for anonymous voting. - AO: Katja (KD) as adjudicator could you kindly confirm if we have quorum? - KD: yes we have quorum 	<p>Quorum has been met.</p> <p>Anonymous voting will take place.</p>
<p>1. Approval of EFPSA's Updated MVV</p> <p>Ana Odabašić (AO)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AO introduced proposal - AO: The previous Mission, Vision and Values were written many years ago and were out of date and they also overlapped. During our Board of Management Meeting in Malta we worked on rewording these so we didn't crucially change anything but reworded them to overlap less than they used to. - JH: We received some feedback and we changed the word consistently to constantly. - AO: Questions? Suggestions? Objections? - None 	<p>45 in favour 0 against 0 abstaining</p> <p>The proposal passes.</p>
<p>2. Approval of new members of the Ethics Committee</p> <p>Clara Chetcuti (CC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AO introduced the proposal and CC - CC: As we previously explained during the first GA, at the beginning of the mandate Ieva from the Training Office stepped down from her position for personal reasons and Mette from the Member Representatives wont be the MR anymore at the end of this week, so we opened a call internally for the members of the Ethics Committee. The MRs had an election as you know and you selected Chloe. The EBs had a short interview with the Board of Management and we selected Astrid. - AO: Any questions? Suggestions? Objections? - None 	<p>45 in favour 0 against 0 abstaining</p> <p>The proposal</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CC: Thank you 	passes.
3. Approval of new position names within the Executive Board. Ana Odabašić (AO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AO introduced the proposal - AO: There were some inconsistencies in the names of the positions which caused some confusion so we decided to make it more organised and OCD and we worked on this project for a while and according to this proposals all the SC will be called Coordinator, for example SII the team members would remain team members and the Juniors will be renamed to responsible. - AO: are there any questions regarding this? - Gabija Kisieliūtė (Lithuania): can you remind me why? - AO: yes, because in the BM all the positions besides President, Vice President and Secretary General are called officers and for example in the Training Office we had officers and it would cause confusion or uncertainties and it wasn't clear so we proposed National Training Officer to National Training Responsible to make clear distinctions between the positions. - AO: Questions? Suggestions? - AO: This would be from the next mandate so we would not change the names in the middle of the mandate. 	<p>42 in favour 0 against 3 abstaining</p> <p>The proposal passes.</p>
4. Approval of EFPSA Facebook Pages and Facebook Groups' Rights. Jayne Hamilton (JH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AO introduced the proposal and JH. - JH: What we are proposing is that the BM responsible has access to all the EFPSA Facebook pages and groups to keep things consistent and to always has access. It doesn't mean that the SC won't be on the page but there will always be a BM to oversee the work and the posts that have been put up. - AO: Suggestions, Objections? - None. 	<p>41 in favour 2 against 2 abstaining</p> <p>The proposal</p>

		passes.
<p>5. Approval of Calling the Internship Task Force</p> <p>Ana Odabašić (AO)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AO introduced and presented the proposal - AO: We propose to approve setting up the Internship Task Force for the second half of the mandate. We revised the work and their aims and we decided to set up this Task Force with more concrete aims and made it easier so it would be more fruitful. The new the call for this TF would be open and then there would be BM responsible, EB representative, MR representative and other Team Members and that would be proposed again for e-Voting that would happen in December. - Parla Buyruk (Turkey): Who is likely to be the BM responsible? - AO: Usually we discuss it together and it depends on the interest expressed. We decide and have anonymous voting if there is more than 1 person interested. - AO: Any questions? Suggestions? Objections? - None. 	<p>45 in favour 0 against 0 abstaining</p> <p>The proposal passes.</p>
<p>6. Approval of starting a search for a new bank for EFPSA</p> <p>Timo Rautavaara (TR)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AO introduced the proposal and TR. - TR: Currently EFPSA is having a struggle with communications with the current bank 'Belfius' and to make it clear the proposal is not about changing immediately the bank but starting a search to find any bank and to elaborate a bit more what is difficult with the bank is that it is located in Belgium but doesn't have any other branches in any other countries. - TR: As the account holders we have to physically travel to the bank or have someone make the changes which is really difficult and we are relying a lot of help of alumni who are currently living in Leuven, Belgium and also all the online banking and communication and official languages doesn't include English so it makes it quite difficult to operate in as the bank only operates in French, Flemish and Dutch. These are not 	

	<p>languages that official account holders in EFPSA know in strong enough command which are the President and I currently.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TR: We did a preliminary search about the banks to name a few better options for EFPSA than the current Belfius. One of the examples is HSBC, which has a lot of branches in Europe and you can actually access the bank from a different country and it's a lot simpler than it is with Belfius. Also, language could be operated in English as well and they have this kind of account that is free for, no banking costs if the annual turnover is less than 100 000 euros. - TR: Then we have IBIC. It has a lot of branches in Europe and is really accessible and has a lot of very broad amount of services which can be collated very flexibly, that meets the customers needs. It was quite a promising example. - TR: The third option is Barclays and they have branches in Europe and they have also won have some awards. - TR: These were the options is everything clear regarding why we want to change the bank? - Sander Roosen (the Netherlands): would you look into the bank warranties if the bank goes bankrupt? - TR: This is only a preliminary search according to the flexibility but good suggestion and we try to take all the possible benefits into the account. - Parla Buyruk (Turkey): if approved do you see the change happening around the Congress or e-Voting? - TR: It's difficult to say because it requires a lot of search and work, so Congress would be more realistic. - Jolien Vandeneynde (Leuven, Belgium): Is the EFPSA bank account somewhat related to the EFPA bank account? 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TR: no - AO: it's just that we have our headquarters in the same offices as EFPA. - Jolien Vandeneynde (Leuven, Belgium): Is there going to be any problems with EFPA? - AO: no previous mandates thought it would be feasible since our offices are there but we have two separate accounts. - JH: they don't have access to ours either. 	<p>45 in favour 0 against 0 abstaining</p> <p>The proposal passes.</p>
7. Approval of Senior Training Office Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AO: introduced the proposal and JH - JH: So for over a month now the SC has been unresponsive to the Training Office and the BM Responsible and it's not a way we can function with a team not having a SC, so we met with Astrid and Jurjen and we mutually decided that Astrid will leave her External Training Officer position and step up to be the Senior Coordinator. It was also discussed with Petras. If she leaves, her ETO position will be vacant and we will open a call and propose that it will be voted upon at the e-voting in December. - JH: questions? - AO: questions? Comments? Suggestions? Objections? - None 	<p>44 in favour 0 against 1 abstaining</p> <p>The proposal passes.</p>
8. Counting of the Votes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martin Helik (MH) (Slovakia) & Katja Decremer (KD) (Leuven, Belgium) counted the votes. 	