

EFPSA

General Assembly II

Minutes

Joint Executive Board & Member
Representatives Meeting 2017
Maaseik, Belgium

Friday 20th October 2017

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Members present: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium (Leuven), Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia (Skopje), Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Serbia (Belgrade), Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom.

Observers present: -

Others present: Clara Chetcuti (CC), Nicola Falzon (NF), Mónica Duarte (MD), Luc Horvat (LH), Erika Kajátiová (EK), Andreas Anthimou (AA), Joint EB&MR Meeting 2017 Organising Committee, Working Community.

Adjudicators: Ana Škeljo (AS), Monika Schwärzler (MS)

Minutes by: Mónica Duarte (MD), Clara Chetcuti (CC)

Topics/agenda:

-  1. Welcome
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-  4. Procedures
-  5. Request for anonymous vote
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-  7. Approval of dismissal of EFPSA in Numbers Task Force Team Member
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-  9. Approval of EFPSA in Numbers Task Force MR Representative
-  10. Approval of European Summer School 2018 Coordinator
-  11. Approval of Marketing Officer
-  12. Selection of Joint EB&MR Meeting 2018 Coordinator
-  13. Counting of the Votes

| Topic | Discussion | Decision |
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| 1. Welcome | - CC welcomes the people present. | |
| 2. Quorum Check | - MD checks quorum. - Quorum is reached. - MS confirms quorum. | Quorum is reached. |
| 3. Presentation of the agenda | - CC presents the agenda. | |
| 4. Procedures | - CC explains what a GA is and the voting rules. - CC presents the adjudicators. - MD reminds that votes cannot be split. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CC: The voting rights from Slovakia were delegated to Anna Štrekova and the voting rights from Germany were delegated to Fabian Dablander and who both hold an EB position. Is everyone okay with them voting on behalf of their MO? - Yes. | Anna and Fabian are allowed to vote. |
| 5. Request for anonymous voting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CC ask for any anonymous voting requests. | The vote will be anonymous. |
| 6. Approval of External Training Responsible | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CC reads the proposal - NF: After Congress, TO had one vacant position despite the extended Calls. After a few months, one TO member resigned. After 5 calls for TO, no applications. After TtT'17, Andrea graduated successfully. She attended Spanish TtT, she was MR from Spain, LC for MtM and now LC for Better Together. When the last Call was open, Andrea applied. However, she is a trainer candidate and only EFPSA Trainers should be part of TO. I discussed the topic with Marketa, the application was great and the interview was highly successfully. Based on her motivation, skills and availability we decided to propose her. I am comfortable with this decision because TO is comfortable with this situation. It was agreed that Andrea needs to apply for EFPSA Trainer ASAP. Therefore, we would exempt her from being an EFPSA Trainer by the time she applies but with the agreement that she would become one ASAP. - NF: If there are no questions, please vote in favour, against or abstaining. | <p>53 in favour 0 against 0 abstaining</p> <p>Proposal passes.</p> |
| 7. Approval of dismissal of EFPSA in Numbers Task Force Team Member | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CC reads the proposal. - MD: Madgadena didn't collaborate on the tasks that we agreed on and she didn't show any interest when it came to email discussions. In the only meeting she attended she said that she would do this, this and that. There has been no communication since June. The Chair contacted her to say that we need her to work and the Chair emailed her saying that we will dismiss her if she does not reply. She did not reply. - NF: you can cast your vote and once you are ready, please raise your hand. | <p>53 in favour 0 against 0 abstaining</p> <p>Proposal passes.</p> |
| 8. Approval of EFPSA in Numbers Task | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NF reads the proposal. - MD: We received an application for Team Member. The Chair and I discussed the application and the | |

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| Force Team Member | <p>nomination was very easy. His motivation was very relevant. His expectations are in line with what is expected of the Task Force and they are realistic. He is very proactive and an active person as we can see through his CV and extracurricular activities and he is a very competent and knowledgeable in statistics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gabija Kisieliute (Lithuania): Does he have EFPSA Experience? - MD: No he doesn't. He has experience in other organisations. - NF: you can cast your vote and once you are ready, please raise your hand. | <p>53 in favour 0 against 0 abstaining</p> <p>Proposal passes.</p> |
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| 9. Approval of EFPSA in Numbers Task Force MR Representative | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NF reads the proposal. - MD: I received the application and discussed it with the Chair. We are both on the same page. The expectations are realistic and the purpose of the Task Force is clear as well. She understands the purpose of the Task Force: it can develop EFPSA further and provide more information to future teams. She is aware of EFPSA Structure, Mission, Vision and Values, CVI and so on as she is an MR which is very good so we can brainstorm on ideas of how to develop the Task Force and the work of the Task Force because two of the Team Members are completely new to EFPSA. So, it's very good that we have this balance of people with experience and some with fresh views. - Nóra Köcski (Hungary): can I vote on behalf of myself? - CC yes, because you are voting on behalf of your MO. - NF: you can cast your vote and once you are ready, please raise your hands. | <p>53 in favour 0 against 0 abstaining</p> <p>Proposal passes.</p> |
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| 10. Approval of European Summer School 2018 Coordinator | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NF reads the proposal. - AA: All Org.Com is part of EFPSA-NL. Most of them were involved in the organisation of EFPSA Train the Trainers (TtT) 2017. They seem to have experience in organising and hosting events. They mentioned to have the support of their MO for the organisation of this Event. It seemed a very motivated and high skilled team. They presented a division of roles within Org.Com. They also mentioned venues, dates and prices such as €10 per night per person which is great for the Netherlands. - NF: If there are no questions please vote in favour, | <p>53 in favour 0 against 0 abstaining</p> |
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against or abstaining.

Proposal passes.

**11. Approval of
Marketing
Officer**

- CC reads the proposal.
- NF: After our GA on Monday, Tiago Moderno was dismissed and as we explained, we approached Tea to fill in, in the meantime. Tea was interested in taking on the position as she was considering to apply for the position next mandate. She has been performing the role of Marketing Officer incognito through dealing with the team and setting the work. The difference now is that she would have the tasks of the BM. She decided she would be up to take the position. We discussed that this would leave the Marketing Coordinator position vacant but it was agreed this is the best option for the team because they already have their dynamics. Tea has been attending BM Meetings this week and she is being great.
- CC: She seems to fit very well in the team.
- NF: We discussed as well during GA prep if we should put this proposal forward and it was agreed yes, so we are proposing to have Tea as the Marketing Officer for the rest of the mandate
- CC: If there are no questions, please vote in favour, against or abstaining.

53 in favour
0 against
0 abstaining

Proposal passes.

**12. Approval of
Selection Joint
EB&MR
Meeting 2018
Coordinator**

- CC reads the proposal. As it is for the Congress, the same procedure is for the Joint EB&MR Meeting as GAs are held during these Events; therefore it is your decision to select the Coordinator and thus, where the meeting will take place
- Karla Matić (Grants Coordinator): Will there be any travel reimbursements?
- AA: Nothing is mentioned in the application.
- Laura van Heck (JEPS Team Member): Now we got reimbursement for this Event but Azerbaijan we do not know. If we get a grant, are the travel expenses reimbursed?
- CC: I mentioned this in the GA prep but I will mention it here again. The grant does not cover reimbursement for statutory meetings held in non-eligible countries and we believe travel reimbursements cannot be covered from our end, however, we don't know Org.Coms' plans.
- Gabija Kisieliute (Lithuania): What happens if no one applies?
- MD: The Call will be extended and we hope to have

applications. This new Org.Com will be selected at December e-voting.

- Reb Xiberras (Study & Travel Abroad Coordinator): Is anyone else interested in applying?
- Magdalena Zebrowska (Poland): Yes, I am.
- CC: Unfortunately, you can't hold both an MR and an EB position, therefore, you would need to find someone else to take on the position of Joint EB&MR Meeting Coordinator.
- MD: Don't base your decision on the possibility of other applications. It happened in the past that people said they would apply and they did not. So please vote on this application regardless the possibility of having Poland applying. Magdalena, I am not saying I do not believe in you but circumstances can change like you just got to know you cannot be MR and EB.
- Fabian Dablander (JEPS Junior Coordinator): If you are not approved, would you apply again?
- Atash Musazade (Azerbaijan): No, I don't think so.
- MD: And honestly, I don't think that makes much sense. The main problem is about travel reimbursements and as they can't change the location of the country, I'm not sure what else they could do.
- Marketa Pešoutová: They can get grants for reimbursement.
- Karla Matić (Grants Coordinator): I don't want to discriminate Azerbaijan because of their location. I think it's good for other events but this is the only Event that's kind of mandatory for the entire Working Community.
- MD: I agree and I had suggested that to BM that they can apply for TtT which is a still vacant position.
- Karla Matić (Grants Coordinator): That's great!
- Fabian Dablander (JEPS Junior Coordinator): If you are not selected now, you don't apply?
- Atash Musazade (Azerbaijan): Don't think so.
- Gabija Kisieliute (Lithuania): Elvira is in the Org.Com. Maybe she can tell us something more?
- Elvira Aghalarova (Photographer): I don't know more. I got to know about the application this week.
- MD: One more thing, the location won't be the same as Congress 2017. This time the venue will be 30km for Baku so the problem with the buses should not happen again. And even if Org.Com applies for grants for travel reimbursement, I do not believe they will find grants available and have



a reply within two weeks. Furthermore, how would they apply for grants for an Event they are not sure they will organise?

- Anna Štekrova (Study & Travel Abroad Team Member): Why don't you have the Call open for longer?

- CC: Because the Org.Com needs to be voted upon during the December e-voting.

- Anna Štekrova (Study & Travel Abroad Team Member): Exactly. That's in December.

- CC: But we need to send documents in advance. The e-voting needs to happen within 45 days after the Joint EB&MR Meeting Besides, we do not want to jeopardise the work of the Org.Com by taking the time they could use to work on the event.

- Lukasz Štecko (Training Events Coordinator): Do you know any other grants which could help us? Travel reimbursements seems to be the only problem.

- Karla Matić (Grants Coordinator): I am kind of skeptical about that idea. This is just an internal meeting and only covered by an operating grant.

- LH: There is no guarantee we will get a grant if we apply.

- CC: If there are no more questions, please vote in favour, against or abstaining and keep your hands up until the adjudicators have collected your voting ballots. Please do not leave the room while we are counting the votes.

10 in favour
32 against
11 abstaining

Proposal does not pass.

13. Counting of the votes

- AS and MS count the votes.
- Results of the voting are announced.
- Closing of the General Assembly.

