



## MINUTES

52<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the European IFYE Alumni Association,  
Ursprung, Austria on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2010

### **1. Welcome and Opening**

Martyn Quayle (IOM), President, extended a warm welcome to everyone and thanked them for coming to the AGM.

The meeting started with a period of silence in remembrance of Britt Gustawsson (Swe) and other IFYE's who have passed away over the last year.

### **2. Introduction of Office Bearers**

Martyn introduced the executive committee: Anette Nilsson (Swe) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Norbert Winkler (Aut) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Hilde Riser (Nor) Secretary, Geir Sandvik Hjelen (Nor), Treasurer, Danielle Naser (Lux), Convenor, and gave apologies on behalf of Andreas Lehmann (Ch), Newsletter Editor who was unable to attend.

### **3. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted without any amendments.

### **4. Greetings Received**

Hilde read out the greetings received.

### **5. Appointment of Counters and Establishment of number of Eligible Voters**

Ellen Paine (USA) and Dale Yonker (USA) were appointed as counters. A total of 88 eligible voters were agreed.

### **6. Approval of the Minutes of the 51<sup>st</sup> General Assembly held in the Isle of Man 2009**

The Minutes had been displayed on the pin board at reception for the week and were agreed as read.

### **7. Matters arising from the Minutes**

None.

## **8. Reports on Past Activities**

### a) Report of the Conference in the Isle of Man 2009

Angela Southern reported. The Conference brochure has been produced. They have been handed out to the participants at the Austrian conference and the remainder have already been posted out.

### b) Executive Committee Report

This had been on display in the reception and read out at Country meetings.

### c) European Rally 2009, Estonia

Martyn attended the European Rally in Estonia last summer and had the chance to promote the IFYE programme to the participants on the Rally.

### d) Country Reports on special or new Programmes

Ursula Spillmann gave a brief report on behalf of Switzerland regarding the development of the exchange programme with Cameroon two years ago, that received money from the Development fund in 2009. The money has been paid out. The report has been put on display at the conference in the Reception, to inspire others to apply for funds from the Development fund too.

## **9. Financial Reports (EIFYEA, Accounts 01.07.09 – 30.06.10)**

### Main Report

The books for this year show a negative result of 4.415,83 CHF.

One of the board members hasn't sent their costs for the mid term meeting yet, and the costs for the 2010 spring newsletter are not included.

The stock markets have climbed a little the last year, so the LUX strategy fund has gone up 1.167 CHF, and is now worth 16.552 CHF.

### Lifetime Members Fund

The lifetime member fund has gone down by 4.588,53 CHF last year. There are five new lifetime members, minus the costs decided in the budget last year. A total of 5.788,53 CHF has been taken from the lifetime member fund to cover the costs for the newsletters to the lifetime members, and their share for the cost of the mid term meeting. The fund is now 31.621,35 CHF.

### Development Fund

The development fund is now at 14.507,30 CHF. 3.076,75 CHF was paid to Switzerland after their application for their exchange with Cameroon. The income from the tombola, minus costs for the raffle tickets, was 2.584,05 CHF.

Although there has been a reduction in the lifetime member fund (4.588,53), the recruiting fund (319,32) and the development fund (492,70), the general account has gone up. The general account has gone up by 984,72 CHF, and is now 6.112,05 CHF.

When this is compared to the budget for the year, it looks like we have a good control with the economy.

## **10. Auditors Report**

Stefan Starlinger read out the Auditors report on behalf of Andreas Langgartner and himself: The report is as follows; "We have reviewed that the balance sheet of the accounts are correct. We checked every receipt with the result that the books are held in a very correct way.

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial positions of the European IFYE Association as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and of the results of its operations.”

## **11. Proposed Changes to the Constitution**

As a proposed change to the constitution requires a minimum of 3-months notice firstly the members were requested to vote on: whether or not to discuss changes to the constitution despite not having the appropriate notice period. This was accepted with a majority vote (84/88).

### a) Limited Liability (NEW) (item 5)

‘Any financial liabilities are restricted to the amount of monies held in the accounts of the European IFYE Alumni Association.

The financial liability of any individual Member of the European IFYE Association, including Members of the Executive Committee, is restricted to an absolute maximum amount, not to exceed the Annual Membership fee.’

*Accepted with unanimous majority*

### b) Specification of the fiscal year for the organisation (NEW) (item 5)

‘The fiscal year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> with the year of Membership following the fiscal year.’

*Accepted with unanimous majority*

### c) Removing the position of Convenor in 2011 (item 4 Administration)

To cut the costs of running the IFYE organisation the duties of the Convenor’s position will be carried out by the other members of the Executive Committee and the role of Convenor will be removed at the 2011 AGM. Proposal to remove the role of Convenor at the AGM in 2011.

*Accepted with unanimous majority*

## **12. Proposed Changes to the Development fund**

### Specification of costs that can be covered with support from the Development fund

The discussion in last years meetings in the Isle of Man showed that more clarity is required in the guidelines regarding the specification of costs that can be covered with support from the Development fund.

### Suggestion on new item A – d) :

The money can not be used to cover travel expenses or pocket money (*existing*) + (*new*) ”for participating in the programme. Reasonable travel expenses for developing a new programme may be met.”

*Accepted with unanimous majority*

## **13. Applications from the Development Fund**

There are no applications this year

## 14. Budget

### a) Annual Budget

The proposal for the annual budget included the following highlights:

Silver pins (20 tie pins/40 pendants): (CHF 2.400,- to be taken from the lifetime member fund).	CHF 3.600,-
Other (support for baby IFYE's on first conference and IFYE flag)	CHF 800,-
Mid term meeting: (CHF 2.400,- to be taken from the lifetime member fund)	CHF 3.600,-
Total income Membership fees annual members	CHF 2.000,-
Total income Membership fees lifetime members	CHF 480,-
Development fund	CHF 0,-
Tombola	CHF 2.000,-

This budget reduces the Lifetime member fund by CHF 4.320,- during the period. CHF 2.400,- to silver pins and CHF 2.400,- to cover costs for the mid term meeting. We expect to have two new lifetime members CHF 480,-

The development fund will be on the maximum, 15.000,- at the end of the period  
An appendix explaining the suggestions had been circulated two months ahead of the AGM

*The proposal for budget for 2010-2011 was accepted with unanimous majority.*

### b) Proposal relating to future policy concerning Silver Pins

There was a proposal from Sweden to postpone the voting over the issue until next years AGM and to request the executive committee to produce a report regarding how to handle the issue of Silver Pins in the future.

*81 members voted for postponing further discussion of the issue till next year's AGM, (majority vote).*

In addition, everybody was asked to send their possible suggestions concerning the issue to the executive committee this autumn.

### c) Proposal to raise the Membership Fees from 01.01.2011

The Executive committee brought forward the following proposal:

To raise the membership fee from 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2011:  
The annual membership fee will be 25 CHF, is now 20 CHF.  
The lifetime membership fee will be 300 CHF, is now 240 CHF.

Following a discussion on the matter the voting showed a result of: 19 - yes and 59 - no. The proposal was rejected.

## 15. Future Activities

### a) Finland 2011, 23<sup>rd</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> July

Sirkku Laurila addressed the conference and reiterated the invitation given at the presentation on Wednesday evening, for the conference to be held in IFYELand in 2011.

### b) Sweden 2012; 21<sup>st</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> July

Ann-Margreth Karlsson, Anette Nilsson and Peter Jimmefors on behalf of the Swedish IFYE association, invited the IFYE association to Kungälv, north of Gothenburg for a conference in 2012.

c) Wales 2013

On behalf of the Welsh IFYE's Mary Roberts extended an invitation for the conference to be held in Wales in 2013.

(World conference in Thailand is announced to be held in November 2013)

d) Invitations 2014 and beyond

Edith Schröder extended an invitation on behalf of the German IFYE's to Germany in 2014 and Sally Young on behalf on the Scottish IFYE's, invited everyone to Scotland in 2015.

**16. Elections**

a) First Vice President - position for a two year period.

Finland nominated Susanna Palkkimäki from Finland and Germany/Austria/Switzerland nominated Gerhard Steinberger from Austria.

- **Gerhard Steinberger** - elected for a two year term

b) Second Vice President from Finland

- **Sirkku Laurila** was elected for a one year term.

c) Treasurer – position is vacant for a two year period.

- **Norbert Winkler** was elected for a two year term.

d) Newsletter Editor – position is vacant for a two year period.

- **Hilde W. Riser** (Nor) was elected for a two year term and stepped at the same time down as Secretary

e) Secretary – replacement for a one year term

- **Sally Young** (Scot) was elected.

f) Two Auditors from Finland

**Jukka Koivumaki** and **Raija Ellä** were elected for a one year term.

*(President Martyn Quayle (IoM and Convenor Danielle Nesar (Lux) – were both elected for a two year term in 2009 and remain in office)*

**17. Any Other Business**

Pauline Armstrong (NI) and Trevor Woods (NI) invited the members to pass on their best wishes to Avril Herdman (NI) (past President) and John Cromie (NI) who were unable to attend the conference this year due to ill health.

Ellen Paine (US) extended an invitation to all European IFYE's to attend the US National Conference in Summer 2011.

The President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the Annual General Meeting closed.

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_