# EFPSA General Assembly II Minutes

Joint EB&MR Meeting 2016 Fuzine, Croatia

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016



### EFPSA | General Assembly II Joint EB&MR Meeting 2016

Members present: Azerbaijan, Belgium (Leuven), Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia (Belgrade), Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom

Observers present: Macedonia

Others present: BM 2016-2017, Benedikt Ricny (adjudicator), Amra Dzindo (Member Observer Coordinator)

Minutes by: Jolien Vandeneynde (JV, Secretary General)

#### Topics/agenda:

- 1. Welcome
- 🎬 2. Agenda & Voting Rules
- 3. Quorum Check
- 🎬 4. Approval of EFPSA Academy 2017 Coordinator
- 🍟 5. Approval of European Summer School 2017 Coordinator
- 6. Approval of Congress 2018 CoCoordinator
- 7. Approval of Content Coordinator
- 8. Approval of Accounts Administrative Coordinator
- 9. Approval of Calling the EFPSA in Numbers Task Force
- 10. Approval of the Introduction of Fees for Observer Organisations
- 11. Approval of the Introduction of Delegation of Representation
- 12. Counting of the Votes and Outcomes

Topic		Discussion	Decision
1.	Welcome	- Clara Chetcuti welcomes everyone to the General Assembly.	
2.	Agenda & Voting Rules	<ul><li>Benny will be the adjudicator</li><li>10 requests for anonymous voting</li></ul>	Voting will happen anonymously
3.	Quorum check	- Quorum has been met.	



4. Approval **EFPSA** Academy 2017

of - Monica Duarte presents the proposal as Events Officer.

47 in favour

Coordinator

Proposal to approve Veronika Kocmanova as the coordinator for the EFPSA Academy 2017 and Czech Republic as host country.

The proposal passes

- The org.com members have training experience. They understand the needs of a training event.

0 against

1 abstaining

- Team members show a clear understanding of the needs of the event and their responsibilities.
- The funding options presented in the application seem reliable as they have received funding form these options for previous events.
- They presented low-fee accommodation options.
- Czech Republic is a good location for a three day event as it is easy reachable and not too expensive to travel to.
- No questions asked.

5. Approval European Summer School 2017 Coordinator

- Monica Duarte presents the proposal as Events Officer.
- Proposal to approve Andreas Anthimou as and Cyprus as host country.
- The org.com members have valuable experience in organising events.
- The org.com is very motivated. Their application EFPSA Academy was rejected because travelling to Cyprus for a three day event would be expensive. With applying for ESS they show that they are very motivated to organise an EFPSA
- The Cypriot member organisation CYPSA has ensured they will help the org.com with organising
- The team has already looked for suitable venues and their availabilities.
- The funding options they provided in the application seem reliable as they have already
- It would be the first EFPSA Event in Cyprus, it is good that EFPSA Events are spreading to more

Proposal passes

48 in favour

0 against

0 abstaining

- 6. Approval of Congress 2018 CoCoordinator
- Monica Duarte presents the proposal as Events
- Proposal to approve Valerija Bonkova as the 32<sup>nd</sup> EFPSA Congress CoCoordinator.

Proposal passes

48 in favour



- Valerija is familiar with student organisations. This is proven by her position as Educational Officer and later on President of Betapsi, the Member Organisation of Malta.

0 against

0 abstaining

- Valerija is familiar with EFPSA as she has attended the 30<sup>th</sup> EFPSA Congress in Portugal and was a local volunteer in the EFPSA Mind the Mind Campaign last year.
- Valerija is already a member of the 32<sup>nd</sup> EFPSA Congress org.com and has been working closely with Miriana Ferrito, the Congress 2018 Coordinator.
- Miriana Ferrito mentioned that Valerija's help and support have been very valuable and that they have good work dynamics.
- No questions asked.

## 7. Approval Content Coordinator

- Maciej Kucharski presents the proposal a Marketing Officer.
- Proposal to approve Catherine Friend (Ireland) as Content Coordinator for the remainder of the mandate 2016-2017.
- Catherine has experience in video editing and general marketing skills. The work she provided is of high quality. Since we are half way the mandate selecting someone with experience is essential.
- Catherine has experience in EFPSA and showed solid motivation.
- She is aware of what the position entails and is enthusiastic about working in Marketing Office.
   She came up with some ideas and seems proactive.
- No questions asked.

The proposal passes

- 48 in favour
- 0 agains
- 0 abstaining

8. Approval of Accounts
Administrative
Coordinator

- of Ana Skeljo presents the proposal as Finance Officer.
  - Proposal to approve Luc Horvat (Slovenia) as Accounts Administrative Coordinator for the remainder of the mandate 2016-2017.
  - Luc showed great motivation to become member of the EFPSA Working Community and especially Finance Office. Although the opportunity was presented to him last-minute, he came to the Joint EB&MR Meeting for one day to meet the team and get an overview of his new role.
  - He has experience in finance related to event organisation in the student organisation of the University of Maribor (Slovenia).
  - He was a participant at the 30<sup>th</sup> EFPSA Congress in Portugal and shows knowledge of the EFPSA

The proposal passes

- 48 in favour
- 0 against

0 abstaining

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structure and Events.

- No questions asked.

9.	Approval	of
	Calling	the
	EFPSA	in
	Numbers	Task
	Force	

- Monica Duarte presents the proposal.

EFPSA wants to evaluate its Services and Events.
 It wants to collect and analyse data gathered over several years to to observe trends and document EFPSA's growth and development.

 The data can be used to apply for grants. We can provide future org.coms with data regarding: number of sponsors, income from sponsors, sold merchandise, participation fees, etc.

- We can evaluate the evolution and success o EFPSA, increasing its credibility.

 The EFPSA in Numbers Task Force should define which variables need to be evaluated and which information should be gathered.

- They should collect the information required to evaluate each Event and Service.

 We want to create a platform that allows continuous evaluation throughout the time and independent from Task Forces.

- We intend to create graphs and charts which can be used for marketing and financial purposes, such as contacting potential sponsors.

No questions asked

#### 10. Approval of the Introduction of Fees for Observer Organisations

- Ana Skeljo presents the proposal as Finance officer.

- Observer Organisations receive a number of benefits which they currently get for free.

They have access to internal EFPSA documentation and insight and they receive support from EFPSA Members Office which supports them in their growth and development.

- Although they can not hold a position within the Executive Board, they can participate in Task Forces and attend the EFPSA Events.

- The fee would be set at €41,50, which is half of the amount of Categroy C, the category with the lowest Membership Fee for Member Organisations. Observer Organisations would have to pay this fee following approval of the association as Observer Organisation by the Member Representatives during the General Assembly at the annual Congress. No penalties will be incurred.

 We believe this amount is a beneficial contribution towards EFPSA from the observer organisation as they receive support and assistance in their The proposal passes

44 in favour

0 against

4 abstaining

The proposal does not pass.

11 in favour

32 against

5 abstaining



development. Furthermore the fee allows EFPSA to guage the organisation's financial stability, while EFPSA will contribute to ensuring the organisation is working towards this goal.

- Alberto Trigo (Spain): EFPSA should want MOs and not money, so we need to keep the door open. Observers can have financial problems. Financial stability should be measured with other things. We should support them if they don't have the money for it.
- CC: We would like the organisations to have financial stability, we want to check this not to shock them when they become Members and have to pay a certain fee.
- Ania Bagrija (Poland): I think it would be good to have like a trial-period for free. If we require money straight away, they might not be encouraged to apply.

11. Approval of the Introduction of Delegation of Representation

- Artemis Stefani presents this proposal as Member Representatives Officer
- The Delegation of Representation Document was created to provide a documented proof that the Member Representative is representing the Member Organisation while simultaneously ensuring that the Member Organisation has approved the individual as their Member Representative.
- The document should provide information of how and why the Member Representative was selected and about the length of the Member Representative's mandate. This for reasons of clarity of both parties (EFPSA and the Member Organisations).
- The Delegation of Voting Rights document is only to be used when the Member Representative is unable to attend the General Assembly, and hence requires a Delegate Representative.
- Any information provided in the document by the Member Organisation will not affect the membership of that organisation in EFPSA or the decision of that organisation in relation to their selection of Member Representative and their selection process.
- Karolina Hiltunen (Finland): Who will be able to see this document?
- Artemis: The Member Representatives Officer.

The proposal passes

45 in favour

2 against

1 abstaining



12. Counting of the Votes
Votes and Outcomes
- Benny and Amra count the votes
- Results of the voting are announced
- Closing of the General Assembly

13.	-		
14.	-		
15.	-		