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Present: The Board 2022-2023, Working Community of EFPSA 2022-2023

Minutes by: Robert Meyka

Agenda:

1. Approval of the Executive Board
2. Approval of the Resignation of the Marketing Officer

Topic	Discussion	Decision
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VK: During the 36th Congress we had our first and second General Assembly and we will now have our third General Assembly. During this General Assembly we will have the approval of the Executive Board and the resignation of the Marketing Officer and then we will continue with all other proposals. The General Assembly consists of Delegates from each Member Organisation of the Federation and Delegates of the Executive Board. Typically, the Member Representative (MR) is the delegate who holds the voting rights on behalf of their Member Organisation from their country or region, and the Executive Board (EB) Delegate holds the voting rights on behalf of their Office or Service. The General Assembly is the most important decision-making body within EFPSA. How do the voting rules work? Every National Organisation has two votes, every Local Organisation has one vote, and every Executive Board Delegates has one vote. The Member Organisation votes will be counted for 60 percent, Executive Board votes will be counted for 40 percent, and for the Proposal 6, the Approval of the Executive Board 2021-2022, this is the only proposal that only the Member Representatives will be allowed to vote, as stated in our Statues Article 14. For all other proposals, both Member Representatives as Executive Board Delegates will be allowed and have the right to vote. The voting options 	<p>Proposal to accept the agenda: 30? in favour, 0 abstaining, 0 against.</p> <p>The agenda was approved.</p>

are 'In favour', 'Against', 'Abstaining', and we have Robert's Rule of Order in accordance with our voting. This means that abstaining votes support the decision of the majority, but they will not be counted. So abstaining votes will only help to ensure Quorum, but they will not be counted with the majority. This also means that if you are abstaining for a proposal, know that it will only support the Quorum, but it will not be counted so please only abstain if you really do not know whether you are in favour or against, but I hope that for most proposals you will know if you will be in favour or against. So, proposal 1, they need two-thirds ($2/3$) in favour in order for the proposal to pass, all other proposals need 50%+1 in favour in order to pass. So, we will also take this into consideration when counting the votes. In response to proposals and points raised by Delegates, the chairs which are me as President and Helin Iklim Sahiner (HIS) as Vice President, or Delegates may motion to several procedure. The first option for motion for pragmatic amendments to be made to the sessions' agenda, for example the order of voting or splitting parts of a proposal into sub-proposals. The second option of motion is a motion for an announced counter proposal to be voted upon at a later session or through E-Voting. A third option is motion for a vote to be deferred for a voting at a subsequent session of the General Assembly scheduled for later of the meeting, or E-Voting, to allow for further discussion. Now I will explain to you the voting platform. All voting members have been about the voting platform which is called NemoVote. NemoVote provides secure online election for NGOs. The weighted votes are supported, and the voting process is completely anonymous. The Member Representatives Officer, Celeste Awere (CA), can see how many have voted already, but the identity of the voters is hidden, so we can not know whether you have voted in favour, against, or abstaining, we can only see whether you voted or not. If all voting members are online on NemoVote, I would like to establish Quorum. In order for the General Assembly to make decisions it is required that a Quorum of at least two-thirds ($2/3$) of the sum of total possible Delegates is reached. This time, we

	<p>need to establish both a Quorum for MRs as they will only be allowed to vote for proposal 6, and we also need to establish a Quorum in total, so both MRs and Executive Board Delegates. We currently have 34 Member Organisations with voting rights, which means we need at least 23 Delegates who are online, and in total we currently have 47 Voting Members which means we need 31 Voting Delegates online. So I will now wait for VK to let me know whether we have reached Quorum or not.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VK: I would now like to establish Quorum. - CA: We have 30 voters in total. That means, we have established a Quorum. 	
<p>1. Approval of the Executive Board 2022-2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VK: We will read the Executive Board - every Board Member is saying out loud the names of the Executive Board members as written in the Proposal 1. If there are any questions, please raise your hand. - Deianara Couwet, Belgium, Immediate Past President: We have a question from the Covid room, Deia from Belgium, IIP had asked whether she could be approved as the Immediate Past President as well, even though it is an automatic process that she will take this position? 	<p>Results Proposal 1: 41 in favour, 2 against, 0 abstaining. The Proposal passes. The new Executive Board for 2022-2023 is approved.</p>
<p>2. Approval of the Resignation of the Marketing Officer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VK: As all of you know, the Working Community selected the Marketing Officer, Dennis Rojo-Howell, who was selected during the GA III. As the workload was higher than he expected, he decided to resign from the position - Vega Bogdanić, Croatia: I would ask what happens if we don't vote for him to resign. - Deianara Couwet, IPP, Belgium: Belgian law requires that resignations are approved, and we need to prove that his resignation is approved. - Jaime Fernandez, MR of Spain: I think it is very unprofessional that he resigned the day after his approval. Is there anything that you can do, maybe raising a complaint to the ethics committee? 	<p>Voting results Proposal 2: 28.6 in favour, 1.2 against, 0 abstaining. The Proposal passes. Dennis Rojo-Howell resigned as Marketing Officer.</p>

- VK: He sent an email where he officially resigned and there is no further procedure into this as also no ethical complaint has been raised. After all, it is his good right to resign.
- Diliara, Events Office TM, Turkey: Why is there no one in the position of Events Officer?
- VK: Since nobody applied for this position, we as the remaining Board will oversee the Offices that don't have the Board Officer.
- Ana Kraljević, Croatia, Adjudicator: The fact that there are 4 Board Members missing, says something about the situations in the Federation.

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