

# Association for Educational Assessment – Europe

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# Minutes AEA-Europe General Assembly

Saturday, 9 November 2013 Salle de Commissions, Sorbonne, Paris

#### 1. Welcome and Minutes

Apologies from Council members Antonella Poce and Sarah Maughan.

Minutes of the previous General Assembly held in Berlin last November, were accepted.

### 2. Inauguration of new President and Vice President

Jo-Anne Baird was formally approved President of the Association. Guri Nortvedt was approved as the Vice-President of the Association.

# 3. Annual Report

The annual report was accepted with the following amendments.

- Business plan error on page 7 should read from 40 to 50 not from 100 to 50.
- Correction to the name of the Poster Award winner from 2012, to Jurik Stiller from Humboldt University.
- Financial information error on page 17 should read 2011 rather than 2012.

# a. Forthcoming Council vacancies, Nominations Committee and **Elections**

Henk Moelands was requested and accepted to continue to stand as Treasurer.

Jo-Anne Baird reported on forthcoming vacancies for a Vice President and Council member and outlined the role and composition of the Nominations Committee.

The Nominations Committee was composed of Frans Kleintjes (Netherlands), Gordon Stobart (England) and Christina Wikstrom (Sweden).

The working and composition of the Nominations Committee was accepted by the meeting, as it is in keeping with the Association's Constitution.

### b. Applications for membership and members leaving the Association

• 2013 update: Individual, Corporate and Student members Corporate: 38 (including 2 new ones since November 2012) Individual: 121 (including 37 new since November 2012) Student: 34 (including 16 new since November 2012)

As at 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012 there were a total of 160 members. As at 31st October 2013 there was a total of 193 members. (NB this includes members who have been given free membership as part of their conference registration. This membership is for the 2013 calendar year.)

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Members Leaving Association

6 members are to be asked to leave the association due to 3 years nonpayment of dues.

There was a request from the Assembly to look at confusion regarding membership of the Association. Feedback for members regarding their status needs to be reviewed by the Secretariat.

**Action: Secretariat** 

# c. Changes to Committees

The committees have been restructured, as detailed in the Annual Report.

The previous committee members were thanked for their support and contributions.

The new committee names will be announced on the website and in the newsletter. The information should also contain a few sentences about the responsibilities of the committees.

**Action: Secretariat** 

Procedures for accreditation applications and appeals will be revised over the coming year by the Professional Development Committee, to take account of the new structures and review procedures with the benefit of experience of the systems.

# d. Report on Accounts

The General Assembly approved the accounts.

The General Assembly approved the proposal for membership fees to remain unchanged for 2013.

The General Assembly suggested that some of the surplus should be used to provide support in administering the Association's business.

### 4. Changes to the constitution

The General Assembly approved the changes to the constitution.

#### 5. Resolutions from Members

Steven Bakker proposed that the Assembly thank the Council for all their hard work over the year. The Assembly seconded this vote of thanks.

#### 6. Any Other Business

There were no items of other business and the meeting was closed.

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