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AEA-Europe General Assembly Minutes

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1200 – 1300

1. Welcome and Minutes

Apologies were received from Council members Antonella Poce, Sandra Johnson and Henk Moelands.

Minutes of the previous General Assembly held in Paris, were accepted.

2. Inauguration: New President, Vice President, and council members

Guri A. Nortvedt was approved as the new President of the Association.
Thierry Rocher was approved as the new Vice-President and President elect of the Association.

At this point Jo-Anne Baird stood down, and was duly thanked for her contribution to AEA Europe.

Following, Iasonas Lamprianou was approved as council member. This role is to replace Gabriella Agrusti whose term of office has come to an end. The association expresses its thanks to Gabriella who has served eight years in total as a council member.

3. Annual Report

a. Forthcoming Council vacancies, Nominations Committee and Elections

The next council member election will take place in 2015 to replace Sandra Johnson whose term comes to an end in May. To make handover easier, the general assembly agreed to increase the membership of the Council slightly for a short period (2 council meetings). There will be a further election for a Council member in 2016, when Antonella Poce's term of office comes to an end.

A call for a new Executive Secretary from corporation membership has been announced. The nominations committee is discussing potential members to put forward. It is hoped that the new Secretary will be in role by January 2015. Note – this will be in an acting capacity until the candidacy is ratified at the General Assembly in Glasgow (November 2015).

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b. Applications for membership and members leaving the Association

Sarah Maughan provided details of the numbers of members joining and leaving the Association during 2014 (as included in the Annual Report). She also circulated the list of new members to give council members the opportunity to raise concerns if necessary. No concerns were raised so the new members were all accepted into the Association.

c. Committee work and changes to committees

The Professional Development Committee reported on activities the past year. There is currently one vacancy on the committee. Members were asked to contact Margaret Parfitt for an application form. Thanks were expressed to Frans Kleintjes for his work on the committee since it was introduced. His employer CITO was also thanked for their support of Frans' engagement.

The Publications Committee reported on activities the past year. Thanks were expressed to Gabriella Agrusti for her five years of chairing the committee. Sandra Johnson will act as temporary chair until she stands down from the Council in 2015. Thanks were also expressed to Julie Sewell who is stepping down from her role as the newsletter editor.

d. New researcher award

2015 Kathleen Tattersall New Researcher Award winner is Yasmine El Masri.

e. Report on Accounts

Cor Sluijter presented the accounts on behalf of the treasurer, Henk Moelands, who was unable to be present.

The General Assembly approved the accounts; however they did not approve the proposed budget for the coming year (2015) that included an increase to the membership fee. The General Assembly asked the council to present a new budget at the following GA in November 2015.

It was agreed that the finance policy should be amended so that the current policy on a 24 month reserve fund should be changed to an 18 month reserve.

4. Resolutions from Members

None were received.

5. Any Other Business

No other business was raised.