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Minutes of the General Assembly of EUHOFA
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A minute of silence is taken before the start of the General Assembly, for the 2 Euhofa members that passed away this last year: Mr. André Benyoseph, Providence, USA and Mr. Jan H. te Velthuis, ROC Twente, The Netherlands.

1. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MEXICO CITY, 6th NOVEMBER 2008.

The minutes are approved.

2. REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT

The activities of the secretariat for the past year are discussed. The work of the secretariat exists of the following items: organizing 2 board meetings (November 2008 and May 2009) and the General Assembly (November 2008). During the board meeting the future vision and mission of EUHOFA was discussed.

Creating the minutes of the board meeting and the General Assembly.

Taking care of the administrative and financial side of the organization (billing of membership fees), mailing Membership kits and taking care of all correspondence with members of the board. For a complete overview see the report handed out at the General Assembly.

3. MEMBER MOVEMENTS

3.1 Application and admission new members

The following new full members are accepted:

Laurea University of Applied Sciences in Espoo, Finland, represented by Maarit Franti and Hostec International from Sydney, Australia, represented by Raman Nambiar. The applications of the schools CFPF/HR from Senegal and Hotel Education Center from Montenegro will be put on hold for now. Their files are not complete, we are waiting for additional information.

3.2. Resignations

There were 27 resignations in total.

3.3. Change of management

18 schools had a change of management. Taking into account the 27 resignation, it comes to a net loss of 9 schools.

A total of 196 Euhofa members are listed, 144 are full members, 33 associate members and 19 fellow honorary members.

4. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The Board suggests to make Mr. Heinz Boyer and Mr. Antti Halli honorary members. Mr. Heinz Boyer was board member but also Vice President for nine years. He was one of the organizers of the Austrian congress in 2000. Heinz Boyer played a prominent role as ambassador to expand Euhofa Internationally.

In 2003 Mr. Antti Halli organized the successful Helsinki congress. During his 3 mandates as board member he worked hard on building an Euhofa bridge to the Baltic States and Eastern-Europa.

Vote: by unanimous show of hands, Mr. H. Boyer and Mr. A. Halli are elected as new honorary members.

As Vice-President, Mr. S. Salvisberg, takes on agenda items # 5 and # 6 of the General Assembly. Before going on to the elections he refers to a letter he send out on 9 July 2009. In this letter he announced the elections of the Board Members, Secretary General and President. Each full member had the opportunity to present themselves as candidate for the elections. Only full members have the right to vote on the General Assembly.

5. ELECTION OF THE BOARD:

The following board members are at the end of their mandate and are candidate again: Mrs. M. Wiesinger: end of first mandate; Mr. M. Dannenmann and Mr. G. Lipman: end of second mandate.

Because Mr. S. Kristiansen only had one mandate as board member in the past, he stands again as candidate for a second mandate.

Vote: by unanimous show of hands, Mrs. M. Wiesinger, Mr. M. Dannenmann and Mr. S. Kristiansen are elected for a new mandate as board member

6. ELECTION PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY GENERAL

Mr. S. Kristiansen is at the end of his second mandate as President. Mr. F. Defraye is available as his predecessor.

Vote : by unanimous show of hands, Mr. F. Defraye is elected for a first mandate as President of Euhofa international.

After his election as the new President Mr. F. Defraye gave his first speech. He thanked the members for their support. He spoke about the workshop “the future vision and mission of EUHOFA” and promises to lay out three concrete actions before the Euhofa members and Board by the end of January of 2010. He referred to the coming congress in 2010 (Providence, RI, USA) of which he hopes that this congress, like in 1994, will be visited by many. The slogan will be: “Let’s do it”.

Because of the fact that Mr. F. Defraye will not be able to stay on as Secretary General, a new Secretary general needed to be appointed. Mr. H. de Bruijn is introduced as the new Secretary General.

Vote : by unanimous show of hands, Mr. H. De Bruijn is elected for a first mandate as secretary general.

7. FINANCES

7.1. Accounts 2008/2009 (situation on 30/06/2009) and auditor’s report

The total balance is € 140.211,73, all in financial values (accounts and funds). The expenses are € 54.584,23 and income is €. 27.151,44 A loss of € 27.432,79. In a power point presentation Treasurer Mr. H. de Bruijn shows the negative financial results (see appendix).

Starting next year we will switch from a cash bookkeeping system to a double bookkeeping system on accrual basis.

On behalf of his fellow auditors, Mrs. G. M. Nieminen and Mr. F. Heffeter, Mr. E. Nuyts reads out the report from the audit office Cleppe, Keunen and Partners who have examined the accounts. Based on this report and their own findings, the auditors proposed to discharge the President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer and the board from all liability concerning the year of activity 2008-2009.

Vote : by unanimous show of hands, the proposal to discharge the board from liability is accepted.

7.2. BUDGET 2009/1010

The aim for 2009-2010 is a well balanced budget of € 29.200 on a break-even basis.

8. FUTURE EUHOFA INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES: Providence, 2010

2010 Providence, Johnson & Wales University. Mr. I. Schneider will be congress Chairman of the 49th congress that will take place from Sunday November 7th until Friday November 12th 2010 in the United States. Theme is "Hospitality, Leadership in a Global Era". The program is introduced by an enthusiastic team with Mr. R. Brush, Mrs. G. Lavoie, Mr. P. Lacroix. The board is confident that after the very successful congress JWU organized in 1994, the coming congress in November will again be an excellent one. The congress of 2011 will be organized in Estonia by Pärnu College, University of Tartu.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

9.1. During the congress Mr. G. Lipman organized a mini survey about the congress fees for the spouses. Subject: lowering the price of the congress for spouses make them join the congress more often? The result of the survey was as follows: 22 of the 50 participants who came to the congress without partner answered the survey. 13 of them said that the prices did not make a difference in their decision to take a partner along. 9 of the 22 said that if the prices for the partners would be lowered they would be able to bring their partners.

On the question of what would be acceptable, the answers fluctuated between € 500 and € 1.200 with an average of € 800. These results will be discussed at the next board meeting.

9.2. A book was presented by Fritz Gübler: "Great Grand and Famous Chefs and their Signature Dishes". Another book "Great Grand and Famous Hotels" is available to EUHOFA members at a preferential rate.

9.3 Final speech Sören Kühlwein Kristiansen

In his final speech as President of the EUHOFA International, S. Kristiansen looks back on his policies of the last six years. He is grateful for the opportunities he had to visit a lot of schools and meet all the different people. Thinking back over this period with great pleasure and he thanks everyone for the trust and support he received. He congratulates Mr. F. Defraye, offers him his support and wishes him success in his new task.