

## Long Range Planning Committee (Europe)

### Meeting - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 10am

#### Europa Forum Skopje

Meeting commenced 10.05.

#### **Participants:**

Chairperson Eberhard J Wirfs – International President 2009 – 2010

#### In attendance by Invitation:

International President Guðrún Yngvadóttir. Warmly introduced and welcomed by the Chairperson.

Former International President Dr. Prof. Giuseppe “Pino” Grimaldi.

International Director Heimo Potinkara (International Presidents liaison for Europa Forum 2019).

Visit from Board Appointee Past International Director Svein Berntsen(LRPC International)

Past District Governor Klaus Letzgos.

#### **Members:**

International

Director Regina Risken (Area 3) (International Presidents liaison for Europa Forum 2018).

International Director William Galligani (Area 4)

International Director Sandro Castellana (Area 6)

Past International Director Elien Van Dille (Area 4)

Past International Director George Th Papas (Area 7) (Europa Forum Vice President 2018)

Past International Director Elisabeth Haderer (Area 2) (New Voices).

Past International Director Phil Nathan (Area 5) - Archivist & Advisor (Secretary)

Past

International Director Kalle Elster (Area 8)(Europa Forum President 2018)

Apologies: Past International Director Markus Flaaming (Area 1)

All: Introductions Individually made,

#### Herewith for assistance:

Reproduced points from Chairperson Eberhard’s set agenda from the meeting held on Thursday, October 25th, 2018, at Europa Forum Skopje from 10.00 hrs - 13.00 hrs in Room B-1 KITKA (Level “B-0”).

1. Welcome and agreement on the agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting in Montreux, 28 September 2017
3. Introduction of the members
4. Role of the secretary following endorsement as 3rd International President
5. ID Rotation List exchange from Switzerland and Denmark
6. Proposed amendments (MD 105) to the Rules of Procedure of the Europa Forum
7. Role of the six European International Directors on the LCI Board
8. Relevance and role of the Euro-Africa and Euro-Asia Committees
9. Preparation of the Europa Forum 2019 in Tallinn
10. Candidacy of District 126 Croatia for hosting EF 2021 in Zagreb

11. Admission of Serbia as Europa Forum member

12. Miscellaneous

13. Date and venue of next meeting

- 1) Chairperson welcomes all and seeks agreement of the agenda.
- 2) All Agreed .  
Previous minutes were proposed for acceptance by PID George Papas, Seconded by PID Elisabeth Haderer , PID Elien Van Dille queried item 8 but after discussion All were in favour .
- 3) FP Pino speaks on the history of the LRPCE  
(PID Kalle departs meeting to attend another and returns 1 hour later 11.25)  
Continuing the discussion regarding LRPCE, Chairperson suggests this body is similar to a “Think Tank”.
- 4) Role of the secretary - Chairperson states it is agreed there are no Issues
- 5) International Director Suggested Rotation List. Question leads to discussion as to why an exchange had taken place between Denmark and Switzerland . A&A advises that past protocol was observed and the PID’s and CC’s had reached agreement between MD’s and submitted appropriately in writing (e-mail) to the A&A for verification. A&A confirmed protocol with A&A predecessor and subsequently agreed the exchange but informed all LRPCE members by e-mail. Following further discussion the meeting agreed that in future there should be no further changes without agreement of LRPCE via A&A.  
A&A crafted an Emergency resolution wording as agreed by Chairperson. Emergency resolution accepted by Europa Forum President as per ROP. Resolution subsequently accepted unanimously by European Council 2 (32 – 0) . Rule now sits in ROP Appendix I.
- 6) A number of changes (highlighted in green) were proposed (and correctly submitted for debate and voting) to clarify many points in the ROP. Previously highlighted and discussed with the Chairperson. Committee Agreed.
- 7) Discussion regarding the European need for more communication and understanding along with respect of our global and different cultures – Relevance is important – Succession is important, along with progressive continuity. IP Gudrun states that it is special to serve with European countries. A&A reminds of the number of cultures across Central & Eastern Europe, naming Serbia, BIH, Montenegro, Georgia, Latvia, Albania, Kosovo as just some. It is proven that all have growth potential but continually require mentoring.  
All agreed that PID’s should all be Ambassadors and mentors.  
Agreed that PID’s of Europe need a structure. PID’s of Europe should show unity.  
Agreed that PID Elisabeth to organise the 1<sup>st</sup> ID/PID meeting at EF Tallinn.
- 8) What is the relevance and role of the Euro-Africa and Euro-Asia Committees? After some discussion it was agreed that they are indeed relevant and important.
- 9) Update on EF ‘19 from PID Kalle EF President 2019. Preparation is going well, request that Supervisory committee arrives 1 day earlier to Tallinn.  
IMPORTANT & SUBSEQUENT update – 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisory meeting held in Tallinn first weekend of February ‘19. Accommodation and all venues visited. Request that LRPCE also arrive 1 day earlier.  
This will be dependant on the decision of the LRPCE Chairperson. Full report from Board liaison ID Heimo at a future date.

- 10) Croatia Candidacy resolution for EC2 was agreed but a warning was expressed, to note and beware of the final chosen date. Chairperson comments that European Leaders should be encouraging hosting by more Member Countries. To be a further discussion by LRPCE. Also LRPCE to discuss with home countries, referring to suggested Rotation list contained within ROP.
- 11) Serbia. There was a discussion on the criteria for allowing membership. Currently contained and followed within ROP. LRPCE to review.
- 12) Miscellaneous: Dates of future EF discussion. The wrong date would preclude attendance by Executive Officers.
- 13) Next meeting, possible date mid-week in February but to be announced.

\*\*\*As a consequence of the behaviour of a Candidate for 3<sup>rd</sup> IVP during occasions of the Forum. It was agreed by the Chairperson that the A&A craft the wording for an Emergency resolution which the EF President subsequently accepted. This resolution was accepted by EC2 unanimously (32 – 0) and now forms part of ARTICLE V1: Organisation. 6.7 page 7 paragraph 3.

Minutes submitted by secretary Phil Nathan.