

**LRPCE MEETING MINUTES - ZOOM**  
**May 3, 2023**

**6PM to PM CET**

The meeting has been recorded.

**LRPCE Members and areas represented.**  
**(Voting members in green)**

<b>PIP Gudrun Yngvadóttir – Chairperson LRPCE -</b>	in attendance
<b>ID Barbara GREWE – Designated ID EF Klagenfurt: –</b>	in attendance
<b>ID Mats Granath - (also designated ID Zagreb) -</b>	apologies
<b>Area1 IPID Bent Jespersen -</b>	In attendance (1 <sup>st</sup> hour)
<b>Area2 PID Dr Walter Zemrosser – (EF Klagenfurt President) –</b>	apologies
<b>Area3 IPID Daniel Isenrich (EF Accountant) -</b>	in attendance
<b>Area4 IPID Nicole Belaud -</b>	in attendance
<b>Area5 ID Teresa Dineen -</b>	apologies
<b>Area6 ID Dr. Elena Appiani -</b>	In attendance
<b>Area7 PID George Th. Papas –</b>	In attendance
<b>Area8 PID Kalle Elster -</b>	In attendance
<b>Prof. Dr. Giuseppe ‘Pino’ Grimaldi –</b>	
<b>International President 1994 -1995 -</b>	In attendance
<b>Eberhard J Wirfs – International President 2009 – 2010 -</b>	apologies

**Programme Directors**

<b>Markus TSCHISCHEJ (EF Klagenfurt) –</b>	apologies
<b>DG Vanessa HORROD (EF Bordeaux)-</b>	In attendance

**Permanent Guests:**

<b>PID Sandro Castellana - Chair of LRPCE ROP Revision Task Force –</b>	in attendance
<b>PID Geoff Leeder - (Chair LTFE) Lions Task Force Europe -</b>	apologies
<b>PID Miklos HORVATH – EF Archivist &amp; Advisor -</b>	In attendance

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**1. Welcome – Chairperson PIP Gudrun**

Chairperson Gudrun greeted the participants.

**2. Introductions – All (only name, title and country)**

**3. Apologies - A&A PID Miklos**

Please see above.

**4. Discussion and approval of the revised documents prepared by the ROP Revision Working Group: Constitution & By-Laws, Standing Order, Appendix A and F : PID Sandro**

The following is the essence of the discussion that lasted 90 minutes and the comments made on the revised documents presented:

### **Constitution:**

- General: Barbara suggested to switch points “4. Forum Organs” and “5. Forum Officers”
- # 5: Added Forum Treasurer,  
(Pino) Designated International Director is not an officer of the Forum.
- # 5.6. New Bullet: Definition needs to be developed for Forum Treasurer
- # 9.5. added “...at the discretion of the organizing Member **Country**.”

### **By-Laws:**

- General: Fora replaced by Forums (Plural)
- # 2. New definition regarding membership to be submitted by George Papas.
- # 4.1.4. Electronic voting to be added as an option.
- # 4.2.3.1. Add first year directors as non-voting members so that they are informed about the activities going on in the LRPCE.  
Add EF Financial Controller to the LRPCE as non-voting member.
- # 4.2.3.1 (Pino) All PPs are non-voting members, ex-officio
- # 5.2./5.3. The time horizon of all documents should be defined (i.e., how many years back?)
- # 6. Change “Workshops” to “Event Contents” to renumber sections as appropriate  
6.1. Workshops  
6.6. -> 6.2. Agora  
6.7. -> 6.3. Speakers Corner
- # 6.2. – 6.5. Move out to a new Best Practice Section
- # 10. (Pino): Remove the word “non-political”
- # 10. LRPCE voted for “the use of brochures and flyers” (5 yes, 3 no)

### **Standing Orders:**

- General: All text needs to be reviewed and improved.
- # 2. Difficult language ...
- # 3. “(European Council only)” to be removed??
- # 4. Host Committee President replaced by **Forum** President
- # 8. Option for electronic voting should be added.

### **Appendices:**

- # A: 2. Distance to next airport should be defined (proposed not more than an hour), Remaining text to be reviewed.
- # B / C Adjustments required
- # D To be revised and added
- # J: WaSH Working Group???

**5. Status Report on the preparation of the Klagenfurt Europa Forum after the “in-person” meeting of the Supervisory Committee in Klagenfurt: ID Barbara**

The meeting was very successful, with some quite hard discussions on certain points. Klagenfurt is a little city, and the Forum cannot be organized under one roof. The Host Committee will ensure transportation from the hotels to the Forum venues and back. As far as the venues are concerned: closed meetings will mainly take place in hotels, the Plenaries and the Agora in the Exhibition Center, some seminars in rooms in the Exhibition Center and also in the State Archives on the other side of the street, opposite to the Exhibition Center. The Music Competition and the Young Ambassadors’ will be organized at a very nice place (Kurtz Mahler Private Music University) which is also in walking distance. The deadline to send in proposals has been extended until end of March (until last week). During the Board Meeting Barbara had a meeting with 1<sup>st</sup> IVP Patti and Sanjeev to check if they have any wishes for the program over what is usually on. They had some wishes that Barbara sent over to the Host Committee.

The program will be revised and refined in April at the forthcoming Supervisory Committee meeting.

Everything is fine.

The closest international airport (Ljubljana in Slovenia) is at a 1 hour 10 minutes drive.

The program is filling up, we will see more clearly at our next Supervisory Committee meeting in about 2 weeks.

In case the Forum needs more workshops, sessions, the Host Committee will probably be lenient on deadline.

**6. Status Report of the Rotation Plan in the light of the decisions taken on the last Board Meeting in Belfast: Chairperson PIP Gudrun**

We had to make some changes because some of the countries that had candidates for 3<sup>rd</sup> IVP and those countries had ID positions.

We also knew that there will be changes on the requirements to become International Director. Before the recent Board meeting it was not yet decided if there will be any requirements or just some, if the presently valid 1.250 members/35 clubs will go down to 1.000 or 800 or no requirements. The discussions kept on and the final position is that there will be no requirements, any district can endorse a candidate with no requirement in membership or club number. The same “no requirement” status goes for the candidacy for 3<sup>rd</sup> IVP.

This big change will make a lot of changes in our Rotation Plan, because today we have some 20 countries that meet the requirements in the Plan and it will go up to 32. and this makes our Plan very complicated.

The decision will be voted upon in Boston, but as we know, very few proposals are voted down, so this one will also probably pass.

So we have to work in July very hard to put all these 32 countries in our Rotation List. For all the countries, all the districts will be in play, there will be many more candidates, but we do not worry about that, our only worry is to make a real good Rotation Plan. With 32 countries, it will be a very long list, but this is the challenge for a new Task Force to be set up. We will use mathematical formulas, we will analyse our regions and hopefully we will find a just solution.

SO THIS IS THE BIG NEWS, NO REQUIREMENTS TO ENDORSE AN INTERNATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATE, even Russia with 170 members may run a Candidate.

PIP Pino voiced his vehement opposition to this proposal.

The discussion went on for several minutes, but the finality is that this is a question of democracy and the need to find new capable leaders. This time the Board has decided and the International Convention will probably vote the “no requirement” proposal.

#### **11. AOB – All**

No other business was raised.

Our next meeting will be on May 3, 2023, this time 1 hour earlier, at 5 PM.

The meeting was closed by Chairperson Gudrun with words of pride and praise to the members of this great Committee, very talented and efficient leaders, because we in Europe know how to select our leaders!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16.

**Prepared by: PID Miklos HORVATH A & A**