

Minutes

EVBO council meeting March 29, 2021
12.00-13.00 CEST

1. Opening of the meeting, excuses

Present:

Lena Claesson-Welsh (President)
Mauro Siragusa (Secretary)
Judith Sluimer (Treasurer)
Kari Alitalo
Hellmut Augustin
Graeme Birdsey
Paola Campagnolo
Guido De Meyer
Józef Dulak
Agnieszka Jaźwa-Kusior
Friedemann Kiefer
Justin Mason
Gilles Pagès
Massimo Santoro
Jaap Van Buul
Fiona Wilkinson
Beata Wojciak-Stothard
Karina Yaniv

2. Brief general information (EVBO seminar series, new members, summer school). Lena: The committee (Lena and Friedemann) has succeeded in filling the spring schedule apart from June 25. Council needs to soon decide whether to continue in the fall.

Mauro: Six new members in March and several renewals, indicative of continuous interest in EVBO initiatives.

Mauro: The first draft of the online summer school is presented on behalf of the organizers Mauro, Paola, Fiona, Jaap, Graeme and Henning Morawietz representative of ESM). All speakers are confirmed and announcement will go out after Easter.

Action: Mauro will contact Council members to check availability to chair specific sessions. Once agreed, the information on the summer school and the programme will be posted on the EVBO website (Fiona) and the summer school will then be announced to all EVBO members.

3. Constitution to send to members for ratification at the general meeting (GM) which will be postponed from May 6 to a date in June (Judith)

The Council has received the Constitution and Judith clarifies legal terms to solve any ambiguity (see Appendix 1) The discussion among Council members led to the following decision points:

Decision: Judith, Lena and Mauro will draft the *Board (Council) regulations* referred to in the Constitution, which will be adopted as the Council's house rules. This document will be discussed with the notary and then sent to the Council for approval.

Decision: the text of the Constitution will be read in detail again by Lena, Judith, Jaap and Friedemann, the changes discussed with the notary and the final document shared with the Council for final approval.

Decision: the minutes of each Council meeting will be ratified by the Council at the following Council meeting.

Decision: The financial report has to be audited by someone who is not part of the Council to avoid bias. On Friedemann's suggestion Lena has engaged former presidents Ingrid Fleming and Yvonne Alexander for this purpose.

4. Procedure for nomination of Council members and president-elect (Lena)

Lena presents the procedure for nominations of Council members and president-elect as detailed in Appendix 2.

Decision: Lena, Mauro and Judith receive mandate from the Council and will act as the nomination committee (NC) as detailed in Appendix 2.

Decision: Lena and Mauro to send a call for nominations to EVBO members, separately for EVBO Council and president-elect. Communication to be sent out after constitution and board regulations are agreed upon by the Council.

5. Procedure for voting for council members and president-elect (Mauro)

The Council discusses advantages and disadvantages of casting votes digitally or by polling at the GM.

Decision: The voting procedure will be regulated in the board regulations to be sent to the Council as soon as changes are finalized.

Decision: The GM will take place in June instead of May 6th as previously agreed. New date tba.

Action: Karina and Lena to check platforms for electronic voting.

6. Prize for the best web illustration

Decision: The Council approves Appendix 3. Competing illustrations to be sent a month before the GM and the council will select the winners (maximally 2).

7. Next Council meeting will be on May 6th 14:00-15:30.