



General Assembly Meeting

09.30 to 12.30 on Saturday 25th May 2013

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Minutes

1. Welcome

Randolph welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the guests and thanking the German hosts and especially Kurt Rieder for inviting EGoS to Berlin at short notice.

He also thanked Kurt for making the arrangements with his colleague Mr Grote for the presentation and visit at the Berliner Wasserbetriebe and for the afternoon historical visit to Potsdam and dinner in the evening.

Randolph went on to explain that the meeting was not quorate and there no votes would be taken at this meeting. This did not prevent the meeting from discussing the agenda but any matter that needed a vote would have to be put to the follow GA meeting in the Autumn.

Wilfred introduced VDV members from the surrounding areas of Berlin explaining that this is a changing world of education and professional relationships. VDV now co-operate with Greece ADT and are establishing a network for mutual recognition.

Welcome to Berlin with 6 universities, 10 associations and 10 million visitors a year all of whom have to be catered for.

Wilfried thanked the members for attending and wished us well for a good meeting.

Kurt Rieder hoped that the members enjoyed their technical visit and the visit to Potsdam.

He urged EGoS to invite new members to join but who would be willing to provide input rather than not taking part, in particular making reference to Belgium and Spain.

2. Apologies Received

Prof. Rahmi N Celik (RNC) - C S C Eng. Vice President of EGoS

Turkey

Mr. Anthony Pearce – Past Secretary General (EGoS)

UK

Mr. William Cowap – CIQA

UK

Cyprus Association of Rural and Surveying Engineers.

Cyprus

Confederation Royale des Geometres-Experts Independants.

Belgium

Mrs Rita Scully -Limerick Institute of Technology.

Republic of Ireland

Vladimir Tikhonov - Surveying Engineers -

Russia

Mr. Stefa Bledi -

Alabania

Prof. Dr. Sc. Bashkim Idrizi –

FYRO Macedonia

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting held in Sofia, Hotel “Arena di Serdica and Conference Centre, Bulgaria on 9th November 2012 had been previously circulated to Members and was also tabled. No vote was taken to approve the minutes.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising that were not already stated in the agenda.

4. Relationship with AEEBC

ML had not attended the last meeting of AEEBC as it clashed with another meeting. Minutes are circulated to members who are associated with this organisation.

5. Relationship with other Professional Bodies

RC stated that FIG knows all about us but that they do not recognise EGoS. They do however recognise CLGE. Randolph felt that members should give this matter more consideration.

Nikos stated that EGoS provide solutions for Professionals.

RC stated that FIG are too academic and are not really interested in solutions.

The Secretary General’s thoughts on this matter are:

FIG is an international world-wide organisation representing geodetic surveyors of all types.

CLGE are a European Organisation that represents Professional Geodetic Surveyors

EGoS are a European Organisation that represents all Professional surveyors.

Therefore, it is more likely for FIG to recognise CLGE because of the direct relationship between them.

CLGE – RC stated that we have already discussed this matter during the previous meeting. It is felt that our subscription to the organisation of 2500€ a year for the use of the Surveyors house is far too expensive especially as the house in Brussels is not used. It is therefore suggested that we offer 500€ a year for using the address as our registered address. This to be raised at the next meeting for ratification.

Kurt felt that we should cut off members of EGoS who do not attend our meetings. He suggested that the Board discusses this and reappraise the situation in order to provide solutions and a proposal.

6. Administration

Nikos has agreed that Eleanor has been tasked to obtain sponsorship from trade organisations in order to gain more income.

MVL reported on the finances and the current position was tabled for the various accounts as follows:

Euro Call Account	=	1493.75€
Euro Current Account	=	1253.68€
Stirling Current account	=	£620.37
Stirling Deposit Account	=	£35.51
Euro cash	=	-623.39€
Stirling cash	=	-£523.93

ML circulated the accounts to members of EGoS.

Difficulties are being experienced from non-payment of subscriptions by members. Spain, Belgium, Cyprus, Greece and Ireland are not subscribing.

Randolph, Nikos and Secretary General are not claiming travel expenses.

7. Web-site

The website address is: www.europeansurveyors.org

Nikos presented and tabled a paper that he had prepared with a suggestion for an up-grade of the EGoS Website:

- a) Procurement
- b) Job opportunities

Part of the paper provided information on a Questionnaire.

Sponsorship from trade organisations with a suggested letter inviting traders to use the EGoS Website as a link to their own organisations.

Members are requested to consider the documents and make their observations for the next meeting.

8. Education and Training - EurGeo

EGoS will be again supporting CNGGL by sponsoring the Young Surveyors course in Lisbon, Portugal in September this year. This is a course for Geodetic Surveyors.

The EurGeo Professional card for Surveyors is in a state of limbo as Members are obtaining permission from their respective organisations. Italy provided their support and only one more Member of EGoS is required to provide the minimum Number of 9 member states of the EU. MVL stated that he would approach Belgium and obtain their support.

9. European Policy issues

MVL will circulate to members' lists of proposals and documentation received from the EU Commission that they may find of use.

RC raised the issue that we were nearing the end of the 3 Year plan set during 2010 and that another new strategic plan for EGoS should be drawn up.

Member were requested to think about what they would like to engage and what policies they would like to pursue over the next 3 years.

10. EGoS Future Strategy

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11. Membership

Kurt felt that we should be actively seeking new members.

Nikos is already engaging with Balkan States to encourage them to participate in EGoS meetings.

RC stated that he would like Henning Elmstrom's organisation to become a member of EGoS and that he would invite Henning to attend the next GA meeting as our Guest.

We have none of the Scandinavian Countries involved in EGoS.

12. EGoS Statutes

The changes that were requested to be made to the Statutes at the last meeting e.g. the removal of “Non-Geodetic surveyors” and replaced with “Professional Surveyors” was tabled. The meeting approved in principal but this required ratification at the next meeting when there is a quorum.

13. Next Meeting

The next meetings
FYRO Macedonia 15th November 2013
Kosovo Apr 2014
Autumn 2014 – To be agreed.

14. Any Other Business.

RC commented upon an association with John Hohol of ACSM/NSPS an American organisation of Surveyors and the possibility of setting up MoU between them and EGoS. It was recommended that this is developed and that the two Presidents agree the wording for presentation to their respective organisations.

15. Close

RC thanked Kurt and Wilfried for their kind hospitality and for making the arrangements for the meetings at short notice. It had been a very successful meeting.
RC thanked the Members for attending and look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting in FYRO Macedonia.

Summary of action from these Minutes

Decision	Action date	Action by
Questionnaire on legal responsibilities of each member state	On Going – Started January 2006 - Circulated May 2006 – All members that have not returned this questionnaire please do so by return. New Members to complete.	Secretary
EGOS Web Site	Material for web site is required www.europeansurveyors.org Up-date material on site. Sponsorship of Trade organisations Up-load rules for EurGeo Professional Card for surveyors	Rahmi Nurhan Celik to administer and all Members to provide material to secretary or where registered are able to upload themselves. Secretary General.
FECF meeting in Brussels	Closed	Some talk of restarting this by AEEBC.
Report on Questionnaire received from members on Education and Training of Surveyors – Updates have been requested – to be re-circulated	October 2005 complete Questionnaire to be up-dated. New members should be approached. This information has been shared with CLGE	Randolph Camilleri. Rahmi Nurhan Celik/Secretary. New members
Questionnaire Procurement and Job Opportunities for Web Site	Develop questionnaire	Nikos
Mediterranean surveyors meeting to be organised by Italy	Finished	Possible connection with new established organisation run in France
Develop a template for Quality Assurance ISO EN 2001 and Environmental Management ISO EN 14001	Information circulated to members and a link is established on website.	Bill Cowap/Secretary
Comparison of the legal responsibilities of Surveyors in their capacity to act professionally. Extended to members	On-going – Members wishing to participate are to request questionnaire from secretary. New members may contribute	Members
Complete questionnaire on Planning Regulations	On-going – Members wishing to participate are to request questionnaire from secretary. New Members may contribute	Members
New prospective member Associations & organisations.	Develop association with prospective Members. On-going. Russia, Serbia, Denmark, Balkan countries and Scandinavian Countries	Randolph Camilleri, Nikos Zacharias and Secretary General

Develop ideas for collaboration with FEANI, CLGE and AEEBC	Secretary General attends AEEBC meetings and reports to Members. The Officers attend CLGE meetings.	President and Vice Presidents, Secretary General
Continue lobbying on mutual recognition of qualifications by developing EurGeo Professional Card for Surveyors	On-going with presentations in Member countries to encourage support and development.	Secretary/Members
EGoS Working Plan	Redefine new 3 year strategic plan for 2013 to 2016	All members to note and where applicable to act. New Officers to consider and develop.
Relationship with Other Bodies outside Europe	John Hohol - ACSM/NSPS – Develop MUO and agree.	Randolph Camilleri – Secretary General
Election or re-election of Officers	Nov 2013 – President, Vice Presidents and Secretary General	GA meeting November 2013
EGoS Statues	Amend in accordance with Members wishes. Approval required for amendments made at November 2013 GA	Secretary general
Italian Young Surveyors Course	Grant aid support – 1500€ September 2013. Applied	Secretary General
Electronic Professional Qualification Card	Progress with a new system of Profession Qualifications based upon the EurGeo Passport System – 9 th December 2011 in Cyprus. Support letter circulated to members and signed by most. 1/3 of the EU member countries require to support. i.e. 9 countries minimum. Application to be made to EU Commission.	Secretary General and Members to act. To date 9 Member countries in support. 3 Associates in support

Signed.....

Randolph Camilleri - President of EGoS.

15th November 2013