



General Assembly Meeting

09.30 to 12.30 on Friday 9th November 2012

Sofia, Hotel “Arena di Serdica and Conference Centre.

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Minutes

1. Welcome

Randolph welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the guests and thanking the Bulgaria hosts for inviting EGoS to Sofia.

2. Apologies Received

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
Maria Scorza - CNGGL	Italy
Mr. Erico Rispoli, - CNGGL	Italy
GeoWeb – Mr Joseph Simeon CEO	Italy
Vladimir Tikhonov - Surveying Engineers -	Russia
Dr. Zdravko Roussev – President of EAA - Euroarch	CZ

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting held in Mondial Hotel Tirana 20th April 2012 had been previously circulated to Members and was also tabled. There were no objections or amendments and therefore were approved and signed.

Matters arising

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

4. Relationship with AEEBC

ML reported that he had attended the last meeting of AEEBC held in Stockholm, Sweden on 25 to 27th April 2012.

A meeting providing information on the proposed Professional card for Building Surveyors/Building Experts the “EurBE” was conducted.

There had been difficulties in setting up a Company to run the scheme in the UK which had delayed the launch of the Card for individual surveyors to register with EurBE via their own professional organisations.

Test cases, using members of the committee, had been supplied. The purpose is to ensure that the evidence given by the applicants is tested and robust and that the application is genuine and applicable to the Professional card.

The application is made on line and the receiving secretariat establishes that all the relevant information requested has been provided and that all questions are answered and that a registration fee of €120 is received.

The application is then passed to the individual's professional national body to confirm that the information provided is correct and that the member is a corporate member fully paid-up and that evidence is provided for CPD.

Having confirmed this the application is passed back to the EurBE committee for consideration and that the answers given in the applicant's questionnaire correspond to the requirements and standards required for the Professional Card. If there are variances then the committee can request further information from the applicant.

If approved then the applicant is offered membership of EurBE that will require an annual fee of €50.

If the application is disapproved then a reason should be given and an appeals system is provided.

5. Relationship with other Professional Bodies

FIG - RC is representing EGoS as well as Malta at the meetings. FIG are a worldwide organisation and much bigger than any European organisation. Their resources are much greater than ours and most of the European Countries have representatives on FIG. It is up to European Organisations such as EGoS to fight their corner on European matters.

CLGE – 3 meetings a year are expected with the president of CLGE where co-operation between our organisations are established through the MoU.

ML reported that he had sent to the President of CLGE the EurGeo passport scheme and operating rules as agreed at the last meeting. He reported that there has been no response to the scheme from CLGE and therefore it is necessary to proceed without CLGE in order to establish support for the scheme from our own membership. We would require a minimum of a third of the EU member countries to agree to the EurGeo scheme otherwise the scheme would not be recognised by the EU Commission as a valid application.

So far only 4 members of EGoS have responded and signed up to the scheme.

NZ has prepared his thoughts on the delicate relationship that has occurred between CLGE and EGoS. The report had been discussed at the Officers meeting held prior to the GA and RC views on the relationship had reached breaking point where he did not want to engage further with any meeting with CLGE all the time he remained the President of EGoS.

It was decided, at this point in time, to carry on with our own agenda and make contact with other European organisations that wished to be associated with EGoS.

6. Administration

Finances and the current position were tabled and the current positions of the various accounts are as follows:

Euro Call Account	=	3063.12€
Euro Current Account	=	1023.81€
Stirling Current account	=	£441.18
Stirling Deposit Account	=	£35.51
Euro cash	=	-798.39€
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 and Ireland are not subscribing. They are also not attending meetings. The newer Eastern state members have little financial resources and most of which is taken-up by membership of FIG or CLGE.

The President stated that he was not charging his expenses for the meetings that he is attending on behalf of EGoS.

The accounts were approved.

7. Web-site

RNC reported on the changes made to the EGoS website and brought-up the site for scrutiny.

He requested that Members send text files to change the language so that this can be uploaded onto the site and provide a multi-lingual site.

Members who want to provide logos are to send them to the Secretary General.

The representative's names for the new members are required for inclusion on the site.

RNC said that he would be changing the European map on the home page of the site to make it more user friendly.

NZ suggested that an administrator should be involved in obtaining corporate sponsorship that could provide additional income for EGoS. It was agreed that this should be investigated by NZ.

ML reported that some of the difficulties that he had experienced in using and adding information to the site had been addressed.

The one thing that is still a problem is moving out of date information into an archive.

RNC requested that the web host be changed as the site at present was being hosted by his University. It was agreed that details of "HostGator" is to be sent to the Secretary General by RNC to enable the new host site to be arranged.

The website address is: www.europeansurveyors.org

ML requested that members provide information for inclusion on the website.

8. Education and Training - EurGeo

Following the presentation of the proposed EurGeo Professional Card system in Sofia at the spring meeting some minor tweaks had been made to the presentation. It was agreed that this should be shown and a demonstration of the PowerPoint presentation was given to the Board.

The key for lodging the EurGeo application to the European Commission for an approval would be in the number of different EU supporting Countries subscribing to the EurGeo as previously defined. The scheme is for all surveyors whose professional organisations will be members of EGoS and can administer the scheme in conjunction with the EurGeo central

registration Board. It would be similarly run to that of the EurBE professional card system from a ratification view point but would be based on a 5 year period of membership before renewal and a single payment of 50€ for registration and membership for that payment. The only check by the Central Board would be annually to assess whether the individual surveyor was still in membership and practicing with the Professional organisation and operating within their rules.

Suggestions made by NZ to include in the list of competences on page 6 “Rural Engineering”, “GIS” and “Remote Sensing.”

Item 16 on the list shall be “Rural development”

Item 21 shall read “Mapping and Cartography”

It was suggested that the Professional Card rules shall be up-loaded onto the website.

9. European Policy issues

CLGE – The standardisation of valuation measurement is being promoted by CLGE. There appears to be some wider implications on this subject.

The AEEBC EurBE

This is reported under meeting of AEEBC attended by ML in Stockholm.

10. EGoS Future Strategy

The future strategy of EGoS have been outlined under the various previous headings. RC’s 3 year Work plan for 2010 to 2013 is nearing the end and therefore consideration must be given for the foreseeable future and a further plan to be introduced.

There is an election for the change in Presidency of EGoS required to take place in the Spring of next year.

The President will make enquiries of the membership.

KR expressed his thoughts and thanked the Officers for their hard work in promoting EGoS and for the work on expanding the Membership over the past 3 years. He hoped that this would continue and wished everybody his good the very best for the future. He went on to say that he would be stepping down next year as the representative for VDV and that he was presently involved in trying to establish a suitable replacement to represent VDV.

The President thanked Kurt and wished him well as did the rest of the Board.

11. Membership

The following organisations previously signed the EGoS Statutes at the seminar in Tirana Albania:

The Association of Topographical Companies of Bulgaria. – Full members

The Albanian Association of Geodesy – Associate Member

FYRO Macedonian The South-East European Association Research on Geo Science “Geo-SEE” – Associate Member

The Kosovo Cadastre Agency – Associate Member

NZ stated that he had been in contact with Russia and that Vladimir Tikhonov of the Surveying Engineers in Russia had shown interest in joining EGoS and that he had invited him to attend this meeting but it had clashed with another event.

Vladimir had also stated that resources were a problem because of membership of other organisations. NZ would invite Vladimir Tikhonov to our next meeting.

It was felt that EGoS should hold their meetings in the Eastern parts of Europe in order to help those organisation wishing to join EGoS the opportunity to meet and engage in the work without having to spend too much in getting to the function.

12. EGoS Statutes

NZ has considered the use of the words “Non Geodetic” in the Statues. An alternative substitute would be “Professional Surveyors” This change was agreed by the Board.

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held in Kosovo Apr 2013

FYRO Macedonia Oct 2013

Russia April 2014

14. Any Other Business.

It was proposed by the President RC that we support the Italians young surveyors summer education programme and that we grant 1500€ towards their funds. This was agreed.

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. This is being reported to John Hohol’s group and he will contact us in due course.

15. Close

There being no further formal matters to discuss the meeting was closed and the President thanked Eng. Zlatan Zlatanov – Geocad and, Mr. Angel Yanakiev – Chairman of KIG for their kind hospitality and arrangement for our meeting in Sofia and look forward to seeing more of the City and the visit to the Monastery.

He also looked forward to tomorrows Seminar when he can interact with the Bulgarian Surveyors and the speakers.

This was followed by a visit by the Officers of the facilities being provided for the Seminar to be held the following day.

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 Home page and Map. Appoint administrator for Sponsors. Change Web Host.	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
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	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	On-going in association with CLGE and on an individual EGoS basis	Secretary/Members

EGoS Working Plan	AS DEFINED IN WORKSHOP MINUTES HELD 8 th October 2010 – Brussels - 3 year plan	All members to note and where applicable to act. Plan nearing end and requires further consideration by Officers.
Relationship with Other Bodies outside Europe	John Hohol - ACSM/NSPS	Randolph Camilleri – Secretary General
Election or re-election of Officers	May 2013 – President, Vice Presidents and Secretary General	GA meeting May 2013
EGoS Statues	Amend in accordance with Members wishes.	Secretary general
Italian Young Surveyors	Grant aid support – 1500€ Summer 2012. 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 some. 1/3 of the EU member countries require to support. i.e. 9 countries minimum	Secretary General and Members to act. To date 6 countries in support.

Signed.....

Randolph Camilleri - President of EGoS.

24th May 2013