



## **General Assembly Meeting**

**10.00 to 13.00 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

### **Ajax Hotel and conference centre**

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### **Minutes**

#### **1. Welcome**

Randolph Welcomed Andreas Socratus and Members of ARSEC to the meeting and thank them for making the arrangements.

AS outlined the events for the coming two days and invited the members of EGoS to a dinner that evening.

#### **2. Apologies Received**

Germany - VDV due to change of original date and unable to attend.

Belgium – KCLG – No funds available to attend

Serbia – Association of Surveyors – No funds available

Albania – Association of Geodesy – No funds available

FEYO Madedonia – Geo SEE – No funds available.

UK – Quality Assurance CIQA – Unable to attend due to illness

Tony Pearce – past Secretary General.

Turkey – Chamber of Surveying and Cadrastra Engineers - Rahmi Celik had called to say that he would not be able to attend as he had just been made a professor at the University and this had altered his plans.

ML reported that he had not heard from Spain or Republic of Ireland.

He also reported that he would now be representing FPWS at all future meetings on behalf of the President.

#### **Quorum**

RC declared that there was not a quorum present but this did not prevent discussion between those members present and for matters to be taken to the next GA meeting for approval. Those members in attendance agreed.

#### **3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting held in Thessaloniki, Greece 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Electra Palace Hotel had been previously circulated to Members. There were no objections or amendments and therefore were 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 been unable to attend the meeting in Warsaw on 25/26<sup>th</sup> November as he had just completed hospital treatment but had received reports that the EurBE professional card system had been launched for Building Surveyors. The registration process was via the internet and applicants wishing to obtain the professional card would be required to complete a questionnaire on line and that the information is to be initially verified by the applicants Member organisation and then passed to the AEEBC EurBE Board who would elect to approve or disapprove the application. The questionnaire consists of; previous and current Education, CPD, Work experience and job function all set within defined parameters. The cost of the Professional card is 50€ per annum. The establishment of the EurBE proved difficult to set-up because there had to be a separate Company set-up to run the Professional Card and this took time to be established that delayed the introduction of the system by a year. ML wondered how many surveyors would apply for the Professional Card and did it really constitute a European recognised professional qualification for the free movement of surveyors throughout Europe? It was also very narrow and only recognised Building Surveyors. Under the EurBE system there is no recognition required for language, Law or differing construction processes that would be required in another European Member States country.

#### **5. Relationship with other Professional Bodies**

RC reported that there had been no further communication with FIG or FEANI. Regular meetings had been held with CLGE between the President of CLGE Jean-Yves Perlot, Randolph and ML that had been held in Brussels. It had been agreed that Travel to get to the meetings would be borne by the organisations and the rooms for the over-night stay together with dinner would be borne by CLGE for these meetings.

Discussions had taken place where EGoS had declared that they had produced a matrix of professional qualifications for some of the Members and that this was an on-going exercise. A copy had of the matrix has been sent to CLGE to enable them to comment.

Both EGoS and CLGE had attended the EU commission of Professional Qualifications directive and that the Commission had vied towards the professional Card system rather than common platform for educations standards. This, therefore, had excluded many organisations from the discussions other than those who were already developing professional Cards.

A Green paper had been produced by the EU Commission on Professional Qualifications and CLGE had responded which EGoS has commented upon and had no further comment that had not already been made by CLGE. Much of the Green Paper was directed to other professions of which no comment could be made anyway.

CLGE had produced a paper that has tried to address the problem of standardisation of the measurement of buildings for use by Estate Agents, Planning and Building Regulations. Many Member states use different measuring processes for the sale and letting of property which confused the buyer. CLGE has, therefore, prepared a method for measurement that standardises the process and this has been sent to all European members for their comment before submission to the Commission.

The meeting agreed that ML prepare a questionnaire for members to state how they measure buildings.

A further meeting of CLGE and EGoS is scheduled for November 2011.

## **6. Administration**

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

Euro Call Account	=	1788.73€
Euro Current Account	=	2063.12€
Stirling Current account	=	£1682.60
Stirling Deposit Account	=	£35.51
Euro cash	=	367.61€
Stirling cash	=	-£523.93

ML reported that the income was down but that the second quarter call for subscriptions had been made where applicable.

It was noted that the prospective new members from Bulgaria, FRYO Macedonia and Albania were cash strapped and had little income from Members. RC stated that consideration shall be given to those prospective members and that a plan should be provided to enable them to join with a sliding increased subscription plan. The Officers were to discuss this at their next meeting.

## **7. Web-site**

ML informed the meeting that Rahmi Celik was due to report on this but had not received information. He was however, able to report that he was now able to up-load PDF information on forthcoming events and that all members registered were now able to do direct for any of their further events. ML had been including events that related to VDV events in Germany as these were being sent to him for inclusion.

Minutes of meetings and agendas are also up-loaded for members to down-load.

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

ML raised the question of sponsorship on the website and that he had been contacted by a Chinese manufacturer who sell GPS systems and wanted to know if there were organisations that I could put them in contact with.

ML asked whether it would be prudent to ask if they would like to buy space on the EGoS website advertising their products. It was agreed that in principal ML should investigate this further.

## **8. Education and Training**

No report was tabled. ML stated that the questionnaires area available to all members who have not yet completed them and also for new members. If members are not sure they are to contact the Secretary General.

## **9. European Policy issues**

This has been previously dealt with.

### **EurGeo “e” Passport (Professional card)**

In the light of the Professional card that has been produced by AEEBC, ML has worked upon up-dating the EGoS “e” professional card system which Tony Pearce had previously produced about 10 years ago and which had not been pursued because there was no interest from Members because of legal problems in recognising the system.

Operating Rules of the EurGeo electronic Passport system were tabled together with a system to providing a means to obtaining data on line. A presentation was made to the Members and although there was not a quorum the Board agreed that this item should be progressed and circulated to the members for approval in principal at the next GA meeting. The Board also agreed that a presentation should be made to the Surveyors in Cyprus at the seminar the following day.

NZ asked if the EU Commission would provide funding for the establishment of a professional Card. ML state that they will not. This is something that the Professions must do for themselves.

## **10. EGoS Future Strategy**

NZ has been charged with contact of prospective new organisations who are interested in joining EGoS and as a result interest had been received from Albania Association of Geodesy and the FRYO Macedonia Association AEE.

A report is tabled and is attached to these minutes.

There are other organisation who have also shown an interest in joining EGoS from;  
Bulgaria – Chamber of Engineers in Investment Design  
Kosova – Cadastral Agency.

All of the above organisations have problems in obtaining funds from their members. As previously stated this matter will be looked at by the Officers in order to decide on how to pursue this matter.

## **11. Membership**

As discussed under item 10.

## **12. EGoS Statutes**

For a matter of record ML informed the Members that the EGoS Statutes had been up-dated in line with the recommendation of the previous meetings and copies had been distributed to members. A copy of the Statutes is also available on the Web-site.

### **13. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is from an invitation from the Albania Association of Geodesy to be held in Tirana, Albania in April 2012.  
Bulgaria, Sofia - Autumn 2012

### **14. Any Other Business.**

NZ congratulated the CNGGL for their surveyor's course that they ran in Athens earlier in the year and that it had been a fantastic success.

Enrico Rispoli responded and asked if they could show the DVD that had been produced of the course both the official and unofficial versions. This was shown and it was agreed that this should be shown at the seminar for the Cypriot surveyors the following day.

Mr Andreas Socratus invited the members to a dinner function in the evening and that we were all invited to meet in the lobby at 19.30.

There being no further matters the meeting closed at 13.15. and was followed by lunch and afterwards, in the afternoon, with a visit to historic monuments in Cyprus by coach and a guide.

## Summary of action from these Minutes

Decision	Action date	Action by
Questionnaire on legal responsibilities of each member state	January 2006 - Circulated May 2006 – All members that have not returned this questionnaire please do so by return	Secretary
EGOS Web Site	Material for web site is required <a href="http://www.europeansurveyors.org">www.europeansurveyors.org</a>	Rahmi Nurhan Celik to administer and all Members to provide material to secretary or where registered are able to upload themselves.
FECF meeting in Brussels	Closed	Some talk of restarting this by AEEBC.
Directive on Services, Regulation on Code of Conduct and Establishment. Formation of Working Party	New Code of conduct produced by CLGE – This matter to be brought to December 2011 GA. -Do Members wish to adopt Code of Conduct in EGoS?	Randolph Camilleri
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
Develop a template for Quality Assurance ISO EN 2001 and Environmental Management ISO EN 12001	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.	Members
Complete questionnaire on Planning Regulations	On-going – Members wishing to participate are to request questionnaire from secretary	Members
Develop association with FIG	Investigate possibility of co-operation between the two organisations. This has not progressed any further.	Randolph Camilleri to investigate.
New prospective member Associations & organisations.	Develop association with prospective Members	President, Vice President and Secretary general.

Develop ideas for collaboration with FEANI and AEEBC	Secretary General attends AEEBC meetings and reports to Members.	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 <sup>th</sup> October 2010 – Brussels.	All members to note and where applicable to act.
Electronic Professional Qualification Card	Progress with a new system of Profession Qualifications based upon the EurGeo Passport System – 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2011 in Cyprus	Secretary General and Members

Signed.....

**Randolph Camilleri - President of EGoS.**

**20<sup>th</sup> April 2011**