

General Assembly Meeting – EGoS
Friday 1st April 2016
at the
Electra Palace Thessaloniki
9, Aristotelous Square, 54624, Thessaloniki, Greece
Start time 09.15
Lunch 13.00
Re-start 14.30

Minutes

Present

Nikos Zacharias (NZ) – HARSP Greece President of EGoS
Randolph Camilleri (RC) – MioS Malta Immediate Past President EGoS
Florian Dietze-Romkens (FDR) – VDV Germany – Vice President EGoS
Maria Grazi Scorza (MS) - CNGeGL Italy - European Affairs.
Malcolm Lelliott (ML) – FPWS – UK - Secretary General
Guests: Michalis Kalogiamakis – President TEE of the Local Chamber
Giogres Christoglou – Local President of the Association.

1. Welcome

Nikos Zacharias welcomed everyone to Thessaloniki and stated that this is an important meeting as well as tomorrow's meeting when we are to make an address and presentation to the Thessaloniki Surveyors.

Nikos expressed his apprehension as this was his first full meeting as the President and hoped that he would get the full support from the officers, which was confirmed.

This being the first meeting Nikos was disappointed by the attendance with no representatives from Bulgaria, Albania or Turkey.

Nikos then outlined the programme for the weekend.

Dinner tonight in a local Restaurant

Dinner tomorrow night at the invitation of the President of the Chamber.

NZ then introduced Michalis Kalogiamakis the President of the Local Chamber.

2. Address by Michalis Kalogiamakis.

Welcome to Thessaloniki.

There would be a mini tour around Thessaloniki tomorrow morning.

He went on to say that these are difficult times in Greece and that this was a challenge. This affected Employment, finance and politics.

The Technical Chamber will be required to provide an overview of the bigger issues that affect the surveyor and this was the challenge..

3. Apologies Received

Prof. Rahmi N Celik (RNC) –Turkey -C S C Eng. Vice President of EGoS Bill Cowap – CIQA. UK
Anthony Pearce – Past General Secretary of EGoS UK
Bledi Stefa - Albania
Ms Rita Scully – Republic of Ireland
Vladimir - Russia

ML sated that he still had not heard from Belgium, Spain or Cyprus.

The Eastern State members from Bulgaria and Romania do not respond to invitations.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting held in Malta – 14th November 2015 had previously been circulated and were also tabled, were approved and signed by the President.

5. Matters arising

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

6. Finance

ML reported on the finance position of EGoS and the accounts were circulated for approval. The non-attending members do not contribute to the subscription.

RC felt that a small contribution by these members of at least €100 should be made if they are serious in being a part of EGoS.

FDR said he would make enquiries about their subscription.

It was also felt that advertising on the EGoS website would create additional income.

7. Young Surveyors Training Course

RC reported on the help that we could obtain from his Daughter-in-Law Roberta who is a Solicitor and works for Weave Consulting who have experience in submitting applications to the Commission for grants towards approved Strategic Partnerships strand under the Erasmus + funding programme. A fee proposal had been put forward dated 26th March 2016 for approval by the Board of EGoS if they were willing to participate in contributing towards the development of the scheme.

The Board agreed unanimously agreed to engage the services of Weave Consulting to help secure the funding for EGoS training course for young surveyors at an estimated Fee of 2500€ of which half the fee would be payable upon appointment.

ML was instructed to obtain inform Weave Consultants accordingly and obtain an invoice for the initial Fee and make the payment.

RC calculated that we would be looking towards funding of 90,000 to 100,000€ to run the course.

He suggested that there should be minimum of 5 Partners concerned in forming the organisation and developing the programme.

This should be for 50 Students.

RC stated that he would discuss with Weave Consulting what would be required in order to be able to make an application to the Commission and also ask if they would be able to provide information on what would be expected of the Board.

RC stated that the whole matter should be kept confidential to only Members of EGoS as we do not want other Pan European organisations knowing what we are doing.
RC asked Maria Scorza if CNGGL would help in this matter as CNGGL had provided surveying training courses over recent years.

MS said that she would ask CNGGL and get back to RC.

RC stated that we could, if we were able, to submit an application to the Commission before the 4th October 2026 otherwise the next date for a submission would be March 2017.

The matter was left open for RC to make further enquiries with Weave Consulting and a meeting with CNGGL and to report back to the Officers.

8. Membership

FDR reported that he had tried to make contact with the Belgium organisation but had been unsuccessful. FDR had been able to contact Yohan Vanvulsum's, who had been the previous representative, and he had given FDR a contact in the Eastern part of Belgium and he had arranged a meeting. This was the Flemish speaking part of Belgium of which FDR could speak the language.

FDR said that he had also been in contact with a Warsaw School and would following this up as well.

Florian also wanted a list of EGoS members who were members of CLGE and FIG. A warning was given to Florian not to approach members in these organisations as EGoS had previously experienced problems of possible "Poaching."

It was agreed that Sweden could be approached as they had previously stated their interest in EGoS and that this should be further followed up.

Further efforts should be made to organisations in the Eastern States especially Bulgaria and Serbia as these have shown an interest in EGoS but not attended any meetings.

9. Relationship with other Professional Bodies

CLGE.

RC stated that he had been in contact with the new President of CLGE Maurice Bartieni who appeared to want to have further liaison with EGoS. RC stated that he would speak to Maurice in due course.

FIG.

Our relationship with FIG is good and EGoS would co-operate and further develop the relationship.

AEEBC

ML stated that he had not been able to attend the meetings of AEEBC as they clashed with our own or were very near to one another and that he could not attend. He would enquire where there next meeting would be.

10. Education and Training - Professional card

EurGeo

Nikos considered that we ought to introduce the EurGeo professional card application on the Web-site.

ML stated that in order to do so each country would have to be the approved authorised authority who are recognised by their government through the IMI strategy and the FPWS would not be able to do this in the UK because they have not registered.

ML asked the Members to check in order to see if their organisations were the recognised authority in their member state.

11. Web-site

The website address is: www.europeansurveyors.org

NZ stated that the Website had now been given a face lift to make it more user friendly and more secure.

There had been 9500 visits to the site since it had been changed.

There is a requirement for data protection.

NZ felt that FIG should be contacted to inform them of our website so that a link is arranged.

12. Next Meeting

NZ nominated RC as the official Presidents representative of EGoS at the FIG Conference meeting in New Zealand.

The next meetings:

March 2017 – Alpen Belgium September 29/30th 2017 – Berlin dates to be confirmed.

13. Any Other Business.

No other business was tabled.

14. Close

NZ thanked all the members for attending and looked forward to the conference meeting tomorrow.

NZ thanked RC for the time he had spent on the Young surveyors scheme and felt that is a better future for EGoS.

NZ said that he would do his best on ensuring the place for the Profession.

The Officers are to meeting in the evening to finalise the programme for tomorrow.

Close 17.45

Summary of action from these Minutes

Decision	Action date	Action by	
EGOS Web Site	Material for web site is required www.europeansurveyors.org New web site set up and on line. On-going improvements	Administrators Nikos Zacharias and Malcolm Lelliott to develop with Othonas Vlasopoulos of Digital & Web Solutions. Launch new site.	
Report on Questionnaire received from members on Education and Training of Surveyors – Updates have been requested – to be recirculated	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	
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. New ISO 9001-2015 QA No further action	Bill Cowap/Secretary Paper circulated at meeting 13/11/2015	
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		
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. Belgium, Russia, Serbia, Denmark, Balkan countries and Scandinavian Countries	Florian Dietze-Römkens, Nikos Zacharias, Randolph Camilleri, and Secretary General	
Develop ideas for collaboration with, CLGE, FIG and AEEBC	The Officers attend CLGE and FIG meetings. Re-new relationship with AEEBC	President and Vice Presidents, Secretary General	
EurGeo Professional Card for Surveyors	Development is now controlled by IMI and approved host nation bodies. Develop EurGeo Professional Card if required by the Members	President/Members/Secretary	
EGoS Working Plan	Re-define new 3 year strategic plan for 2015 to 2018	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 2018 – President, Vice Presidents and Secretary General elected.		Consideration to be given in 2017 for elections in 2018.	
EGoS Statues	No amendments received	Secretary general	
Young Surveyors Course	EGoS to support FIG – define costs. Application under Erasmus + for grant aid to the EU Commission to be made March 2017.	Randolph Camilleri, Maria Grazi Scorza and Nikos Zacharias, Weave Consulting - Secretary General to act if required	

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Nikos Zacharias- President of EGoS.

5th November 2016