

**MINUTES OF THE 47<sup>th</sup> AEEBC GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**HELD ON AT 14.00 HOURS THURSDAY 24  
 and continued**

**09:30 HOURS 25 APRIL 2015**

**AT THE EVENTHOTEL PYRAMIDE, VIENNA, AUSTRIA**

**AEEBC(14)37**

<b>Present</b>	Kevin Sheridan (President) (KS); Gert Johansen (Vice President) (GJ); Robert Patterson (RP) Honorary Treasurer; John Yadoo (JY); Simon Lawes (SL); Tara Page (TP); Eric De Keghel (EK); Stan Barker (SB); Ari Autio (AA); Ahti Juntilla (AJ); Mark Kennett (MK); Lawrence Wainwright (LW); Jette Leth Djelund (JLD); Dorte Merete Jakobsen (DMJ), Farzad Khosrowshahi (FK); Toni Floriach (TF); Maria Scorza (MS); Carlos Aymat (CA); Juan Lopez Asean Martinez (JM); Alan Cripps (AC); Colin Orr (CO); David Gibson (DG)	<b>Action</b>
<b>In attendance</b>	Martin Russell-Croucher (MRC)	
<b>Apologies</b>	Professor Trevor Mole (Honorary Secretary); Pawel Novak (Poland); Piotr Novak (UK); Jan Ottink (Holland); Andrzej Minasowicz (Poland); Lars Haedeker (Sweden); Martin Homann (Germany)	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>AEEBC President's welcome</b>	
	<p>KS welcomed the delegates to Vienna and explained the TM was unable to attend due to the sudden death of his brother. The delegates held a one minute's silence.</p> <p>KS welcomed in particular Alan Cripps as the new RICS permanent representative and Juan Lopez Asean Martinez new permanent representative for CGATE</p> <p>KS explained that RP and TF would be joining the meeting later.</p> <p>KS gave a brief update on the Officers meeting held just prior to the ADC.          He referred to a contact that had just been received in the past day from Simon Lawes of an expression of interest that was received from CAGE to consider the possibility of the provision of secretarial back up to AEEBC in the event that there was a need.</p>	

	<p>He invited SL to elaborate further on the current status of this very recent development. SL stated that this offer had been initiated before he learned that discussions with MRC had reached an advanced stage and he now did not see it as being required or appropriate in the current circumstances.</p> <p>KS stated that the officers had earlier considered a proposal initiated by TM and were of the opinion that the enhanced job description and current role to be undertaken to fulfil this role was expanded to include EurBE matters (not previously undertaken by MRC) whilst MRC was working with the RICS. He read out the list of tasks to be undertaken by the recently enhanced role to be undertaken by the new General Manager and invited MRC to confirm his willingness to work strictly within this budget. MRC confirmed his willingness and a general discussion followed. Alan Cripps (AC) commented that this was more comprehensive than even he had realized and the general consensus was that this represented excellent value for money. SL accepted that this solution was appropriate in the circumstances.</p> <p>KS undertook to write to prepare a letter to CABE explaining the situation and thanking them for their very considerate offer.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> KS to write to CABE</p>	<b>KS</b>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting in Prague, Czech Republic</b>	
	<p>The minutes were agreed with the following amendments:</p> <p>2.2 Change 'April' to 'November' 2015</p> <p>2.4 Change 'fast track' to 'streamlining'</p> <p>4.0 Change 'SBE' to 'SPE'</p>	
	There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Business Plan</b>	
	Budget to be determined at closed meeting and addressed further at the next GA	
3.1	<b>European Liaison</b>	
3.1.1	<b>ECCREDI</b>	

	<p>FK said that ECCREDI had appointed a new President based in Brussels. The organisation was changing its image to a more active profile.</p> <p>FK made a presentation on ECCREDI, their demonstration projects and the EU funding programme Horizon 2020 bidding process which reflected the importance of the role of the construction as the largest employer in the EU and supporting new EU instruments through nearly €80Bn in funding. The presentation also included a list of projects and conferences.</p> <p>See accompanying presentation and Horizon 2020 Cordis for details</p>	
3.2	<p><b>Affiliates</b></p> <p>See ADC minutes for details</p>	
3.3	<p><b>Promotion</b></p> <p>No discussion at this GA</p>	
3.4	<p><b>AEEBC Development Committee (ADC)</b></p> <p><b>EurBE</b></p> <p>KS said that EurBE was modelled on Eurlng. EurBE needs more uptake as it is an intrinsic part of Principal Member Associations (PMA) in order to achieve critical mass before even considering an approach to the European Commission for recognition.</p> <p>EU appointed Competent Authorities will look at the mobility factor on a case by case basis. FEANI have addressed this by migrating their Eurlng qualification to a more inclusive ENGCARD and over 12 countries have now adopted the new standard AEEBC will need in the future to consider the same as EurBE is not yet at the ENGCARD equivalent stage and would not want not be seen as a commodity or primarily as a cash generator. The majority of FEANI country member organisations subsidise the cost of card to members.</p> <p>KS said that the fee charged should be capped and not be a disincentive to membership. This would be better addressed by increasing the numbers and pitching the cost at a lower level.</p> <p>KS asked if Spain would be creating an NMC. JM said that the members of the NMC for Spain had been</p>	

	<p>selected and would be applying to AEEBC for EurBE membership shortly.</p> <p>DG said that as many potential EurBE applicants, particularly in the UK were already members of more than one professional body, the application process was, in his opinion too complex which could discourage potential applicants. KS stated that while multiple membership may be beneficial in individual countries, what is more important is the need to demonstrate specific competences as set out in the EurBE, to make a compelling case in other EU countries and this is what the qualification sets out to demonstrate, otherwise EurBE could be devalued and perceived as a general standard but not as a mobility facilitator.</p> <p>KS said that it was important to demonstrate specific competences as otherwise this could be counter-productive. DG said that the process should be streamlined to encourage applicants.</p> <p>KS asked DG to provide any further streamlining ideas, in the first instance to the General Manager.</p> <p>There was a general discussion about how to streamline the EurBE application process and it was agreed that a targeted and comprehensive CV that clearly demonstrated that it met all aspects of the competence requirement guidelines would assist this.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Change to EurBE guidelines to allow the use of a targeted and comprehensive CV that clearly demonstrates that competence requirements are met.</p>	<b>Officers</b>
3.5	<p><b>Leonardo de Vinci CLOEMC III</b></p> <p>MRC said that the 2014 CLOEMC bid had been unsuccessful however another bid had been made by the Warsaw Technical University for the 2015 round and AEEBC was a partner in this bid as disseminator and author. The results would probably be known by the next meeting in Riga.</p>	
3.6	<p><b>Principal Membership</b></p> <p>KS suggested that a merger with a like-minded organisation should be revisited, for example EGOS as it would be in the best interests of the AEEBC to increase membership.</p> <p>MS said that it was possible as CNG was a member of EGOS.</p>	

	<p>JY said that he had contacts with Malcolm Lelliott, who is the Secretary General of EGOS.</p> <p>KS suggested a small working group to discuss cooperation and mergers with EGOS.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> KS to establish small working group to consider cooperation and mergers</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Working group to be established to consider possible mergers</p> <p>JY said that he had not received any response from Olivier Boudin of CFEC, despite having explained that the AEEBC has grown and that the CFEC may be missing out.</p> <p>LW said that SBM had sent out seventeen emails to possible Austrian contacts from the British Council but nothing had been heard which was disappointing. He had also spoken to business contacts through the BBauSV without success.</p>	<p><b>KS</b></p> <p><b>Officers</b></p>
3.7	<p><b>Working Groups</b></p> <p>See Working Groups minutes</p>	
3.8	<p><b>Web Site</b></p> <p>RP had informed all that the member's area had been hacked and access was limited to certain areas. This was being resolved by Property Tectonics.</p> <p>All delegates were asked to check their details on the web site and let the General Manager know of any amendments required</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
3.9	<p><b>AEEBC Ltd</b></p> <p>As TM was unable to attend this GA item postponed until Riga November 2015</p>	
4.0	<p><b>Next Meetings</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Barcelona meeting should be moved to Spring 2016 to give more time to develop to conference and invite speakers and delegates</p> <p><b>Riga</b> 5 - 7 November 2015</p> <p><b>Barcelona</b> (with conference) 21 - 23 April 2016</p>	
5.0	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>MRC said that the proposed itinerary for the Riga</p>	

	meeting was:  Thursday AM – Officers meeting Thursday PM – ADC and Working Groups  Friday AM – General Assembly Friday PM – General Assembly & Closed GA  Saturday AM – Technical Visit	
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