



MINUTES OF THE AEEBC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HELD ON FRIDAY 4 JUNE 2010

AT SCANDIC HOTEL SIMONKANNTA, HELSINKI, FINLAND

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Present	Kevin Sheridan (President) (KS); Jacob Ravn Thomsen (Vice President) (JRT); Professor Trevor Mole (Honorary Secretary) (TM); Robbie Patterson (Honorary Treasurer) (RP); Gert Johansen (GJ); Lars Hedaker (LH); Simon Lawes (SL); Graham Hough (GH); Mark Kennet (MK); Tara Pickles (TP); Jan Ottink (JO); Magnus Janson (MJ); Hannu Ahokanto (HA); Lawrence Wainwright (LW); Saleem Akram (SA); Dr Andrzej Minasowicz (AM); Christian	
In attendance	Martin Russell-Croucher (MRC); Zsolt Toth (ZT)	
Observers	There were no observers	
1.0	Apologies received	
	Francis Wargnies (FW); Giuliano Villi (GV); Maria Scorza (MS); John Yadoo (YD); Ahti Junttila (AJ); Dr Martin Homann (MH); Pierre Ailleume (PA); Michel Soulard (MS)	
2.0	AEEBC Presidents welcome	
	KS welcomed the delegates to the General Assembly and thanked HA for his work in arranging this meeting.	
3.0	Minutes of the previous meeting in Rome	
	Agreed with one amendment to reflect the change of the Autumn 2010 meeting from Paris to Madrid. Proposed by MK, seconded by SA	
4.0	Business Plan	
	The Business Plan was amended during the meeting, copy attached	
4.1	Pan EU	
	4.1.1 FECP	

	<p>TM said that it would be helpful if the Federation of European Construction Professionals (FECP) was reinstated by RICS. ZT said that he would discuss this internally within RICS Brussels office to see if could be facilitated.</p> <p>Action: ZT to examine the feasibility of reinstating the FECP.</p>	ZT
	4.1.2 ECCREDI	
	<p>SA reported that a meeting had been held on 10 March 2010 and the minutes had been circulated. CIOB had discussions with ECCREDI and it was suggested that an ICT expert from Salford University Professor Fazad Khosrowshaki (Director of Construction IT) should represent AEEBC on the Building Information Modelling platform.</p> <p>There was also funding opportunities through ECCREDI on EU Funding Programme 8 and on this basis he felt it was worthy continuing in membership.</p>	
4.2	Affiliates	
	<p>TM said that there was not much activity at the present time. He asked TP to work with him to develop the university partnerships.</p> <p>Action: TP to liaise with TM regarding University Affiliate partnerships.</p>	TM/TP
4.3	Promotion	
	<p>JRT said that there had been some promotion of EurBE through member journals and the front page of aeebc.org.</p> <p>KS said that he had made two presentations on EurBE recently, one to the CIOB and another to The Society of Chartered Surveyors in Ireland.</p> <p>TM was concerned not to over promote the EurBE as there were few benefits attached to the scheme at the moment.</p> <p>HA said that once the EurBE was complete every member association should send out a press release as he had members in the Middle East and Russia who were interested in becoming EurBE as there was status in having the card.</p> <p>JRT said that once EurBE was established a</p>	JRT

	<p>promotional email would be prepared providing information on the scheme and a link to the website.</p> <p>Action: JRT to produce press release on EurBE once it was fully implemented for use by member associations</p>	
4.4	Professional Development Working Group and EURBE	
	<p>JRT reported on the PDC meeting held the previous day.</p> <p>TM and MRC provided a demonstration of the latest iteration of EurBE application system developed by Property Tectonics. TM also demonstrated the latest EurBE web based test site and asked the delegates to sign onto the system in readiness for applying for EurBE.</p> <p>Action: Delegates to sign onto the AEEBC EurBE test site.</p> <p>KS said that there had been considerable interest from the CEEC (European Quantity Surveying/ Construction Economist Association) in the EurBE and that they may wish to become part of the register.</p> <p>Gerry O’Sullivan, their immediate past president had been due to attend the meeting in April and it was discussed whether a joint meeting should be held. RP said that once the EurBE had been fully developed there could be some merit in a joint meeting but this was unlikely to be for at least two more meetings of AEEBC. It was agreed to defer this until the EurBE was fully operational.</p>	All
4.5	Leonardo da Vinci Project 2	
	<p>AM presented details of the proposed manuals which made up the LdV2 project. He asked delegates for comments on the proposals as soon as possible.</p> <p>Action: All delegates to provide comments to AM on the proposed manuals.</p> <p>AM also said that there may be some additional funding available for dissemination of EurBE as part of a future project is it was linked to the LdV manuals.</p> <p>TM asked if the original manuals could be made available to EurBE candidates as at present they were on the member only website. AM said that this was agreeable. SA said that the manuals should have a</p>	All

	<p>disclaimer on the website to say that they were for downloading for personal use only.</p> <p>Action: TM to arrange for manuals to be available on the website with suitable disclaimer</p>	TM
4.6	Principal Membership	
	<p>AS neither FW nor JY were available because of the rescheduling of the meeting, an update from the co-ordinators would be delayed until the Autumn meeting in Madrid.</p> <p>JRT reported that the proposed merger between the two Norwegian associations had been called off so NITO may join AEEBC this year.</p> <p>JRT said that he would contact the Icelandic association about membership.</p> <p>Action: JRT to contact Icelandic association about membership.</p> <p>KS reported that the Spanish Technical architects had changed their title to Construction Engineers. He had spoken to Carlos Aymat as Inmaculada Martinez (IM) had now stepped down from her position at CGATE. Their policy continued to be to remain in membership but not to send delegates to European associations.</p> <p>TM said that another association was needed in France as the CFEC was very specialised. GH said that he was working with consultants in France at the moment that could possibly help to identify another association.</p> <p>SA said that he would look at other associations in France.</p> <p>Action: GH and SA to look at additional associations in France.</p>	JRT
	<p>KS suggested that the next Officers meeting in March should be held in Spain as CGATE were not sending delegates to meetings of any external organisations at the moment.</p>	
4.7	Working Groups	
	<p>LW reported on the results of the pathology working group meeting regarding domestic roof construction the previous day.</p>	
4.10	Website	

	<p>RP reported that a pilot had been run using Webex as an internet virtual meeting. This had been reasonably successful and he suggested that this be adopted for Officers and other meetings where the cost of a physical meeting outweighed the benefits. The cost would be around £600.</p> <p>It was agreed that AEEBC would rake out a Webex subscription for one year as a trial.</p> <p>Action: RP & MRC to arrange a years subscription to Webex</p>	RP/MRC
5.0	Future Meetings	
	<p><i>25-27 November 10 – Madrid</i></p> <p><i>14-16 April 2011 – Paris</i></p> <p><i>Autumn 2011 – Poland (date to be confirmed)</i></p>	
6.0	Any Other Business	
	<p>JRT said that there was a Health & safety conference in Madrid in March 2011. It was agreed that JRT would participate.</p> <p>Action: JRT to participate in H&S conference in Madrid 2011.</p> <p>GH reported that following the meeting with German students in London last year he had gone to their university this year to discuss English legislation.</p> <p>MK asked if a list of acronyms could be made available as it as confusing for those not in the know. JRT said that there was an acronym list on the members part of the website which he would update and distribute to delegates.</p> <p>Action: JRT to update and distribute acronym list to delegates.</p>	<p>JRT</p> <p>JRT</p>
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