



**General Assembly Meeting**  
**09.00 to 16.30 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013.**  
**FON University Skopje.**  
Str. Vojvodina b.b. 1000 Skopje

## **Minutes**

### **1. Welcome**

Professor Bashkim Idrizi welcomed the members of the assembly to Skopje and to the State FON University.

He officially handed to Randolph Camilleri (President of EGoS) and Malcolm Lelliott (Secretary General of EGoS) the certificate for the co-organisation of the International Conference on Spatial Data Infrastructures 2010 in co-operation with Geo-SEE and FIG-Com3.

RC had chaired the afternoon FIG –COM3 session the previous day on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May in which ML had produced and delivered a paper on the proposed EurGeo Professional Card System.

RC thanked BI for making the arrangements and for the use of FON university facilities for holding the General Assembly meeting of EGoS and stated that they were welcome to attend the EGoS meeting as long as they wished.

RC mentioned and understood the problem and Plight of the Private Surveyors in FYRO Macedonia. This is one of the reasons for the formation of bodies such as the European Group of Surveyors to help organisations over-come these internal problems.

Quorate – Because of the lack of members present RC was concerned that the meeting was quorate. The Secretary general stated that we were quorate as the Statutes stated that it required 1/3 of the voting members to be present.

### **2. Apologies Received**

Anthony Pearce – Past Secretary General EGoS

Laurence Cloquet - Belgium - KCLG — No funds available

Mrs Reta Scully -Republic of Ireland - LIT

William Cowap – CIQA – details on website - ISO 14001 Environmental  
Cyprus - Association of Rural & Surveying Engineers

Spain - No contact has been received.

Stefa Bledi - Albania — President of AAG

Mr. Vladimir Denisov - Director General , Moscow Regional Buro of Technical Inventory .

Mr. Vladimir Tikhonov - Director , International Projects

Mr. Boris Tundzev – (BT) – President of the Chamber of Private Surveying Companies – FYRO Macedonia.

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

The minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting held 24th May 2013 at the Berliner Wasserbetriebe, in Berlin had been previously circulated to Members and was also tabled. These were approved.

### **Matters arising**

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

### **4. Relationship with AEEBC**

ML had not attended the last meeting of AEEBC as it clashed with another meeting, but had received information that the EurBE professional card for Building Experts had been launched with mainly members of the AEEBC board taking up the card.

The card is issued by AEEBC and the member applicant is scrutinised by the Member association from the country of the applicant. Having satisfied that the member is worthy then the applicant is required to complete an AEEBC questionnaire which is then scrutinised by the AEEBC examination Board. The cost to apply is 100€ and there is 100€ annual membership fee.

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

RC and ML had provided chairmanship and Key note speech at the FIG –COM3 international conference the previous day.

RC is keen to continue support of the CNGGL in the development of the training course for young surveyors. We contribute financially to the course and he hoped that this will continue. EGoS provide 1500€ funding towards the young surveyors course.

This year the course was held in Lisbon.

Henning Elmstrøm stated that FIG hosted the meeting in Lisbon and provided primary leaders for the young surveyor. RC felt that FIG should provide support and financial help for this annual event.

Kurt Rieder tried to get some information from their German organisations about young surveyors but was unsuccessful. He suggested that we provide more information on the Web-site.

Rahmi Celik raised the issue that there were common standards between FIG and the universities SIGS. The information should be shared. There is a difference in age groups - Italy 2006 – 35 year old students is a maximum age and FIG which is specifically aimed at the younger students.

KR Stated that there is confusion on this matter as there is no specific information on the subject.

RC from his understanding as a member of FIG is that John Hohol, who is a member of the FIG foundation, promised that 10,000€ to be made available for this project.

In summing up he said that we should write to FIG.

Nikos Zacharias stated the support for young surveyors should be across the whole of the profession and the topic should be presented by the older surveyor with experience.

No contact has been made with CLGE.

## 6. Administration

ML reported on the duties carried out by the administration:

- Primarily involved in developing the EurGeo Professional card and contacting the members and associate members in supporting an application to the EU for recognition.
- Helping with the contact with potential new members.
- Up-dating the web-site and uploading information and seminars and course information.
- Maintaining the financial statements and accounts.
- Organising the General Assemblies and seminars in association with host members.
- Preparing agendas and attending meetings and note taking and preparing minutes.

MVL reported on the finances and the current position was tabled for the various accounts as follows:

Euro Call Account	=	7541.56€
Euro Current Account	=	1548.93€
Stirling Current account	=	£1492.29
Stirling Deposit Account	=	£35.51
Euro cash	=	-1578.39€
Stirling cash	=	-£1104.04

ML circulated the accounts to members of EGoS.

Difficulties are being experienced from non-payment of subscriptions by members. Spain, Belgium, Cyprus, Greece and Ireland are not subscribing.

Randolph, Nikos and Secretary General are not claiming travel expenses.

RC requested that there should be a minimum subscription payment for all small countries per annum of 250€

KR felt that more care should be given by members who do not attend General Assembly meeting to make sure that they do.

RC Felt that if the member pays the subscription than that is all we can ask.

NZ raised the issue of more sponsorship especially on seminar days when you are more likely to get sponsors wanting to participate. He felt that more time should be given in approaching sponsors so that they can arrange matter accordingly.

Bashkim Idrizi to obtain the potential funds he suggested an umbrella organisation and set up a committee in EGoS to lead.

RC explained that merging is not the answer but to remain as individual organisations.

RNC felt that we should develop the professional card as soon as possible.

## 7. Web-site

The website address is: [www.europeansurveyors.org](http://www.europeansurveyors.org)

RNC informed that the website had been up-graded with a more interactive map.

There is room for more sponsors and that GeoWeb were the only company advertising on the site.

BI felt that it would help if more languages were introduced such as Macedonian and Albanian. RNC said this could be done but it is up to each of the countries to provide the language information for their country and he will in traduce this on the site.

The domain has been changed to Hostgator who are more active in keeping the site protected.

ML reported that there were 22 countries represented on the site and over 200 surveyors have registered from eleven organisations.

A questionnaire on the EGoS website had been produced by NZ for members to complete their wish list for the site but he has not received any replies.

### **8. Education and Training - EurGeo**

The support for CNGGL and the training of Young surveyors has previously been reported upon.

ML reported that he has now obtained 9 positive answers of support from Members of EGoS and 3 positive responses from Associate members for the EurGeo Professional card for Surveyors.

With this support it should be possible to make a representation to the EU for adopting the registration process. However, the EU have move the process along in that they have asked each individual Countries to administer process for professional recognition.

It was decided that RC would ask his own Maltase MEP the way forward in getting recognition.

ML stated that all members supporting the EurGeo should have in place the additional training systems for surveyors who do not meet their standards to work in their country and to provide a registration record of each EurGeo member that is awarded the professional card.

The information is also to be provided to EGoS and for the EurGeo registration Board for central registration.

A vote was taken by the board to make approaches to the EU for an application to be made to register the EurGeo professional Card system. This was approved by Malta, Germany, Greece and UK and therefore being more than 1/3 of the voting members was approved.

Simon Vrekar wanted to know how this tied in with CLGE and their approach to the professional card. He knew that it was under discussion but had not heard anything further.

ML stated that we had provided to CLGE with information about the system on the understanding that they would discuss this matter further. This information was provided over a year ago and we have not received any contact over the matter and therefore we were proceeding by ourselves.

With a possibility of holding our next meeting in Kosovo next spring 2014 we would also be providing a professional seminar for surveyors as well.

### **9. European Policy issues**

NZ had previously circulated an EU paper dated 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2013 on "Evaluating National Regulations on Access to Professions." This links in with what EGoS is trying to establish with the EurGeo but as previously stated with an emphasis on it being managed by the individual national organisations.

### **10. EGoS Future Strategy**

The 3 year plan that RC presented at the commencement of his presidency is now complete and therefore priority must be given to setting a new standard of achievement by the Board. All members are required to prepare a "wish list" of proactive wants and requirements for the next 3 years for EGoS to consider and where appropriate adopt. RC considers that it is important that this work is continued and the immediate task is to promote and gain acceptance of the EurGeo Professional Card.

### **11. Membership**

Unfortunately the Private Surveyors of FYRO Macedonia were unable to attend the meeting and therefore we were not able to discuss the original idea of the private surveyors becoming observers of EGoS.

It is important for NZ to continue with his efforts to encourage new organisations to join EGoS. Russia, who have been invited were unable to attend this time but we would like them to join us in the future.

Croatia should also be approached again.

### **12. EGoS Statutes**

Following the meeting in Germany there was a matter that was outstanding for ratification and for approval in regard to a change to the Statutes.

This is that EGoS should have the option of 3 vice presidents with a min of 2 vice presidents and a maximum of 3 vice presidents to be elected.

This was approved by Malta, Germany, Greece and UK.

In addition that in each year EGoS should have one General assembly meeting and one ordinary meeting instead of 2 Generally Assembly meetings each year.

This was approved by: Malta, Greece, Germany and UK.

### **13. Next Meeting**

The next meetings

The meeting in Kosovo was discussed at length and although it was felt that at sometime in the future we would like to hold a meeting there, at this time the members felt that in the present circumstances it was unwise and therefore the next meetings would be held in:

Athens - May 2014

Malta - October/November 2014.

Any further suggestions from members, observes or associate members would be welcome and considered.

RC wants a meeting to be arranged with the Vice Presidents and Secretary General in January 2014 to discuss the future programme.

### **14. Election of New Board Members**

Nominations had been called for President, 2 Vice presidencies and Secretary General.

No Nominations were forthcoming and therefore the existing President Randolph Camilleri, The two Vice Presidents, Nikos Zacharias and Rahmi Nuran Celik, and Malcolm Lelliott Secretary General were re-elected.

### **15. Any Other Business.**

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.

It was recommended that this is developed and that the two Presidents agree the wording for presentation to their respective organisations. This matter was left over from the previous meeting and for RC to pursue.

#### **16. Presentation about the Danish Surveyors**

Henning Elmstrøm made a presentation concerning the Danish surveyors and what his country provides in support of the general public.

Free data maps provided for everyone's use. He discussed land ownership and property prices.

For him it is a matter of quality in surveying not quantity, however competition in the market place is keen and necessary. The unemployment rate has a bearing on surveying and the effect it has on recruitment.

Innovation is not mentioned in their remit. It happens anyway because of the changes in technology and therefore it is important to maintain connections with other European and international bodies such as CLGE and FIG.

#### **17. Close**

RC thanked Bashkim for their kind hospitality and for making the arrangements for the meetings and hoped that he found it interesting and had not taken too much time out of his other work in the FIG-COM3 meetings.

RC also thanked Henning Elmstrøm for attending our meeting and for the presentation that he gave about the Danish Surveyor.

Kurt Rieder gave a vote of thanks to all the Officers for their contribution in the work of EGoS over the last 3 years.

## 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 material on site. Sponsorship of Trade organisations Up-load rules for EurGeo Professional Card for surveyors	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	Closed
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
Questionnaire Procurement and Job Opportunities for Web Site	Develop questionnaire	Nikos
Mediterranean surveyors meeting to be organised by Italy	Finished	Finished
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, Denmark, Balkan countries and Scandinavian Countries	Randolph Camilleri, Nikos Zacharias and Secretary General
Questionnaire Website	Suggestions to improve website	Rahmi Celik & Nikos Zacharias

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 by developing EurGeo Professional Card for Surveyors	Submit application to EU	President/Secretary
EGoS Working Plan	Re-define new 3 year strategic plan for 2013 to 2016	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 Officers	Nov 2013 – President, Vice Presidents and Secretary General all re-elected for further period	November 2016
EGoS Statues	Further amendments required in accordance with Members wishes. made at November 2013 GA	Secretary general
Italian Young Surveyors Course	Grant aid support – 1500€ September 2014.	Secretary General to act if required
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. Support letter circulated to members and signed by most. 1/3 of the EU member countries require to support. i.e. 9 countries minimum. Application to be made to EU Commission.	President/Secretary General to make representation to EU To date 9 Member countries in support. 3 Associates in support

Signed.....

**Randolph Camilleri - President of EGoS.**

**29<sup>nd</sup> May 2014**