

# General Assembly Meeting 09.30 to 12.30 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012

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#### **Minutes**

#### 1. Welcome

Randolph welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the guests stressing the importance of meetings with new countries:

## **Guests & Speakers:**

Mr. Genc Pollo. -The Minister of Innovation and Information of Technology. Albania Mr Jean-Yves Pirlot – President CLGE Comite De Liaison Des Geometres Europeens Professor. Gjergj Frasheri, - Albania

Mr. Edmond Leka – AAG Council member – Albania

## 2. Apologies Received

Mr. Anthony Pearce – Past Secretary General (EGoS)

Mr. William Cowap – CIQA

UK

Prof. Rahmi Celik - Chamber of Surveying and Cadastra Engineers.

Cyprus Association of Rural and Surveying Engineers.

Cyprus Confederation Royale des Geometres-Experts Independants.

Mrs Rita Scully -Limerick Institute of Technology.

Dr. Zdravko Roussey – President of EAA - Euroarch

UK

UK

Cyprus

Equation Cyprus

Republic of Ireland

CZ

# 3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting held at Limassol, Cyprus 9th December 2011 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 last two meeting of AEEBC

But will be attending the meeting to held in Stockholm, Sweden on 25 to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

# 5. Relationship with other Professional Bodies

President of CLGE Jean-Yves Perlot said that the 0.3 version of measurement should be introduced into Eureal. It was reported that the CLGE task force were to proceed and place the proposal before the EU.

JYP also said that he was interested in joining EGOS and developing EurGeo with CLGE and requested that the information prepared by EGoS is sent to him by email so that this matter maybe put to the CLGE Board for consideration.

#### 6. Administration

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

Euro Call Account = 563.12€
Euro Current Account = 2238.73€
Stirling Current account = £3237.24
Stirling Deposit Account = £35.51
Euro cash = 278.61€
Stirling cash = -£523.93

ML circulated the account to members of EGoS.

The Officers had discussed the difficulties that new members faced with paying the subscription to EGoS and this would be fully discussed by all later in the meeting.

#### 7. Web-site

ML informed the meeting that Rahmi Celik was due to report on this but had not received information but the site appears to be working well. The registration process for individual surveyors applying to EGoS is available on the website: <a href="www.europeansurveyors.org">www.europeansurveyors.org</a> ML requested that members provide information for inclusion on the website.

#### 8. Education and Training - EurGeo

ML displayed and circulated documents for members at the meeting with regard to the EurGeo Professional Card System and then gave a presentation showing how the system would work.

The EurGeo scheme was open to all surveying disciplines and would be operated by the Member organisations within their own countries with EGoS being the central registration organisation for surveyors.

#### 9. European Policy issues

CLGE – Standardisation of measurement for property especially in relation to purchase of property leasehold and letting property and valuation. (This has been previously mentioned).

#### The AEEBC EurBE

The professional card system, produced by AEEBC EurBE for Building Surveyors is now up and running. ML stated that it will be interesting to see what take-up there will be. The card is designed for Building Experts and Building Surveyors only.

## 10. EGoS Future Strategy

In terms of the bigger picture and a strategy for the future Nikos Zacharias said that EGoS could experience a reduction in new members joining. This is due to the financial crisis that is affecting many in Europe. The fees are a big consideration. There is not a lack of those who wish to join but the membership fees are the problem. It was agreed that this would be discussed later in the meeting with other similar topics.

#### 11. Membership

Geo-SEE FYRO Macedonia have provided detail of their organisation (previously circulated) and wish to become members of EGoS.

The following list of organisations have shown interest in EGoS:-

The Macedonian Chamber of Surveyors

The Balkan Surveying Association

The Serbian Union of Surveyors

The Kosova Cadastral Agency

The Topographical Companies of Bulgaria.

The Albania Association of Geodesy are considering their finances over this year but are interested in becoming members of EGoS.

All the members listed above were invited to join and have accepted the invitation which was approved by the Board. It was proposed by RC that those organisations wishing to sign the EGoS Constitution and Statutes to become new members and Associate members would be invited do so at a ceremony to be held the following day after the conference.

Post minute note: The following organisations signed the EGoS Statutes

The Association of Topographical Companies of Bulgaria. – Full members

The Albanian Association of Geodesy – Associate Member

FYRO Macedonian The South-East European Association Research on Geo Science "Geo-

SEE" - Associate Member

The Kosovo Cadastre Agency – Associate Member

# 12. EGoS Statutes

ML confirmed that Statues are provided for those organisations wishing to become members and a copy of the Statutes is also available on the Web-site.

# 13. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held in Bulgaria, Sofia – 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> November 2012 Future dates for your diary: FYRO Macedonia 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013 Kosova Oct 2013

#### 14. Any Other Business.

It was suggested by BS that AAG had established a group for Young Surveyors and that they felt that there was a need for a European group for Young Surveyors. It was agreed that EGoS would support this arrangement.

There being no further formal matters to discuss the meeting closed and a short break was taken.

Following on from the General Assembly meeting a further meeting took place to discuss The Prospective Members of Egos

- 1) RC stated that he appreciated the financial difficulties that were mentioned at the GA.
- 2) It was suggested that once becoming a member-1,2,or 3 years would be free. 150€ registration fee is normal. Consideration should be given to the individual members as to how much is acceptable. BS stated that in Albania all engineers join the order of Engineers and Architects. Parliament needs to approve the group and therefore the organisation will have a proper budget and therefore a subscription fee will be forth coming. Once this has been established then Albanian members will be able to budget for EGoS.
- 3) RC suggested 100€ or maybe 50€ for an attendance fee
- 4) BT stated that the chamber pays using a model over 5 years 500-600€
- 5) RC explained that there should be an annual subscription fee and then the attendance fee is separate. The subscription fee would be free for the first few years as suggested in point 2) above.

#### AGE KIG

CLGE and FIG costs members 5000€ per year. EGoS have agreed that the smaller organisations wishing to be members of EGoS can pay 1000€ per year. If the situation improves then there will be room for renegotiation. ML to send an email to organisations.

Macedonia suggested that they would like to benefit from the free option for the first 2 years and then pay afterwards.

ML to suggest a fee for membership but to negotiate if associations have difficulties. Membership issues will be different and varied so there is much to organise. This meeting is to ensure that a minimum fee so that organisations can budget for the registration is available. All agreed that Membership is important.

RC stated that ML will be the contact point regarding the offer of fees and can reject and negotiate accordingly.

6) RC also commented that suggestions regarding useful, interesting and relevant topics for discussion at the G.A meetings would be gratefully received.

The meeting was drawn to a close at 12.45pm, was followed by lunch and afterwards, in the afternoon, with a coach trip visit to a tunnel construction for a new major road hosted by Mr. Bledi Stefa and the contractors working at the scene.

# **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 www.europeansurveyors.org	Rahmi Nurhan Celik to administer and all Members to provide material to secretary or where registered are able to upload themselves.
FECP 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	Implemented	
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
Mediterranean surveyors meeting to be organised by Italy	Finished	Possible connection with new established organisation run in France
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	This has not progressed any further.	Randolph Camilleri
New prospective member Associations & organisations.	Develop association with prospective Members. On-going.	Randolph Camilleri, Nikos Zacharias and Secretary general.

Develop ideas for collaboration with FEANI and AEEBC	Secretary General attends AEEBC meetings and reports to Members.	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 - 5 year plan	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

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Randolph Camilleri - President of EGoS.

09<sup>th</sup> November 2012