



## **Assembly Meeting**

**09.00 to 16.00 on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

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### **Minutes**

#### **1. Welcome**

Randolph welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the guests and thanking the Greek hosts and especially Yiannis Machikas and Nikos Zacharias for inviting EGoS to Athens and for the later visit to Santorini.

ML outlined the programme for the members.

Yiannis Machikas welcomed EGoS to Athens and was glad to be of continued support to the organisation especially the Rural Surveyors of Greece.

The best way forward was communication between members. There were still problems in Greece for Rural Surveyors.

RC suggested that YM should send him details of the problems to see if we could help.

#### **2. Apologies Received**

Rahmi Nuran Celik (RNC) – CSCE Turkey	Vice President of EGoS
Mr. Anthony Pearce – Past Secretary General (EGoS)	UK
Mr. William Cowap – CIQA	UK
Mr. Pantelis Livadiotis- Cyprus Association of Rural and Surveying Engineers.	Cyprus
Confederation Royale des Geometres-Experts Independants.	Belgium
Mrs Rita Scully -Limerick Institute of Technology.	Republic of Ireland

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

The minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting held in FON University, Skopje FYROM on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013 had been previously circulated to Members and was also tabled. No vote was taken to approve the minutes and this will be presented at the next General Assembly meeting in Malta.

#### **Matters arising**

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

#### **4. Brain Storming**

RC informed the meeting that we were at the end of the 3 year Programme for EGoS and that as he was installed for a further period as the President of EGoS together with Nikos and Rahmi as the Vice Presidents it was imperative that we discuss the future programme for EGoS for the next 3 years. What help can be provided to EGoS over this period was important.

There are also changes to be made to the Work Products and Services Directive to save money. He felt that there will be a lot of response to this especially from the Engineering elements.

In order to make representations to the Commission Enrico stated that you have to have a good project that interest and will help the profession and this will require at least 3 member states to provide funds for the project work from the Commission.

RC stated that we should make enquiries with the Commission.

RC stated that all the Members of EGoS have had or are going through economic problems but suggested that it was now improving.

RC felt that one of the most important features that needed to be addressed was Climate Change and the environmental issues and how we can introduce this into the professions such as ours?

Kurt Reider stated that we need to express the differences between the member states over Climate Change and environmental issues.

RC suggested that we need feed-back from the member Associations otherwise we cannot help on this matter as a European body.

Any Member association who requires help should inform EGoS.

Florian Dietze-Romkens stated that it is important that the size of the group is significant in order to give it weight when approaching the EU Commission.

RC also expressed that National Governments should also be involved in order to give it weight.

Stefa Bledi considered that we require one place for surveyors to make representations – we should have a single organisation in the Europe – suggesting EGoS such as the Registration Board.

RC – stated that it only the Architects in Malta that could sign off the work process even if it had been carried out by a Surveyor.

RC noted that on the commission that EGoS is not listed.

ML stated he could not understand why this was the case although he had noticed that we had not been receiving notifications from the European Commission since we attended the Directive concerning the Professions.

RC stated that we must find and encourage new members to join EGoS.

Nikos Zacharias felt that there was a requirement for financial support required for smaller organisations are there ways that grants may be obtained from the EU for this?

ML stated that Grants were only available for particular projects registered with the EU and this did not include grants of the kind that NZ was thinking of.

RC thought that this was a good time to introduce the development of the EurGeo Professional Card Registration system that had been deposited with the Commission and the response that we had received from the Commission from Martin E

ML made a power point presentation of the proposed EurGeo Professional card system and registration process.

He explained that the Commission had informed him that this matter was now being dealt with by the Member States own Governments through a single contact process. For example a professional body that is recognised within the member state and able to perform the registration process, monitor and examine.

The commission stated, if we were confident that we are an established European organisation and considered the EurGeo Professional card for Surveyors was valuable and required we could set it up ourselves as a vehicle for our members.

Obviously this has a cost.

This cost was already built into the registration process but in order for it to succeed we would require support from the EGoS members which would require them to obtain recognition from their own Governments.

It was decided that individual Members would make their own enquiries about the process to see if the EurGeo could progress further.

## **5. New Members**

Following on NZ provided a power point presentation of membership and how we could expand EGoS.

This is not easy as many of the organisations were members of other European organisations.

Nikos was still pursuing Russia and Serbia but there are obvious problems both in terms of recognition of some of the Eastern States which are political issues and also one of money and affordability in being a member of EGoS.

## **6. Web Site**

NZ also reported on the EGoS Web site. He stated that his daughter Christina was involved in development of web sites and he felt that she could help with a re-design of the EGoS web site as he felt it was not very user friendly at the moment.

RC stated that the website should be open for people who wished to visit it but confidential information should not be made available to them such as minutes of meetings etc.

NZ considered that more should be made of job situations that are vacant in member states.

It was agreed that Christina should contact Rahmi to discuss the website and try to develop it.

NZ was disappointed that he had not received any replies to the circulated Web-site questionnaire. Could members please complete this as it would help in understanding what the members wanted on the web site.

## **7. Administration**

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

Euro Call Account	=	3651.56€
Euro Current Account	=	1534.07€
Stirling Current account	=	£4359.82
Stirling Deposit Account	=	£35.51
Euro cash	=	-2048.39€
Stirling cash	=	-£1130.04

ML stated that income had slightly improved over last year.

RC stated that he was not claiming expenses for many of the trips that he had been making on behalf of EGoS.

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

The Secretary General was also not claiming expenses.

It was agreed that for the smaller organisations such as Albainia and FYROM and any future small organisations should only pay a nominal subscription of 200€ per year.

RC stated that we should re-send statements to members who had not paid last year's subscriptions and try and improve our income.

At meeting where dinners are attended in the evening then the representatives should pay for their own meals.

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

It's more difficult to sponsor the Your Surveyors training programme and that this will probably be held every other year rather than annually. The cost of organising such an event was considerable.

## **9. European Policy issues**

ML tabled a communication from the European Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee on "Evaluating National Regulations on Access to the Professions"

Dated 2.10.2013 COM(2013) 676 final.

Members should contact their own Governments if there is a topic that they wish to make representation.

## **10. Next Meeting**

**Future Meetings.**

It was reed that the next General Assembly meeting would be held in Malta 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

**Post Meeting Note** (The dates were changed to 29<sup>th</sup> and 30 October 2014 because the agreed dates did not suit some members)

The next meeting could be in Rome or in another place if a member organisation wanted to host the Spring 2015 meeting.

#### **11. Any Other Business.**

NZ informed the meeting that there was a National Conference in Thessaloniki 26/27<sup>th</sup> September and that he would like the Secretary General to make a presentation on the EurGeo.

Greece had passed a law for Chartered Surveyors and the members do not have any idea of how this would affect Rural surveyors in Greece.

#### **12. Close**

Randolph thanked Nikos for arranging the meeting and for everyone who had attended.

Those who were staying on for the Santorini trip had an early rise next morning with the bus leaving for the airport at 3.30a.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 15.03

## 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 <a href="http://www.europeansurveyors.org">www.europeansurveyors.org</a> Up-date material on site. Sponsorship of Trade organisations Christina to improve Website Complete the questionnaire	Rahmi Nurhan Celik to administer and all Members to provide material to secretary or where registered are able to upload themselves. Christina Zacharias Secretary General.
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	Questionnaire completed and circulated	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.	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
Collaboration with FEANI, CLGE and AEEBC	Secretary General attends AEEBC meetings and reports to Members. The Officers are not attending CLGE meetings in the capacity of EGoS	President and Vice Presidents, Secretary General

Continue lobbying on mutual recognition of qualifications by developing EurGeo Professional Card for Surveyors	On-going with presentations in Member countries to encourage support and development.	Secretary/Members
EGoS Working Plan	Redefine 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 2016 – President, Vice Presidents and Secretary General	GA meeting November 2016
EGoS Statues	Amend in accordance with Members wishes. Approval required for amendments made at November 2013 GA	Secretary general
Italian Young Surveyors Course	No date set for next course	
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. Response received from EU Commission. Do members want to develop system within the membership of EGoS?	Secretary General and Members to act. To date 9 Member countries in support. 3 Associates in support

Signed.....

**Randolph Camilleri - President of EGoS.**

**31<sup>st</sup> November 2014**