



General Meeting
Saturday 7th June 2008
Minoa Palace Resort Hotel, 73014 Plantanias, Crete.

Minutes

1. Opening of meeting by Antonio Benvenuti – President EGoS.

President Antonio Benvenuti welcomed everyone to the General meeting.

2. Apologies received.

The following had tendered their apologies

Prof. Basil Psarianos, (BP), (*ATM-Hellenic Association of Rural & Surveying Engineers*) (EA)
Roger Shanahan, (RS), (*Chartered Institute of Building & and Assistant EGoS Secretary*) (UK & IRL)
Prof. Zdravko Rusev (ZR), (*President of EAA*)Czech Republic.(Cz)
Saleem Akran (SA), (*Chartered Institute of Building*) (UK)

The Secretary General introduced Maria Aristodimou who had replaced Kyriacos Nikolaou as the representative for Cyprus.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held in Divan Hotel, Istanbul and Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting held in Istanbul 23rd November 2008 had previously been circulated to members.

Randolph Camilleri raised the issue that the “Land Surveyors Society” had changed it’s name to the “Malta Institution of Surveyors”.

With the above noted the minutes were unanimously agreed and approved and signed by the president.

Matters Arising

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

4. Relationship with AEEBC

ML reported that he had not attended the meeting of AEEBC between the dates of 17th to 19th April 2008 in Warsaw. This was due to the fact that EGoS were not members of AEEBC but merely observers and he understood that he would not be allowed to attend the meetings.

He reported that as agreed at the last meeting, he had written to the secretary of AEEBC suggesting that a representative of AEEBC should sit on EGoS meetings and that a reciprocal

arrangement could be made for a member of EGoS to sit on their meeting. ML reported that this matter would be raised at the Warsaw meeting but that he had not heard from AEEBC whether or not the members of AEEBC had accepted the suggestion.

He understood that CNG had been represented at the meeting and asked Maria–Grazia Scorza whether this matter had been raised. Maria was able to confirm that it had been raised and agreed, but she was unsure of the name of the representative who would be attending.

ML has researched this and can report that David Gibbson Chief Executive of the Association of Building Engineers would be representing AEEBC at future meeting of EGoS.

ML requested from the meeting whether the members had any objection for him to represent EGoS at the future AEEBC meetings. This was agreed unanimously.

ML reported that he was unable to circulate the AEEBC minutes of the last meeting as these were not yet available. **Post minute note:** These are now available and circulated.

Antonio Benvenuti reported through Maria the events that were discussed at the last meeting:

The matter of individual and single members was discussed and a conference is to be arranged to discuss the professional common platform.

Further development of the AEEBC web site had taken place and it was suggested that members should make translations.

It was agreed that presentations of recent projects should be included on the website.

The next meeting of AEEBC will be in Athens 15th November 2008.

Randolph Camilleri stated that the relationship with AEEBC was important.

5. Relationship with other professional bodies

FIG.

Randolph Camilleri restated that Mr Marrku Villikka had been ill but was now on the road to recovery. RC reported that he had contacted Marrku Villikka to inform him of our relationship with CLGE. Marrku stated that they recognised CLGE because they had originally developed through FIG. In respect to further development between EGoS and FIG there was still the possibility of a MoU. Work on this matter will have to be developed slowly.

ML raised the matter of the Officers meetings and whether the Officers agreed to the circulation of these minutes to members of EGoS. This was agreed.

CLGE

Antonio Benvenuti expressed his thanks to Randolph for making the arrangements to sign the MoU with CLGE and apologized again that he was unable to attend the meeting and for the joint signing. It had been agreed that Randolph Camilleri would sign on behalf of the President of EGoS and this had been done at the meeting in Brussels on 28th April 2008 with the Henning Elmstroem the President of CLGE.

A signed copy of the MoU was circulated to members for there information.

Bill cowap wanted to know what the CLGE were trying to achieve.

RC stated that there were common aims: Recognition

Professional collaboration of surveyors

RC still felt that there is a problem with the name of the role that EGoS is proposing. Non-geodetic surveyors is not very helpful in describing what areas of surveying EGoS represents.

RC had a suggestion for a title = Geomatic Engineer.

Members are requested to seriously think about a new description for the work that is carried out by the surveyor members who EGoS represent. All suggestions are welcome for discussion.

AB raised the question and importance of the recognition of the profession and the education. There is some difficulty in understanding the difference between BAC+3 and BAC+5

The Italians have difficulty in understanding the requirement of BAC+5.

Rahmi Celik stated that their requirement is BAC+5.

Kurt Reider also stated that there is a problem in Germany if BAC+5 is not adhered to.

ML stated that the purpose of the EGoS is to recognise each members standards and help one another through training processes to achieve higher levels and standards required by the profession. In his view having different levels did not devalue the work or the professional standards but encourage members to develop better standards.

AB Surveyors are co-operating with each other and developing the definitions and standards.

RC stated that there is also another organisation also involved with the "House of Surveyors" being GeoEuropa. They were in the process of developing a MoU with CLGE as well.

FEANI

ML circulated to the members paper that has been prepared by FEANI on developing European Professional Cards (Eurocadres) from the Report and Conclusions of the conference held on 1st April 2008 in Brussels. This relates to EngCard for engineers.

Mediterranean Countries

No further meeting had taken place.

French involvement

ML reported that although the French are invited to the meetings there is no response.

RC said he would contact Ordre Des Geometres-Experts and to see if they wish to participate.

Chief Executive Officer = Francesco Delfini. Email: f.delfini@geometre-expert.fr

International relations Officer = Rafic Khouri. Email: r.khouri@geometre-expert.fr

6. Administration

Accounts

ML circulated the accounts as at June 2008 for EGoS and stated that expenses were paid with the exception of this meeting and expenses due to the two vice presidents which are to be paid over this weekend.

ML stated that there was very little interest gained from Lloyds TSB bank Limited and that the EURO account accrues none as there is a requirement for more than 50,000 euros to be held within the account.

It was suggested that perhaps we should look for a bank with better rates. Rahmi Celik felt that the Turkish banking system provided good terms and would look into this and report.

ML requested approval of the accounts and they were unanimously approved.

7. EGoS Web Site.

RNC has developed the EGoS website and this has been in use now for 6 months. ML had uploaded documents such as pass minutes of meetings but was having difficulties in uploading photos.

This has now been subsequently changed on the site by providing the up-loading information after the administrative member has logged in.

RCN went through the website with the members and explained our the system worked.

He requested that each member now provides information of there organisations of events and important new together with articles of interest.

There is a section for job opportunities.

Individual members are now able to log-in and register their name, profession, qualification etc. The Member Country manages this. A request was made for this information to be passed onto the members of the professions. This is something that is tangible and provides weight and quality for the profession.

RNC requested that organisations up-load photographs of events with a short description.

AB thanked RNC for the work that he has put into the development of the web site.

8 Education and Training, European Issues and EGoS future Strategy

Foundation Courses

Rahmi Celik explained to members that he would be producing a pilot of information that is required for professional recognition of surveyors and in order to do this he will require the help of the other members.

An outline of information will be required and this is to be passed on to individuals through the member organizations in order that a response may be obtained.

This should also involve members of CLGE.

This should establish the common platform of each of the member states and it is important to know the individual members requirements at this stage.

Rahmi to produce this document as a pilot with Italy, Malta, UK and Turkey helping.

The pilot will provide an initial platform with a system of how to help other organizations to maintain the same standards. Rahmi considers it best to work on these standards in our own States using already established standards and by co-operating between ourselves EGoS will be able to collate and improve where necessary the standards for European agreement.

The first stage is to know the requirements of each other.

The second stage is to disseminate this information under the auspice of EgoS.

Finally, prepare a joint seminar with CLGE.

Randolph Camilleri felt that we need to increase our membership. We must insist that all members contribute to the scheme otherwise it will have no meaning.

ML stated that we have had an application from Czech Republic via Dr Zdravko Resev for membership but that this was attached to us helping with an application for EU funding.

RC commented that we should invite Romania to join and that perhaps it would best if our next meeting of EGoS were held in Romania.

Nikolaos Zacharias stated that he thought the plan was a good idea especially involving the country, but he felt that this needed to be arranged through the universities as he considered that they have the resources and facilities.

Maria Aristodimou considered that we should be able to tell organisations who we are.

NZ said that the EGoS leaflet should be updated.

AB said it is important to prepare a statement of who we are.

AB in summing-up a Strategy AB asked the members "do you agree that we make contact and prepare the document and action plan referred to above?" This was agreed by the members.

AB expressed that he will look forward to having a template that we can discuss with potential new members.

Rahmi Celik and Malcolm Lelliott to produce papers.

Rahmi Celik, Randolph Camilleri and Maria Aristoimou are to develop new EGoS leaflet.

ML to send Maria A copy of the old EGoS Leaflet.

RC stated that in 2009 it will be 20 years since EGoS was established and that perhaps we should be celebrating our existence.

Some historical facts should be collected and put into a some kind of record. It was agreed that Malcolm would speak to Tony Pearce.

Bill Cowap, ML, RNC and Tony Pearce to provide history of events.

Questionnaires

ML asked if all outstanding questionnaires could be completed and returned as soon as possible.

Questionnaire on Legal Responsibility of Surveyors.

The Group has still not received many replies on this important paper. ML and RS to chase up members who have not responded.

Planning questionnaire.

Members should complete this questionnaire as soon as possible

Quality Assurance.

Bill Cowap stated that he would not reiterate his presentation that was given the previous day but that he felt the environmentalist QA would be of significant benefit to EGoS members. Please make contact direct.

9. EGoS Statutes and Amendments

ML stated that the Statutes had been amended in accordance with the recommendation of the last meeting and that the amended Statutes were circulated. Please advise if there are any mistakes or changes required.

10. Future meetings

Next General Assembly Meetings:

Romania or Malta – 7th and 8th November 2008 – Randolph Camilleri to arrange

Board meeting Friday morning

Friday afternoon –workshop

Saturday morning general Assembly.

Cyprus - May 2009 – Maria Aristodimou to arrange.

11. Any other business

No other business reported.

12. Closing Address

Antonio thanked the representatives for attending and in particular Nikos and the Greek organisation and local members for making all the arrangements and for making our stay welcome and comfortable.

He and Maria would attend the initial part of the afternoon presentation and discussion with the local members, but would have to depart in order to catch their plane home.

He wished members a safe journey home.

*Malcolm Lelliott
Secretary General
2nd July 2008.*

Summary of action from these Minutes

Decision	Action date	Action by
Prepare Questionnaire on legal responsibilities of each member state	On going – All members that have not returned this questionnaire please do so by return	Secretary/Roger Shanahan
EGOS Web Site	Registered through Turkey www.europeansurveyors.org	Rahmi Nurhan Celik to administer and all Members to apply.
Develop EGOS web site – Members to supply articles, events, seminars etc.	On Going- Please supply materials for the Web-site. Articles, events, photos, News.	All Members for Rahmi Nurhan Celik/Secretary/Nikos Zacharias
FECP meeting in Brussels	Next meeting unknown	Secretary/President
Directive on Services, Regulation on Code of Conduct and Establishment. Formation of Working Party	Discussion with CLGE with joint response	President/Secretary/Working Party
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. Where organisations have not provided information on this important subject please do so by return.	Rahmi Nurhan Celik/Secretary
Mediterranean surveyors meeting to be organised by Italy	No meeting arranged	President Antonio Benvenuti Piero Pununzi
Develop mutually agreed short term training schemes for Surveyors. Develop further courses for Life Long Learning. Associated with Professional Platform and the development of a strategy	November 2008	Rahmi Nurhan Celik and Secretary General
Following initial discussion with CLGE, develop co-operation and secure use of permanent address for EGoS in Brussels	Completed April 28 th 2008 MoU signed	President/Vice Presidents and General Secretary
Develop a template for Quality Assurance for the environment	Completed June 2008	Bill Cowap/General Secretary
Provide suitable material for a seminar about EGoS and the members and their professions	November 2008	All members are to send material to Secretariat in electronic form
Next General Assembly	6 th , 7 th 8 th November 2008	Randolph Camilleri/General

meeting of EGoS to be held in Romania or Malta		Secretary
Next General Assembly Meeting of EGoS to be held in Cyprus	May 2009	Maria Aristodimou/General secretary
Next General Assembly meeting of EGoS to be held in London	Nov 2009	Malcolm Lelliott/Roger Shanahan
Provide a paper for discussion and comparison on the legal responsibilities of Surveyors in their capacity to act professionally. Tied in with development of Professional Platform	November 2008	Members
Complete questionnaire on Planning Regulations	November 2008	Members – Some papers have been received but others are outstanding
<i>From previous meetings</i>	<i>Action date</i>	<i>Action by</i>
Develop association with FIG	Initial discussions have taken place but further work is required.	Randolph Camilleri to investigate.
Continue with the possibility of membership from Russia and the CIS countries. Contact Romania.	Suggested EGoS paying for Hotel and meeting fees. Romania has been contacted but no response	Secretary/ Zdravko Rusev/Rahmi Celik
Develop ideas for collaboration with FEANI and AEEBC	On going Invitation has been accepted by AEEBC and representative will be David Gibbson	President and Vice Presidents/ Secretary
Continue lobbying on mutual recognition of qualifications	On going	Secretary/Members
Members to submit materials and suggestions for the website	On going	Members

Signed.....

Antonio Benvenuti - President of EGoS.

Dated 2008