

Minutes of European Council II

Attendant

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Forum Accountant	PCC Peter Brandenburg	
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1 Welcome, Attendance and Rules Reminder

PID Robert Rettby welcomes First International Vice President Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir, the authorized delegates and all attending Lions to this second meeting of the European Council.

After some inscription work and clarifications about the procedure rules PID Robert Rettby reconvenes at 13.04 the European Council meeting.

Forum General Secretary Christoph Witschi declares that 29 authorized members have shown their credentials (see page 1) and that the Quorum is fulfilled.

2 Presentation of the candidates for 3rd International President

The following candidates introduce themselves:

- PID Brian Shehaan, from Minnesota, USA, Multiple District 5M
- PID Patricia Hill, from Alberta, Canada, Multiple District C
- PID Salim Moussan, from Lebanon, District 351

3 Presentation of the European candidates for International Director

The following candidates are introduced and introduce themselves:

- PCC Geoff Leeder, from the British Isles, Multiple District 105
- PCC Heimo Potinkara, from Finland, Multiple District 107
- PCC Walter Zemrosser, from Austria, Multiple District 114

4 Election of the candidate for the position of Archivist and Advisor 1st round

Forum General Secretary Christoph Witschi introduces three Lions member of MD 102, Natascia Valenta Gubelmann, Francine Marchesi and Lucienne Vasserot-Prinoli as members of the election and voting committee. PID Robert Rettby asks the delegates if they agree with this proposal. No objections are raised.

Candidates

- PID Benedict Ancar (D 124 Romania) sent a letter two weeks ago withdrawing his candidacy, which was approved by the forums president.
- PID Phil Nathan (MD 105 British Isles)

- PCC Lutz Baastrup (MD 111 Germany)

The Forum General Secretary Christoph Witschi states the results of the first round. 29 valid ballots are handed in. The majority is 15. With 19 votes PID Phil Nathan, MD 105 British Isles, is elected as new Forum Archivist and Advisor. PCC Lutz Baastrup, MD 111 Germany, got 10 votes.

PID Robert Rettby congratulates both candidates for their extraordinary volunteer work they have done in favor of Lionism and welcomes PID Phil Nathan as the Forum Archivist & Advisor.

PID Robert Rettby thanks PID Jouko Ruissalo for his two terms he has served as knowledgeable and helpful Archivist and Advisor and especially for this year's Forum assistance.

5 Election of the candidate for the position of Forum Accountant 1st round

Forum General Secretary Christoph Witschi declares that also 29 valid votes have been handed in. And that no one of the four candidates has received the majority. The candidates got the following votes:

- PCC Philip Goodier (MD 105 British Isles): 3
- PID Roberto Fresia (MD 108 Italy): 7
- PCC Peter Brandenburg (MD 110 Netherlands): 14
- PID Hayri Ulgen (MD 118 Turkey): 5

... to be continued in agenda item 13

6 Vote on Resolution 1: EU Privacy Protection Working Group (moved by MD 105 and MD 111)

The 29 authorized delegates vote unanimously in favor of this resolution. The motion is carried.

7 Vote on Resolution 2: Refugee Relief Committee (moved by MD 112 and MD 118)

Forum General Secretary Christoph Witschi distributes the slightly amended resolution and Forum President Robert Rettby explains the changes regarding the integration of the Mediterranean members on the screen.

PID Robert Rettby asks the delegates if it is okay to vote on the amended resolution which is unanimously approved by the delegations of MD 112 and MD 118.

The Forum President Robert Rettby asks the delegate to vote for or against the slightly amended resolution. With some abstentions the large majority of the 29 authorized delegates vote in favor of this resolution. The motion is carried.

8 Vote on Resoluton 3: Amendment to the Rules of Procedure – Optimisation of Timing (moved by MD 111)

PID Robert Rettby shows the slight amendment about the terms which the German Delegation put on their resolution. There are no changes in the materiality of the resolution.

PID Robert Rettby asks the delegates if it is okay to vote on the amended resolution which is unanimously approved by the delegations.

The resolution is approved by the authorized members with 23 Yes and 6 No. The motion is carried.

9 Vote on Emergency Resolution: Europa Forum 2020 in Greece, Thessaloniki (moved by MD 117)

The 29 authorized delegates vote unanimously in favor of this resolution. The motion is carried.

10 Vote on Resolution 4: Voluntary Contribution to Europa Forum 2018 (moved by D 132)

The 29 authorized delegates vote with one abstention in favor of this resolution. The motion is carried.

11 No discussion about a new member of the European Council as District 133 – Ireland was already welcomed the day before yesterday

Once again, the Forum President Robert Rettby welcomes the new member.

12 Election of the candidate for the position of Archivist and Advisor 2nd round

There is no further election round needed (see agenda item 4).

13 Election of the candidate for the position of Forum Accountant 2nd round

Forum President Robert Rettby points out that there are only two candidatures left. Only the two candidates who got the most votes in the first round (see agenda item 5) remain.

Forum General Secretary Christoph Witschi declares that also in the second round 29 valid votes have been handed in. And that with the following result the old Forum Accountant will be the new one:

- PID Roberto Fresia (MD 108 Italy): 9
- PCC Peter Brandenburg (MD 110 Netherlands): 20

PID Robert Rettby congratulates all four candidates for their extraordinary volunteer work they have done in favor of Lionism. He wishes PCC Peter Brandenburg a successful and satisfying second term as Forum Accountant

14 Miscellaneous and recommendations from seminars and workshops

PID Robert Rettby asks if there are some important issues which should be shared in the council meeting. No wishes arise to be addressed to the audience.

15 Results of voting and elections

There is no need for this agenda item as the results of voting and elections had already been presented correctly.

16 Closing words by the Forum President

Forum President Robert Rettby thanks all attendants, the efficient execution of this and the former Europa Forum meetings and closes the second council meeting at 13.52.

ZC Christoph Witschi

General Secretary of Europa Forum 2017 in Montreux