

6:05 PM to 8:16 PM CET , the meeting has been recorded.

**Participants (voting members in green)**

1.	LRPCE Chairperson:	PIP Gudrun Björt YNGVADOTTIR	in attendance
	Designated ID EF Klagenfurt:	ID Barbara GREWE	in attendance
	Second Year IDs:	ID Barbara GREWE	
		ID Jürg VOGT (also Region 2 representative)	in attendance
		ID Pirkko VIHAVAINEN (also Region 1 representative)	in attendance
	Immediate Past International Directors	IPID Mats GRANATH	in attendance
		IPID Teresa DINEEN (also Region 5 representative)	in attendance
		IPID Dr. Elena APPIANI (also Region 6 representative)	in attendance
	Area Representatives:	PID Daniel ISENRICH (Region 3)	in attendance
		PID Nicole MIQUEL-BELAUD (also EF 2024 Bordeaux President and Region 4 representative)	in attendance
		PID George Th PAPAS (Region 7)	in attendance
		PID Kalle ELSTER (Region 8)	in attendance
	Programme Directors	Markus TSCHISCHEJ (EF Klagenfurt)	in attendance until 7:05 PM
		DG Vanessa HORROD (EF Bordeaux)	in attendance, second half of the meeting
	Past International Presidents:	PIP Giuseppe „Pino” GRIMALDI (IP 1994-1995)	apologies
		PIP Eberhard J. WIRFS (IP 2009- 2010)	apologies
	LEF A & A and LRPCE secretary:	PID Miklos HORVATH	in attendance
	Guests	PID Sandro CASTELLANA Chair of LRPCE ROP Revision Task Force Chairperson	in attendance
		PID Geoff Leeder (Chair) Lions Task Force Europe	apologies
		ID Marcel DANIELS - 1st year ID	in attendance
		ID Halldor KRISTJANSSON -1st year ID	in attendance from 18:20
		ID Danyal KUBIN - 1st Year ID	in attendance
		PCC Stewart Sherman-Kahn - Board Appointee	in attendance
		PID Dr Walter ZEMROSSER (also Europa Forum 2023 Klagenfurt President)	in attendance

## **1. Welcome – Chairperson PIP Gudrun**

Chairperson greeted the participants. This is the last meeting before Klagenfurt and we have important decisions to make. We have a lot on the agenda, so we'd better work efficiently to achieve our goals.

## **2. Introductions – All (only name, title and country)**

See above.

## **3. Apologies - A&A PID Miklos**

Please see above.

## **4. Interim report of the Task Force to review the existing Rotation Scheme - PID Sandro – Chairperson of the Task Force**

The Task Force had a meeting on September 18, 2023, reviewed the feed-back received from all of you and started to work out a new scheme of the Grouping, as we agreed that this will be the first thing to do, the distribution of the slots will come afterwards and will have to be clear, simple and not subject to any manipulations.

Membership is Number 1 (not only static numbers, also the evolution), but it is necessary to also have some other – measurable – criteria like Service Reporting, LCIF donations, etc.

The Task Force is working hard on it and hopefully will be able to present a viable solution after the Klagenfurt Europa Forum.

## **5. Discussion and decision to submit an Emergency Resolution to the European Council on proposing to LCI that CA4 Europe march together at the LCICON parades – ID Barbara**

On the last two International Conventions, the Lions of INDIA were marching together at the Parade, showing off their impressive strength and diversity.

The marching order at the Parade is determined by the MD/D number, or some other guiding principles, thus European Lions countries were somehow scattered in the great mass of the marching Lions countries the world over.

It is suggested that the Long Range Planning Committee requests, by an Emergency Resolution that the European Council approves that on behalf of the Lions countries of Europe, a request is addressed to the Convention Committee of the International Board of Directors via the Convention Division of LCI, to authorize that Lions countries of Europe march together at the parade demonstrating thus the real strength, solidarity and diversity of cultures and traditions of the European Lionism.

Several comments have been voiced, all in favour of the Emergency Resolution.

The proposal has been seconded by PID Daniel, and **voted upon unanimously**.

The Emergency resolution will be worded by the A&A and submitted to the EF Klagenfurt President in due course.

## **6. Discussion and decision to submit an Emergency Resolution to the European Council that Europa Forum issue a symbolic endorsement to PID Manoj SHAH, the BoD and EC endorsed candidate for 3rd IVP in Melbourne 2024 – Chairperson PIP Gudrun**

At the first International Board of Directors meeting after the International Convention in Boston, U.S.A., the Executive Officers and the International Board of Directors unanimously endorsed the candidacy of PID Dr. Manoj SHAH, Multiple District 411, Kenya, for the position of International Third Vice President of the Association at the 2024 Melbourne, Australia International Convention.

It is customary for Area Forums to showcase their support towards the official candidate endorsed by the Executive Officers and the International Board of Directors, as it happened recently in Reno, U.S.A. at the USA-Canada Leadership Forum.

The Long Range Planning Committee Europe proposes to the European Council to adopt a resolution by which the Member Countries demonstrate their support for PID Dr. Manoj SHAH, Multiple District 411, Kenya, the official candidate endorsed by the Executive Officers and the International Board of Directors for the position of International Third Vice President of the Association at the 2024 Melbourne, Australia International Convention.

Several members of the Committee voiced comments and discussed mainly if countries endorse a candidate why EF should do the same, if it is not contradictory to and goes against the exclusive right of the MDs and Ds to endorse a candidate. The outcome of the discussions is that what is proposed is a symbolic gesture and that the EF should express the European Lions support for the candidacy of PID Manoj.

PID Georges was against the proposal, as according to him it goes against the solidarity we have to bear towards our own European candidates.

The proposal has been seconded by PID Mats, the proposal is **approved by 8 votes, PID George was against, 1 abstention: IPID Teresa.**

#### **7. The future of Lions TaskForce Europe (LTE) – presentation by PID Geoff to inform LRPCE on the contents of agenda point 8 of the forthcoming LTE meeting in EF Klagenfurt – PID Geoff, Chairperson of LTE**

PID Geoff could not make it, Geoff had fallen on the stairs at home and had seriously hurt his back, on behalf of the Committee PIP Gudrun expressed our wish for a speedy recovery.

In the correspondance precluding the suggested Job Description, we shared our thoughts concerning the Lions Task Force Europe. It is our decision how we continue, as a Task Force has a start and an end.

In the absence of PID Geoff, ID Barbara presented the Task Force's status and plans.

The first step is to decide whether we continue with the first idea we started with or to include as many PIDs as possible. Informing the PIDs is crucial, use their experiences and knowledge is essential, like to propose them as speaker at conventions.

The size is important, it is a must to have the 6 IDs and PIDs from all the other areas of Europe, with one Chairperson or Coordinator. We should focus our efforts on supporting GAT, Mission 1.5 and other potential subjects.

Communication and sharing of information is essential. Lions should feel involved and PIDs can help.

A 3 person Steering Board together with the Chairperson might be a solution, they would work with the 6 sitting director, this is the way it would be really efficient.

Let us not take any decision now in the absence of Geoff and let us program it on our next in-person or online meeting.

The way forward will be defined among Gudrun, Barbara, Geoff, Miklos and will be presented in the Klagenfurt morning meeting and talk about it in the afternoon meeting or put it to the agenda on our next online meeting.

#### **8. Preparations for our in-person meeting in Klagenfurt – Chairperson PIP Gudrun**

The number of diverse groups created is growing, like the Young Lions and Leos Covenant, we should be watchful, should be on top of the things, to lead the process and not run after them. Daniel will prepare a proposal for our in-person meeting.

PID George will not make it to the meeting, his plane comes in later.

PID Mats will not come to Klagenfurt this year and wishes the Committee godspeed.

**9. Creation of a Task Force of the LRPCE tasked with the preparation of the Lions Academy Europe (elaboration of a concrete plan with content, with trainers, with finance which then should be brought before the European Council to accept its creation). Relevant information to be shared with EF member Countries – A&A PID Miklos**

The acknowledgement and approval of the Task Force should be an at least 2-step process and a presentation has been shared on the screen, presented in great details (enclosed herewith).

There was an understanding in the exchanges with Sanjeev that the name „Lions Academy Europe” cannot be used until we have not approved it in Europe.

This is not the name but the Lions logo that was not authorized until LAE has not become an entity connected to Europa Forum.

At present there are 22 members working in LAE, the seven members suggested in the presentation were the ones who made the strategic plan.

No presentation at this point in Klagenfurt except on the Speakers’ Corner in several languages where the questionnaire can also be proposed to be filled out.

3 member sof LRPCE work in the Leadership Committee of the International Board, they might also promote it at the Leadership Committee level, although according to Sanjeev, we should first officialize it with a Europa Forum body.

We might have a short introduction, some lines to present the idea to the Lions of Europe (Jürg), a kind of Mission Statement (Teresa) as we have to inform and be transparent.

The proposal to create a Task Force is seconded by Mats, **9 votes for the creation, 1 abstention.**

**10. AOB – All**

All the members have seen the letter that the leadership of MD117 sent to all the leaders, BoD, Executive Officers and MDs and Ds about the creation of the Provisional District 135.

We had to mention it, we could not ignore it, although at present, we do not have to discuss it, as this is not in our hands.

We ask our second year IDs to be our representative at the Board meeting and report back to the LRPCE afterwards.

**11. Next meeting – Chairperson and A&A**

The next meeting will be the In-Person Meeting at EF Klagenfurt, on October 25, 2023, at 09:00 AM in Hotel Seepark.

We are working for the future, as we are Long Range Planning Committee. Thank you for your great work and activity.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16. PM

**Prepared by: PID Miklos HORVATH A & A**