

LRPCE MEETING MINUTES - ZOOM

June 1, 2023

6:05 PM to 8:12 PM CET

The meeting has been recorded.

LRPCE Members and areas represented.

(Voting members in green)

PIP Gudrun Yngvadóttir – Chairperson LRPCE - in attendance
ID Barbara GREWE – Designated ID EF Klagenfurt: – in attendance
ID Mats Granath - (also designated ID Zagreb) - in attendance

Area1 IPID Bent Jespersen - In attendance in the

first hour

Area2 PID Dr Walter Zemrosser – (EF Klagenfurt President) – in attendance

Area3 IPID Daniel Isenrich (EF Accountant) - in attendance

Area4 IPID Nicole Belaud - in attendance

Area5 ID Teresa Dineen - in attendance

Area6 ID Dr. Elena Appiani - In attendance

Area7 PID George Th. Papas – In attendance

Area8 PID Kalle Elster - In attendance

Prof. Dr. Giuseppe ‘Pino’ Grimaldi –
International President 1994 -1995 - In attendance
Eberhard J Wirfs – **International President 2009 – 2010 -** apologies

Programme Directors

Markus TSCHISCHEJ (EF Klagenfurt) – in attendance
DG Vanessa HORROD (EF Bordeaux)- In attendance

Permanent Guests:

PID Sandro Castellana - Chair of LRPCE ROP Revision Task Force – in attendance
PID Geoff Leeder - (Chair LTFE) Lions Task Force Europe - in attendance

PID Miklos HORVATH – **EF Archivist & Advisor -** In attendance

1. Welcome – Chairperson PIP Gudrun

Chairperson Gudrun greeted the participants.

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

3. Apologies - A&A PID Miklos

Please see above.

4. Discussion and decision to request the Lions Task Force Europe Chairperson to send out a letter to the Lions Task Force Europe members on the communication concerning the Lions Academy Europe - Chairperson PIP Gudrun

5. Discussion and decision to submit a motion to the European Council at the forthcoming Europa Forum in Klagenfurt to accept the Lions Academy Europe as a European Task Force - Chairperson PIP Gudrun

The agenda points 4 and 5 shall be discussed together.

After a lengthy discussion where several members and guests of LRPCE intervened, it has been stated that all the members of the Committee agree that the LAE is a great, very important project that should be supported.

We should however act with tact so that not to abort it before it is born.

It is a pity that LAE did not communicate with the Lions Task Force Europe before making a reference to them in the cover letter of the survey sent out.

It has been decided that LRPCE approves that the GAT Constitutional Area Leader, PID Elisabeth HADERER send the proposed letter to the Lions leaders of Europe, simultaneously informing thereof Executive Administrator Sanjeev AHUJA. The letter should not contain the last paragraph of the draft letter.

The letter should be sent out by GAT, and LRPCE will assist by sharing a recent address list.

International Directors Dr. Elena APPIANI and Barbara GREWE will initiate that the Membership and Leadership Committee puts Lions Academy Europe on the agenda at the forthcoming Board Meeting in Boston in order to get an acknowledgement of this European initiative (as LAE cannot operate without LCI endorsement, as otherwise the funding would be a serious issue).

If not successful for any reasons whatsoever, LRPCE shall submit an Emergency Resolution to the European Council in EF Klagenfurt to approve Lions Academy Europe as a Europa Forum initiative and entity.

Moreover, as we need more information, the Committee Members required to get a max. 1-2 page White Paper on what Lions Academy Europe stands for, the project descriptions, objectives, planned modus operandi, etc.

This White Paper will also be sent to those International Directors who are not members of the Long Range Planning Committee Europe.

The approved text of the letter to be sent out to European leaders is, as follows:

QUOTE

**To the Past Presidents of Europe,
International Directors of Europe,
and Past International Directors of Europe**

Haarlem, May 31, 2022

Dear Lion Leaders of Europe,

I do hope this letter finds you well and healthy!

You may have heard about the recent communication regarding the Lions Academy Europe.

The reason for this letter is to inform all of you at the same time with consistent information.

Two years ago, the area leaders of GAT Europe started an initiative, called the Lions Academy Europe, and created a strategic plan which was presented during the Europa Forum 2022 in Zagreb. PDG Niels Schneckner was asked to chair the project team which consists of experienced trainers and GLT from all areas. This initiative was concerted with the Leadership division and GAT staff to share the fundamental aim for excellent leadership development and membership growth in Europe. With more than 24 languages and the fact that LCI will no longer provide the ALLI gives us the opportunity to customize the academy.

The significant difference between the Lions University USA and the Lions Academy Europe is that we would like to have **full subordination to LCI** in the future. International President Brian Sheehan was thoroughly briefed on the initiative.

To ask the Lions of Europe for input, the project team started to conduct a survey with a letter which was shared with LCI staff, at different stages of the project. The survey is completely anonymous and any personal information in the survey like age and gender are only demographics.

Because it is still an initiative **it cannot yet be a Lions approved entity**. Only when the project team is finished and compose a proposal, will it be sent to the Leadership Committee for discussion.

I hope this email clarifies the confusion or misinterpretation and Lions Academy Europe may have your support.

PID Elisabeth HADERER

GAT Constitutional Area 4 Leader Europe

UNQUOTE

6. Presentation and acknowledgement by the Committee of the Time-Line and Road-Map for submission of the new Constitution & By-Laws, and Standing Order, Appendix A and F to EF Klagenfurt and their entering into force (circulated earlier by mail): A&A PID Miklos

As there has not been substantial changes, but the rearrangement of the documents, the entering into force of the documents will be suggested to take place immediately after the Klagenfurt Europa Forum, in 2023, except for points 5.2.2 and 5.2.3 (election of A& A and Forum Financial Controller) entering into force in 2027 only, as the present officials were elected in Zagreb for 5 years.

7. Presentation and acknowledgement by the Committee of the final and formatted ROP revision documents (circulated earlier by mail): A&A PID Miklos

As there has not been a proper handing over/taking over, some resolutions have not been updated in the present version of the Rules of Procedure and therefore have not been brought over to the new revision, and need to be included, as follows:

4.2.3.6 ...and when circumstances dictate, the elected voting members of LRPCE will meet (virtually) and adjust fairly with transparency, the rotation, to ensure that Europe has good, strong and appropriate candidates for European continuity.

To insert in its entirety:

9.4 The cancellation policy guidelines

- 30 days prior to the Forum: 100% refund
- 15 days prior to the Forum: 20 % refund
- 15 days or less before the Forum: no refund

In the unusual situation of an unexpected cancellation, consideration will be given, and a decision made about repayment by the Forum President based on the situation of the Forum financials and after consultation with the EF Financial Controller, the final decision will remain with the Forum President.

Any such cancellation must be claimed within one (1) month after the Europa Forum supported by relevant information.

The claim request must be directed in writing to the Forum president directly.

4.2.3.1 to insert:

. The Europa Forum President and the Europa Forum Vice-President if they are not one of the International Directors, Past International Directors and/or representatives of the Lions Euro-regions.

PIPs are not invited, they are non-voting members.....

To displace both additions in the text, within the relevant paragraph.

Daniel's suggestions:

- text to be uniformly US English
- several issues on the front Page, it is not Rules of Procedure and we should speak already Lions international, to take out the LEO logo.
- Appendix D: ... will be covered by them, or their....
- Appendix E: Totally wrong Income and Expense parts are the same, to be corrected.

ID Barbara's comments:

- Pages should be numbered
- By-Laws 2nd page: Financial aspect double
- In 4.1.1.2 LRPCE and A&A full version should figure not the abbreviated version
- Agora's price should be uniform in both the By-Laws and Appendix C.: the lowest possible cost
- Appendix C2 is totally wrong, to be corrected.

ID Mats' comments:

How the question of distance from the Airport has been treated, we did not put anything in the Appendix A, as the countries who postulate to organize a Europa Forum should present it to the European Council and it will decide to accept or refuse even if it is 2 hours.

8. Discussion and approval of the motion to the European Council on the ROP revision: A&A PID Miklos

The Committee trusts that Chairperson Gudrun, EF Accountant Daniel and A&A Miklos will be able to do this correctly without a formal approval of the Committee.

9. Presentation and acknowledgement by the Committee of the proposed members of the Task Force to review the existing Rotation Scheme and its transformation in the light of the decisions taken on the last Board Meeting in Belfast (circulated earlier by mail): Chairperson PIP Gudrun

The Committee approves the members of the Task Force, as follows:

Chairperson: PIP Gudrun YNGVADOTTIR LRPCE Chair

Members: PID Miklos HORVATH EF Archivist & Advisor

PID Daniel ISENRIK EF Accountant

Area 1: 101, 104, 106, 107, 109 PID Svein BERNTSEN

Area 2: 102, 110, 114 PID Ton SOETERS

Area 3: 111 PCC Fabian RÜSCH

Area 4: 103, 112, 113 DG Vanessa HORROD

Area 5: 105, 133 PCC Stewart SHERMAN-KAHN

Area 6: 108 PID Sandro CASTELLANA

Area 7: 115, 116, 117, 118, 128 PDG Kléon PAPADOPOULOS

Area 8: 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 129, 130, 131, 132, (134)

+ un-districted areas. PDG Niels SCHNECKER

10. Discussion of a EF policy to allow or not parallel positions (EF Official and International Office candidate) – the follow-up on the discussion at the last meeting: PIP Gudrun

Because of lack of time, this point of the agenda has been tabled to be discussed at a future meeting.

11. Information of the Committee on the endorsed candidates for 3rd IVP and ID positions in 2023, 2024 and 2025: Chairperson PIP Gudrun

The list of European candidates has been reported by A&A, as follows:

Candidates for 3rd IVP in 2024:

PID Elisabeth HADERER (MD 110)

PID Daniel ISENRIK (MD 111)

PID Phil NATHAN (MD 105)

PID Domenico MESSINA (MD 108)

Candidates for International Directors in 2023:

PDG Danyel KUBIN (MD118 Turkey)

PDG Halldor KRISTANSSON (MD109 Iceland)

PDG Marcel DANIELS (MD 112 Belgium)

Candidates for International Directors in 2024:

PDG Guy-Bernard BRAMI (MD 103 France)

PDG Karl BREWI (MD114 Austria)

PDG Lorena HUS (D129 Slovenia)

Candidates for International Directors in 2025:

PDG Niels SCHNECKER (D 124 Romania)

12. AOB – All

No new business has been proposed, just two pieces of information:

- MD 108 Italy 's Council decided that they will postulate to organize a Europa Forum in Venice in 2027, with the presidency of ID Elena APPIANI,
- D 119 Hungary's district convention decided to submit a candidacy to organize a Europa Forum in Budapest in either 2027 or 2028.

13. Next meeting – Chairperson and A&A

The next meeting should take place after the International Convention of Boston, the A&A will propose by mail a date in the last week of July.

PIP Pino congratulated Chairperson Gudrun for a meeting excellently conducted and the great team of EF Accountant Daniel and A&A Miklos for a great work done.

The meeting was closed by Chairperson Gudrun with words of pride and praise to the members of this great Committee, and the ROP Revision Task Force.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12. PM

Prepared by: PID Miklos HORVATH A & A