

ESBA GA 2019-08-18

-formal-opening ca.5pm

-round: everybody introduces themselves and tells about motivation

(i've missed part of that)

Herbert- motivation-idea: let people do the work without so much control, let's check results after two years,

Lars-

Catarina- a san association we are not active – but organisation does make sense to represent the portugese group, Catarina honestly says, that she does not have time and cannot find people to give their time to ESBA

Lobbing and-or prepared professional material can be usefull if

Noe represents rfcf.

Treasurer Report

- Note: sent wrong IBAN number. Apology.
- 2017 not necessary to pay. 2018 yes. Michael needs letter for changing to 2018 (if 2017 was paid)
- Wrote many reminders and got no answers.
- Let Michael know if payment person is not official mail
- Almost 10,000€ in total since 2016
- 4887.13€ in bank
- Who is fully paid member?
 - SBUK
 - ASBN
 - OSBN
 - Biwena
 - Estonia
 - SBN
 - RFCF
 - RCP
- Non-voting country reps:
 - Italy
 - Slovakia

- Portugal
 - Associate Members present:
 - FASBA
- Rikki taking notes
- Maciej chairs meeting

1. Summary of ESBA situation

- 2018-19: Last GA in December 2018. Election for new board, less people to streamline and be more effective
- Paid secretary position: Maciej.
- Discussion around STEP and how to transfer to members. Signed MOU. Offer for trainers of National orgs. Can attend for free the trainings in Austria and possibly the assesment. Presently 4 assesors. Want more... trying to clarify who is member so that they can access materials.
- Supported ESBG by trying to advertise event: social media, posters, ect.
- Working group about german rules for building and other collaborative projects... (Herbert as Presi of ESBA without pay). Support to UpStraw about databases and maps, etc.
- In past there have been action groups led by Marcel and Mannas. Mannas left RFCP and Marcel was working on UpStraw and sick...
- Research group has done work, and skills database exists. Both on ESBA website.
- 2018 presencial meeting about STEP in Austria
- Summary of secretary work: estimated 1 day/week for work on ESBA and paid 250€/month. In last 8 months has done partially. Hours are recorded: about 50 hours total. About 1/3 of estimated time. **We need to decide how much to pay for this work....**
 - Contacted ESBA members about fees, esp. Non active members
 - Email box for ESBA, organized emails
 - Small changes on website
 - Work with Michael about fees
 - Answered some emails
 - Has done some “pushing and polling”
 - Has organized board meetings by skype and GA
 - Organized ESBA archives (past decisions)
- A little more order in board and “processes”
- Since march link to STEP files exists. Maciej should send link to people who paid fees in 2019. Link will be sent soon. Updates will be sent every year, as well as original materials.

2. Membership application?

- Simone Ruschtleier may want to be associate member: 120€/year
- French group- Colletif Paille Armotricain may be interested as well

3. Brainstorming summary

- Most topic: lobbying on an european level
- Organising funds – there is the moment to get money now for climatechange actions – get money to pay employees for ESBA
- ESBA could be a platform for firms to cooperate and exchange
- Online meetings to have a better ongoing conversation on ESBA-themes, action groups, as well as public informations canne for ecxample in youtube
- Exchange of news as newsletter
- Embassadors or famous embassadors (like ronaldinio)
- Forming of a research and technical action group

4. Co-president elections nominees:

- Zuzana (Slovakia) – available, but not as worker. Only as representative, but not as worker.
- Eileen (SBUK). Says no.
- Barbara says no.
- Rikki says no.
- Cypran (SBUK). Not available to decide today

5. Opinions:

- Eileen: presi should be builder
- Herbert: woman good idea, andzuzana has lots of connections with both earth and straw associations building.
- Should we put off elections til later time?
- Do we wanna pospone the vote or do we wanna accept Zuzanna as the new Co-president

6. Vote:

- Majority of organisations vote for Zuzanna
- We will have another vote as soon as possible to discuss the situation about the Co-presidents

7. Brainstorm 2:

- We need a lawyer
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8. Action groups:

- *SEE POSTER (PICTURE)*

9. ESBG 2021:

- Suggestion: We do the next ESBG