



**EB-04-11-01**

## **Minutes of the meeting of the General Board of ESHA in Stavanger, 23 September 2004.**

### **1. Opening**

The President, Mr. Antonino Petrolino welcomes all delegates to this meeting, especially Mrs. Mary McGlynn, the new delegate from NAPD, Ireland, and Mr. Chris Harrison, who represents NAHT, United Kingdom.

The President reminds that the first workshop in the ESLN-project has been started these days, and that this is the reason that some members (being in the workshop) are not present in the GB-meeting at this time.

### **2. Minutes of GB-meeting in Budapest, 6 and 7 March 2004.**

The minutes are approved.

### **3. Schedule of next GB-meetings.**

The proposed schedule of the GB-meetings is confirmed:

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| - 20/22 May 2005                      | Kyiv                        |
| - 18/19 November 2005 (approximately) | Helsinki                    |
| - Spring 2006                         | Germany                     |
| - September 2006                      | Rome (with ESHA-Conference) |

The members are also informed about the schedule of EB-meetings.

Mr Bohnert suggests that Luxemburg (cultural capitol of Europe then) will host the GB meeting in Spring 2007.

Finally the President strongly advises the members to arrange their visa for the next meeting in Ukraine in time.

### **4. Budget 2005**

The Treasurer, Mr. Alan Stockley informs the members on the Budget 2005. The presentation differs from last year, which is due to the introduction of the ESLN-project. It is more transparent to have this project completely in the budget, but this causes some complications in the presentation.

The balance-position of ESHA looks okay, but we need to be aware of the risk of corrections on former years, because the European Commission is entitled to raise remarks (and hence to claim back part or all of the granted funds) for a period of five years after the end of each project. However, reinvestment need to be considered, as soon as the capital is fully at our disposal.

The income from contributions is slightly rising. This is caused by the growth within some member-organisations, not by the growth of ESHA-membership itself.

Finally he remarks that the Executive Board is happy to rely on the personnel in Utrecht, who deliver a professional support to ESHA.

Mrs Vinje asks why the secretariat will receive less money. Mr Stockley answers that the secretariat will not receive less money, but will be partially paid on the ESLN budget because of the time spent in preparing and reporting about it.

Mr Hetteema asks why this complicated presentation is needed. The President refers to

the European regulations on projects and the need of an own contribution (45% of the labour costs) by ESHA.

## 5. Elections

The President introduces this item and explains that the President-elect has a four year term in the Executive Board: 1 year as President-elect, 2 years as President, and 1 year as Past President. The new President-elect will take the place of the Past-president, Jan Gispen. The other position, now held by Kate Griffin, is annual member, of which the term is one year. Both terms start on 1 January.

There is only one candidate for President-elect, Mr. Burkhard Mielke, proposed by the German member association ASD. Mr. Mielke has also been proposed as annual member, position for which ESHA France has proposed Nelly Guet. Both candidates are asked to address the Board and to explain their views about the positions for which they are running. They do so in turn and after this they leave the room.

The members are very happy with these candidates, nobody asks for a formal voting.

The President furthermore informs the members that Mrs Kate Griffin will still be invited to the EB-meetings as a non-voting member, because of her membership in the Board of ICP. The General Board is very happy with this decision.

Mr. Lempinen is very positive about the new board-members, but has worries about the very small number of people who are proposing themselves to do this job. The Executive Board is asked to consider this problem, and is also asked to reconsider the one year term of the annual member.

Both new EB-members return into the meeting and are welcomed with applause.

## 6. Participation in the projects

The General Secretary, Mr Lempinen, explains the situation on the projects.

- In the ESLN-project we just had the start of the first workshop-session. Over 30 people from 13 countries were present. The Executive Board wants to avoid new risks and has therefore put high emphasis on the proper administration of the project.

- A lot of ESHA-members are engaged in the Pisa-project, which is conducted by Schoolmanagers\_VO from the Netherlands. The researcher in this project, professor Jaap Scheerens will have a workshop-session here in Stavanger.

- The project proposed by the Bocconi University of Milan on intercultural competences has unfortunately not been approved by the authorities.

Mr Meeus regrets the coincidence of ESLN-workshop and GB-meeting. This should be avoided in the future.

Mrs Kate Griffin is fully satisfied with the projects but thinks that more clarity is needed before we agree on things-to-do. The President recognizes this statement.

The President also informs the General Board that some former schoolheads from the Netherlands are present in Stavanger to prepare some research on the European dimension in education. He asks the members to co-operate with these former colleagues.

## 7. Homestays

Mr Ton Duif informs the members on his plans to start a program on homestay-exchanges for schoolheads. His organisation is willing to build up a database and

invites members to join the program. These exchanges can be both very intense and on a low-cost base.

The assembly expresses its support for this program, that could show the use of international contacts to their members. Announcements should be made on the websites.

Alan Stockley suggests to contact the British Council, who should work on similar initiatives.

Ton Duif and his organisation will work further on the plans and then send the information directly to the member-organisations.

## **8. Inclusion**

After discussions in both GB and EB, the latest version of the Inclusion-paper was sent out to the members by Mrs Kate Griffin. She received 5 reactions, which were all positive. Unfortunately she did not receive the examples of good practice, she had asked for. So the proposal is to adopt this version as ESHA's position paper on Inclusion.

Some members indicate that this paper has caused a lot of discussion within their organisations. They also state that the situations differ in each national system. After this discussion it is agreed that this paper describes general principles, that can be supported by all members. It does not interfere within national systems, but is a general framework, and last but not least an ESHA-statement. In this way it can have influence on the discussions on both national and international level. As such it represents a new stage in the development of ESHA.

## **9. Autonomy**

Mr Alan Stockley underlines the importance of the decision on the item of Inclusion. He wants to express his appreciation for the work done by Kate Griffin and he congratulates her with the result.

As a start towards a new position paper he hands out a questionnaire on the item of Autonomy and asks the delegates to study and discuss it at home. A digital version will be distributed by e-mail. He would like to receive the filled-in questionnaires before Christmas.

Members are also invited to add their considerations and remarks.

## **10. Activity plan**

Mr Kees den Ouden presents the working plan. It starts with the goals and ambitions of the Board and it concludes with the work to be done.

On the proposal of Mr Pieter Hettema the item of Inclusion will be added.

Mrs Linda Austin would like to receive information on relevant issues and reports coming from the European Commission and European Parliament.

Mrs Kate Griffin suggests the exchange of good practices from various countries. The working plan will be on the agenda in Kyiv again.

## **11. Miscellaneous**

Mrs Chari Cervantes informs the assembly about the yearly conference of her organisation, which will deal with the items of inclusion and quality. She is very happy that three GB-members will give a contribution, and she hopes to be able to organise a meeting for the entire GB in the future.

Mr Kees den Ouden reminds the members on the annual reports; some of them are

still missing. He also asks members to check their names, email-addresses and so on within the ESHA-directory here available.

Mrs Marianne de Villanueva reports that she has forwarded her ideas on the website to the ESHA-secretariat. She furthermore wonders whether future projects could be disseminated by ESHA. This possibility always can be considered.

Mrs Irina Kozina would like to have the possibility for exchange of students and teachers. The President refers to the new European programs.

Mrs. Galyna Svyatkovskaya wants to express her gratitude for the regrets she received from all countries and especially from the ESHA president on the Beslan tragedy. Furthermore she refers to the actual problems in the former Soviet-countries, where the lack of money is a big problem. ESHA should consider this situation.

Mrs Nola Hambleton, president of ICP, is very grateful to have been present in this meeting. She really hopes that ESHA and ICP will move forward to a better relationship, and she hopes to have fruitful discussions on this matter with the ESHA-president these days. Therefore she is happy with the ESHA-decision of inviting Kate Griffin to the EB-meetings. Furthermore she congratulates ESHA with the Position Paper on Inclusion.

12. The President expresses his gratitude to all the members and guests. He has great expectations on the biannual conference that is about to start this afternoon. He closes the session.

**Members present in the meeting:**

Executive Board	
President	Mr. Antonio Petrolino
Past President	Mr. Jan Gispen
Treasurer	Mr. Alan Stockley
General Secretary	Mr. Jorma Lempinen
EB-member	Mrs. Kate Griffin
Director of the secretariat	Mr. Kees den Ouden
GB-members	
country	Name
BELGIUM	Mr. Freddy Meeus
CZECH REPUBLIC	Mr. Josef Filouš
DENMARK	Mr. Jorgen Christiansen
ESTONIA	Mr. Martin Kaasik
FRANCE	Mrs. Nelly Guet
FRANCE	Mrs. K. Moine
FRANCE	Mr. Gérard Perrolier
GERMANY/ SLVGE-NRW	Mrs. Dagmar Naegele
GERMANY/ASD	Mr. Burkhard Mielke
GERMANY/ASD	Mrs. Margaret Rössler
HUNGARY	Mrs. Katalin Acs
ICELAND	Mr. Baldur Gislason
IRELAND	Mrs. Mary McGlynn
LUXEMBOURG	Mr. Robert Bohnert
NETHERLANDS schoolmanagersVO	Mr. Pieter Hetteema
NETHERLANDS/AVS	Mr. Ton Duif
NORWAY	Mrs. Eli Vinje
RUSSIA	Mrs. Galyna Svyatkovskaya
SPAIN/AXIA	Mrs. Chari Cervantes
SPAIN/CECE-ITE	Mrs. Marián de Villanueva
SWEDEN	Mrs. Marianne Antonson
SWITZERLAND	Mr. Karl Obrist
UKRAINE	Mrs. Irina Kozina
UKRAINE	Mrs. Olena Onats
UKRAINE	Mrs. Ludmyla Paraschenko
UNITED KINGDOM/NAHT	Mr. Chris Harrison
UNITED KINGDOM/SHA	Mrs. Linda Austin
Observers	
ICP	Mrs. Margaret Griffin
ICP	Mrs. Nola Hambleton