

FEPTO XX. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 26th of MARCH 2014, ÓBIDOS

MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY I

1. Opening the General Assembly – Chair person
2. Appointment of secretary and facilitators – Gabriela Moita and Horatiu Nil Albini; Celia Scanlan as Secretary.
3. Appointment of 2 members to check the minutes – Nancy Piercy and Loes Stolker.
4. Establishment of the quorum – 49 representatives. Number of votes 89.
5. Appointment of vote counters – Maurizio Gasseau and Peter John Schouten.
6. Approval of the agenda of the General Assembly – Accepted.
7. Approval of the Santander General Assembly Minutes – Accepted.
8. Report of the Executive Council -
 - a. President report – A learning curve even though Eduardo Verdu and Leandra Perrotta were in Council before. Difference in cultural minds created good synergy. Defined roles. They have followed the example of recent years to have co-presidency with one taking the lead and changing over the second year.

Leandra Perrotta spoke as Co-president and Newsletter Editor. She read a letter from Eduard Schreiber complimenting the quality of the newsletter and FEPTO in general.
 - b. Treasurer report 2013 – Chantal Neve-Hanquet reported that only two members have not paid their fees last year, so we are in a very good place. The meeting at Santander was very good and brought €3000+. The accounts were published in the news letter so we did not need to go into details at this point. We have a total profit this year of €800. Judith Teszáry suggested to use the benefit for the fee of participation. Maurizio Gasseau suggested to use the money for projects. Horatiu Nil Albini said that the benefit goes to the scholarships.
 - c. Secretary – Requested that the members assist with updating of emails and providing mobile numbers as this is our main route of contact.
9. Auditor's report / approval of the revised accountancy – Auditor's report was read. Unanimously accepted.
10. Discharge of Executive Council - Agreed.
11. Budget 2014 – approval – Chantal Neve-Hanquet reported budget for next year and explained the reason for some increases. Jutta Fürst "do the Board need 4 meetings?" Judith Teszáry flet that the budget for the Networking Group was too low. Chantal Neve-Hanquet said they should not hesitate to ask if they needed this increased. **Budget agreed**
12. Reports of the Chairs of the Committees

- a. Training Committee report - Reijo Kauppila talked of the rationale behind the theme for this year's small group work. He has worked with the research and the membership meeting to produce this group's work. Tomorrow the committee will meet to work with the material which has been produced.
- b. Annual Meeting Committee report – There is no longer a Chair of annual meeting. This will come under the responsibility of the Executive. Eduardo Verdu thanked the work of the LOC. He has been working on improving the guidelines for LOC. In 2015 our German Colleagues will welcome us to Bonn.
- c. Research Committee report – Hannes reported they have 30 active practitioners. They meet twice each year. Hannes Krall thanked the hosts of this year's two meetings. Hannes summarised the aims of the research committee. Initiate; Platform for exchange; Train; Integrate; Link research to related fields. What they do not do is have a common updated data base of what research has been done and different categories or fields of research. He asked for 2 or 3 volunteers to work in this area. Hannes urged anyone wanting to be involved to contact him. How do we improve quality and quantity of research. Continuous participation; to create training for research; how do we get funded. Next two meetings will be in Lublin in Poland Oct 2014 and Lisbon Portugal 26th Feb – 1st March 2015.
- d. Ethics Committee report – Luciano Moura has worked alongside the ethics advisory board over the past year. Some members of this board have decided to retire for personal issues. Luciano Moura said that the Chair often works alone unless there is a complaint. Peter John Schouten wanted to suggest re-writing the documents to reflect the role of the trainer. Jorge Burmeister asked are there any current cases. Luciano Moura reported yes but that this was currently confidential work. Marcia Karp made a statement that we should listen to the individual complained against as well as the complainant. Grete Leutz, Giovanni Boria are the members who have withdrawn but we thank them formally for their work. We need wise people.
- e. European Affairs Committee report – Celia Scanlan spoke of the importance of the second stage of the Core Competencies which is to define the specific competencies within each modality. If psychodrama does not address this we are at risk of being sidelined. Celia Scanlan suggested this needs to go back to our institutes and could indeed be an excellent project for our trainees.
- f. Network Committee report – Yaacov Naor talked of the importance of contact between meetings. There is a new network group, "Óbidos". The Task force for peace is now named, Task force for Peace Building and Conflict Transformation. FEPTO is not a political organisation therefore some of the tasks to aid Ukraine will be undertaken as individuals and not on behalf of FEPTO. The next meeting of the Group will be in Istanbul in October. Annick Millet reported that the Pool group had been the organisational group but is now a supervision group. The language of this

group is German. Yaacov Naor reported that he is working on the guidelines for the network group. This is work in progress.

- g. Development Committee report – The thinktank has been an instrument to support the growth of FEPTO. The Sofia thinktank was the starting place for the core competencies. Norbert Apter clarified the scholarship issue. He was able to provide scholarships for all applicants for the conference but was only able to provide 10 for the AM. The number relates to the number of registrants so the more who register the more scholarships.
- h. Membership Committee report – Jose Luis Mesquita reminded the membership of the purpose of our federation. He has worked to redesign the form for membership on website. He hopes this helps with clarity. The membership requirements have been worked on and clarified the meaning of senior trainers. This work has been done with the assistance of the training committee report. He presented the timescale for application and clarified that the letters of recommendation should address quality and quantitative. This will be done through a standard questionnaire. Jose Luis Mesquita explained the reason why two organisations were rejected this time; however the applicants have been encouraged to re-apply when they can meet the requirements. We want to support members who may at any time meet difficulties. We want to try to make a record of what training is happening in different countries. This is not to exclude but to support. They are working on completing a digital data base. Judith Teszáry reminded us in the past if a member does not attend for three years then they may be excluded. Jose Luis Mesquita said that they are not seeking not to exclude but to include. Horatiu Nil Albini clarified that the freezing did not indeed happen but after three years they were contacted to seek to understand and support. Anna Chesner thanked Jose Luis Mesquita for the clarity and openness with which he communicated this.
- i. Newsletter and Website Committee report – Leandra Perrotta talked of her work as chair and editor of newsletter and acknowledged the support she has had from Horatiu Nil Albini and Liliana Ribeiro. She feels that this has given FEPTO a new international public face. Leandra Perrotta is sad but honoured to pass on the Chair of the Newsletter to Chantal Neve-Hanquet. Horatiu Nil Albini said that the website is still on the private website accessed by www.pointzero/fepto. As a consequence we have purchased a new domain www.fepto.com. Leandra Perrotta then read a letter from Zerka T. Moreno. Anna Chesner asked that the text be increased as when it is printed out it is difficult to read. Large applause for Horatiu Nil Albini.

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- 13. Voting of new member –Jose Luis Mesquita reported that he found their papers to be all in good order and Monica Westberg and Melinda Meyer read them in detail and were completely satisfied. The Counsel has endorsed this decision.

14. Welcoming new member

"Trondheim Psykodrama Institutt AS"

and voting results: 83 yes 2 abstentions 1 no

15. Date and place of 2015/2016/2017 Annual Meeting – Bonn Conference 1st -3rd May; AM 3rd – 7th May 2015. Conference and annual meeting in same place. 2016 proposals have come from Greece and Turkey decision needs to be made. 2017 we felt it appropriate to return to Sweden since the constitution was agreed there 25 years ago.
16. Any other business – Chantal Neve-Hanquet talked a little about her new role as Chair of Newsletter. She described her intention to be the co-ordinator of all the articles but the membership must do the work to send in the articles.
17. Closure of meeting

Space made open to members to make any announcements.

Celia Scanlan,
FEPTO Secretary