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Meeting Minutes

PTPI European Council - Annual Meeting

Roman, Romania - 10 September, 2016

Place: Roman Plaza Hotel – Roman, Romania
Date: Saturday 10 September, 2016 – 09h30 to 13h00
Minutes: Andrei Corduneanu
Attending: 14 Council chapters, 4 Visiting chapters, 69 Members

Council Member Chapters		Visiting Chapters	
1	Brussels Belgium	1	Wilmington, DE, USA
2	Varna SC Bulgaria	2	Trenton, NJ, USA
3	Provardia SC Bulgaria	3	Palm Beach, FL, USA
4	Denmark Denmark	4	Lome, Togo
5	Berlin Germany		
6	Berlin SC Germany		
7	Katowice SC Poland		
8	Roman Romania		
9	Bern Switzerland		
10	Interlaken Switzerland		
11	Skopje Macedonia		
12	Bucharest Romania		
13	Chisinau Moldova		
14	Vaslui Romania		

1. OPENING

Regional Chair Chalks Coriette, opened the 32nd European Conference. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for their presence. Chalks started the session by reading a personal message from Mary Jean Eisenhower, who could not attend the conference for medical reasons.

The main message of Chalks' opening speech was about "moving forward". What must we do in order to ensure that PTPI Europe, actually gets to where we want it to be.

Electronic voting was one of the topics that was put on the table. Chalks explained that by giving the opportunity for all chapters to vote, not only to those present at a conference, the results would reflect better our members' will.

2. DESIGNATION OF A PARLIAMENTARIAN

Presiding Chair designated Rolf Dahlberg, as parliamentarian to advise the Chair. Rolf accepted.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Charlotte Scheller, presented her report for the financial activity of 2015. She mentioned that because PTPI Europe is registered now in Belgium she did not have the possibility to check in real time, the bank accounts. She performed more of an auditor's role during her work,

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and during a visit to Brussels in February, she checked the documents and everything looked very good. The chapter representatives voted and approved the 2015 financial report.

We would like to send the Financial report to the chapter presidents at the end of Q1 each year, and to vote on these electronically so that we can include all chapter presidents.

4. PTPI EUROPE BODIES

Chalks provided an explanation for everybody's understanding, about the way PTPI Europe works, and what its structures are. Besides the European Executive Committee that was present in front of everybody, Chalks provided more details about the team from the PTPI EU office in Brussels and their roles. Venera and Ernst asked for clarifications about the Administrative Board and Chalks clarified the attributes of that board, and how and when its members can be changed. The Administrative Board are the names on the papers for our legal status. The names were taken from the mandatory roles required, and were in office in that role, at the time of registration.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the European Conference in Berlin, Germany in 2015 had been previously distributed to all chapter presidents. There were no changes requested or comments offered from the floor. The 2015 minutes were approved by all voting members. As with the financial accounts, we aim to distribute minutes in Q1 each year, electronically, for approval by all chapter presidents.

8. YOUTH REPORT

Angel Dimitrievski was next to speak. He presented a full 2015 report with projects from student chapters around Europe. He also gave all the members attending the meeting, the chance to get involved in the future project that he is preparing for 2017, which has as its main focus violence against women. The report was extensive and well received. We do have a talented student chapter network.

Chalks mentioned the new position that Angel has as an intern within the Brussels office, and about their work on the new website www.ptpi.eu, which will be ready by year-end, and contain a tool to help us manage our Homestay program better.

The Youth Report for 2015 was voted on and approved.

9. ELECTIONS

Three out of the four board positions were elected in 2015, for a two year term. Thus, **Charlotte Scheller**, **Angel Dimitrievski**, and **Andrei Corduneanu** will continue to cover their EEC positions for one more year.

The President of the European Board was the position that was open for election. The only nomination was of **Chalks Corriette** and after the voting he was elected to continue as President for a second two-year term.

10. CHAPTER REPORTS

After a coffee break of 15 minutes, some of the chapter representatives presented the most important projects, in which they have been involved.

First one to speak was Antoaneta Pophlebarova (Bulgaria), who shared with us her amazing experience in China and Nepal. Toni ended her presentation by encouraging everybody to help raise money for the children in Nepal. She offered us the chance to buy handbags that she had made herself, from old scraps of fabrique.

Provadia Student Chapter also presented. Meline Khanagyan told the audience about the activities & projects of their newly-formed chapter.

Rolf shared some of the nice memories he gathered during his trip, together with the active PTPI Danish travel group. They spent an amazing time in Peru and Bolivia, exploring great culture, food and experiencing homestay South American style.

Janusz Wozniak summarized his youth chapter's recent activities. And we heard from a guest from Togo, Kennedy Kofi Owusuh, who suggested that PTPI Europe should discuss not only internal matters, but would benefit from a focus on partnerships with chapters from around the globe.

11. PLACE AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Before any nominations were announced Verena presented the new Conference Manual. This is a very useful tool for all the chapters that intend to host a future conference.

As for the 2017 conference there were two candidates:

- Yerevan, Armenia
- Katowice, Poland

Chalks mentioned that a third option would be to unite the 2017 European Conference together with the World Wide Conference, that is already set for October 2017 in London. The main problems for this option are the high cost of participation, and high cost of living in London. He mentioned that the registration fee is set by World HQ in Kansas City, for all the World Wide Conferences, and includes a fee for HQ resources needed to make the event happen.

Andrei recommended that future candidates wanting to host a European Conference, should give more details about what and how they plan to organize it. He said that because all the responsibilities sit with the hosting chapter, a more detailed selection process should be taken by the European Representative Board, before giving the chapters the possibilities to vote.

At this time, a decision about when and where the 2017 European Conference will be held was postponed. The options will be analysed carefully by the EEC and chapters will have the chance to vote electronically as soon as we can make the information available.

Additional note: Since the conference ended, we have also received interest from Sardinia, Italy to host the 2017 conference. And, we have had an offer to consider Vienna, Austria. All the information will be analysed.

12. ADJOURNMENT / CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

Regional Chair, Chalks Corriette, thanked the Roman Organizing Committee, and all members present for their contributions to the conference. The council meeting was closed.

Notes taken at the meeting by:

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