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Meeting Minutes
PTPI European Council – Annual Meeting
Montpellier, France 6 June 6 2009

Place: Montpellier, France – Corum Conference Center
 Date: 06 June 2009
 Minutes: Hannelore Büchler
 Attending: 17 Council chapters, 8 visiting chapters, 95 members

Council Member Chapters

1	Brussels	Belgium	15	Interlaken	Switzerland
2	Varna	Bulgaria	16	Zurich	Switzerland
3	Prague	Czech Republic	17	Kharkiv	Ukraine
4	Denmark	Denmark			
5	Chester	England			
6	Angoulême	France			
7	Céret	France			
8	Montpellier	France			
9	Berlin	Germany			
10	Milano	Italy			
11	Chisinau	Moldova			
12	Warsaw	Poland			
13	Karlstad	Sweden			
14	Bern	Switzerland			

Visiting Chapters

1	Cairo	Egypt
2	Kikugawa	Japan
3	Tainan	Taiwan
4	Buffalo/Niagara Falls	USA
4	Dallas	USA
5	Greater Kansas City	USA
6	Greater Los Angeles	USA
7	Greater Palm Beach	USA
8	La Porte	USA

1. OPENING

President Rolf Dahlberg opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the third European Conference held in France (1987-Poitier, 2001-Angoulême). He especially noted those participants visiting from outside Europe.

2. ENUMERATION OF PARTICIPANTS

President Rolf Dahlberg enumerated the participants and the voting delegates. 17 chapters with vote were present. This meant that 9 votes were necessary for simple majority and 12 votes for a 2/3 majority decision.

3. ALLOCATION OF NATIONAL VOTES

The national votes were allocated.

4. DESIGNATION OF A PARLAMENTARIAN

President Rolf Dahlberg designated Ernst Honegger, PTPI's Bern, Switzerland Chapter, as parliamentarian to advise the Chair. Ernst accepted the task at hand.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Secretary Hannelore Büchler summarized the minutes from the last European Conference in Rimini, Italy.

The minutes of the European Conference in Rimini had been previously distributed to all chapter presidents and posted on the Web site.

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6. REMARKS – MATTER ARISING – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No remarks were given and the minutes was voted approved by acclamation.

Rolf called for a moment of silence for Otto Burri, Swizerland and Peter Whitby, England who sadly passed away since the last conference .

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At the Council Meeting in Rimini 2008 a revision of the PTPI European Bylaws was ordered and a Bylaws Committee was formed. Trustees Heather Exell from England, Hans-Dieter Robel from Germany, Svenn.Erik Kristiansen from Denmark and Martine Honegger from Switzerland were members of the committee.

The council voted by 2/3 majority to make the following amendments to the bylaws:

- Article 1 section 1 – Our new correct address in Kansas City was incorporated.
- Article 1 section 2 - Purpose (added the word *humanitarian*)
- Article 6 section 4 - Quorum (changed to "At all meetings of PTPE, the ERB with voting rights present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.")
- Article 7 section 2 - Date of Payment (changed to January 1 for community chapters and October 1 for student and university chapters)
- Article 8 section 1 - Members (changed the minimum number of chapter members to *ten*)

8. PROPOSAL FROM THE FLOOR

No proposals came from the floor.

9. ELECTIONS

Iwona Zyman from PTPI's Gliwice, Poland Chapter was elected as treasurer. Sorina Danciu, PTPI's Roman, Romania Chapter was re-elected for her second term as Youth Coordinator.

10. NEW BUSINESS WITH AMONGST OTHERS

A. Report - European Organisation by the President. Rolf Dahlberg summarized the Annual Report given to all the participants.

He reported on what happened in Rimini (European Conference) in May 2008, in Zürich (the All Swiss Meet) in August 2008, Cairo (World Wide Conference) in September 2008, Berlin (Leadership Seminar) in Oktober 2008. As of the 1:st quarter 2009 we had 62 chapters in Europe, with a total of 1.330 members with presence in 23 countries. During 2008 Europe had five members of the Board Of Directors (Rolf Dahlberg, Ernst Honegger, Valeria Magistrelli, Genci Mucaj, Peter Tage) and 38 members on the Board Of Trustees. Mr. Dahlberg reported on awards given to Europeans during the Worldwide Conference in Cairo and about the upcoming programs.

The President's Report was approved.

B. Report - Financial Conditions by the Treasurer. Cornelia presented the Financial Report. The finances are in good condition. The Financial Report was approved.

C. Report - Auditors. The report by the auditors was approved.

D. Report - Public Relations Officer. PR Officer Gunild Bogdahn summarized her report. The PRO Report was approved.

E. Report - Youth Coordination Officer. The YCO Sorina Danciu summarized her report by a powerpoint presentation. The YGs increased and an extensive amount of events from the YG movement took place in Europe. The YCO Report was approved.

F. Reports from Representatives of National Organisations and Chapters.

The chapter reports were split into two parts:

- a. Three chapter reports to the whole council meeting
 - Antoaneta Pophlebarova, PTPI's Varna, Bulgaria Student Chapter
 - Annick Debien, PTPI's Angoulême, France Chapter
 - Myriam Schubacher-Taes, PTPI's Brussels, Belgium Chapter
- b. Chapter fair (after lunch)

For the third time during a council meeting a fair was used as chapter presentation. Each chapter had the possibility of putting up pictures and posters from their home community. Many served both food and offered something to drink specific to their region. This was a much appreciated way of giving chapter reports.

G. Resolutions/Recommendations. No resolutions or recommendations came out.

H. Items Raised by National Organizations and Chapters. No items were raised.

I. Business Accepted as Proposed Under Item 8 Above. See Paragraph 8 and 10.G.

SPEAKERS: Lars Poignant / Verena Denk. Lars presented PTPI programs and chapter development in Europe. He also highlighted the most important events which took place during 2008. Verena did the same about the youth chapters.

J. Any Other Business.

No other business was reported.

11. REMARKS – QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

The EEC and the audience thanked Cornelia Siegenthaler who had served four years as treasurer. She was given a glass in full lead crystal as a remembrance.

12. PLACE AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next European Conference will be held between May 20-23, 2010 in Pécs, Hungary. Myriam Schaubacher gave the General Council an introduction to Pécs in general and the Pécs area in specific while showing a Powerpoint presentation by Trustee Hans Randau.

13. REPORT FROM CEO MARY EISENHOWER

Mary Eisenhower, President and CEO of PTPI, summarized PTPI programs and chapter development all over the world. She also highlighted the most important events which took place 2008-2009.

13. ADJOURNMENT / CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

President Rolf Dahlberg thanked the Organising Committee, Lars Poignant and Verena Denk from PTPI European Office and closed the meeting thanking everyone for their presence.

Decision made via e-mail July 20 2009

Olga Sirbu from PTPI's Chisinau, Moldova Chapter was elected as auditor by simple majority of Europe's all 62 chapters.