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**Meeting Minutes**  
**PTPI European Council – Annual Meeting**  
**Pécs, Hungary 22 May 2010**

Place: Pécs, Hungary – Hotel Palatinus  
 Date: Saturday May 22 2010  
 Minutes: Hannelore Büchler  
 Attending: 25 Council chapters, 4 visiting chapters, 117 members

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**Council Member Chapters**


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1	Tirana	Albania	19	Roman	Romania
2	Yerevan	Armenia	20	Karlstad	Sweden
3	Brussels	Belgium	21	Bern	Switzerland
4	Blagoevgrad	Bulgaria	22	Interlaken	Switzerland
5	Varna	Bulgaria	23	Zürich	Switzerland
6	Plovdiv SC	Bulgaria	24	Kharkiv SC	Ukraine
7	Sternberk	Czech Republic	25	Kiev	Ukraine
8	Prague	Czech Republic			
9	Chester	England			
10	Tallinn	Estonia			
11	Berlin	Germany			
12	Pécs	Hungary			
13	Pécs SC	Hungary			
14	Milano	Italy			
15	Riga	Latvia			
16	Chisinau	Moldova			
17	Katowice SC	Poland			
18	Warsaw	Poland			

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**Visiting Chapters**


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1	Greater Kansas City	USA
2	Greater Los Angeles	USA
3	Greater Palm Beach	USA
4	Buffalo/Niagara Falls	USA

### 1. OPENING

President Rolf Dahlberg opened 26<sup>th</sup> European Conference by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their presence. He especially noted those participants visiting from outside Europe. He also mentioned that this is the second European Conference in Hungary. The first was held 14 years ago in Pécs. He welcomed his colleagues on the European Executive Committee.

### 2. ENUMERATION OF PARTICIPANTS

President Rolf Dahlberg enumerated the participants and the voting delegates. 25 chapters with vote were present. This meant that 13 votes were necessary for simple majority and 17 votes for a 2/3 majority decision.

### 3. ALLOCATION OF NATIONAL VOTES

We currently have eight countries with more than three chapters. They are Albania (5), Bulgaria (6), Estonia (4), Hungary (4), Poland (5), Romania (4), Russia (4) and the Ukraine (9). None of these countries had more than three chapter present. Thus all could vote.

### 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.

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## **5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Secretary Hannelore Büchler summarized the minutes from the last European Conference in Montpellier, France in 2009.

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

## **6. REMARKS – MATTER ARISING – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No remarks were given so President Rolf Dahlberg declared the minutes approved.

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business was left from last years Council Meeting.

## **8. PROPOSAL FROM THE FLOOR**

The EEC want to put the question on changing Bylaws on the docket.

## **9. ELECTIONS**

Valeria Magistrelli from PTPI's Milano, Italy Chapter was elected as new Regional Chair with 17 votes for a two year period, Rolf Dahlberg from PTPI's Karlstad, Sweden Chapter was elected as secretary by 18 votes to fill a one year period, Hannelore Büchler from PTPI's Berlin, Germany Chapter was elected as treasurer by 21 votes to fill a one year period, Antoinette McIntyre-Andersson from PTP's Karlstad, Sweden Chapter was elected as PR Officer by 13 votes for a two year term. Olga Sirbu from PTPI's Chisinau, Moldova Chapter was re-elected for a new one year term.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS WITH AMONGST OTHERS**

**A. Report - European Organisation by the President.** Rolf Dahlberg spoke of the European Organization at large and some of the past year's activities. The President's Report was approved.

**B. Report - Financial Conditions by the Treasurer.** Made by Rolf Dahlberg since Iwona could not attend the event. The report was approved.

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

**D. Report - Public Relations Officer.** PR Officer Gunild Bogdahn could not attend the conference due to illness. She sent a PR Officer report that was summarized by Lars Poignant.

**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. Two chapter reports to the whole council meeting
  - Kateryna Romanova, PTPI's Kharkiv, Ukraine Student Chapter
  - Ruta Pels, PTPI's Tallinn, Estonia Chapter
- b. Chapter fair (after lunch)

For the fourth 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.** President Rolf Dahlberg presented changes to the Bylaws that needed to be made after a decision at the Board of Trustees Meeting in Las Vegas 2009. The changes was to change the title "President" to "Regional Chair" and to add the following to Article 5 - section 5:

"The RC should be a member of the International Board of Trustees. Upon election as Regional Chair (RC), that individual will also serve as PTPE's official representative to the Board of Trustees and will serve as one of the presiding members during the Annual Board of Trustees Meeting of People to People International. This person will stay in this position for so long as they are in that position with a maximum term limit of two two-year terms."

The change was approved by a vote of 17-2. The motion carried.

**SPEAKERS: Lars Poignant/Mary Eisenhower.** Lars presented PTPI programs and chapter development in Europe. He also highlighted the most important events which took place during 2009.

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

#### **J. Any Other Business.**

Regional Chair Valeria Magisterelli, Treasurer Hannelore Büchler and Managing Director of European Operations will have full access to the organisations account at UBS in Switzerland.

**11. REMARKS – QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.** Rolf congratulated the new Regional Chair Valeria Magistrelli and the new members of the European Executive Committee. He also invited everyone to the World Wide Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona in September. A PowerPoint presentation was made of the WWC venue.

#### **12. PLACE AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next European Conference will be held between June 9-12, 2011 in Katowice, Poland. Ewa Dudzic gave the General Council an introduction to Katowice in general and the Katowice area in specific.

#### **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 by thanking everyone for their presence.

Approved as an accurate account of the event by:

**Mr Rolf G. Dahlberg**

**Presiding as chairman at the European Council Meeting in Pécs**

**Stockholm June 18, 2010**