## **Meeting Minutes PTPI European Council - Annual Meeting** Tirana, Albania June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014



Peace through Understanding

Albania University – Tirana, Albania Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Place:

Date:

Rolf G Dahlberg Minutes:

Attending: 19 Council chapters, 7 visiting chapters, 134 members

Council Member Chapters				<u>Visiting Chapters</u>	
1	Gjirokastra	Albania	1	Punjab	Pakistan
2	Korce	Albania	2	Atlanta, Georgia	USA
3	Tirana	Albania	3	Buffalo/Niagara Falls	USA
4	Tirana SC	Albania	4	Greater Kansas City	USA
5	Baku	Azerbaijan	5	Greater Trenton	USA
6	Brussels	Belgium	6	Palm Beach, Florida	USA
7	Varna SC	Bulgaria	7	Izmir (Will be chartered)	Turkey
8	Chester	England		june 2014	
9	South Jutland	Denmark			
10	Berlin	Germany			
11	Milano	Italy			
12	Rome	Italy			
13	Skopje	Macedonia			
14	Katowice SC	Poland			
15	Roman	Romania			
16	Karlstad	Sweden			
17	Bern	Switzerland			
18	Interlaken	Switzerland			
19	Zürich	Switzerland			

#### 1. OPENING

Regional Chair Valeria Magistrelli opened the 30<sup>th</sup> European Conference by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their presence. She especially noted those participants visiting from outside Europe. She also mentioned that this is the second European Conference in Albania. She welcomed her colleagues on the European Executive Committee.

## 2. ENUMERATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Regional Chair Valeria Magistrelli enumerated the participants and the voting delegates. Nineteen chapters with vote were present. This meant that 10 votes were necessary for simple majority and 13 votes for a 2/3 majority decision.

## 3. ALLOCATION OF NATIONAL VOTES

We currently have five countries with more than three chapters. They are Albania (4), Bulgaria (7), Romania (6), Russia (4) and the Ukraine (8). None of the countries had more than three chapters present so all chapters could vote.

## 4. DESIGNATION OF A PARLAMENTARIAN

Presiding Chair 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 Rolf G. Dahlberg summarized the minutes from the last European Conference in Varna, Bulgaria in 2013.

The minutes of the European Conference in Varna 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 the Regional Chair Valeria Magistrelli declared the minutes approved.

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was left from last year's Council Meeting.

#### 8. PROPOSAL FROM THE FLOOR

There was no proposal from the floor.

#### 9. ELECTIONS

A new Regional Chair was to be elected. Chalks Coriette from the Brussels, Belgium chapter was suggested. He was approved by the council.

Dagmar Schönbeck from the Berlin, Germany Chapter was suggested as new Auditor for a one year term as well as Samantha Kirtikar Mazenauer, from the Zürich, Switzerland Chapter. It was decided to elect Dagmar, she will serve for one year. Katerina Romanova was to fill the positon as PR Officer for one year. She was reelected for her first two year term.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS WITH AMONGST OTHERS

**A. Report - European Organisation by the Regional Chair.** Valeria Magistrelli reported about the European Organization at large and some of the past year's activities. She was happy to inform us that Europe now has 42 trustées (37 last year) on the PTPI Board of Trustees.

Financial support was given to Pavets Student Chapter, Bulgaria for a language Program, to Oroslavje Student Chapter, Croatia to visit England, and to The Skopje Community Chapter, Macedonia for their prject "Birdges connecting cultures".

- **B.** Report Financial Conditions by the Treasurer. Made by treasurer Hannelore Büchler; Berlin Chapter, Germany. The report was approved.
- **C. Report Auditors.** Auditor Olga Sirbu of PTPI's Chisinau, Moldova Chapter gave her report via Valeria Magistrelli. The finances were approved and the European Executive Committee was released from any further responsibilities.
- **D. Report Public Relations Officer.** PR Officer Katerina Romanova could not unfortunately attend the conference, but Valeria read the report from her. It was approved.
- **E. Report Youth Coordination Officer.** The YCO Antoaneta Pophlebarova presented the YCO-report and it was approved.

#### F. Reports from Representatives of National Organisations and Chapters.

Angel Dimitrievski from the Skopje Community Chapter presented their project of "Bridges connecting cultures" which they were awarded funds from the European Program fund.

## G. Resolutions/Recommendations.

There were no resolutions or recommendations.

## H. Items Raised by National Organizations and Chapters.

#### I. Business Accepted as Proposed Under Item 8 Above

No business was raised.

**SPEAKERS 1: Clark Plexico; CEO of PTPI**: He presented his visions after his was appointed CEO of PTPI, and it's challenges.

#### J. Any Other Business.

# 11. REMARKS - QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

Regional Chair Valeria Magistrelli was honored by the organization as well as the Manager for European Operations: Lars Poignant was honored for their many years of service to PTPI. Lars has held that position for 19 years. This celebration was done at the gala dinner.

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

This year we had three candidates for next year's conference. They were:

\* Katowice, Poland \* Berlin, Germany \* Yerevan, Armenia

15 council member chapters voted for Berlin, 2 for Yerevan and none for Katowice.

The next European Conference will be held in Berlin, Germany in the spring/summer of 2015. An exact date will be decided by the hosting Chapter. A large discussion was raised concerning giving the students a timeframe to enjoy this event.

## 13. ADJOURNAMENT / CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

Regional Chair Valeria Magistrelli thanked the Tirana Organizing Committee, all members present and Lars Poignant and from PTPI European Office and closed the meeting.

Notes taken at the meeting by:

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Secretary of the EEC
Tirana, Albania June 2014