



14 February 2009

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CLGE
Brussels/Belgium, 16 January 2000 (09.00 – 16.00)

MINUTES

Venue House of the European Surveyor
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Participants:

Members of the Ex-Board:

Henning Elmstroem (DK), President
Jean-Yves Pirlot (BE), Secretary-General
René Sonney (CH), Treasurer
Alain Gaudet (FR), President Geometer Europas
Michelle Camilleri (MT), Vice President
Jan Hardos (SK), Vice President
Rudolph Kolbe (AT), Vice President
Rob Mahoney (UK), Vice President (GI-SDI, Editorial Group)
Volkmar Teetzmann (DE), Vice President (CTF-EU, Statutes)

Officials:

Ann Pirlot – Vandaele (BE), Executive Director CLGE – GE, a.i.

Invited:

Bénédicte Fournier (FR), Manager International Affairs OGE

1. Opening and Adoption of the Agenda

Henning Elmstroem opens the meeting. He announces that Volkmar Teetzmann and Rudolf Kolbe will arrive a bit later.

The agenda is adopted as circulated although point 10. will be advanced due to an early departure of Volkmar Teetzmann.

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the last Brussels Ex-Board meeting + A.I.

The minutes are adopted as circulated.

Jean-Yves Pirlot gives an overview of the pending A.I.

Everybody agrees with the A.I. at hands.

DECISION [D EB09-I/1]:

The Ex-Board unanimously adopts the minutes of the Ex-Board meeting Brussels, 10 October 2008 and the related A.I. list.

3. Financial issues

René Sonney gives the situation of the accounts as send out before the meeting.

He underlines that everybody has paid its contribution and warmly thanks all the members for this.

In a near future the bills should be paid after each meeting thanks to a Belgian account that will be opened.

DECISION [D EB09-I/2]:

The Ex-Board unanimously accepts the accounts for 2008 and asks the treasurer to present them to the auditors, for scrutiny before the GA.

4. CLGE – GE merging process

GE decided to accept the merging proposal of CLGE.

Henning Elmstroem evokes the decision made by the GA of GE, as circulated.

He reports about the meeting he had with Alain Gaudet to prepare the merging process.

There must be a coordination of the election period of the two organizations.

This means that the election period of CLGE has to be prolonged by one year (Autumn 2010).

The new statutes should be available in autumn 2009.

DECISION [D EB09-I/3]:

The Ex-Board unanimously decides to propose the following to the CLGE Krakow General Assembly, 27-28 March 2009:

- Geometer Europas will merge into CLGE in order to strengthen the position of the surveying profession in Europe.
- The merging process shall be completed at the end of Geometer Europas' election period, i.e. in the summer 2010. After that GE ends to exist as an independent organisation.
- Proposal: The special interests of the different professional branches shall be represented by special tasks for the future Vice-presidents (means a change referring to the present situation) and/or by special voting regulations and/or by associated interest groups.
- The merging process including the draft for new Statutes will be prepared and led by a working group. As members are nominated: GE-President Alain Gaudet, CLGE-President Henning Elmstroem, General Secretary Jean-Yves Pirlot, and the head of the CTF-EU Volkmar Teetzmann.
- The CLGE Ex-Board will propose the GA to stay on until the merging process is completed, i.e. Autumn 2010.
- The CLGE Ex-Board appoints Rob Mahoney to represent CLGE in the ad hoc working group in charge of the merging process.

The rough timetable is also adopted (annex 1). Alain Gaudet will propose a detailed time table before end of January.

René Sonney will follow up the financial questions with Dieter Seitz, treasurer of GE. They will work out a financial proposal.

Henning Elmstroem guesses that on the long run, CLGE will need a permanent secretariat.

Jean-Yves Pirlot will contact the GE notary to know if it's possible to use the GE statutes and/or change these statutes for the new CLGE, without going to a notary again.

Volkmar Teetzmann reports that BDVI strongly supports the merging. The same applies to CH, BE, DK and UK.

Volkmar Teetzmann asks Alain Gaudet to report soon about the position of OGE.

AI EB09-I/1 [Alain Gaudet; Table a refined timetable for the merger process].

AI EB09-I/2 [Jean-Yves Pirlot; Contact the GE notary about the recycling of its statutes].

5. Working plan 2007 – 2009

Henning Elmstroem remarks that the working plan was well covered by now. However, he points out that it should be enhanced for the prolongation period.

Michelle Camilleri gives an exposé about the students and trainee exchange program.

She asks for comments.

The board proposes to handle the language question the other way around (national language skills or English).

The Ex-Board insists; CLGE cannot become a real vetting agent.

Milan Talich will be asked to consider the creation of a website section for this exchange program.

An interesting question is to know if the system should be more based on students or trainees. For trainees, the European Leonardo program would be an attractive way to give momentum to the initiative.

AI EB09-I/3 [Michelle Camilleri (Jean-Yves Pirlot); Launch a survey amongst the CLGE members about the feasibility of the Students / Trainee exchange. Ask for companies willing to work in the scheme].

AI EB09-I/4 [Milan Talich (Jean-Yves Pirlot); consider a special website section for a Students and Trainee exchange module].

Jan Hardos has prepared a letter to send out to members from Eastern Europe.

He explains the rationale behind it. The Slovakian legislation will be attached to the letter to give them an example on how the transition was handled in their country (Lithuania, Romania, Estonia, Latvia, Bulgaria).

AI EB09-I/5 [Jan Hardos (Jean-Yves Pirlot – Rob Mahoney); send the Slovakian legislation letter].

6. Spring General Assembly in Krakow

Henning Elmstroem asks the board members to register soon.

Hungary, Russia, Bulgaria will give some national presentations on Saturday morning.

The work about the code of conduct must be presented.

As the VP of the European Parliament will be present, it's important to prepare some questions we would like him to address. The Ex-Board members should send such questions as soon as possible.

AI EB09-I/6 [All; send some questions for the VP EP to the Secretary General].

7. Planning coming conferences and events

- Statutory meetings

I GA 2009, Krakow / Poland, 27 – 28 March (+ II EB 2009 on 26 March)

III EB 2009, Copenhagen, 26 (13.00 to 18.00) – 27 (09.00 to 12.00) June 2009 (+ GE GA on 25 June)

II GA 2009, Roma (in stead of Firenze) / Italy, 11 – 12 September 2009

I GA 2010, Bucharest / Romania 07 – 08 May 2010 (06 May to be confirmed)

II GA 2010, Proposal at hands, call for other candidates:

Sofia / Bulgaria

I + II GA 2011 Call for candidates

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I GA 2012, Proposal at hands, call for other candidates:

London / UK

II GA 2012, with EU-Conference, Proposal at hands, call for other candidates:

Germany

- Non statutory meetings

Norway, Bergen seminar: 29, 30 April 2009 (it is still time to register);

Students movement, Intergeo 2009: 22 – 24 September 2009 (try to muster about 30 to 50 students in each member state);

EU Conference 2010 Romania [GA + Conference];

Call for candidates:

Conference 2012.

Notice: The idea about a CLGE secretariat in Eilat is halted (due to the horrendous price asked for it).

8. Enlargement Policy, Follow up and new initiatives

Slovenia will join CLGE during the Krakow GA.

Hungary should file an application for the Krakow GA too.

Russia is candidate and will make a presentation.

Croatia, FYRMacedonia, Turkey are the next potential member states.

AI EB09-I/7 [Bureau + MWij; Prepare a visit to Croatia and FYRMacedonia].

A last assignment for this election period will be given to our special envoy for enlargement affairs. He has to propose a tight budget for this.

Jean-Yves Pirlot reports that first very promising contacts were made with Montenegro.

9. CLGE communications

- Website

Improvements: statutes, activation of the general map on mouse click instead of hovering, the calendar must be improved (allow to scroll from year to year), we should remove or hide the email addresses (consider a contact form), useful links (RICS, European Union information service, ...).

Remove the mention NLG – Not established yet.

Michelle Camilleri thanks the implementation team and welcomes a very “jovial and dynamic website”.

AI EB09-I/8 [Jean-Yves Pirlot; Communicate the improvements of the website to Milan Talich and Ondrej Böhm].

- Brochure

Rob Mahoney presents a draft brochure. It is welcomed as an improvement.

However, in front of the expense and the limited use of large editions the Ex-Boards decides to produce small stocks on demand.

Henning will ask his local designer to improve the style of the draft version. The images need to reflect the objectives of CLGE and it is suggested that the images do not meet these requirements. We are looking to make consistency between the website and the brochure as an overall part of our image.

AI EB09-I/9 [Henning Elmstroem; Table a new layout for the CLGE brochure].

- Newsletter

Vaidotas Sankalas has accepted to become the editor of the CLGE Newsletter.

It is proposed to start with three to four issues a year. The layout should fit the above mentioned requirements.

10. CTF-EU Report

Volkmar Teetzmann reports about the activities of the CTF-EU. The main aspects of this work were circulated with the CTF-EU Paris minutes.

- Code of conduct;

A draft code was presented in Paris. It is based on the ECEC code of conduct (and to a lesser extend on RICS, FIG and BDVI as well as the common principles of CEPLIS).

The work is still ongoing as Rob Mahoney and Rudolf Kolbe were not able to attend the meeting in Paris.

Rob Mahoney suggests that the draft is a good starting point that has to be enhanced.

Professor Frances Plimmer could be appointed to give the needed academic support.

The proposal is to write a code and a supporting document to explain the logic and rationale behind it. It must have enough substance and be worthwhile.

Henning Elmstroem underlines the importance of a very good code of conduct due to the ongoing European policies, especially the implementation of the Services Directive.

Rudolf Kolbe explains that the code has to be very general to be acceptable by all the members. The European Commission takes the ECEC code as an example.

Professor Plimmer will be asked to make a proposal and she will discuss this with CTF-EU as soon as possible (the expenses for the planned meeting will be shared 50-50 with GE).

AI EB09-I/10 [Rob Mahoney and Jean-Yves Pirlot; Organise a meeting of CTF-EU about the EU Code of Conduct].

- Professor Henssler study II;

The work is well on track.

We will try to have a presentation by Dr. Kilian in Krakow. If he's not available, a member of CTF-EU will give a description of the work done so far.

- Implementation of the Services Directive;

Henning Elmstroem gives a short report about the implementation of the services directive in the Nordic countries.

The hard discussion is to prove that surveyors are doing public work.

Jan Hardos reports that the situation is the same in Slovakia. He has some talks with the Ministry of Economy. The Slovakian government has also decided that the surveyor profession is not an article 45 profession. He points out that the language skills are very important in the scope of the mutual recognition directive.

- Knowledge base study

For the moment GE has suspended this study.

11. AOB

Henning Elmstroem announces that BLOM will sponsor CLGE for 2009. He asks everybody to continue the efforts in that field.

Jean-Yves Pirlot insists on the questionnaire launched by Inspire. CLGE should at least answer about the cadastral parcels. BE will formulate an answer directed by Jean-Yves Pirlot.

AI EB09-I/11 [Jean-Yves Pirlot; Answer Inspire].

Henning Elmstroem will organise the hand over of the CLGE Honorary membership to Klaus Rürup.

Bénédicte Fournier gives a presentation of the questionnaire launched by the OGE and CLGE. She will prepare a ppt presentation for Friday afternoon in Krakow (to be circulated).

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Jean-Yves Pirlot
Secretary General

Henning Elmstroem
President

Enclosures: First Time Table for the CLGE – GE merger