



The Council of European Geodetic Surveyors
Comité de Liaison des Géomètres Européens

8 May 2010

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CLGE
Villars sur Ollon / Switzerland, 8 January 2010, 09.00 – 17.00

MINUTES

Venue Hotel du Golf, WWW.HOTEL-GOLF.CH
Villars sur Ollon, WWW.VILLARS.CH/EN/WELCOME.CFM

In case of need: +32 475 45 39 90, +32 477 28 64 85 or +41 796 67 40 73

Participants:

Members of the Ex-Board:

Henning Elmstroem (DK), President
Jean-Yves Pirlot (BE), Secretary-General
René Sonney (CH), Treasurer
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)

Apologized:

Alain Gaudet (FR), President Geometer Europas

Officials:

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

Invited:

Dieter Seitz, Treasurer Geometer Europas
Bénédicte Fournier (FR), Manager International Affairs OGE

1. Opening and Adoption of Agenda (version 25 December 2009)

Henning Elmstroem opens the meeting and thanks the participants for their attendance. He points out that this meeting marks the “beginning of the end” of this election period, as the present Ex-Board was prolonged until fall 2010 to handle the merging of CLGE with Geometer Europas.

He also thanks René Sonney for the preparation of this joint meeting CLGE / GE.

DECISION [D EB10-I/1]:

The agenda in its version of 25 December 2009 will be followed (minor correction with the circulated version of 14 December 2009, sent out earlier – see website). One point will be added about the adoption of the accounts 2009. With this amendment, the agenda is unanimously adopted.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Rome Ex-Board (circulated on 16 Nov 2009)

Jean-Yves Pirlot gives a very short overview of the pending A.I..

Everybody agrees with the A.I. at hands.

Rudolf Kolbe asks to send out the A.I. list more frequently.

DECISION [D EB10-I/2]:

The Ex-Board unanimously adopts the minutes of the Ex-Board meeting in Copenhagen, on the 26th June 2009 and the related A.I. list. The minutes can be released on the website.

3. Merging CLGE and Geometer Europas

Henning Elmstroem explains the procedure at hands. The major idea is to ensure a smooth process, keeping the statutes modifications as small as possible.

Changes will only be made if there is an absolute necessity, for instance to correct misleading paragraphs. The next GA of CLGE will be in charge of improving the statutes, if it decides so.

At the end of January, we will send out the draft version of the new statutes to all the CLGE delegates, asking for remarks not later than 12 March 2010.

The Geometer Europas statutes will be reused to obtain an organisation recognized under Belgian Law, as several delegations have requested.

a. Discussion and finalisation of the new statutes

Henning Elmstroem presents and comments the new statutes paragraph by paragraph.

In the next statutes, the concept of Europe should be better defined. There is no doubt about the fact that Europe is the Council of Europe (COE), as decided by the GA in Cork (2006). However, the general remark given above applies. We will not alter the present text, since, taken with recent decisions of the GA, there is no doubt.

The GeoInformation should be mentioned in the goals of our organization (same remark).

As agreed earlier, the Bureau is added as an official body of CLGE. The Bureau composition and size will be decided upon by the Executive Board reporting to the GA. It is not a state in the state. Reports must be made by written minutes (including the A.I. list as part of the minutes).

The 'Interest Groups' are specially discussed. They stem from the French proposal aiming for a three pillar system.

Of course, it will be possible to have working groups on several different topics. GeoInformation for instance is a common interest for all of us and could be managed within a working group or a task force.

The 'Interest Groups' reflect the political agreement we've reached to enable the merger.

A diagram will be made to explain how the relation will be amongst 'Interest Groups' and working parties, task forces, etc.

We could keep the sponsoring, this must be defined in article 7.

Article 5 is not totally clear to some members of the Ex-Board and should be rewritten in the future.

"The president has the casting vote" means that he takes part in the votes and that

in case of equality his vote decides. If the vote is secret, the President decides.

Financial affairs: article 7 – add “and organisations” after “institutions”.

After discussion a new formulation for the membership to and ‘Interest Group’ is reached: The membership to an ‘Interest Group’ is requested by individual declaration of a CLGE delegate and requires acceptance by the interest group.

All the changes are non controversial for the GE members taking part in the present CLGE meeting. They are mere editorial changes making the text more clear.

The translation process is discussed. A first translation was made by Bénédicte Fournier. Jean-Yves and Ann Pirlot have made a first correction. They will adapt the version to correspond to the final draft. René Sonney will be in charge of a blind test of this translation.

DECISION [D EB10-I/3]:

The Ex-Board recommends the present version of the statutes to be adopted by the Spring GA of CLGE 2010 (attachment 1).

Votes in favour: 07

Votes against: 00

Abstention: 01

b. New budget – Membership fees

René Sonney gives a presentation about the new budget and membership fees (see attachment 2).

Different decisions were taken before, i.e. no self declaration about the number of members anymore and the relation of the fees to the Gross Domestic Product.

Proposal by René Sonney:

- One treasurer, one account;
- All expenses to be paid by the CLGE;
- No more discussions about who will pay what for the majority of the payments.

Volkmar Teetzmann corrects point two. The CLGE treasurer will pay everything, for the Interest Group, following the decisions of this IG.

GE and the new IG will pay some amounts to CLGE fulfilling its old obligations and for new commitments, like for instance HESGI and the study grants ...

Then the structure of the fees is discussed.

L= Lump between €350,- and €400,-

P= Price per GDP Billion (adjusted every year) between 50,- and 60,-

G = GDP

F= Factor for instance 0.76

Fee= $L + (G \cdot P)^F$

We will need a transition phase to allow some members to prepare themselves to the new scheme.

Bénédicte Fournier reminds the members of the Ex-Board that OGE would like to have a global increase of the CLGE budget to allow more ambitious actions (for instance a permanent staff in Brussels, ...). OGE does not understand why some members will have fee reductions while they never complained about this fact. It could have been a good opportunity to increase the budget.

Volkmar Teetzmann understands this remark and advocates that reductions should not be automatically applied. A written demand should come from the concerned

member.

DECISION [D EB10-I/4]:

The principles put forward by René Sonney are accepted. The need for a two directional transition phase is recognized and will be handled by the next board. For members with a fee-reduction, a written demand will be mandatory.

c. Accounts 2009

Against all odds René Sonney was able to finalize the accounts for 2009 before the meeting. Therefore the point could be added to the agenda.

He presents his proposal for the accounts 2009.

The President thanks the Treasurer for his excellent work.

DECISION [D EB10-I/5]:

The Ex-Board unanimously accepts the accounts 2009 with a benefit of 11271,15 and recommends that they would be adopted by the Spring GA in May 2009.

4. Planning of the Bucharest Conference

Jean-Yves Pirlot gives an overview of the preparation of the Conference, based on a meeting held with Valeriu Manolache in Sofia, in November 2009. Changes are marked in italic.

DECISION [D Bureau 09-III/14]

- Title: "Cadastral Surveyor – Paving the way to the future" (*was confirmed by RMA*).
- All the speakers will speak in English (all but Albert Jacquard). His paper must be available well in advance to allow a good translation.
- The registration must be online ASAP and not later than early December (!!!).
- Contact with the speakers for a definitive programme (ENGLISH!!!):

Valeriu Manolache: Romanian speakers (2 or 3) for national reports as well as the VIP;

Jyp: Albert Jacquard (French), Dorine Burmanje, Branco Klekovitch, Frances Plimmer, M. Dalbin or Francis Gäbele (about the standards in building surveying – *title to be checked by Rob Mahoney*), Volkmar Teetzmann;

RS: Fridolin Wicki;

HE: Stig Enemark, Gabriella Alemano, Swedish speaker.

- Confirmation of the speakers and their titles must be sent ASAP to Jyp.
- VM asks the President of the Cadastral administration to sign the Strasbourg Declaration solemnly.
- VM will send the details allowing the online registration in the week of 9 November (!!!).
- VM will table outcome recommendations for the Romanian Surveyors.
- HE will table CLGE recommendations.

Invitations have to be sent out urgently. Henning Elmstroem will write a reminder very soon.

Rob Mahoney will check the proper term for the "building survey", topic that has to be addressed during the conference (to liaise with Jean-Yves Pirlot).

DECISION [D EB10-I/6]:

The Ex-Board acknowledges the preparations that were made and thanks the people in charge for their efforts. It asks Jean-Yves Pirlot and Valeriu Manolache to accelerate the process.

5. Planning of the Bucharest General Assembly

The useful time for discussions of the General Assembly will be very short.

We will have about 2.5 hours and this is a very tight schedule.

The merging group has made a reservation for March 19, giving the possibility to discuss possible remarks sent by the members.

The letter sending the draft merging statutes must be very clear on the written procedure we have to follow.

Henning Elmstroem also reminds the Ex-Board that CLGE delegates were asked to come forward if they would like to obtain a function in the Ex-Board.

DECISION [D EB10-I/7]:

The President will write a letter to the delegates explaining the tight programme of the GA in Bucharest.

He will explain the written procedure for the amendments of the new statutes, announce the coming votes and ask for candidates and give a reminder about the conference.

6. Report about the Code of Conduct implementation

Frances Plimmer will probably give a presentation Bucharest, essentially to explain the new text to non members of the GA.

Henning Elmstroem reminds that Frances Plimmer gave a very good paper about our code of conduct in Asia.

A clarification paper describing ratification, adoption and transposition, will be sent out to give our members a guideline in what they have to do.

Rudolf Kolbe explains that the ethical codes are relevant when an issue comes to court.

If a country has in some form accepted the code (acknowledged, adopted, transposed, ...), the court can use it as a kind of best practices.

DECISION [D EB10-I/8]:

The text as prepared by Rob Mahoney and reviewed by Bénédicte Fournier and Jean-Yves Pirlot will be sent out.

If possible, Frances Plimmer can be asked to make a micro survey of the situation at hands.

7. CEPLIS (membership, delegation, budget)

The Ex-Board will have to appoint a successor for Alain Gaudet for the next election period in CEPLIS, i.e. in June 2010.

Rudolf Kolbe is very well placed to take over this job, as he is already vice president and also represents ECEC. He could represent both organisations.

As decided in the past, we have to evaluate the usefulness of our CEPLIS membership on a regular basis. Due to the impending elections, it is suitable to make this assessment a bit earlier than planned by the Bureau.

The treasurer announces that CEPLIS fee for 2010 is €2894.16 (after reducing the full fee with 40%). The reduction will end during the year 2011, because the rest of the dept is now 1940.13 and in 2012 the fee will be full.

DECISION [D EB10-I/5]:

Rudolf Kolbe will prepare a report about the CLGE membership to present during our next Board meeting. If the membership is confirmed, he will represent CLGE within

8. Editorial group (improvement website)

a. Website

Jean-Yves Pirlot presents the improvements that were considered during the last Bureau.

DECISION [D Bureau 09-III/6]

Improve the calendar to obtain an annual view. At least we need a list of events.

Introduce online registration for the GA and conference.

Draft part for Bureau and Ex-Board. We stick to our decision of transparency but we need a draft part (non visible for the members).

Consider regrouping all the minutes in the public part.

Apv will scrutinize the pictures, remove "non official" pictures and put names when interesting.

These decisions were not forwarded yet to the webmaster for implementation because he is awaiting the instructions for the GA in Bucharest and that part is more urgent.

b. EU Surveyors Cartoon

Jean-Yves Pirlot presents the Belgian initiative about the OGE cartoon on the profession. The comic strip can be downloaded at the following address:

http://www2.geometre-expert.fr/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=20&Itemid=25

The Ex-Board members will assess the usability of the strip in their country and further steps can then be envisaged. There is a short video too.

The initiative is aiming a better understanding of the profession by the public, especially youngsters who could discover the studies to become surveyor.

Bénédicte Fournier mentions that a new section of the comic strip is under construction. It will handle the environmental role of the surveyor.

9. Knowledge base

As a reminder, Jean-Yves Pirlot details the decision that was taken during the last meeting. It was discussed and well received during the Geometer Europas EGA in Villars.

DECISION [D EB09-IV/7]:

As proposed earlier by some board members as well as Geometer Europas and OGE, the Ex-Board strongly endorses the creation of a Professional Knowledge Base (PKB) as a follow up to the Allan Report¹. The outline of the needed study will be decided upon during the next common meeting with Geometer Europas.

The incoming Swiss delegate to Geometer Europas, Maurice Barbieri, seems to have some experience in the field, as he has presented a comparative study on the professional mobility of ten professions in five countries, conducted by the Swiss

¹ Some additional talks in Rome have pointed out that the new approach should be based on following principles:

- the allowance of a research grant for a group of academics;
- a strong cohesion to the work floor via personally appointed POC;
- a formal acceptance of the result by the NLG;
- the implementation of the PKB in a DB that can be maintained on the CLGE website.

association of Liberal Professions. He will be contacted to take part in the process.

Rudolf Kolbe underlines that CEPLIS has started an academic hub on liberal professions, i.e. the 'Institute of Leeds'. The Ex-Board agrees that when the terms of reference for the PKB will be available, the 'Institute of Leeds' should be given a chance for an offer.

Jan Hardos is not against the study but he asks answers to some simple questions too:

- which information do we want;
- which should be the form.

This kind of questions should of course be covered by the terms of reference.

Rudolf Kolbe explains that he recognized the need for such a knowledge base several years ago. By chance he became aware of a very interesting activity of French Surveyors that was unknown in Austria. A better knowledge of potential activities would be one of the important benefits of such a study.

DECISION [D EB10-I/8]:

Not later than during the Autumn GA we should have an input for the research grant on a Professional Knowledge Base. Amongst others, the PKB should be based on works like: the Alan and Market Report, the EuroGeographics papers written with CLGE and GE as well as PCC studies in this field.

10. First STEP

Michelle Camilleri reports about the progress of the initiative (attachment 3).

The system will again be promoted in the next newsletter.

BDVI has asked to implement a module for the traineeship of surveying technicians (see letter).

This is a very interesting proposal and it was well received by Geometer Europas. However, the present system is still in its start-up phase. It is not stable enough for such an extension. The implementation of the requested module must be delayed for a while.

11. InterGEO 2009 – 2012

225 students from 25 countries were present in Karlsruhe. As announced, we will do it again in Hanover 2012 and want to attract 500 students from 15 countries.

Our input in Karlsruhe was only 500 euros, thanks to the support given by BDVI and DVW.

We ask a maximum support of this event by our delegates. Corporate members could also be very interested.

We of course have to thank DVW for the accommodation free of charge and the payment of the drinks and food.

12. Enlargement Policy

The last bureau discussions about this topic are presented by Henning Elmstroem (changes since the Bureau meeting are marked in italic characters).

DECISION [D Bureau 09-III/9]

Priority candidates: FYR Macedonia, Turkey (i.e. the EU candidate member states) + Iceland

The bureau will propose the priority states for accession to the Ex-Board.

Inventory of the other COE countries:

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine.

DECISION [D Bureau 09-III/9] Ctd.

Belarus ("candidate" member of Council of Europe)

Monaco, Andorra and Liechtenstein are *not prioritised* on the list because it seems that they have no independent cadastre.

DECISION [D EB10-I/9]:

If anyhow possible, the Ex-Board would like to have FYR Macedonia and Turkey as members before the end of 2010.

13. Mediterranean Union of Surveyors – Report

Henning Elmstroem reports about the results of the Rome meeting.

At the end of the meeting it was clear that the creation of the "Union des Géomètres Méditerranéens" was very well supported by Italy, Lebanon, France and Morocco. Greece, Turkey and Malta were less in favour.

CLGE should not really take an active part in this discussion.

The four first mentioned countries have sent out draft statutes for comments before March. There will be a meeting in Sydney to evaluate the remarks about these statutes.

14. Planning of coming Conferences and Events

a. Statutory meetings

I GA 2010, Bucharest / Romania 07 PM – 08 May 2010;

25 (2PM-6PM) – 26 (9.30 – 1) Marseille

II GA 2010, Varna (instead of Sofia) / Bulgaria (24-25 September 2010);

I GA 2011, proposal at hands Opatija / Croatia;

II GA 2011, proposal at hands: Tallinn / Estonia;

I GA 2012, London or Edinburgh/ UK;

II GA 2012, Germany (together with InterGeo and the "III CLGE Conference of the European Surveyor") – October 2012

b. Non statutory meetings

Conference 2010, Romania [together with the Spring GA], 06 – 07 AM May 2010, Post Conference tour on the 08th May 2010;

10 October 2010 (TBC), Opening of the House of the European Surveyors and GeoInformation;

Seminar 2011 Sweden proposal "European Reference Systems" in Umeå University;

Conference 2012, Germany, in Hannover [together with the Intergeo and the Autumn GA as well as the 2nd Students meeting, Intergeo 2012 (CLGE-DVW)].

15. Any other business

- Geoweb has asked for the CLGE endorsement of a course they organise.

CLGE contact CNG to know its point of view about their request.

- Use of the logo by individuals

After discussion, the use of the CLGE logo can not be allowed for individuals.

- EUPOS

Jean-Yves Pirlot presents the potential collaboration with EUPOS. These prospects are

well received and the suited follow up has to be organised.

- Galileo

European Commission officials have contacted CLGE for a joint meeting with EuroGeographics. This is of course a very interesting prospect and will be followed too.

- Sofia Bureau meeting not covered by this Ex-Board

Due to a technical failure, the Sofia Bureau minutes were delayed. The minutes are sent in attachment 4.

- René Sonney concludes the meeting with practical remarks about the end of our stay in Villars.

* * *

Jean-Yves Pirlot
Secretary General

Henning Elmstroem
President

Enclosures: Attachment 1: Villars Draft Statutes (8 January 2010)
Attachment 2: Presentation by the Treasurer
Attachment 3: Assessment of the First STEP initiative
Attachment 4: Sofia Bureau Minutes.