

Minutes of the ISOC-CH General Assembly 2013

ISOC Switzerland Chapter 2013 General Assembly

March 8, 2013, 18:30

University of Bern,

Schanzeneckstrasse 1 / room A301

Bern, Switzerland

Present

Members:

- Alexandre Delage (secretary)
- Bernie Hoeneisen
- Christos Chrysou
- Dominik Schatzmann
- Federico Galati
- Ivo Maritz
- Jan Boogman
- Jan Iwaszkiewicz
- Lynn Sorrentino (remote)
- Lukas Mergenthaler
- Markus Kummer
- Michael Goropevsek
- Monique Morrow
- Norbert Bollow
- Philipp Tobler
- Riad Baazia
- Richard Hill
- Robert O Riordan
- Roque Gagliano
- Ruud Janssen
- Vincenzo Pallotta (chair)
- Werner Staub

Guests:

Joyce Dogniez, ISOC Director of Chapters

Excused

- Balthasar Glaetli
- Silvia Hagen

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Election of two vote counters
3. Agenda Bashing
4. Approval of new members
5. Presentation & acceptance (or rejection) of reports
 - a. Preceding GA (minutes)
 - b. Board (incl. activity report)
 - c. Financial statement
 - d. Oversight committee
6. Discharge of Board members
7. Changes of Statutes
8. Elections
 - a. Members of the Board
 - b. Members of the Oversight Committee
 - c. Head-office (if applicable)
9. Membership fee
10. Presentation & acceptance (or rejection) of budget
11. AOB
12. Closing

Minutes

1. Opening

2. Election of two vote counters

Proposed:

- Dominic Schatzmann
- Richard Hill

Both approved as vote counters

3. Agenda Bashing

Agenda approved without changes

4. Approval of new members

Explanations of the current process by Bernie Hoeneisen followed by additional clarifications by Roque Gagliano especially regarding the applicants from outside of CH.

Note: During agenda item “7. Changes of Statutes”, the GA will vote on a proposal to change this process, i.e. to transfer to the responsibility to accept / reject new applications from the GA to the Board.

The list of observers applying for membership was read individually.

As no objections were raised all observers have been accepted as new members.

5. Presentation & acceptance (or rejection) of reports

A motion was suggested by Richard Hill to simplify the voting process by just asking if someone objects (instead of asking who agrees). – Approved

- a) Minutes were read individually. After an editorial change to add in the name of Riad Baazia instead of “member”, the Minutes of the last GA were accepted unanimously.
- b) Activity report presentation made by Roque Gagliano. Document accepted unanimously.
- c) Financial statement presented by Roque Gagliano. Accepted unanimously.
- d) Oversight Committee report presented by Vincenzo Pallotta. Accepted unanimously.

6. Discharge of Board members

Motion was made by Richard Hill to have the Board continue ad interim until the end of the present GA. This motion was made necessary because of a misinterpretation of the nature of the discharge.

Precisions on the nature of the Board discharge were made by Norbert Bollow: the GA has to agree that the Board has accomplished its role and achieved the goals set.

Motion moved and vote as clarified by Norbert Bollow on discharge of Board.

Vote: 22 For / 0 against / abstention: 0

Board was discharged

7. Changes of Statutes

Presented by Bernie Hoeneisen. Change requests have been collected and discussed on mailing list prior to the GA. Only one change request has been contentious. Proposed to have a specific vote on the contentious change request (in §16) and then a second vote enclosing the other change requests to the Statutes. – Approved.

Contentious change request (in §16):

Presented by Vincenzo Pallotta and Bernie Hoeneisen.

After a discussion with numerous comments / questions by: Norbert Bollow, Werner Staub, Roque Gagliano, Wolf Ludwig, Richard Hill & Ruud Janssens leading to additional information by Bernie Hoeneisen, the vote was taken on whether or not to change the Statutes as proposed by Vincenzo Pallotta.

Vote: 5 Yes / 14 No / 3 Abstentions

The change request by Vincenzo Pallotta to change §16 of the Statutes (change the default to vote for Board in teams) was rejected.

Other change requests:

Vote: 20 yes / 0 no / 1 abstention

All the other proposed changes to the Statutes were accepted.

8. Elections

The names of the proposed members for the different offices were put on a white board, so that all GA participants could see them.

Bernie Hoeneisen was proposed by Norbert Bollow, Richard Hill and Roque Gagliano for the role of Chairman. He accepted the nomination, but would prefer to continue as Vice-Chair for Internal Affairs because he especially liked the work.

A proposal was made to have the whole Board of 2012 back again. Vincenzo Pallotta and Alexandre Delage did not want to represent themselves again in the Board.

Results of the Votes:

- Chair: Bernie Hoeneisen: 19 (empty: 2)
- VC Internal: Lynn Sorrentino: 18 / Federico Galati: 1 (empty: 2)
- VC External: Federico Galati: 18 / Lynn Sorrentino: 2 (empty: 2)
- Secretary: Lukas Mergenthaler: 13 / Jan Iwaszkiewicz: 8 (empty: 1)
- Treasurer: Roque Gagliano: 21 (empty: 2)

Board for 2013-2014 consists of:

- Chair: Bernie Hoeneisen
- VC Internal: Lynn Sorrentino
- VC External: Federico Galati
- Secretary: Lukas Mergenthaler
- Treasurer: Roque Gagliano

Oversight Committee (voted unanimously):

- Alexandre Delage (ordinary)
- Jan Iwaszkiewicz (ordinary)
- Ivo Maritz (stand-by)

9. Membership fee

Options A and B are presented by B. Hoeneisen.

Motion presented by Roque Gagliano to proceed in 2 steps: first vote to see if the members prefer the variable or fix fee. Then vote on the type of fix fee.

Vote 1 on variable or fixed:

- Variable fee won.: 15 for / 2 abstentions.

No need for Vote 2 since it only affected option B.

10. Presentation & acceptance (or rejection) of budget

Budget was approved by acclamation after individual consultation of the document provided.

The question of the availability of the amount in the bank account of the old ISOC Geneva Chapter was asked. No one knows the amount that could be available nor if we can have access to this treasury.

The Board was tasked to look into the matter.

11. AOB

none

12. Closing of the GA