

Minutes Special ENHR General Assembly (GA) Athens (Greece), 30 August 2019

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CHAIR: PETER BOELHOUWER

1. Opening

The Chairman, Peter Boelhouwer, opened the General Assembly (GA), welcomed all attendants, thanked them for their attendance and explained the agenda. David Mullins was thanked for his years on the Coordination Committee. He stepped down and was replaced by Catalina Tucu. Also Thomas Maloutas, head of the Local Organisation Committee, was thanked for the organising this conference.

2. New status for ENHR

During the 2018 meeting the GA granted permission to the CC to proceed in preparing a new legal structure. Realignment of OTB Department – host of the Office – asks for a change of ENHR's legal structure in which case outsourcing will be possible as well as opening a bank account.

Conditions for the new legal structure were that it would have no consequences for members, no budget overruns would occur, well thought-out choice of country of registration, and a continuation of GA meetings. The result will still be open for discussion and adaptation during the GA in 2020.

So far, Bylaws and corresponding Internal Rules have been produced and presented to the ENHR community in a special Newsletter. These Bylaws and Internal Rules will be voted on. The next step is to present the result to the Dutch notary in order to subscribe ENHR as an association in the Dutch Chamber of Commerce.

3. Explanation of the Bylaws and Internal Rules

Dirk Dubbeling (ENHR Office) explained several aspects of the Bylaws and Internal Rules.

- Association most suitable legal status for ENHR, no substantial costs.
- Bylaws solid legal basis of the association, drawn by the Coordination Committee and edited by the notary; the Internal Rules are an extension and clarification of the Bylaws. The Internal Rules contain links to the guidelines and manuals.

As an association, ENHR will from now on have the following obligations:

- A General Assembly to be held each year.
- The Coordination Committee will appoint a secretary (next to the chair, vice chairs and treasurer).
- A clearer distinction between academic and non-academic members, and European and non-European-based members.
- Clear procedures (economic regime, disciplinary regime, functions of bodies and committees, rights of members).
- Categorized voting rights.

Based on the new legal status a new fee administration contact person will take over fee registration from TU Delft and a bank account will be opened.

4. Discussion, voting and next steps

Two voting rounds took place.

One round concerned the set of Bylaws and Internal Rules. These were approved after a discussion about Article 5.2 of the Internal Rules stating that one post in the Coordination Committee should be designated for members that have never before been a member of this committee. This candidate shall be elected regardless of the number of votes. Several Coordination Committee members elucidated this article in answer to objections from some in the audience. Most ENHR members present voted in favour of the document, including Article 5.2.

The second round concerned the re-installation of the present Coordination Committee in the new organisation. All voters were in favour.

Peter Boelhouver and Dirk Dubbeling now have permission to found the association and open a bank account, which will take place this October.

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6. Closure of General Assembly

Thank you for attending!