

Minutes ENHR General Assembly (GA) Zoom meeting, 2 July 2020

Notary statement on the validity of this Zoom meeting

In order to hold a General Assembly meeting via Zoom or any other system:

- *All requirements regarding the convocation must be met.*
- *The convocation immediately states via which system the meeting is held.*
- *All participants must have access to this particular system.*
- *Have everyone who was present send an email to a specific address immediately after the meeting saying they were there.*

All these conditions are met.

CHAIR: PETER BOELHOUWER

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1. Opening

Welcome by Chairman Peter Boelhouwer. Covid-19 pandemic also affects ENHR: the conference in Nicosia has been rescheduled for 2021. Due to the covid-19 pandemic ENHR CC and GA meetings are electronic meetings. The highlights of the Coordination Committee (CC) meetings are available at www.enhr.net/minutes.php and in the Newsletter.

Peter suggests to intensify these meetings e.g. for strategic discussions. Several initiatives have been announced for digital meetings, also about the consequences of covid-19 for housing: WG Southern European Housing plans to hold a webinar on 'Post-Covid-19 Housing Challenges in Southern Europe and beyond' in November 2020 and we received a suggestion for a housing market webinar from one of our members.

In addition, participants of the meeting suggest to organise more virtual meetings with documents as input for discussion.

2. Minutes 2018 and 2019

Both minutes are accepted.

3. Activities Coordination Committee 2019

Peter memorised the new status of ENHR, now financially independent from TU Delft.

ENHR is an association since October 2019, including Bylaws and Internal Rules. This was approved in an extra General Assembly in Athens in 2019. Set of bylaws, prepared by CC member Sergio Nasarre-Aznar has been deposited at the Chamber of Commerce in Delft along with a set of Internal Rules. This also means that from now on we have a General Assembly every year instead of every two years.

We opened our own bank account and we have become financially independent from TU Delft or any host institute in the future. A new website and database are expected.

The CC organized a well-attended WG coordinators meeting in Athens where several procedures were discussed. This will result in an update of the WG coordinators guidelines. A second meeting will held in Nicosia next year (or possibly sooner as an electronic meeting).

4. Annual Report ENHR Secretariat 2019

a. Tasks ENHR Secretariat

The ENHR Office was renamed Secretariat and the Office manager is now called 'Office coordinator of the Secretariat'. Besides regular tasks such as the membership administration and the publication of the Newsletter, the Secretariat has been busy with the following items:

- Administrative tasks
 - Fee collection and administration, up-to-date membership list and up-to-date mailing list
 - Maintain an up-to-date list of Working Groups, Working Groups in preparation and their co-ordinators; collect and collate annual WG reports.
 - Preparing meeting documents, composing minutes, informing CC members and WG coordinators.
 - Guarding of various guidelines, charters, MoUs, forms and documents.
 - Nomination and election procedure for the Coordination Committee, provide administrative support for the elections committee, provide facility for on-line voting.
 - The annual Bengt Turner Award competition (www.enhr.net/bengtturneraward.php).
 - Conference locations election competition, support Local Organisation Committees.
 - Maintain contact with sister organisations and partners.
 - Managing the bank account.
- PR and Communication
 - Website (www.enhr.net) maintenance and regular updates.
 - News-bulletin to ENHR members via the website (www.enhr.net/news.php) on a regular basis. Also our Facebook (www.facebook.com/ENHR.net) page and Twitter (@ENHR_Office / twitter.com/ENHR_Office) account are used for this purpose.

b. Staff

Dirk Dubbeling is Office coordinator of the Secretariat (0.4 fte).

c. Actions

Next to the regular tasks actions of the Secretariat have been:

- Preparing the new legal status of ENHR as association
- Opening a bank account
- Monitoring the production of a new website and database (ongoing).

d. Membership overview 2019

In 2019 the total number of individuals associated with ENHR has dropped from 767 to 717. The numbers of (Associate) Institutional Members remained 78 (but losing 26 employee members). There has been a net loss of 1 Institutional Member (IM), and a gain of 1 Associate Institutional Member (AIM). The total drop of 24 individual members in 2019, together with an influx of 30, means 54 individual members (ca. 25%) did not prolong their membership.

	31-12-2019	31-12-2019	Net result 2019
(A)IM (members)	78 (567)	78 (541)	0 (-26)
Individual members	200	176	-24
Grand total	767	717	-50

5. Financial statement 2019 and budget 2020

Treasurer Mark Stephens explains the finances over 2019. The result is - € 3069 due to less fee incomes than expected. Budgeted was € 982. The decline of the number of members started a few years ago.

The budget for 2020 is € 34,820 with an expected result of less than € 300. The Treasurer asks the Secretariat for regular detailed reports for the CC, especially regarding Institutional Members. He concludes that a reserves policy is needed for unforeseen events now that we are an independent organisation.

6. Bylaws amendment

An adjustment of Article 6.13 of the Bylaws is needed to get this in line with the official Dutch version. The Assembly is in favour of the suggested adjustment. This amendment needed the approval of a majority of those present at the General Assembly and who have voting rights. The Assembly asks to improve this article further as the categories in the Article are not clear to all, and present this at the General Assembly in 2021.

7. Working Groups

Several WG-coordinators stepped down in 2019. The CC wants to thank:

- Aleid Brouwer (WG Housing and living conditions of ageing populations)
- David Mullins (WG Social housing institutions, organizations and governance)
- Elena Bargelli (WG Southern European Housing)
- Dianne Theakstone and Clarine van Oel (WG Independent living and housing) This WG ended its activities.

Chris Watson passed away in 2019 (WG Housing in developing countries). Also Jürgen Friedrichs passed away in early 2019. He was a former WG coordinator and CC member.

In 2019 22 of the 26 WG organised 24 workshops, edited two books, and were responsible for two edited special issue journal volumes. Other mentionable activities:

- Participation in launch of the African Research Network for Urbanization and Habitable Cities (WG Housing in Developing Countries)
- Project Residential Environments and People Working Group at ResearchGate platform (WG Residential Environments and People)
- Research Initiative on best practices of mixed-income affordable housing in Canadian and global cities (WG Social Housing and Globalisation).

The annual report can be found at <https://www.enhr.net/annualassessment.php> as of April 2020.

8. ENHR conferences

The Nicosia organizing committee was willing to postpone the conference for a year (now 2021). Two new conference locations have been selected: Barcelona (Spain) in 2022 and Lodz (Poland) in 2023. Chair of the Barcelona organizing committee is professor Josep Maria Montaner of the Polytechnic University of Catalonia. The Barcelona bid was an option for 2022 only as city government commitment could not be guaranteed after elections that same year. The Lodz organisation was willing to jump from 2021 to 2023.

In case the covid-19 virus still prevents traveling and gathering in 2021, an online conference might be an option.

9. Report from partners and sister networks

Urban Affairs Association (UAA) launched a new journal: Race, Ethnicity and the City (see <https://think.taylorandfrancis.com/journal-of-race-ethnicity-and-the-city-open-call/>)

10. ENHR Coordinating Committee members elections result

The CC elections that took place in spring 2020 resulted in three newly chosen members for 2020-2024: Claire Carriou, Jaana Navalainen and Kath Scanlon.

Members stepping down are Gunvor Christensen, Christiane Thouzellier and Richard Turkington. Thanks all three for your long-term commitment.

11. Election Committee 2022

The present members Gerard van Bortel, Lars Gulbrandsen and Dirk Dubbeling offered their services for the 2022 election. The Assembly accepted this.

12. Any other business

13. Closure