

## Online Bureau meeting 11/03/2019

Present: Svenja Hahn, President (HH), Edgaras Mascinkas, Vice President (EM), Lena Höglund, Treasurer (LH), Dan-Aria Sucuri, Bureau Member (DAS), Antoaneta Asenova, Bureau Member (AA), Pau Castellvi Canet, Bureau Member (PCC).

Not Present: Deimante Rimkute, Bureau Member (DR).

Also present: Danica Vihinen, Secretary General (DV).

SH opened the meeting at 19:16

### 1. Congress Seminar (EM)

EM gave an update: Has already secured two speakers: Sean O'Courneen and Bart Somers. Will also be a speaker himself, and is in contact with Martine from D66 as they did a publication on the topic recently. SH had an idea for a speaker, Christopher G, professor at World Ethos Institute at the University of Thuringen, will check if he's available. Discussion on who the last speaker could be.

DV gave a brief practical update, 21 participants, hotel and venue all set.

### 2. Congress (DV and others)

- logistics

DV gave an update: Friday everything at M34, including the reception, Saturday congress is at ParkInn, dinner probably in the parliament, party somewhere else (locals are looking for venues)

- finances

LH gave an update, all should be in order. IRI are paying for Saturday dinner. Freedom Fund OK.

- agenda

DV: Friday we should be able to manage agenda points 1-11, Saturday 12-

- annual report and Bureau reports

DV: All submitted their reports on time except DR who still hasn't submitted. All reports are uploaded to the documentation page.

SH: Thank you to all, disappointing that DR didn't meet the deadline.

SH: Looking at the KPIs in the annual report we are behind on communication, we need to work on outreach and this needs to be a priority. Other than that we are doing quite well on other KPIs, need to look into alumni, membership platform and work on website and Libertas. Thanks to Ed we're doing OK on the campaign even though we were badly behind.

DV: regarding the number of posts on social media, we mainly need coordination as we already have members Monday, Throwback Thursday etc. and upcoming IMS day as weekly posts. Regarding the campaigns, Eleni has also done a lot since coming aboard. Regarding outreach: We should have a “social media army” like for example a channel on Telegram to notify people immediately to like and share etc. when we post something.

EM: agreed

DQS: Has a forward looking calendar, has been unclear who should do what but will solve this.

SH: So, DAS will send an update every Monday of what is on the table for the week, Office will have charge of Members Monday, other tasks to be shared.

SH: Can we advertise the Mythbusting campaign already?

EM: Eleni is working on it

DV: Please all encourage MOs to share their myths, we have very few submissions so far.  
- resolutions

About 20 resolutions submitted, DV will put together and upload the resolutions book tomorrow.

Discussion about the late submission from Ogra Fianna Fail due to misunderstanding of CET, SH has already contacted them.

DV: Asks for Bureau amendments adding which old resolutions should be archived on all resolutions. Eleni will look into this and propose a list for the Bureau.

- Membership applications

All application documents are in order. DV reminded all to prepare their applying MOs for the presentation and questioning.

- guests

- Guy Verhofstadt

- New Romanian party youth representative

- PPYO and YFJ (without expenses) (Except for YDE, they will have all included)

- Partners (ALDE Party, ELF, FNF, ALDE CoR etc.)

- JAM (nothing paid)

- campaign launch

Friday evening as we're in Open VLD office, EU flags, video, presentation (last thing before closing). Campaign launch team: EM, DAS, (DR) + Eleni

- Youth Forum event

DV explained what the situation is, will try to have it on Saturday evening after dinner in a bar/pub where we can have the party after. DV will discuss with YFJ and ALDE Party

- Communication Plan

SH: DAS, please make sure we have one in place for Congress

- anything else

LH: How about the Committee of Discipline and Arbitrage? SH: They will send first draft of the report next week

### 3. Status of Campaign (EM, DAS)

EM: Eleni has been the back bone, she's now writing the script, working on how to get volunteers. There will be a separate video for the launch at congress

### 4. Online Learning Platform (DR)

SH: As DR realised today she's on holiday she sent an overview by mail

DV: Disagrees with the statuts "finished" for certain things in the overview, the content from the online toolbox has not been curated at all, just downloaded all as such. Also unclear how we can use the ClickMeeting platform to share content other than during a seminar?

SH: Should we use this later rather than now as we're so close to the elections?

LH: we are already paying for the platform since December, it should have been set up by now!

DV: Should we then just put the YCA material to the Google Classroom so they can reach it?

SH: We can take up ClickMeeting again after the elections when we have more capacity to figure it out

DV: Can still check with Rita at YFJ if there's a way to use this without it taking all our time

### 5. Financial Update (LH)

LH: Look at the surplus in 2017, we're now making a deficit for 2018, all in all it's all quite OK as we had retained earnings of 59.601,28 € at the end of 2018. We have good equity even if occasional bumps in the road.

Still questions regarding the profit and loss statement, the external auditor has to get back to us on some details. Will have to have a written decision after he has provided answers.

- Update on debts and payment plans: Mladi LDP and NLSF have payment plans, Nowoczesna has not made a payment plan only asked for reduction.
- In general there are no possibilities for associate MOs to get reduced fees

Applications for reduced fees: Decision after discussion that Nowoczesna should get suspended rather than just get their debt reduced in fairness to other MOs

YL Greece: Specific BM decision to allow payment plan so that they will pay 75 now, and the remaining 100 by autumn congress

- decision on membership fees

LH sent an email, suggestion approved with the change that MOs getting full membership will pay full MO fee for the remaining months of the year, minus 175 they already paid for associate

LH: Central European PIA application, can we apply for them? Decision that this is a good idea but DV pointed out that we should maybe not offer them the full 10000, but ask how much they need. SH: OK, but need to frame it as a first trial

## **6. News from Member Organisations**

No news other than invitations (under “invitations”)

## **7. IMS**

EM: Planning a SC meeting, needs to be worked on.

Meeting at congress: SC, SH, DV, PCC. Saturday 8 am.

DV: Introducing Kialo to the IMS for congress resolution debate? Decision to propose this to the IMS delegates.

## **8. Invitations**

JL d'Andorra: SH: not OK to do it this way (hijacking the invite), but the Andorrans are always there for us so we want to go, besides it is very affordable.

LH: SU congress save the date by email.

## **9. Any other business**

21.3 LYMEC drinks. EM in charge, DV takes over after french class. SH will try to participate

AA: Merchandise: the flyers and pins are ready in Sofia, she will bring after IFLRY congress.