

Online Bureau Meeting

04/11/2019

19:00-20:30

Start at 19 h 07

All attending (SH, LH, DR, DAS, EM and BG) but PCC and AA joined after 30 minutes.

London Congress: All aspects

- Organisation
- Seminar

The situation is under control and BG is in close touch with locals and the venue. The goal is to anticipate the logistics side of the event.

PCC: Irina von Wyse for the Friday 9 h session is confirmed to replace Luisa Porritt.

- Book launch

Probably only Svenja as MEP. No reply to Svenja's request from other MEPs.

BG is going to make a briefing for SH and EM for this event.

- Reception by Renew Europe MEP Svenja Hahn

SH and Andrea will hold a short discussion on the spot. Signature list to be provided by Danica.

- Bureau reports

SH and EM to give the main reports with KPI's. BM to send in their inputs before the Congress.

BG to send powerpoint to EM in the coming days for design/visual improvements.

- Membership

Presentations should be communicated in the coming days.

Associate member: VESNA, USR Tineret

Full Member: Jcs and Momentum Tizen X.

Discussion of the recommendations and definition of the Bureau strategy.

Suspension: TLDE because of the outstanding unpaid membership fee + reaching out issue (didn't reply to last requests). They should aim at stopping generating debt.

- Motions and resolutions

Motion with all the changes from policy working group reform was submitted.

Amendment starting the Congress will request to take out policy group work from resolutions point (statutory matters first then motion then wg policy process then resolutions separately).

Working groups: AA with Ciara and Ben (bureau changes + more controversial on defence + gender policy) and DR with Sissel in the other. Bálint will send the proposal of repartition between the two groups to AA tomorrow.

Debated resolution on defence by JOVD "Defending Europe" not necessarily in line with our positions till now. Bureau to defend in London the position LYMEC managed to push for at the ALDE Congress.

Urgency resolution from JNC on the ruling of Spanish courts on Catalan separatists: Pau explains that it wasn't submitted yet in order to have more signatories.

- Other

Guests:

- Luisa Porritt set to give welcome speech.
- Jo Swinson should be available at coffee break at 11 h on Saturday for a joint picture.

Extraordinary request:

Marko Zivkovic from Nova Stranka, Serbia requested to cover part of VISA fee. Bureau decides that freedom fund and reduced participation fee can be granted but not the VISA fee. If they aren't joining at the end, we won't ask for late cancellation fee in this case. Lena to communicate this extraordinary decision by email. She will also emphasize that our MOs should consult LYMEC at an earlier stage in this kind of situation.

Newbies session will be animated by EM following a briefing prepared by BG.

Finances

- Update
 - End of the year is difficult to predict
 - Costs are not as high as initially projected (staff cost for example)
 - Audit report was released
 - More money IN in the coming months means more money to spend as well
 - More debts but smaller sum this year, to follow up.

Spring congress 2020

- *3-5 April 2020 to be proposed to locals in Macedonia. Date to be secured with locals in the coming days before the London Congress. Paris dates to be confirmed depending on the offers from locals.*

AOB

LH had to change flight for IRI event in Berlin on Thursday so she had to book another one from London to Helsinki.

Bureau meeting 10 h to 12 h on Sunday in London. EM (work commitment) and PCC (Spanish elections) will be missing it because of early travels back.

End of meeting at 20 h 30