MINUTES OF THE
EBL ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Held at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 9th June 2018
at Andromeda hotel, Ostend - Belgium

Present: Yves Aubry President
Marc de Pauw 1st Vice President
Radek Kielbasinski 2nd Vice President
Paul Porteous Honorary Secretary
Josef Harsanyi Treasurer
Sevinç Atay Executive Committee Member
Jurica Carić Executive Committee Member
David Harris Executive Committee Member
Jan Kamras Executive Committee Member
Eric Laurant Executive Committee Member
Eiltan Levy Executive Committee Member
Jafet Olafsson Executive Committee Member
Filippo Palma Executive Committee Member

Also present were the delegates from the following 44 (forty-four) National Bridge Organisations (NBOs), having the indicated number of votes in accordance with art. 6.1. of the Statutes:

Belarus 1 D. Dobrin - Proxy
Belgium 4 Ph. Coenraets
Bosnia&Herze 1 Branko Refi -Proxy
Bulgaria 3 M. Nikolova
Croatia 2 G. Borevković
Cyprus 1 Ch. Syrakopoulou-Proxy
Czech Rep. 1 M. Macura
Denmark 5 N. Rasmussen
England 6 G. Rainsford
Estonia 2 S. Sester
Faroe Isl 1 O. Winthereig
Finland 3 P. Kuokkanen
France 7 P. Grenthe
Georgia 1 A. Fitzpatrick -Proxy
Germany 5 K-U. Benthack
Greece 4 A. Athanassiadi
Hungary 3 A. Magyar
Iceland 2 O. Thorsteinsdottir
Ireland 4 H. Curran
Israel 4 G. Ofir
Italy 5 F. Ferlazzo
Latvia 1 K. Rubins
Lithuania 1 E. Vainikonis
Belgium 4 Ph. Coenraets
Lithuania 1 E. Vainikonis
Luxembourg 1 P. Banchereau
Malta 1 M. Carroll –Proxy
Monaco 1 N. Frey
Netherlands 7 K. Vrieze
Norway 4 K-A. Opsal
Poland 4 M. Malysa
Portugal 3 I. Araújo
Romania 2 R. Spiridonescu
Russia 3 K. Rabkin
San Marino 1 A. Pecci
Scotland 4 M. Ash
Serbia 2 J. Zoranović –Proxy
Slovakia 1 P. Belcak
Slovenia 1 M. Pilipović -Proxy
Spain 4 J. Sabaté
Sweden 5 P. Jannersten
Switzerland 3 F. Piedra
Turkey 4 L. Özgüld
Ukraine 1 O. Rovyshin
Wales 2 J. Pottage

Catherine Vitry Secretary to the President
The President welcomed the delegates to the EBL Ordinary General Assembly.

1. Confirmation of Roll Call
   The Honorary Secretary, Paul Porteous, took the Roll Call of delegates which showed the presence of the above mentioned NBOs. He certified the presence of 44 NBOs out of a total of 46 having the right to vote and of 123 votes out of a total of 128.

   The President, in accordance with art. 6.4.b. of the Statutes, declared the Assembly valid and opened the proceedings.

2. Appointment of the Assembly Committee
   Mike Ash / Scotland, Charlotte Fuglsang / Denmark and Stephan Magnusson / Switzerland were appointed as members of the Assembly Committee.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly, Budapest 2016
   The Assembly approved the minutes of the General Assembly held in Budapest on 24th June 2016, on the proposal of Bill Pencharz, Hon. President, seconded by Marek Malysa/Poland.

4. President’s Report
   The President presented his report to the Assembly. A copy of his report is appended to these minutes.

5. Approval of the President’s Report
   The President invited questions and comments on his report from the delegates. None were forthcoming; the report was adopted on the proposal of Koos Vrieze/Netherlands, seconded by Philippe Banchereau/Luxemburg. The President thanked the delegates.
   Charlotte Fuglsang/Denmark suggested that the EBL should send out the President’s report before the General Assembly to give time to the Delegates to read it and be prepared with possible questions. Paul Porteous reported that it would be considered for the future.

6. Treasurer’s Report
   The President called upon the Treasurer, Josef Harsanyi, to address the Assembly.
   The Treasurer presented the report on the financial position of the EBL, including the audited accounts for 2016 and 2017, the membership figures 2016 and 2017, and an overview of income and expenses for the years 2016/2017. The Treasurer’s report was adopted on the proposal of Gianarriigo Rona, President Emeritus, seconded by Harold Curran/Ireland.
The Assembly approved the 2016 and 2017 balance sheet, accounts and auditors’ report. Their adoption was proposed by Gianarrigo Rona, President Emeritus, seconded by Harold Curran/Ireland.

8. Examination of the budget 2018
The Treasurer presented the budget for 2018.

9. Membership dues and other fees
Josef Harsanyi addressed this topic. The Assembly approved the dues.

10. Election of the President and of the 12 EBL Executive Committee Members for the legislature 2014/2018

a) Election of the President
The 2nd Vice-President, Radoslaw Kielbasinski, took the meeting to replace Yves Aubry during the election of the new President.
The Hon. Secretary explained the voting procedure to the attendees.

Following a secret ballot, the 2nd Vice-President announced that 123 ballots had been handed out and reported the respective votes of each candidate as follows:

1st vote
Mr Yves Aubry 45 votes
Mr Marc De Pauw 33 votes
Mr Jan Kamras 45 votes

Mr Marc de Pauw was then eliminated from the election and a second set of ballot papers was issued.

2nd vote
Mr Yves Aubry 52 votes
Mr Jan Kamras 70 votes

The 2nd Vice-President thus declared Jan Kamras elected as President of the EBL.

The President elect addressed the assembly to thank them for their support and thanked Yves Aubry for his two terms as President of the EBL and his hard work during this period. The Assembly rose to give Yves Aubry a warm applause.
b) *Election of the 12 EBL Executive Committee Members*

Initially 22 candidates had notified that they would compete for these positions. One candidate withdrew before the ballot papers were prepared and as Jan Kamras was no longer a candidate for the Executive Committee, the final number was 20 candidates.

Following a secret ballot, the President announced that 123 ballots had been handed out and reported the respective votes of each candidate as follows:

- Mrs Sevinç Atay 50 votes
- Mr Olivier Audouard 10 votes
- Mr Peter Belcak 50 votes
- Mr Jurica Carić 37 votes
- Mr Igor Chalupec 57 votes
- Mr Francesco Conforti 39 votes
- Mr Philippe Cronier 72 votes
- Mr Marc De Pauw 68 votes
- Mr Panos Gerontopoulos 27 votes
- Mr David Harris 39 votes
- Mr Josef Harsanyi 64 votes
- Mr Radoslaw Kielbasinski 20 votes
- Mr Eric Laurant 76 votes
- Mr Eitan Levy 87 votes
- Ms Elisa Nicolas-Correa 14 votes
- Mr Gilad Ofir 95 votes
- Mr Giorgos Oikonomopoulos 12 votes
- Mr Jafet Ólafsson 56 votes
- Ms Kari-Anne Opsal 85 votes
- Mr Paul Porteous 89 votes

The President thus declared Sevinç Atay, Peter Belcak, Igor Chalupec, Philippe Cronier, Marc De Pauw, Josef Harsanyi, Eric Laurant, Eitan Levy, Gilad Ofir, Jafet Ólafsson, Kari-Anne Opsal and Paul Porteous elected as EC Members of the EBL.
11. Ratification of the admission to membership of NBOs
   There were no candidates for admission.

12. Questions and proposed resolutions sent by the NBO’s
   None

13. Various – Any other Business
   None

There being no further business, the President thanked all the delegates for their attendance and contribution, and at 12:10 p.m. declared the Ordinary General Assembly closed.