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EPA GA in Vienna

November 9th, 2019

MINUTES

Member participants:

AGeSC (Italy):	Gianna Indelicato
APA (Austria):	Hannes Obermann
APEL (France):	Valerie Gardette (board)
BER (Germany):	Stephan Wassmuth
DEV (Liechtenstein):	Claudia Längle (full member, but dormant → not voting)
ELVL (Estonia):	Hillar Lõhmussaar, Aivar Haller (board)
FAES (Italy):	Stefano Crico; Wanda Sartori
FAPACEL (Spain):	Fernando Ruiz Retamar; Estanislao Camacho
FAPAE (Spain):	Proxy to Valérie Gardette (APEL)
FAPEL (Spain):	Josep Manuel Prats, Marcial Quintairos
FAPEL (Luxembourg):	Charles Krim
FEPACE (Spain):	Lorenzo Dionis Raurell, Anna Vilardaga
FUG (Norway):	Ole Peter Osterbo, Gunn Iren Müller
PA SBS (Croatia):	Silvija Stanić
MOIGE (Italy):	Maria Rita Munizzi, Antonio Affinita
NPC-p (Ireland):	Áine Lynch, Larry Keaveney
Parent Union (Ukraine):	Iryna Voitsekhovska
PCPAPE (Cyprus):	Sotiris Christofi, Petros Petrou, Christos Andreou, Erineos Koumi, Kostakis Kyrou, Tasoula Tzirti, Charalambos Georgitsis, Ioanna Taliotou, Maria Sparsi
PCPASE (Cyprus):	Kyriakos Nikiforou, Elena Odysseos Iosif, Maria Adamou, Andriana Marcou, Evi Pissouriou, Antonis Lamaris, Charalambos Dionysiou
SOF (Denmark):	Susanne Gade Clausen
SRRZ (Slovakia):	Helena Sušinková , Júlia Lindtnerová
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Associate members present: CYSO: Ljiljana Vasić

Affiliate members present: APS: Chiara Iannarelli,
BOPA: Arvydas Augustaitis (Lithuanian Confederation of Education); Laima Sakalauskiene (Lithuanian Parents Forum),
Kestutis Mikolajunas (Lithuanian Parents Forum)

Candidates for membership:

PC PAPCK (represented by PCPAPE delegate Sotiris Christofi)

Other participants: Rūta Krasauskienė (Lithuanian Association of Schoolheads), Louise Nyamu-Steinbeck (Germany), Georg Krauchenberg (IDM), Michelle Albert (Accounting), Daniel Kropf (L4WB), Shanti George (L4WB), Camee Comperen (L4WB), Tamara Lenes (EPA assistant)

Opening

Arja Krauchenberg welcomes the participants of the GA and opens the meeting with a personal statement about her mandate.

Confirmation of quorum

Arja Krauchenberg welcomes the representatives of 20 full members present, 1 proxy, 1 full member in dormant status, 21 voting out of 22. This means that the necessary quorum is fulfilled. Additional to the full members, representatives of one associate member and two affiliate members attend the GA.

Approval of the agenda

The agenda was sent out in advance.

VOTE: The agenda is unanimously approved.

(21 pro; 0 no; 0 abstentions)

Approval of minutes (Kolding, GA, May 4th, 2019)

VOTE: The final version of the minutes of the GA in Kolding, Denmark on May 4th, 2019 are unanimously approved.

(21 pro; 0 no; 0 abstentions)



Acceptance of new members

The applicant for full membership PCPAPCK from Cyprus is presented by Petros Petrou and Sotiris Christofi from PCPAPE (Cyprus) delegates.

VOTE: The application is unanimously accepted.

(21 pro; 0 no; 0 abstentions)

Modification of by-laws and statutes

The proposal of statutes and by-laws was sent out in advance.

Arja Krauchenberg presents the changes to the statutes paragraph by paragraph, followed by discussions to each paragraph.

- Article 2 modified
- Article 3 modified
- Article 4 modified
- Article 6 modified
- Article 8 modified
- Article 11 modified
- Article 12 modified
- Article 19 modified

General Acceptance for the modifications of the Statutes as they were discussed during GA.

VOTE: EPA Statutes modified are unanimously approved.

(21 pro; 0 no; 0 abstentions)





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An international non profit association, entitled " European Parents' Association", in abbreviated form "EPA", is hereby created.

The Association has its registered office in the judiciary district of Brussels, at present c/o EUCIS-LLL Rue de l'Industrie 10, 1000 Brussels.

This registered office can be changed in Belgium by a simple majority vote of the General Assembly.

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Article 2 Mission

In an ever faster changing society with complex challenges EPA's mission is **to help and empower parents** to improve education for all children in Europe, regardless **of** their nationality, country of origin, country of residence, religion, **sex gender**, sexual orientation and socio-economic background so that each of them can develop his/her full potential **and to**

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~~empower their parents to support them in reaching this goal.~~

~~This means to influence decision-making processes on the European level (e.g. European Commission, European Parliament, Council of Europe) in the broad field of education from ECEC (Early Childhood Education and Care) to VET (Vocational Education and Training) and all school forms in between, including AE (Adult Education) for parents.~~

Article 3

EPA's aim is the promotion of collaboration between schools, parents' associations and other educational communities throughout Europe, regardless of their political, philosophical or religious convictions.

In its pursuit of this aim, EPA will not seek to make a profit but to:

Article 3 Objectives

EPA aims

- To represent parents in all educational matters on the European level and to give them a powerful voice in the development of policies and on all decisions that have a direct effect on the education, ~~life and future~~ of children and their parents.
- To promote collaboration between parents' associations and federations of parents' associations, schools and other educational communities throughout Europe, regardless of their political, philosophical or religious convictions and to foster exchange of good practices between members ~~in terms of lifelong learning~~

In its pursuit of this aim, EPA will not seek to make a profit but to:



- Promote the active involvement of parents at all stages of the education of their children
 - Support the advancement of parents' associations in different European countries
 - Support the highest possible quality of educational development for all children in Europe
 - Promote the recognition for parents of their central place as the primary educators of their children,
 - Support and promote coordination and cooperation between diverse European level organisations, associations, networks and institutions for the purpose of pursuing EPA's mission;
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- affiliate members who shall be emerging local, regional or national parents' organisations with mission and aims potentially consistent with those of EPA and who shall have consultative status and be represented for this purpose by one of their members.

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~~–Individuals who wish to support the association can become individual members without rights to vote or to be elected. All other provisions apply according to article 5 of these statutes and of the internal rules~~



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EPA will admit parents' organisations from the countries that are members of the Council of Europe. ~~In the case of organisations from states with the status of observers at the CoE, they can apply for Associate membership only.~~

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- to make or amend by-laws as appropriate;
- to fix the level of Membership Fee;
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- to decide the policy of the EPA.

Article 7

The General Assembly should normally meet twice per year, presided over by the President of EPA preferably at a place in the country currently holding the Presidency of the European Union or, if not possible another place approved by the Board.

Notice of the General Assembly shall be communicated in writing by fax or by email by the Board .Notice of the meeting shall be given at least two months in advance of the date set and the agenda and papers shall be sent at least one month prior to the date specified for the meeting.

A Special General Assembly may be convened by the Board at any time or within two months of a written request of at least five full members from five different countries, addressed to the President or his/her deputy, mentioning the agenda. If the Board fails to execute this request within two months a Special General Assembly can be convened by these five full members. They shall indicate the agenda in the invitation to the meeting which

- to decide the policy of EPA and the working programme.

- to approve the appointment of ~~distinguished~~ honorary members ~~and/or individuals~~ for special charges

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Each full member shall have one vote in the General Assembly.

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Full members who could not attend the meeting may give a proxy to be delivered to the President before the meeting.

A full member whose Membership Fee has not been paid in advance of the second General Assembly shall not be permitted to vote and their vote shall not be taken into account in any decision on quorum or voting proportions.

Decisions at General Assemblies shall be made by a simple majority of the combination of the votes (abstentions will not be taken into account) of those full members present or represented by proxy. In the instance of the dismissal of members of the Board, the amendment of this Constitution or the dissolution of EPA, a majority of two-thirds of all the allocated

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votes is required, subject to a stronger majority required by law, (abstentions being taken into account).

Article 9

At the General Assembly, a quorum for valid decisions shall be if half the votes of the full members are represented either in person or by proxy, except in the instance cited in Article 8 of this Constitution.

Voting and decisions can be made only for items listed in the agenda circulated in advance of the meeting. Such decisions shall be brought to the attention of all members after the meeting.

Minutes of each meeting shall be drafted and transcribed in the minutes' book and signed by the President and the Secretary and held at the disposal of the members.

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Article 11

EPA is managed by a Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is formed by a President, elected separately for this position by the General Assembly, and a maximum of six members, also elected by the General Assembly. All of them are members of the Board of Directors,



The General Assembly shall elect from amongst representatives of the full members or candidates belonging to one full member and bearing its support a President and a maximum of six other members of the Board. Each member of the Board shall come from a different country.

A member will serve for a period of three years, provided that he/she maintains membership in his or her own association and that the association maintains membership in EPA.

In case the aforementioned conditions are not maintained the Board Member shall remain in charge until the end of his mandate unless the General Assembly decides otherwise or the Member decides to resign.

The President and members are eligible for re-election. In no case a member of the Board or the President will stay in charge for more than six years, After a further period of three years a member will be eligible for re-election again.

All the Board Members will bear the title of Vice-President. The Board will elect from amongst its Vice-Presidents a Treasurer, and a Secretary

and the complete rules apply to all of them.

The members of the board **of directors** including the president

- shall all come from different countries
- have to have knowledge and ~~preferably some~~ experience of EPA,
- have to be sufficiently available to attend board meetings, EPA conferences and other EPA related activities as well as to represent EPA at external meetings in Europe when necessary,
- must be able to understand, speak and write English in a way to interact with other EPA members and partners.

A member will serve for a period of three years.

Any member of the Board of Directors is eligible for a second term of an additional three years period. In no case any member of the Board of Directors will stay in charge for more than six years consecutively. After a time-out of at least three years, a member will be eligible for election again, depending on the membership status of his/her organisation.



All the Board of Directors' members will bear the title of Vice-President. The Board of Directors will elect from amongst its Vice-Presidents a Treasurer and a Secretary.

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The Board will meet at least twice per year one of which must be in person.

A meeting of the Board may be held either in person or by suitable electronic or telegraphic means agreed by the Board in which all participants may communicate with all the other participants.

Its quorum shall be of half of its members

Every issue may be determined by a simple majority of the votes cast at a meeting but a written or electronic resolution signed by all the Board is as valid as a resolution passed at a meeting in person (and for this purpose the resolution may be contained in more than one document and will be treated as passed on the date of the last signature). Should two Board members exercise a veto on a written or electronic decision then the Board must meet in person.

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Every issue may be determined by consensus normally, ~~or~~ **and if this is not possible** by a simple majority of the votes cast at a meeting but a written or electronic resolution signed by all the Board of Directors is as valid as a resolution passed at a meeting in person (and for this purpose the resolution may be contained in more than one document and will be treated as passed on the date of the last signature). Should two Board of Directors' members exercise a veto on a written or electronic decision then the Board of Directors must meet in person.

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Article 12

The Board shall have the necessary powers to administer and manage the Association, subject to those matters reserved to the General Assembly.

Matters which are the particular responsibility of the Board include:

- summoning the General Assembly;
 - organisation of the Association;
 - drawing up any necessary by-laws;
 - collection of Membership Fees and the acceptance of legacies, gifts, donations, etc;
 - drawing up the Annual Report and Accounts for presentation to the General Assembly;
 - establishment of appropriate committees or working groups or special appointments of distinguished members to special charges. These charges and the relevant description of their roles will be detailed in the by-laws and the appointments shall be approved by the GA.
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 - proposal to the GA of special appointments of distinguished members and/or individuals to special charges. These charges and the relevant description of their roles will be detailed in the internal rules.
 - representing EPA and signing agreements on behalf of the association
 - hiring and dismissal of staff
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All agreements which commit EPA will be signed by at least two members of the Board, nominated by the Board for that purpose.

In case some commitments are due to be signed by one responsible person only (normally the President) in representation of EPA, the Board will authorise the aforementioned person on a separate sheet or by Board decision.

The Board may, for a time or in general way, delegate some or all of its powers to one or several of its members.

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Legal actions, whether as plaintiff, or as defendant, will be overseen and pursued by the Board, represented by its President or one of its members nominated by the Board for this purpose.

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The Board is required to submit Accounts and Budgets for independent examination. The independent examiners will draft a report and send it to the Board before 31 March.

Every year the Board shall submit the Accounts, Budget and the Report of the independent examiners for approval of the General Assembly at its statutory meeting.

The statutory General Assembly approves the accounts and budgets, gives discharge to the Board and appoints independent examiners for the following financial year.

Article 16

The activities of EPA will be financed by:

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All accounts maintained by ~~the~~ EPA in any financial institution must always be signed by two members of the Board of Directors, who may act on it indistinctly or as established by the rules of the state where the account is resident. Normally these individuals will be the president and the treasurer.

Article 18

All proposals for the amendment of the Constitution or dissolution of the Association must come from the Board or at least three full members from three different countries.

The Board shall inform all members of the Association about the date, place and time of the General Assembly which will decide on such proposals, at least two months before that meeting.

No decision on such proposals which receives less than two-thirds of the votes of the full members, who have paid their

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Membership Fees, present or voting by proxy at the General Assembly shall be valid.

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Article 22

For the correct interpretation of any provision of this statute, if any application is in doubt, the General assembly shall approve an internal rules document that shall be redacted by the Board



of Directors. This document shall be part of the statutory corpus and can be amended at any time.

Article 19

Any matter not covered by this Constitution shall be regulated by the Belgian law governing the international non profit associations or at default by the General Assembly.

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Arja Krauchenberg proposes to leave the decision on the internal rules for the next GA, as we are running out of time and late in our timing. Rules are not the most urgent, now that the modifications of the statutes have been approved.

VOTE: The proposal to vote on the internal rules during the next GA is approved.

(15 pro; 2 no; 4 abstentions)

Suggestion to the Board for the next GA:

Don't discuss this in detail at the next General Assembly, but at a workshop before.

Activity report 2019 and report on the financial situation mid-year for acknowledgement

The activity report has been sent out in advance:

Arja Krauchenberg emphasizes that it was necessary to represent EPA at all possible occasions on the European level this year in order to insure the visibility of the association. She briefly highlights some of the main events and runs through the different projects.

She explains that different board members are covering the activities and the communication but that an application for board member in charge of communication would be very welcome – there will still be a seat available even after the election.

Valérie Gardette explains the operating budget for 2019.

Financial report 2018 for approval

The accountant, Ms Michelle Albert, explains the Balance for 2018.

VAT must be paid in the social seat, in EPA's case Belgium, when you buy goods or services from another country that is a member of the European union. There are however exceptions when the provider is not submitted to VAT in his/her country for example or services not rendered/consumed in Belgium.

Some members of the GA express their frustration about receiving the information of this financial report only now and that it hasn't been circulated in advance.

The GA discusses the financial situation at length.

VOTE: The financial report 2018 is approved.

(15 pro; 0 no; 5 abstentions)

Discharge of the board for 2018

VOTE: Discharge of the board for 2018 is approved.

(18 pro; 0 no; 2 abstentions)

Elections

Two applications have been received. The applicants present themselves. (Victor on skype)

Ballots for a secret vote are being distributed. The votes are counted by an election committee consisting of Josep-Manuel Prats, Stefano Crico and Tamara Lenes.

Victor Petuya is elected president by 20 votes out of 21.

Elena Iosif Odysseos is elected board member by 18 votes out of 21.

Arja Krauchenberg congratulates the two candidates on their election and wishes them all the best and a fruitful cooperation on the board of directors.

Approval of working program and preliminary budget 2020

The working program and budget proposal for 2020 have been sent out in advance. The members would like to see a strategy for the next 5-10 years: e.g. projects that are carried out in all the member countries. Arja Krauchenberg explains that the current three-year-plan will finish at the end of 2020 and that a new plan will have to be developed during that year. In her experience it's difficult to coordinate projects with more than 6-8 partners but the project presented before the GA by the representative of the parents' association from Mallorca, Miquel Àngel Guerrero (FAPA) is going to ask for a follow-up project that will be looking for participation of parent associations from different countries.

EPA's overarching topic for 2020 is "Parenting in the digital age" and planning on the first GA of the year has already started.

Valérie Gardette presents the budget plan for 2020 – there are no changes in relation to 2019 as the estimations have proven correct so far.

VOTE: The working program and budget for 2020 are approved.

(20 pro; 0 no; 0 abstentions)



Announcement of the next GA

The next GA and conference will be held on the island of Crete 26-28 April 2020.

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The GA thanks Arja Krauchenberg for her dedicated work as president.

Closing of the GA

Arja Krauchenberg thanks all the participants for attending the GA in Vienna.

