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## **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MAY 19, 2024 IN LUXEMBOURG (DOMMELDANGE)**

KI-E President Josy Glatigny opens the meeting at 2:05pm.

He explains the reason for convening this Extraordinary General Meeting.

A new law on non-profit organizations has come into force in Luxembourg, which affects our organization. The Board has decided that our Articles of Association (=Bylaws) should be brought into line with this new law as soon as possible, which is a matter for an Extraordinary General Meeting.

The quorum required for this meeting is very restrictive (2/3 of clubs) and may not be reached. In this (probable) scenario, we will be unable to take any decision today, and a second Extraordinary General Meeting will have to be convened, which can be held in compliance with the reduced attendance quorum stipulated by our bylaws (50 voting delegates).

The President then noted that the necessary quorum has not been reached. He therefore closed the Extraordinary General Meeting at 2.15pm.



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### **57<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN CONVENTION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MAY 19, 2024 IN LUXEMBOURG**

Josy Glatigny, President, opens the meeting at 2.15pm.

In the interests of good order, he asks if any candidate wish to stand "from the floor" for any of the positions to be filled at this meeting.

No candidate from the floor.

He then introduced Jasmine, our Ceremony Master.

#### 1. Opening House of Delegates

Dominique Swerts takes the floor to welcome the delegates, in his capacity as Governor of the Belgium-Luxembourg District, Hosting District.

A minute of silence is observed in tribute to the suffering children and to Kiwanians who have passed away this year, in particular our European Trustee Vincent Salembier.

The following people then addressed a message of friendship to the assembly:

- **Katrina Baranko** International President
- **Michael Mulhaul** International Vice president
- **Amy Zimmerman** KCF President
- **Sujan Shrestha** ASPAC President (Message read by Josy in Sujan's absence)
- **Paul Palazzolo** Executive Director KI & KCF
- **Martien Van der Meer** KI Trustee

#### 2. Administrative topics

Michel Tefnin, KI-E Secretary, reviews the following administrative items:

- Elections and credentials committees: Geneviève Donet (France-Monaco), Christian De Maesschalck (Belgium-Luxembourg), Ernest Nilles (Belgium-Luxembourg), Giancarlo Bellina (Italy-San Marino) and Marco Duden (Germany).

Christian De Maesschalck is Chairman of the Elections Committee.

Ernest Nilles is Chairman of the on credentials committee.

No objection from the floor.



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- Recording of the meeting to facilitate the drafting of the minutes  
No objections from the floor
- Quorum: 156 delegates present. The necessary quorum is 150 delegates. The meeting can therefore be validly held.
- Rules of the HoD: were brought to everyone's attention in due time.  
No objections from the floor.
- Agenda of the meeting: No objections from the floor.
- Minutes of the 56th Convention in Amsterdam: have been sent in due course. Approval submitted during the votes.
- Voting process will take place electronically. Questions to the officers can also be asked electronically. How the applications work is explained.

### 3. Report KI-E activities

President Josy gives a brief overview of the current year's activities:

- Back to the Race project (see details below)
- Proposal to invest with KI in an action plan for growth in Europe. Not accepted.
- Proposal to invest part of our bank assets. Accepted by the Board.
- Review of our Articles of Association to bring them into line with new Luxembourg law, and introduction of remote voting.

The Back to the Race project is divided into three parts:

- European social project led by Roland Franzi (CH-L): financial support for SOS Children's Village in Ukraine, which takes in orphaned children and victims of war. To date, we have raised around €59,000 for this project. A painting by a Kiwanian artist will be sold during the convention to raise funds for this project. The artist presents his work.
- Member rejuvenation project, led by Franz Nagelseder (Austria): Neo Clubs, Meet-ups, April/May: Months of invitees.
- Social balance project, led by Michel Tefnin (Belgium): aimed at showing the impact of Kiwanis in Europe through two indicators: overall amount of donations by Kiwanis in Europe, and overall number of hours devoted to social activities by Kiwanians in Europe.

Roland and Franz explain their plans in more detail and highlight the clubs that have already performed well.

### 4. Financial statement 2022-23

Ralf-Otto Gogolinski, in his capacity as Treasurer of KI-E 2022-23, presents and explains the KI-E accounts to September 30, 2023.

The accounts close with an overall profit of 8,215 Euros and a balance sheet total of 619,838 Euros.



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No questions were asked concerning these accounts.

Luc Joos then takes the floor as representative of the College of Commissioners. He comments on the auditors' unqualified report. He drew attention to the need to follow up on a debt owed to KCF Europe (an entity not yet incorporated) and the formalities for legal publications.

### 5. Elections

The meeting hears the following candidates for KI-E and Trustees positions:

#### 5.1 Confirmation of Gunnsteinn Björnsson as President KI-E 2024-25

After the nomination speech made by Björn Kristinsson (Governor Iceland-Faroes) Gunnsteinn takes the floor.

Gunnsteinn is confirmed as President KI-E 2024-25 by acclamation.

#### 5.2 Confirmation of Elio Garozzo as President Elect KI-E 2024-25

After the nomination speech by Dominique Swerts (Gov Belgium-Luxembourg), Elio takes the floor.

Elio is confirmed as President Elect KI-E 2024-25 by acclamation.

#### 5.3 Presentation of Karl Lippitz (Austria), sole candidate for Vice-President KI-E 2024-25.

After the nomination speech by Franz Nagelseder (Imm. Past Gov Austria), Karl takes the floor.

#### 5.4 Presentation of Filip Delanote (Belgium-Luxembourg), sole candidate for Trustee 2024-25.

Following the nomination speech by Daniel Vigneron (Belgium-Luxembourg & Intern. Past President), Filip takes the floor.

#### 5.5 Presentation of two candidates for Trustee 2024-27: Maura Magni (Italy-San Marino) and Sepp Schachermayr (Austria)

Following the nomination speech by Michel Tefnin (Past Gov Belgium-Luxembourg), Sepp takes the floor.

After the nomination speech by Marie-Jeanne Vandenberghe (Past Gov Belgium-Luxembourg), Maura takes the floor.

Following these presentations, the voting system is opened.



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### 6. Presentation KI-E year 2024-25

#### 6.1 Objectives

Gunnsteinn explains his objectives for the year 2024-25.

- Collaboration between all
- Motto: "Kiwaniis to the future".
- Continue Josy's efforts to recruit and rejuvenate members
- Encourage districts and clubs to collaborate on joint projects
- Use available tools

#### 6.2 Budget 2024-25

Ralf-Otto, 2024-25 Treasurer, refers to the budget that was made available to delegates prior to the convention. The budget shows a deficit of 35,197 Euros.

There were no questions from the floor.

#### 6.3 Presentation of KI-E Board 2024-25

- President:	Gunnsteinn Björnsson
- Imm. past President:	Josy Glatigny
- President-elect:	Elio Garozzo
- Vice president:	Karl Lippitz
- Secretary:	Konrad Konradsson
- Treasurer:	Ralf-Otto Gogolinski
- Gov Austria:	Richard Baumann
- Gov Belgium-Luxembourg:	Guido De Bie
- Gov France-Monaco:	Geneviève Donet Monteagud
- Gov Germany:	Achim Härterich
- Gov Iceland Faroes:	Gudlaugur Kristjansson
- Gov Italy-San Marino:	Stefano Farese
- Gov Netherlands:	Christ van Oevelen
- Gov Norden:	Sverre Hauger
- Gov Switzerland-Liechtenstein:	Wolfgang Brunner
- Gov Romania:	Mihai Bobitan
- Gov Czechia-Slovakia:	Jaroslav Javcak
- Gov UK:	Richardo Whyte

#### 6.4 Auditors

- Rutger Kuipers (Netherlands)
- Magnus Helgason (Iceland-Faroes)



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### 6.5 KI-E convention 2024-25

The KI-E convention 2025 will take place in Akureyri (Iceland) from 16 to 18 May 2025. A video shows the convention site.

### 7. Results of the elections

The Chairman of the Elections Committee communicates the results of the elections to President KI-E Josy, who reads them out:

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| - Report 56th convention 2023 in Amsterdam:             | Approved            |
| - Accounts KI-E 2022-23:                                | Approved            |
| - Discharge to Board 2022-23:                           | Approved            |
| - Discharge to Statutory Auditors 2022-23:              | Approved            |
| - Appointment of Karl Lippitz as Vice-Chairman 2024-25: | Approved            |
| - Nomination Trustee 2024-27 :                          | Maura Magni elected |
| - Appointment of Trustee 2024-25 Filip Delanote:        | Approved            |
| - Budget 2024-25:                                       | Approved            |
| - Board 2024-25:  | Approved            |
| - Auditors 2024-25:                                     | Approved            |

### 8. Closing of the meeting

Josy thanks the meeting for its participation, and the Host Committee for all its work.

There being no further business and no one asking to have the floor, President KI-E Josy closes the General Meeting at 5.20pm.