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## General Assembly

Held in Kleinbettingen, Luxembourg, Saturday October 12 at 11:00

KI-E president Gunnsteinn Björnsson calls the assembly to order and explains that the reason for it is the need to change the bylaws of KI-E. This is the second general meeting convened for that purpose since at the Extraordinary General Meeting in Luxembourg on May 19 the quorum was not met. The minimum attendance at this second General Assembly is 50 members.

Gunnsteinn introduces the committee of credentials

- Ernest Nilles, chair
- Marco Duden
- Christ Van Oevelen.

and the committee of elections

- Michel Tefnin, chair
- Björn Bergmann Kristinsson
- Svein Gunnar Aanerud.

### *Proposal explained*

An explanation of the proposal that will be voted on is read in all five official languages of KI-E.

- In English by Gunnsteinn Björnsson
- In French by Josy Glatigny
- In Italian by Elio Garozzo
- In German by Karl Lippitz
- In Dutch by Henk Oostdam

The following is an excerpt from the explanation

*In line with European directives, the Luxembourg government introduced a new law on non-profit associations (ASBL/NPO) in August 2023. This is in line with a FATF1-inspired European "compliance" regulation aimed at preventing money laundering, which should apply throughout Europe.*

*The new Luxembourg law came into force in September 2023. For existing NPOs, this law provides a transition period of 2 years within which they must bring their articles of association in conformity with the new legislation.*

*The NPO regime applies to our Kiwanis Europe KI-E association. As we want to apply the high principles and values and also wish to offer our members the possibility of voting online, we thought*



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*it would be useful to already comply with the new law, which authorizes online voting as long as it is enshrined in the Articles of Association of the NPO.*

*That's why we're proposing to adapt our articles of association now.*

*Compared with the existing articles, it should be noted that the new version will be much shorter since many provisions are to be included in the internal regulations.*

### *Voting*

Ernest Nillen, chair of the committee of credentials, declares that we have a quorum since there are 54 delegates present and 50 are needed.

A ballot vote is conducted to decide on the proposed amendments to the bylaws. A total of 54 ballots are distributed.

The results of the vote, as declared by Michel Tefnin, chair of the committee of elections, are:

- In favor 49 votes
- Against 5 votes

### *Additional proposals*

Gunnsteinn makes two additional proposals

1. The new articles of association will take effect on October 13.
2. The voting of KI-E board members in Luxembourg is legal.

Both proposals are agreed with no objections.

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KI-E President 2024/2025

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