



## Extra Board meeting minutes

Zoom meeting, Tuesday April 15 at 19:00 CET

### Attendees

Gunnsteinn Björnsson, Josy Glatigny, Elio Garozzo, Karl Lippitz, Ralf-Otto Gogolinski, Konráð Konráðsson, Guido De Bie, Geneviève Donet-Monteagud, Achim Härterich, Guðlaugur Kristjánsson, Stefano Farese, Christ Van Oevelen, Sverre Hauger, Wolfgang Brunner, Mihai Bobitan, Richardo Whyte, Jaroslav Jevčák, Filip Delanote, Maura Magni, Henk Oostdam, Jan Boen, Paul Palazzolo, Jeff Oatess, Philip Drury, Elke Miot

### Welcome

President Gunnsteinn Björnsson welcomed everyone at 17:00 and gave a few minutes for attendees to join. The meeting was called to order at 17:03.

Karl conveyed greetings from Richard Bauman, who had previously notified the board of his absence from the meeting.

### General Status Update

Gunnsteinn had the opportunity to visit the ASPAC convention in Taiwan from March 14-16. The ASPAC region is making progress like Europe by having staff for assistance. The diverse geological distribution of the region complicates the choice of office location.

Gunnsteinn also attended the convention in Romania which was a very powerful event with much enthusiasm and fun.

Gunnsteinn then briefly mentioned the status of districts in terms of number of members. Most districts are performing well, while others are facing challenges.

### Convention Status

Since the February meeting, significant progress has been made in preparation for the upcoming European convention in Akureyri. Currently, 184 delegates have registered, with at least 50 participating online. Registrations have increased as the deadline approaches. Gunnsteinn is confident that the convention will be both enjoyable and successful.

Jan added that staff are busy following up on registrations and certifications. Weekly status reports are sent out weekly.

### Election & Candidates

Josy expressed concerns about the validity of an application submitted after the deadline, emphasizing the need for equal treatment between candidates.



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Gunnsteinn confirmed that there has been a dispute regarding the validity of a candidate's application. An anonymous summary of arguments from various people was sent to board members two days ago for review.

Henk was not at peace with an accusation of an application having been submitted after the deadline. He, as well as all the attendees who spoke on the matter, supported the applications of both candidates despite some concerns about the current bylaws and regulations.

The possibility of changing the regulations in the future to allow more candidates from Europe to participate was mentioned by Jaroslav.

The motion to accept both candidates was put forward by Karl, and the attendees agreed to give both candidates a fair chance to present their candidacy at the convention in Akureyri.

### Election & Certification Committees

Gunnsteinn explained that because there will be online voting at the Akureyri convention we need to work a little differently. For that reason, he wants to propose the formation of committees for credentials and elections at this point.

He suggested Wolfgang Brunner as the chair for the credentials committee, with Achim Härterich and Guðlaugur Kristjánsson as members. For the election committee, Óskar Guðjónsson, Francesco Garaffa, and Richard Baumann were proposed, with Óskar as the chair. The proposal was approved without any objections.

### Any other business

Gunnsteinn reminded everyone that at the February meeting we talked about getting feedback from the districts regarding the PP&Gs before mid-April. As of now, no comments have been received. Henk informed us that we are still waiting for a response from KI that is underway. The current version of the proposal was agreed to be sent to the House of Delegates.

KI executive director Paul Palazzolo expressed the readiness of KI and the Gent office to assist Kiwanis clubs in Europe and emphasized the importance of new club building. Paul will not be able to attend the convention for personal reasons.

Wolfgang expressed his support for the possibility of voting via the internet, which he believes will attract younger members. He also encouraged delegates attending the Kiwanis International convention in Pittsburgh to support an amendment for internet participation. Wolfgang complained that the registration process for the convention is complex.

Jan suggested working with the voting and certification committees to make the registration process easier.



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Karl asked about the program going to be used for voting at the House of Delegates. The program is Simply Voting and is a web-based voting platform. The interface is browser based so there is no app needed. The system keeps track of number of votes on each “question” but no information on individual votes is accessible. This program has been used at previous conventions. Jan will share example reports with the board.

The number of votes for each club were discussed. There are three, and delegates at large also have the right to vote.

Gunnsteinn adjourned the meeting at 17:43, thanking everyone for their participation and reminding them of the next meeting in about a month.

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