

General meeting held on May 17, 2025 at 14:00 in Akureyri, Iceland.

Opening of the of the House of Delegates

- a) KI-E President Gunnsteinn Björnsson calls the meeting to order at 14:00 . Online participation is exceptionally high due to the possibility of online voting.
- b) A minute of silence is held to honor the memory of members who passed away during the past year.
- c) Talk and greet - international guests
 - I. KI President Lee Kuan Yong
 - II. KI President-elect Michael Mulhaul
 - III. ASPAC President Huang Wu-Tien
 - IV. KI Chief Operating Officer Jeff Oatess
- d) Talk and greet - Kiwanis Children's Fund
 - I. KCF Trustee Markus Lanz

Administrative issues

Jan Van Hove, European Director of Membership and Education, explains how to ask questions during the House of Delegates using slido.

Jan Boen, Senior Director Kiwanis Europe, explains how to vote using mobile devices.

Konráð Konráðsson, KI-E Secretary, reviews the following administrative items.

- a. Asks for e-voting on general issues to be started.
- b. The session is being recorded as well as being broadcasted.
- c. Nomination of committees
 - I. Committee on Credentials: Wolfgang Brunner, chair; Achim Härterich; Guðlaugur Kristjánsson.
 - II. Committee on Elections: Óskar Guðjónsson, chair; Francesco Garaffa; Richard Baumann.
- b. Approval of the standing rules of the House of Delegates
 - no objections
- d. Approval of the final order of the day
 - no objections
- e. Report and determination of the existing quorum.

Wolfgang Brunner, chair of the Committee on Credentials, announces that 560 delegates are allowed to vote. Of them, 383 delegates will be voting remotely. We have a quorum.



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- f. Approval of minutes of the 57th European convention and the 2nd Special Convention in Luxembourg
 - are part of the voting on general issues

Following a question from the floor, Bylaws Advisor Henk Oostdam explains that the ballot is open and will remain open until all issues have been discussed. There will be a notification before the closing of voting.

Report on KI-E activities

- a. Report on the KI-E activities for 2024-25 by KI-E President Gunnsteinn Björnsson
 - Four board meetings have been held - two of them online. A memorable bus trip to Luxembourg for the Extraordinary Convention, talking about the districts plans and sharing of ideas on the way. Much work has gone into the making of new rules to guide us in how we run our organization.
 - BMC training in October.
 - Membership training also in October. Both events were very successful.
 - LG Summit in Copenhagen. The role of Lieutenant Governors is very important and we must support those taking on this role. The participants coming from all districts and nations have given positive feedback.
 - European Young Kiwanis Summit in Lisbon. As our young members are the key to our future we need to listen to them and give them a platform to take responsibility. An energetic event with 30 young Kiwanis members participating.
- b. Report of international KI Trustees
 - I. Filip Delanote
 - II. Maura Magni (greetings in Icelandic)
- c. Report of KCF Trustee Markus Lanz
 - I. Total of € 1.327 million has been received for the “We help Ukraine” project last three years.
 - II. A new fundraising activity for children in Ukraine will be started this year.
 - III. Special thanks given to Bernard Altmann for his organizing work.
 - IV. Work is still in progress regarding KCF Europe legal entity.
 - V. A workshop and training will be held to help roll out The Possibility Project in Europe.
 - VI. KCF European Chair Summit this September.
 - VII. KCF has awarded US\$ 374,745 via 158 grants/scholarships.
 - VIII. European clubs should ask for grants from KCF.

PROPOSED PP&Gs

The board has decided to withdraw the proposal. Manfred Puchner, chair of the PP&Gs & Internal Regulation Committee, is asked to explain the situation.



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Manfred says that the proposal was finished in time and sent to the board. The proposal has also been made accessible to members in preparation for voting at this convention. The board however decided to postpone the voting until Catania (2026 European Convention). As this was the decision of the board, Manfred asked for questions be directed to the president.

Gunnsteinn answered that there were comments from KI to the proposals and as our regulations have to be approved by KI, the board decided that more time is needed to review those comments.

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION 2023-24

- a. Summary of the results and remarks by Josy Glatigny, KI-E immediate past president, with detailed explanations by Ralf-Otto Gogolinski, KI-E treasurer 2023-24.
Josy expressed his thanks for support and dedication in helping the children of the world. Thanks go also to Michel Tefnin, the governors and the Ghent office.
 - a. Support for Ukraine
 - b. Back to the race – NEO clubs
 - c. Online voting and participation
 - d. New bylaws
- b. Ralf Otto points out that the financial statement is printed in the convention brochure. There is a surplus of about € 30.000.
- c. Auditors' report and acceptance of the annual accounts with discharge of the board. Neither of the auditors are present but their report is in the convention brochure.

Election / Confirmation of KI-E officers and KI-Trustee

- a. Confirmation of the KI-E president
After a nomination speech by Guðlaugur Kristjánsson, Elio Garozzo takes the floor. Elio is confirmed as KI-E president 2025-26 by acclamation.
- b. Confirmation of the KI-E president-elect
After Karl Lipitz's speech he is confirmed as KI-E President-elect 2025-26 by acclamation.
- c. Election of the KI-E vice president
As there are two candidates there will be a vote between them. Gunnsteinn asks for the opening of e-voting for this part.
Jóhanna M Einarsdóttir presents Piet Derks who then takes the floor.
Anita Turel presents Michel Tefnin who then takes the floor.
- d. Presentation of the KI-E treasurer and KI-E secretary
 - a. KI-E Secretary Francesco Garaffa
 - b. KI-E Treasurer Ralf-Otto Gogolinski
- e. Election of KI Trustee for 2025-28
Gunnsteinn explains that as one of two candidates has withdrawn, there is only one candidate and therefore no need for voting.



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Wolfgang Brunner nominates Jon-Fadri Huder and after his speech, Jon Fadri is confirmed as KI Trustee by acclamation.

After asking if there are any questions from delegates, Gunnsteinn declares that the voting for vice president is closed.

Óskar Guðjónsson, chair of the Committee on Elections, calls the candidates for vice president on stage. He then announces Michel Tefnin as the winner of the voting and KI-E Vice president 2025-2026.

The year 2025-2026 by KI-E President designate Elio Garozzo

- a. Presentation of the goals and objectives - Elio Garozzo
 - a. Continuity and awareness
 - b. Sustainable growth
 - c. Investment in membership development
 - d. Strategic plan
- b. Presentation and approval of the budget
Treasurer Ralf-Otto presents the budget for 2025-2026
- c. Presentation of the KI-E Board
Elio introduces his team for 2025-2026

Elio Garozzo – President

Gunnsteinn Björnsson - Immediate past President

Karl Lippitz – President-elect

Michel Tefnin - Vice president

Ralf-Otto Gogolinski - Treasurer

Francesco Garaffa - Secretary

Governors

Max Böhler - Austria

Annick Fabel - Belgium-Luxembourg

Philippe Brignonen - France-Monaco

Udo Stremmel - Germany

Sigurður Einar Sigurðsson - Iceland-Faroes

Basilio Valente - Italy-San Marino

Sietske Hoving - Netherlands

Per Ole Bjønnes - Norden

Philipp Hägeli - Switzerland-Liechtenstein

Elena Florescu - Romania

Peter Haľko - Czechia & Slovakia -

Fiona Lester - UK



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- d. Presentation of the city for the 2026 European Convention
Elio presents Catania, Sicily as the 2025-2026 European Convention city.
- e. Nomination of the two auditors for 2025-26
Alain Barberi and Magnús Helgason are nominated

Voting results

After asking if there are any questions from delegates Gunnsteinn asks for voting on administrative issues to be closed.

Voting results are handed over to President Gunnsteinn by Jan Boen. All issues are approved.

Closing remarks by KI-E President Gunnsteinn Björnsson

Gunnsteinn expresses his thanks to delegates for taking part in the convention and points out that we must look to younger members and expresses the importance of continuity.

Meeting is adjourned at 16:43.

Gunnsteinn Björnsson
KI-E President 2024/2025

Konráð Konráðsson
KI-E Secretary 2024/2025