

General meeting held on May 30, 2026 at 14:30 in Catania, Italy.

Opening of the of the House of Delegates

KI-E President Elio Garozzo calls the meeting to order at 14:30 .

Talk and greet - international guests

I. KI President Michael Mulhaul

II. KI and K.C.F. Executive Director Paul Palazzolo

III. Kiwanis Children Fund President Lenora Hanna

Administrative issues

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

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

President Elio Garozzo 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: Nicola Russo (Chair), Isabelle Segondy, Eric Dan Sobels.

II. Committee on Elections: Francesco Cardile (Chair), Francesco Albino, Alfredo Cavallaro, Mihai Bobitan, Michal Straka

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.

Nicola Russo, chair of the Committee on Credentials, announces that 237 delegates are allowed to vote. Of them, 30 delegates will be voting remotely. We have a quorum.

f. Approval of minutes of the 58th European convention of Akureyri

- are part of the voting on general issues

Report on KI-E activities

a. Report on the KI-E activities for 2025-26 by KI-E President Elio Garozzo

b. Report of international KI Trustees Maura Magni. At the end of the presentation, President Elio Garozzo spoke to inform the HoD with great pleasure that Maura Magni had received a unanimous endorsement from her District (Italy-San Marino) to run for Vice President of Kiwanis International in 2027. He invited delegates to support Maura at the next International Convention in 2027. The Assembly applauded loudly, demonstrating great support.

c. Report of KCF Trustee Markus Lanz

Resolutions Committee Chairman Daniel Vigneron reports that three resolutions approved by the KIE Board will be submitted to the Assembly of Delegates for a vote.

Resolutions to the HoD for a vote:

At the request of Treasurer Ralf-Otto Gogolinski, KI-E Board has formulated two requests for resolutions, related to the financial issues: Resolution:

A) The KI-E Board 2025/2026 resolves to reverse the allocation of the €100,000 intended for KCF and return it to the reserves. Future Boards are free to decide on the allocation once KCF Europe has been established.

B) Application for appropriation of result 2024/2025 The financial year 2024/2025 closes with a result of -80.245€ I would like to propose to the Board, then after to the General Assembly the allocation of this result to the reserve operations.

The resolutions A and B should be approved by a simple majority.

At the request of President-Elect Karl Lippitz, KIE Board approved with a two-thirds favorable vote to be put to a vote at the HoD during the Convention in Catania:

C) " At the request of President-Elect Karl Lippitz, the dues owed to KI-E by each active member of a club will amount to €13.00 starting from the 2026/2027 financial year."

The resolution C should be approved with a favorable vote of two-thirds of the delegates.

A delegate via Slido asks why the clubs have not received these three proposed resolutions or the budget.

KIE Secretary Francesco Garaffa clarifies that no ordinary proposed resolutions were sent within the timeframe required by PP&G.

He explains that the three resolutions being submitted to the HoD were proposed to the Board before the Convention: the first two (A and B) by 24/25 Treasurer Ralf Otto Gogolinsky and the third (C) by President-Elect Karl Lippitz.

He adds that the three resolutions were approved by the Board without a dissenting vote, and therefore all Governors and, through them, all clubs were aware of them.

Finally, he clarifies that the President-Elect did not have the opportunity to prepare the 2023/2027 budget beforehand, and therefore it will be submitted directly to the HoD.

Report On The Financial Situation 2024-25

Summary of the results and remarks by Gunnsteinn Björnsson, KI-E immediate past president, that points out that the financial statement is printed in the convention brochure.

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.

Several delegates spoke, expressing their opinions on the proposed resolution regarding the dues increase, both for and against.

President-Elect Lippitz further clarified why he believes this increase is necessary.

Treasurer Michal Straka presented the budget estimate, with and without the requested increase, and then explained the need to approve the related resolution.

Once the discussion was concluded, electronic voting on the first questions was opened.

After the voting, Jan Boen reads the results:

Results - 1st Vote 59th European Convention 2026

Start: 2026-05-30 16:48:15 Europe/Brussels

End: 2026-05-30 17:01:10 Europe/Brussels

Turnout: 135 (49.1%) of 275 electors voted in this ballot.

Do you Approve the minutes of the 58th European convention?

Option Votes

Yes 114 (84.4%)

No 21 (15.6%)

Approved

Do you approve the financial report 2024/2025?

Option Votes

Yes 85 (63.4%)

No 49 (36.6%)

Approved

Do you approve the resolution A: The KI-E Board 2025/2026 resolves to reverse the allocation of the €100,000 intended for KCF and return it to the reserves. Future Boards are free to decide on the allocation once KCF Europe has been established.

Option Votes

Yes 80 (59.7%)

No 54 (40.3%)

Resolution A approved

Do you approve the resolution B: Application for appropriation of result 2024/2025 The financial year 2024/2025 closes with a result of -80.245€ I would like to propose to the Board, then after to the General Assembly the allocation of this result to the reserve operations

Option Votes

Yes 72 (55.4%)

No 58 (44.6%)

Resolution B approved

Do you want to relieve the board of their acts of governance - 2024/2025?

Option Votes

Yes 80 (60.6%)

No 52 (39.4%)

Approved

Do you want to relieve the auditors of their mission - 2024/2025?

Option Votes

Yes 89 (66.9%)

No 44 (33.1%)

Approved

Do you approve the resolution C: At the request of President-Elect Karl Lippitz, the dues owed to KI-E by each active member of a club will amount to €13.00 starting from the 2026/2027 financial year.

This resolution needed a favorable vote of two-thirds of the delegates

Option Votes

No 89 (67.4%)

Yes 43 (32.6%)

Resolution C not approved

Election / Confirmation of KI-E officers

a. Confirmation of the KI-E president

After a nomination speech by Ilonka Christina Lohmer, **Karl Lippitz** takes the floor. **Karl is confirmed as KI-E president 2026-27 by acclamation.**

b. Confirmation of the KI-E president-elect

After a nomination speech by Philp De La Note, **Michel Tefnin** takes the floor. **Michel is confirmed as KI-E President-elect 2026-27 by acclamation.**

c. Election of the KI-E vice president

President Garozzo explains that as one of two candidates has withdrawn, there is only one candidate and therefore no need for voting.

After a nomination speech by Daniel Vigneron, **Roger Villaume** takes the floor. **Roger is elected as KI-E Vice President 2026-27 by acclamation.**

d. Presentation of the KI-E treasurer and KI-E secretary

a. **KI-E Secretary Ilonka Christina Lohmer**

b. **KI-E Treasurer Michal Straka**

The year 2026-2027 by KI-E President designate Karl Lippitz

a. Presentation of the goals and objectives

b. Presentation and approval of the budget

Treasurer Michal Straka presents the budget for 2026-2027

c. Presentation of the KI-E Board

Karl introduces his team for 2026-2027

Karl Lippitz – President

Elio Garozzo - Immediate past President

Michel Tefnin – President-elect

Roger Villeume - Vice president

Michal Straka - Treasurer

Ilonka Christina Lohmer - Secretary

Governors

Rainer Werchner - Austria

Roel Van Broeckhoven - Belgium-Luxembourg

Frédéric Zusatz - France-Monaco

Thomas Nieberle - Germany

Eiður Ævarsson - Iceland-Faroes

Nunzio Spampinato - Italy-San Marino

Sietske Hoving - Netherlands

Edgars Podins - Norden

Daniel Wettstein - Switzerland-Liechtenstein

Daniela Cristea - Romania

Michal Straka - Czechia & Slovakia -

Yvonne Wright-Sisulu - UK

d. Presentation of the city for the 2026 European Convention

Karl presents **Carinthia as the 2026-2027 European Convention place.**

e. Nomination of the two **auditors for 2026-27**

Damiano Duranti and Magnús Helgason are nominated

Once the discussion was concluded, electronic voting on the second questions was opened.

After the voting, Jan Boen reads the results:

Results - 2nd Vote 59th ECON -

Start: 2026-05-30 17:53:23 Europe/Brussels

End: 2026-05-30 17:59:11 Europe/Brussels

Turnout: 111 (40.4%) of 275 electors voted in this ballot.

Do you approve the budget for 2026-2027 as presented during the House of Delegates?

Option Votes

Yes 83 (74.8%)

No 28 (25.2%)

Approved

Do you approve the (financial) auditors for 2026-2027 as presented during the House of Delegates?

Option Votes

Yes 101 (91.0%)

No 10 (9.0%)

Approved

Do you approve the board for 2026-2027

Option Votes

Yes 103 (92.8%)

No 8 (7.2%)

Approved

Closing remarks by KI-E President Elio Garozzo

Garozzo 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 18:30.

Elio Garozzo

KI-E President 2025/2026

Francesco Garaffa

KI-E Secretary 2025/2026