

KI-E Board meeting minutes

Meeting online 14 May 2026 - 08:00 pm

Attendees:

Elio Garozzo, Gunnsteinn Björnsson, Karl Lippitz, Michel Tefnin,

Francesco Garaffa, Michal Straka.

Max Bohler, Annick Fabel, Carl Heinz Vohl, Sigurdur Einar Sigurdsson, Edgar Podins, Philipp Hageli, Fiona Lester, Peter Halko.

KI Guests:

Michael Mullhaull, Paul Palazzolo, Markus Lanz, Maura Magni, Jeff Oatess.

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KI-E Guests:

Welcome

The President Elio Garozzo started the meeting by welcoming board members and guests.

The KI President and the KI CEO gave brief welcoming speeches.

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1. Approval of last Board Meeting minutes.

The Board unanimously approves unanimously the minutes of last Board Meeting.

1bis. Proposed resolutions to be submitted to the House of Delegates regarding the amount of KIE dues.

President-Elect Karl Lippitz explains that in preparing the 2026/2027 draft of Forecast budget, he and the Treasurer verified that the expected revenue from current European dues is insufficient to cover the projected costs, especially considering that Kiwanis International has requested that KIE contribute €40,000.00 to the training of Lieutenants-elect. He also points out that European dues have not been adjusted for approximately ten years.

He therefore requests an amendment to Article 11 of the PP&G to allow the House of Delegates to increase European dues to up to €15.00.

He also asks the Board to adopt a resolution raising European dues from €8.35 to €13.00.

A debate follows, evaluating the possibility of increasing dues to only €11.70, adjusting them to reflect the ongoing currency revaluation.

It is noted that the amendment to the PP&G must be made, in compliance with the PP&G, with a favorable vote of two-thirds of the Board members, without the need for a vote on the HoD item. However, the proposed resolution to increase the quotas must be approved by the Board with a two-thirds favorable vote and then approved by the HoD with a two-thirds favorable vote, in order to be put to a vote.

It is noted that the EC has given a favorable opinion to both requests.

The proposed amendment to Article 11 of the PP&G is put to the vote with the following new text: " 11.1 Each club shall pay dues to KI-E for each active club member in an amount determined by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates at a general assembly, provided that the amount shall not be more than fifteen (15.00) € (Euros)."

Board approves unanimously. The amendment is effective immediately.

At the request of President-Elect Karl Lippitz, the Board is asked to approve the following resolution to be put to a vote at the HoD during the Convention in Catania: "*A the request of Presidente 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 Board approved by majority vote, with Tefnin, Fabel, and Garaffa abstaining. The resolution will be proposed at the Convention.

2. Budget Forecast 2026/2027

The President-Elect and the Treasurer have announced that the budget is not yet ready. Taking into account the proposed resolution to increase dues from €8.35 to €13.00, two versions of the budget will be submitted to the Conenvion: one with the dues confirmed at €8.35 and one with the dues increased to €13.00.

3. Election & Certification Committees (ex art 16 sec 1.9 PP&G)

President Elio Garozzo, taking into account that the Election Committee must include members of the Italy District who are actively using the electronic voting system, proposes the following members: Francesco Cardile (Chair), Francesco Albino, Alfredo Cavallaro, Mihai Bobitan, and Michal Straka.

For the Cetifications Committee, he proposes the following members: Nicola Russo (Chair, Past President), Ernest Nills, Sepp Schachermayr, and a member from the France-Monaco District and one from the Netherlands District, present in Catania.

The Board unanimously approves

4. Miscellaneous

No topic to discuss

Meeting ends at 9:15 pm.

Elio Garozzo

KI-E President 2025/2026

Francesco Garaffa

KI-E Secretary 2025/2026