

KI-E Board meeting minutes

Meeting online 28 April 2026 - 08:00 pm

Attendees:

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

Ralf Otto Gogolinski, Francesco Garaffa, Michal Straka.

Max Bohler, Annick Fabel, Philippe Bignonen, Carl Heinz Vohl, Sigurdur Einar Sigurdsson, Basilio Valente, Sietske Hoving-van der Wiel, Edgar Podins, Philipp Hageli, Fiona Lester, Peter Halko.

KI Guests:

Michael Mullhaull, Paul Palazzolo, Daniel Vigneron, Markus Lanz, Maura Magni, John Fadri Huder, Filip Delanote, Jeff Oatess.

KE Guests:

Jan Boen, Dolores Muniz, Jan Van Hove,

KI-E Guests:

Ernest Nills, as Bylaws Advisor, and Chairs of Committees: Giancarlo Bellina, Franz Nagelseder, Mihai Bobitan

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.

2. Replacement of one member of Board due to Per Ole Bjønnes resigns and Edgars Podins appointment.

The Board unanimously takes note of the resignation of Per Ole Bjønnes as Governor of the District Norden and formally appoints Egars Podins, new Governor of District Norben, as Board Member only to have a written record for the Lussemburghese authorities.

3. Replacement of one member of Executive Committee due to Per Ole Bjønnes resigns

The Board unanimously, due to the resignation of Per Ole Bjønnes, appoints Philipp Hageli, Governor of the District S/L, as EC Member in his place for the current year. Philipp Hageli has sent his acceptance of the position but can't be present due to familiar issues.

4. Replacement of one Auditor due to A. Barbieri from District Ita-SM died.

The Board unanimously takes note of the death of Alain Barbieri and appoints Damiano Durante as Auditor

5. Replacement of the Treasurer due to Ralf-Otto Gogolinski resigns.

The Board unanimously takes note of the resignation of Ralf-Otto Gogolinski as KI-E Treasurer and appoints Michal Straka as KI-E Treasurer for the current year.

6. Final Budget 2024-25 and Auditors report.

All members have received the proposed 2024/2025 financial statement prepared by the Treasurer and the related opinion from the Auditors.

The budget must be voted on by the House of Delegates at the Convention.

This Board unanimously approve putting the budget to a vote at the Convention.

Markus Lanz intervenes by reporting on the process followed in previous years for the creation of KCF Europe, communicating that the KI has acknowledged the impossibility of creating KCF Europe with its registered office in Luxembourg and appointing a committee to find an alternative solution.

Il Tesoriere Gogolinski has formulated two requests for resolutions:

Resolution:

1) 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.

2) 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.

Board approves unanimously.

7. Budget Forecast 2026/2027.

In consideration of the President-Elect's request, the item is postponed to the next meeting.

8. Agenda of the HoD

The Board members, along with all KIE club members, have received the official invitation to the next Convention in Catania. The agenda, contained therein, has been prepared in full compliance with the requirements of Article 16, Section 2.2 of the PP&G. The agenda must be approved by the Board. Today, the Board is being asked to approve the current agenda, which may be amended at the meeting to be held in Catania before the Convention begins. The Board approves unanimously the Agenda of the House of Delegates, as submitted.

9. Candidacies for VP (ex art.18 PP&G)

Two nominations for Vice President have been received: from the District France-Monaco for his candidate Roger Villeume and from the Districts Netherlands for his candidate Piet Derks. All documents received relating to the two nominations have been forwarded to all Board members. In order to the two received nominations, E. Nills, as Bylaws Advisor, reads his official opinion in favour to accept both.

The Board unanimously approves both the candidacies, as submitted.

10. Election & Certification Committees (ex art. 16 Sec 1.9 PP&G)

As required by the PP&G, the President must appoint five members to each of the Committees. The item is postponed to the next meeting, pending the closure of registrations for the Convention, as the members of both Committees must be selected from among the Delegates actually present in person at the Convention.

10bis) Committee on Resolutions (ex to Art. 15 Sec 1.4, PP&G)

As required by the PP&G, the President must propose to the Board five members of the Committee on Resolutions. The President proposes Daniel Vigneron as Chair, E. Nills, as Bylaws Advisor, Markus Lanz, Mihai Bobitan and Gerhard Gubenberger.

The Board approves unanimously to appoint the members of the Committee, as submitted.

11. General Status Update by Chairs

The Chairs for KCF, Club Voices, Membership, BMC and Green Steps, Training & Education: Follow Up activities briefly outlined the significant results achieved so far.

12. Reports by Trustees

Trustee Maura Magni reports on his and Jon Fadri Huder's work on the KI Board.

13. Miscellaneous

Dolores Muniz reports on KIE Convention

President Elio Garozzo invited Paul Palazzolo and Michal Mulhaul to conclude the meeting.

Paul Palazzolo thanked President Garozzo and the Governors for the excellent results achieved by the European Districts.

Michal Mulhaul reminded everyone that every Kiwanian leader must care about the well-being of their members by strengthening existing clubs and opening new ones. Finally, he reminded everyone that Kiwanians are and must be friends and are closer to each other than they themselves think.

Meeting ends at 10:15 pm.

Elio Garozzo

KI-E President 2025/2026

Francesco Garaffa

KI-E Secretary 2025/2026