

KI-E Board meeting minutes
Meeting Catania 30 May 2026 - 06:00 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, Basilio Valenti,
Philippe Brignonen.

KI Guests:

Michael Mullhaull, Paul Palazzolo, Hope Marks Markus Lanz, Maura Magni, John Fadri Huder, Daniel
Vigneron, Mario Bruni, Jeff Oatess.

KE Guests:

Jan Boen, Jan Van Hove, Dolores Muniz

KI-E Guests:

Philip De La Note, Nicola Russo, Giancarlo Bellina, Ilonka Christina Lohmer, 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. Finance Report

Gunnsteinn Björnsson talks about 24/25 Budget, Michal Straka about 25/26 Budget, Karl
Lippitz about 26/27 Budget.

3) Convention Status

Presidente Garozzo talks about Conenvention

4) Certifications Committee

For the Cetifications Committee, Presidente Garozzo proposes the following members: Nicola
Russo (Chair, Past President), Ernest Nills, Sepp Schachermayr, Isabelle Segondy, Eric Dan
Sobels. The Board unanimously approves.

5) Election Committee

President Elio Garozzo, at last Board Meeting proposed the following members: Francesco Cardile (Chair), Francesco Albino, Alfredo Cavallaro, Mihai Bobitan, and Michal Straka. The Board unanimously approved.

6) Committee on resolutions: final report

There is nothing to discuss on this point

7) General Status Updates

President Elio Garozzo reports on the excellent performance of the KIE and, in particular, congratulates the Districts for having already opened 24 new clubs, including 8 Voices.

He thanks everyone for their work and announces that the clubs that have already met the requirements for the awards will receive their Awards during the Conference. However, he has decided to grant clubs the opportunity to achieve the same goals by September, in which case the Awards will be presented on September 25-26 in Prague during the handover of the Presidents.

8) Updates by the KI President and CEO

Speakers include Michal Mulhaul, Paul Palazzolo, and Hope Markes.

9) Updates by the Trustees

Maura Magni and John Fadri Huder talk about Kiwanis International and partnership

Markus Lanz talk about KCF strategy for KCF Europe.

10) Miscellaneous

No topic to discuss

Meeting ends at 7:15 pm.

Elio Garozzo

KI-E President 2025/2026

Francesco Garaffa

KI-E Secretary 2025/2026