



Extra Board Meeting

2023-10-06, 18:00

Edilkammaren, Lund.

Board of 23/24

Association of Foreign Affairs Lund

Present: *Claudia Muñoz-Rojas Domínguez, Isabella Silva Ortiz, Karolina Markusson, Seth Engellau, Dalija Logar, Joosep Raudsepp, Antoine Vincenot, Ffion McEvoy, Elliott Gunnell, Francisco Cobos Cabral, Iris Diotallevi, Fabio Cavaliere*

1. Opening of the meeting

President Claudia Muñoz-Rojas Domínguez opens the meeting at 18.16.

2. Election of Chair of the Meeting

Claudia Muñoz-Rojas Domínguez is elected the Chair of the Meeting at 18.16.

3. Election of Secretary of the Meeting

Fabio Cavaliere is elected the Secretary of the Meeting at 18.17.

4. Election of Attestors and Vote Counters of the Meeting

Joosep Raudsepp and Isabella Silva Ortiz are elected the Attestors and Vote Counters of the meeting at 18.17.

5. Approval of the Electoral Roll

The electoral roll is set at 12 at 18.18.

6. Approval of the Agenda

The Board approves the Agenda at 18.19.

Francisco proposes to move point 11 to point 7.

The Board approves the new Agenda 18.20.

7. Motion: Ratification of the Per Capsulam Decision for a Singular Budget Submission Amendment.

Claudia explains the reasons for the PC decisions and asks the Board to ratify the PC Decision approved September 26th, 2023, to present a single budget proposal (previously approved budget proposal number two) to the Annual Meeting for approval.

The Board approves the Motion at 18.23.

8. Information Point: The Annual Meeting

Claudia explains that the annual meeting will take place on October 14th at 9.00 am and there are various positions to fill and many applications. Claudia explains the auditor is going to step back given the high workload.

Francisco asks for clarifications about the auditor's role.

Claudia answers that the auditor oversees the correct functioning of UPF and makes sure everything is done according to the Statutes.

Dalija asks what an auditor does.

Claudia answers that the auditor checks that work of the Association during the operational year has been carried out in good faith to eventually discharge the previous Board of responsibility.

Karolina asks what happens with people joining on Zoom.

Claudia answers that Zoom presence slows procedures and makes it unfair for people who are able to show up.

Francisco argues that not using Zoom would preclude interested people who are not able to join in person to join the association.

Elliott supports the use of Zoom but technical setup needs to be upgraded.

Joosep also agrees, proposing to invest in technical upgrades to allow Board members to join via Zoom.

Ffion asks if people who cannot be present can delegate someone.

Claudia answers that delegation is not possible but we can read a letter from the interested person. Claudia adds that people joining via Zoom will be allowed to talk and present themselves, without voting power.

9. Information Point: Operational Plan Deadline

Claudia explains that Board Members should send their operational plans by the end of the weekend.

10. Information Point: Board Member's Pictures and Bios to update Website.

Claudia asks Board Members to send their bios and pictures to update the website.

Isabella asks who they should send it to.

Claudia answers to send it to her or the IT trustee.

11. Information Point: Environmental Policy

Claudia explains that the Policy should be updated as it is affecting UPF's abilities to do certain things. Claudia suggests bringing up any suggestions to her.

Francisco adds that we should treat the Policy as a guideline rather than an enforceable document.

Claudia explains that the Policy is at times impeding us to have our full potential

Elliott argues that the Policy needs adjustment, maybe renaming the Policy as Guidelines as it is flawed at the moment.

12. Discussion Point: Strategies for more efficient board meetings

Francisco presents the reasons for proposing a discussion of strategies to make BMs more efficient. Francisco argues the new measures make people less inclined to speak and undermines debate.

Karolina agrees that the current measures limit people's ability to speak and proposes more Board Meetings. Having an informal setting for people to discuss would help debate.

Seth argues that the motions brought up at the BM should be checked if decisions can also be made outside BMs.

Joosep agrees with the 30 seconds rule and proposes to discuss motions in a slack channel.

Fabio argues that we need more informal meeting settings.

Claudia argues Board Meetings include extra work to program and they should not be increased. The 30 seconds rule is hard to enforce and would hinder the ability of people to make coherent arguments.

Dalija emphasizes that we should meet before the meeting in a more informal setup.

Elliott argues that we can get more done if there are informal conversations earlier.

Isabella does not agree to discuss before the BM, proposing breaks to discuss.

Karolina argues Slack channels do not make for an open discussion and informality is key and we should make enough time to discuss all points on the agenda.

Francisco argues that Slack would work for motion amendments.

Joosep supports using Slack as it is used for Per Capsulam decisions and meeting earlier to discuss informally.

Fabio argues that people should meet earlier and discuss informally and then formalize discussions during the BM.

Seth argues we can have one vote for the first 5 points.

13. Other Points

Elliott asks members to help out for an event on Monday evening.

POI Ffion: When is this event?

Iris answers it will be after the lecture.

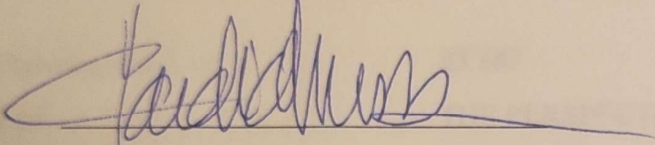
14. Confirmation of the next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on the 9th of November.

The Annual Meeting will be held on the 14th of October.

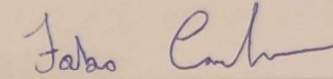
15. Meeting adjourned

Claudia Muñoz-Rojas Domínguez adjourns the meeting at 19.18.



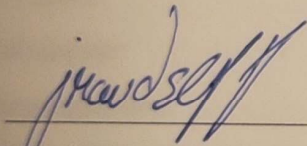
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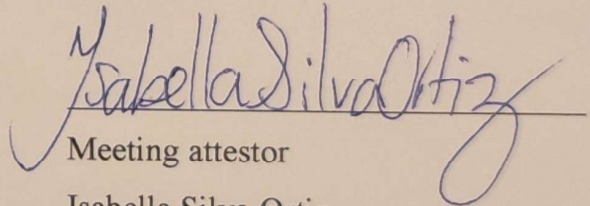
Secretary

Fabio Cavaliere



Meeting attester

Joosep Raudsepp



Meeting attester

Isabella Silva Ortiz