



EIDD – DESIGN FOR ALL EUROPE

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16th Annual General Meeting Vilnius 23 May 2009

Minutes

1. Opening and welcome of participants, apologies for absence

The President, Finn Petrén declared the 16th Annual General Meeting open at 10.15am and welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were also noted.

Attending:

Finn Petrén	EIDD President	Sweden
Avril Accolla	EIDD Vice-President	Italy
Michal Ozmin	EIDD Hon. Treasurer	Ireland
Pete Kercher	EIDD Ambassador	Italy
Carl Asaert	EIDD Begium	Belgium
Karin Bendixen	Design for Alle.dk	Denmark
Carlo Branzaglia	IIDD DfA Italia	Italy
Zuzana Ceresnova (on behalf of Maria Samova)	Centre of Excellence in Design for All	Slovakia
Emmy Chatzigianni	Panhellenic Union Paraplegic and Physically Challenged	Greece
Marius Dirgela	Lithuanian Design Forum	Lithuania
Onny Eikhaug	The Norwegian Design Council	Norway
Guida Faria	APDR	Portugal
Rama Gheerawo	The Royal College of Art Helen Hamlyn Centre	UK
Ewa Golebiowska	Silesian Castle of Art and Enterprise	Poland
Ilona Gurjanova	Estonian Association of Designers	Estonia
Peter Neumann	EDAD	Germany
Inese Petersone	Design Information Centre	Latvia
Lea Rollova (on behalf of Maria Samova)	Centre of Excellence in Design for All	Slovakia
Susanne Salo (on	Ornamo	Finland

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behalf of Lena Strömberg)		
Daina Vitolina	Design Information Centre	Latvia

Apologies for absence were received from:

Name	Organisation	Country	Proxy
Aleksandar Bogdanovic	CRID	Serbia	Pete Kercher
Miodrag Pocuc	Centre Living Upright	Serbia	None
Josyane Franc	Cité du Design de Saint-Etienne	France	None
Markus Haas	Retiring EIDD Hon. Secretary; freiraum	Austria	Pete Kercher
Rob Huisman	BNO, Association of Dutch Designers	Netherlands	Pete Kercher
Marit Jensen	EIDD Sweden	Sweden	Finn Petrén
Francesc Aragall	Design for All Foundation; Director at Large	Spain	Jesús Hernández
Jesús Hernández Galán	EIDD Special projects officer; Coordinadora	Spain	Delayed at airport
Imma Bonet	Design for All Foundation; Director at Large	Spain	Peter Neumann
Cearbhall O' Meahdra	Director at Large EDF	Ireland	None

Absence without apologies:

Finn Aslaksen	EIDD Norway	Norway
Agnes Leiszt	Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design	Hungary
Johan Valcke	Design Flanders	Belgium

2. Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of section 5.0 by Pete Kercher.

3. Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes from the 15th Annual General Meeting held in Stockholm on 24 May 2008 were discussed. The following points were raised:

Karin Bendixen missed the details of the financial report as they were not attached to the minutes. She requested that these be automatically sent in the future. Michal Ozmin and Pete Kercher agreed to look at the bylaws in respect to this matter.

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Karin Bendixen had a question about the change of name agreed at the Stockholm declaration. Pete Kercher suggested that each time an EIDD member uses the Declaration, they make the change and refer to the President if in doubt.

Michal Ozmin proposed approval of minutes and Pete Kercher seconded them. They were accepted as a true and faithful recording of proceedings.

4. Matters of Information

4.1 President's Address

The President, Finn Petró, presented the President's Report. This Report is attached to the Minutes. (See Appendix 1)

4.2 Ambassador's Report

The Ambassador, Pete Kercher, presented the Ambassador's Report. This Report is attached to the Minutes. (See Appendix 2)

4.3 Honorary Treasurers' Report

The Honorary Treasurer, Michal Ozmin, presented the Treasurer's Report. This Report is attached to the Minutes. (See Appendix 3)

Pete Kercher proposed approval and acknowledgement of these reports and Avril Accolla seconded. Motion was carried.

Marius Dirgela then presented the need for the accounts to be more transparent. Michal Ozmin and Pete Kercher responded by saying that records could not be publicly disclosed as EIDD is a charity, but EIDD members could attend a board meeting to access details.

Assembled members asked that financial records should be sent to board members 10 days before the AGM as per bylaws.

4.4 Reports from Directors at Large with special assignments

4.4.1 Francesc Aragall: ECA - European Concept for Accessibility Network (ECA)

This was presented to the group on behalf of Francesc Aragall by Peter Neumann. A new ECA publication highlights the need to attract target groups, for instance people working in administration. There are a number of case studies that are included. The document is being translated into different languages. More information at www.eca.lu
The next ECA is underway.

4.4.2 Imma Bonet: The Flag of Towns and Cities for All Project

This was presented to the group on behalf of Imma Bonet by Peter Neumann. EIDD is an official partner. Information about the project can be downloaded from the Design for All Foundation website. It is a commitment label for towns and cities to support a Design for All process. This gives visibility but also accesses consultancy from the Design for All Foundation. The next meeting is in Berlin in four weeks

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from the date of this meeting to consolidate the approach. The price of a contract is 3,600 EU to 13,000EU depending on the size of the town.

President Finn Petrén raised the issue that the Memorandum of Understanding with the Flag project needs actioning and clarification by the next board meeting as there has been no follow-up meeting with EIDD since the signing.

4.4.3 Cearbhall O'Meadhra: EIDD representative on EDF
Cearbhall O'Meadhra was not present to give the report.

4.5 Reports from Member Organisations

Only eight reports have been received from national members. There is little time for national reports at this meeting. Finn suggested distributing these reports to the EIDD network. Other members could add a report for distribution.

5. Matters for Decision making

5.0 Amendment to the Bylaws (additional agenda item)

Pete Kercher presented proposed amendments from the Board of Directors meeting in St Etienne for approval (see Appendix 4). Items included termination of EIDD membership for inactivity or failure to pay membership after 13 months. 75 percent of members should vote to terminate and this should be opened up beyond the board to the AGM.

Suspension rather than termination was discussed. Finn Petrén proposed suspension as the first course of action and Michal Ozmin seconded. Motion was carried.

Recommendations for the change in fees for NMO's and CMO's to 500 EU was mentioned. This was discussed under 5.3.2

5.1 Applications for Membership

Three applications have been received from Greece, Latvia and Poland.

Daina Vitolina gave a two minute presentation on work in Latvia. Pete Kercher proposed Design Information Centre as EIDD members, and Avril Accolla seconded. Members were unanimous in their support.

Member comments:

A question was raised as to the difference between NMO's and CMO's and how benefits could be distinguished as they both pay the same fees. There is also a difference in the number of votes that each type of member has.

Action:

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Michal Ozmin and Pete Kercher were asked to prepare a discussion paper for the next board meeting about voting in relation to CMO and NMO membership outlining differences and benefits for each.

Emmy Chatzigianni gave a two minute presentation on work in Greece. Pete Kercher proposed Panhellenic Union Paraplegic and Physically Challenged as an EIDD member, and Avril Accolla seconded. Members were unanimous in their support.

Ewa Golebiowska gave a short report on the work within Poland. Pete Kercher proposed Silesian Castle of Art and Enterprise as an EIDD member, Michal Ozmin seconded. Members were unanimous in their support.

5.2 Matter of exclusion

The president presented the case for the exclusion of Poland National Member IPD who have not fulfilled the requirements of membership and not maintained contact.

Finn Petrén proposed the motion and Pete Kercher seconded. Motion was carried. (The majority of members lent their support. New members abstained).

5.3 Finances

5.3.1 Financial report 2008/2009

Michal Ozmin gave an overview of the budget for 2009. Total costs will be 20,900 EU giving a deficit of 2,000 EU. This will be addressed by subscriptions due later on this year.

He then presented a budget for 2010. There is a significant rise in membership giving a rise in income, though costs will remain similar to 2009. There is a estimated difference of 8000 EU between estimated spend and actual spend.

Member comments:

- Praise for the new budget arrangements put in place for EIDD over the last few years
- Budget details should be sent out earlier to members of the AGM.
- Enlarging the budget to encourage more activities
- There was confusion over the voting system that was viewed as complicated

5.3.2 Membership fees 2010

Michal Ozmin proposed a motion as agreed in St Etienne at the 29th Meeting of the Board of Directors, to increase the membership fees of EIDD to 500 Euros for NMO's and CMO's. Motion was denied (by majority voting with 7 abstentions).

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Pete Kercher suggested sending out written documentation out for consultation at an Extraordinary General Meeting before November's Board meeting so that changes could be considered before the next business year.

5.4 Election of the Board of Directors

Pre-nominations include:

Finn Petrén, Director at Large

Avril Accolla, Director at Large

Rama Gheerawo, Director at Large

Michal Ozmin, Director at Large

Jesús Hernández Galán, National Director, Spain

Pete Kercher, Director at Large

Cearbhall O'Meadhra Director at Large

Francesc Aragall, Director at Large

Imma Bonet, Director at Large

Markus Haas, National Director, Austria

Carl Asaert, National Director, Belgium

Karin Bendixen, National Director, Denmark

Ilona Gurjanova, Director at Large representing Estonia

Peter Neumann, National Director, Germany

Carlo Branzaglia, National Director, Italy

Rob Huisman, Director at Large representing The Netherlands

Guida Faria, National Director, Portugal

Aleksandar Bogdanovic, National Director, Serbia

Maria Samova, Director at Large representing Slovakia

Marit Jensen, National Director, Sweden

Agreement of Directors at Large included:

Lena Strömberg Director at Large representing Finland

Josyane Franc Director at Large representing France

Emmy Chatzianni, Director at Large representing Greece

Daina Vitolina, Director at Large representing Latvia

Marius Dirgela Director at Large representing Lithuania

Ewa Golebiowska, Director at Large representing Poland

Peter Neumann proposed that these names be accepted and Carlo Branzaglia seconded. Motion was carried.

Norway's Director needs to be decided after the next EIDD Norway meeting. Clarification is also needed regarding Hungarian representation.

5.5 Election of Auditors

The present auditors, Patrick Clarke of Ireland were put forward as EIDD auditor for 2009-2010. There were no other nominations. The president invited the Annual General Meeting to vote on the nomination. Michal Ozmin proposed, Pete Kercher seconded. The motion was carried unanimously and the Auditors duly re-elected.

6. Matters for Discussion

6.1 Resolutions

On behalf of EIDD, the president thanked the Lithuanian Design Forum and the city of Vilnius for hosting the conference and AGM. Members present made a motion to work with the organisation and the city to get Design for All centrally positioned on the agenda.

Pete Kercher proposed, Michal Ozmin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6.2 Place and date for the 17th AGM 2010

The president called for proposals for cities in which to hold the AGM.

Onny Eikhaug presented the European Business Conference on Inclusive Design taking place in Oslo on 20-21 May 2010. The AGM could be held alongside this event.

Guida Faria presented Portugal as a possible venue.

Pete Kercher mentioned Essen as a venue, but there was a question as to whether the topic will be appropriate. Peter Neumann mentioned that there was a co-operation with Cologne that could be levered.

Susanne Salo offered Finland in 2011 as a venue if the focus was on education.

Norway, Germany and Portugal were asked to submit a concept presentation of ideas by 31 August 2009.

The AGM agreed that the Executive Committee will decide on the matter later in 2009.

6.3 Theme for the EIDD Conference 2010

The theme of Work for All was presented as being of political interest and applicable to the current climate. The attractiveness of the title was queried by the president and Michal Ozmin asked about the need for to include the words 'for All' in every title.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Closure

The meeting closed at 3pm