

**EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE EDITORS**

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**MINUTES of the FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held at the Palac Larischa, ul. Bracka 12, Kraków, Poland

At 2.00 pm on Thursday 15 June 2006

**Present:** Fifty-one members of the Association who all signed the attendance register.  
Twenty-seven proxies were received

The President of EASE, Dr Elisabeth Kessler, took the chair.

**1. To approve and adopt the Minutes of the Fourth Annual General Meeting held on 29 April 2005 in Barcelona, Spain**

The Minutes were unanimously approved and adopted, following the proposal to do so by Joan Marsh, which was seconded by Margaret Cooter, after incorporating the following amendments:

Among those *Present*: The Present of EASE should read The President of EASE

*Item 1.* Heading should read: To receive the Minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting held on 7 May 2004 in Barcelona, Spain

*Item 3.* In the heading 2003 should be replaced by 2004.

**2. To receive and adopt the Report of the Council/Directors**

The President's Report for 2005-2006 was tabled. The President summarised it by listing the decisions and proposals made by the Council/Directors: a seminar entitled "Habits in Science Communication and Science Publishing" was held on 29 April 2005; a new logo and brochure had been approved and would appear on the cover of ESE when the next volume goes to publication; Professor Roderick Hunt had co-ordinated the EASE workshop given at the EU Forum "Communicating European Research" held in Brussels from 14-15 November 2005; a Nominations Committee had been appointed to nominate members for Council for 2006-2009; Mrs Jennifer Gretton took over as Chairman of the Programme Committee for the Ninth General Assembly and Conference following the resignation from EASE of Dr Tom van Loon; application would be made to the EU for funding of the next EASE Congress in 2009; there would be a new membership drive and a new executive secretary would take over on 15 June 2006.

There were no questions arising from this report, which was duly adopted.

**3. To approve the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31 December 2005, and the Report of the Auditor**

The Treasurer, Arjan Polderman, went through the Income and Expenditure Account, noting that there was an overall loss of £17,521 for the year which he attributed to two main reasons: a decrease in membership and an increase in expenditure on raising the profile of EASE, particularly on the website. The website indeed attracted some new members. Assets, however, at the year end stood at £67,432. The auditor had stated that, in his opinion, the financial statements gave a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2005 and recommended their acceptance. Jane Sykes proposed the approval of the accounts, which was seconded by Maeve O'Connor. The accounts were duly approved.

**4. To Re-appoint the Auditor**

It was agreed to re-appoint the current auditor, Mr Geoffrey Howell.

## 5. To Receive a Report of the Publications Committee

The Chairman of the Publications Committee, Hervé Maisonneuve, reported that the ESE Journal had done well with four issues during the year, with 136 pages in total. There was some difficulty in attracting original articles but it was planned to re-instate The Editor's Bookshelf by the end of the year. Emma Campbell had continued to develop the website successfully. According to the rule that members of the Publications Committee serve a maximum of two consecutive terms of 3 years each, Hervé Maisonneuve, John Glen, Maeve O'Connor, Marie-Louise Desbarats-Schönbaum and Edward Towpik would all be resigning and the following taking over:

Moira Johnson-Vekony as Chief Editor  
Igor Vlahović responsible for original articles  
Margaret Cooter as Production Manager

Talks with other candidates were in progress. The final list of new members of the Publications Committee would be decided at its next meeting on Saturday 17 June.

The Handbook was still receiving new chapters but the point at which this would cease was under consideration.

In answer to Maria Craig's question about the level of current membership, Rod Hunt replied that 900 copies of the journal were sent out each quarter so the membership would be somewhere below that. Due to various difficulties with the database, he could not be exact but an operation was underway to recapture the membership. Kathleen Lyle suggested the Society for Editors and Proofreaders as a potential source of new members.

## 6. To Elect the Council for 2006-2009

The following were proposed and elected unopposed:

President: Arjan Polderman (The Netherlands)  
Vice-President 1: Linus Svensson (Sweden)  
Vice-President 2: Joan Marsh (UK)  
Ordinary Members: Eva Baranyiova (Czech Republic)  
Alison Clayson (France/USA)  
Ricardo Guerrero (Spain)  
Mare-Anne Laane (Estonia)  
Volodymyr Lysenko (Ukraine)  
Remedios Meleró (Spain)  
Mercè Piqueras (Spain)  
Witold Zuchiewicz (Poland)

Elisabeth Kessler would remain a member of Council in her capacity as Immediate Past President.

In addition, there would be 4 co-opted members of Council:

Roderick Hunt – Company Secretary and Treasurer  
Moira Johnson-Vekony – Chairman of the Publications Committee  
Jennifer Gretton – Consultant to Council  
Sheila Evered – Secretary to Council

After Arjan Polderman had introduced the new Council, the President thanked the staff of Jagiellonian University for their help in organising the conference in Kraków and paid special tribute to Jennifer Gretton, Chairman of the Programme Committee, for all her hard work in ensuring the success of the conference.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2.40pm.

**SIGNED: A K S Polderman**

**DATE: 14 May 2007**