

Date: February 14rd, 2017 **Time**: 10:00, SE

Proposed agenda:

1. Welcome and opening comment by Chairman

- 2. Review and approval of previous Board meeting minutes
- 3. Actions and matters outstanding since last meeting
- 4. Economic reports
- 5. Discussion on EDTC 2016 activities
- 6. Discussion about preparing the annual meting
- 7. Any other business
- 8. Next meeting

Those present (alphabetical order)

Akin Savas Toklu Jørn Ryberg Jurg Wendling Phil Crombie Roland van den Eede (invited guest)

Welcome and opening comment by Chairman

Jørn Ryberg opened the meeting thanking and welcoming the members to the Board meeting. The proposed agenda was approved as above. He announced that Roland van den Eede was special guest invited to the board meeting for discussing about ongoing task of the workgroup working for realizing the document with EDTC as forum, by inviting SLIC members and/or others, organizing a workshop. Jean Lelievre and Pasquale Longobardi couldn't participate to the meeting.

Review and approval of previous Board meeting minutes

Secretary Akin Toklu excused from the Board for not being able to present the minutes of last Board meeting that was held before the Annual Meeting, because of some technical reason. He reported that only Jørn Ryberg, Chris Sherman and Akin Toklu could participate the meeting He added that the topics discussed in the Board meeting were already discussed during the Annual Meeting in Tallinn

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Actions and matters outstanding since last meeting

Jørn Ryberg noted that since the minutes of last board meeting was not in hand, there was nothing to say about actions and matters outstanding since last meeting, and offered to go item "Economical Report".

Economic reports

Chairman reminded that Phil Crombie has taken the task of treasurer from Chirs Sherman and he informed the Phil Crombie about current status of EDTC accounts. Jörn Ryberg informed the board that EDTC has two bank accounts, one in Swedbank and one in Danske Bank. He explained that second bank account in Danske Bank has been opened since Swedbank did not provide a Euro account that is necessary for EDTC annual membership payments. He reported that balance is 42 Euros in the account in Swedbank and offered the Board to close this account, since an annual fee is charged for this account. Chairman noted that only three members paid annual fee for 2017 and there are still members their membership fee for 2015 and 2016 are due. He announced total balance as 8616,89 Euros. Jörn Rybeg asked the board members whether EDTC should close the Swedbank account or not. The board gave unanimous approval for closing the bank account.

Discussion on EDTC 2017 activities

Jørn Ryberg mentioned about the ongoing workgroup activities. He noted that Workgroup-1 chaired by Olav Hauso, was responsible for updating the personnel competence standards, Workgroup-2 was responsible for preparing an inventory for existing rules/regulations/guidance in all over the Europe. Jørn Ryberg asked Phil Crombie who is in Workgorup-1, to give some information about status of the work. Phil Crombie reported that Olav Hauso has been working and asking feedbacks from other members, but there was no feedback and the work has been kind of solo work, rather than a workgroup work. Jürg Wendling made an input and noted that he recently had to study the definition of different levels of commercial divers, including also scientific divers in different part of the world. Even if we are EDTC, he suggested to have a look to the different part of the World such as South Africa, Canada and Australia, to find consensus on the competence levels. He has given example form medical examiners of divers. Fitness is arranged for certain type of diving such as saturation, off shore, harbor diving etc. Phil Crombie noted that EDTC documents are broad guidelines rather than prescriptive and specific documents. Jørn Ryberg underlined that EDTC will produce guidance and doesn't have a regulatory task, and added regulatory bodies may use EDTC guidelines. Jørn Ryberg explained the method they used for the task of Workgroup-2. He took the existing document and divided into chapters. Each country from which the members participated in the workgroup have to look their own regulation and compare with the chapters from EDTC guidance. He added that since each country doesn't have members in the workgroup, members also need to check the

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documents from those countries. The job will be finalized until the Annual Meeting 2017. Jørn Ryberg stated that he has been in contact with Matthew Heppleston, who was met together with Roland van den Eede, at EU level in Luxenburg. Mr. Heppleston Heppleston stated that he would be happy to host a conference at the end of 2018, where EDTC would be able to provide a consensus document that can be used by entire Europa. Chairman expressed this plan as a road map and asked the idea of Board members. Roland van den Eede asked if the conference was going to be held in Brussel or Luxenburg, and the answer was not clear. Mr. Heppleston has just declared that they may probably host the conference at the end of 2018. Roland van den Eede stated that it is easier for him to organize the conference in Brussel. Chairman thanked to Roland van den Eede for the good job he had done so far and added EDTC is in a good point by means of relation with EU, as an organization working for safety of professional diving.

Discussion about the annual meeting

Chairman asked secretary to make an update for the organization of EDTC 2017 Meeting. Akin Toklu informed the Board about the date and venue of the meeting and noted the first call for the meeting was already distributed. It was agreed with the host that 50 Euros for each participants and accompanying person joining the dinner will be paid by EDTC and accompanying person to support the host financially. Phil Crombie asked the dated and time for the Board meeting that will be held before the Annual Meeting. Akin Toklu declared the date as 5th October 2017 and added the time can be arranged according to the wish of Board members. Akin Toklu stated another call for the meeting and reminder for the membership fee will be distributed soon. He also transferred the information that some members requested to have a chance to pay the membership fees during the annual meeting. Chairman mentioned about the difficulties some members encountered for the online banking to pay annual membership fees.

Any other business

Jürg Wenling proposed that EDTC should have link with DMAC and informed the Board that he has been joining every DMAC meetings representing EDTC. At the moment DMAC started approving the courses for the doctors on demand of IMCA. He added that the objectives of the two organizations are overlapping. After explaining the composition of the Board of DMAC, Jürg Wendlig suggested EDTC to be represented in DMAC and also to invite DMAC to nominate one of their member as a corresponding member in EDTC. The idea was approved by the Board and Charmain suggested to send an official invitation letter to DMAC.

Akin Toklu mentioned about vacant membership positions for some countries and asked the board how to handle this matter. Chairman suggested to get in contact to the active members of those countries who have vacant membership how to find a solution for this matter. Akin Toklu proposed to prepare a list and asked the chairman to provide a letter the

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active members of those countries. Secretary also mentioned about the passive members who hasn't been active for a long

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Chairman stated that normally Board meetings are organized every three mounts, therefore a date should be decided in May 2017. He suggested to send alternative dates by e-mail for the next Board meeting and decide the convenient date.

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