



EDTC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 16th, 2020,

Time: 10:00, Local (SE)

Proposed agenda:

1. Welcome and opening comments by Chairman,
2. Review and approval of previous Board meeting minutes,
3. Economic reports,
4. Discussion about the Online Annual Meeting 2020,
5. Any other business,
6. Next meeting.

Those present (alphabetical order)

Akin Savas Toklu
Jean Lelievre
Jörn Ryberg
Jurg Wendling
Pasquale Longobardi
Phil Crombie

Welcome and opening comments by Chairman

Chairman, Jörn Ryberg welcomed the board members and started the board meeting.

Review and approval of previous Board meeting minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by those present, without any comment. Chairman asked Akin S. Toklu if there was an outstanding matter since the last Board meeting. He noted there was no outstanding matter.

Economic reports

Phil Crombie stated that there were 15 membership fee payments in the calendar year. He added that the membership fee payments will be a bit problematic since there will be no physical annual meeting, during which the collection of membership fee is much easier. He stated the current bank balance was 13,855 Euros. Phil added that the decrease in the payments might be due to the difficulties in organizing international bank transfer. Jürg Wendling informed the board that there were two ways for money transfer between European Countries and noted that while using The Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA) system is free, using Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT) system is not.



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Discussion about the Online Annual Meeting 2020

Chairman asked secretary to inform the board members about the progress and plan for EDTC Online Annual Meeting 2020. Akin Toklu declared that using licensed zoom software belongs to Istanbul University will be possible for the EDTC Online Meeting. He added the software has no limit for the time and 300 participants can login, and sharing their screen will be possible for the speakers. Akin Toklu stated that the zoom meeting was scheduled for two hours, and added there were not many members, who will present national reports, thus there will be no problem with timing. Secretary noted there were only thirteen members sent their registration form for the meeting and he had sent an e-mail to all members as reminder in the morning. There were two names nominated for the election of two Board members will be vacant. He noted he would send another reminder to EDTC members next week. Akin Toklu reported that he had published the list of members who were registered for EDTC Online Meeting, in the website of EDTC at the "Members Area" section, which was password protected and the password was distributed to all members. Jörn Ryberg suggested to ask the members who is planning to give a report, to send their presentation as a pdf format that can be used if there is a technical problem during screen share. Jurg Wendling stated that it is possible to make a video record of zoom session that might be used for the minutes. Jörn Ryberg declared that he is planning to mention why EDTC did not make any recommendation regarding Covid-19, which was previously discussed in the Board meeting, in his chairman report. He added that the online meeting will be an occasion that will show EDTC is still active during this pandemic period as well. Board members were asked if they had any comment about the plan for EDTC Online Meeting and all members were agreed on the current plan.

Any other business

Pasquale Longobardi reported that they contacted relevant people in Italian Navy and there is no problem for the plan of EDTC Annual Meeting in 2021 in Italy. The contact detail of public affairs was given to Pasquale Longobardi and he will contact to responsible people to organize the venue, rooms etc for the annual meeting. He mentioned about the two options, and their disadvantages and advantages, for the localization of 2021 Annual Meeting as La Spezia and Livorno. Members are agreed on Livorno since it has advantageous in terms of transport.

Pasquale Longobardi noted that the website of EDTC is not listed at the top, when searched by google. He suggested to work on this, to make EDTC website be easily found listed at top in search engines.

Next meeting

The date for next Board meeting was decided as 9th December 2020 at 10:00 Local (SE).

Report compiled by Akin S. Toklu

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