



EDTC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 19th, 2022

Time: 10:00, Local (CET)

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 EDTC activities during 2023,
 - Any digital meetings?
5. Any other business,
6. Next meeting.

Those present (alphabetical order)

Akın Savas Toklu
Jörn Ryberg
Jurg Wendling
Phil Crombie

Welcome and opening comments by Chairman

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

Review and approval of previous Board meeting minutes

Chairman asked Board members about their comments regarding the distributed minutes of previous Board meeting and EDTC 2022 Annual Meeting. Board members approved both minutes without comments and thanked to secretary. He added that the Annual Meeting was a successful one together with the result of workgroup's study.

Economic reports

Treasurer Phil Crombie reported the bank account balance became 21.442 Euros. He added some members paid their due amount by bank transfer and some 750 Euros are collected in cash during the annual meeting. He listed the members who hasn't paid for the previous years indicating the country, membership category and unpaid years;

Austria - Medical

Roswitha Prohaska – no payment for 2021 or 2022.

Estonia - Union

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Victor Burovenko – no payment for 2021 or 2022.

Germany - Medical

Willhelm Welslau - no payment for 2021 or 2022.

Italy - Industry

Giovani Esentato – no payment for 2020, 2021 or 2022

Poland - Medical

Jacek Kot – no payment for 2020, 2021 or 2022.

Portugal - Government

António Eduardo Lopes Ferreira de Oliveira Bandejas– no payment for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Romania - Government

Nicusor Chiripuci – no payment for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022

Spain - Union

Toni Moreno – no payment for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022

Sweden - Government

Joakim Andersson– no payment for 2021 and 2022

Chairman commented that the money collected may be used to promote EDTC activities by inviting experts to EDTC meetings to give lectures.

Discussion about the EDTC activities during 2023 (Digital meeting?)

Chairmen stated that the digital meetings previously done were creative and successful and asked Board members' opinion about another online meeting that will be held in 2023, before the annual meeting. Jürg stated that an online meeting can be organized as previously held after deciding on a topic. Akin Toklu stated that the first online meeting was organized because the physical one was not possible due to pandemic. He added while a physical meeting is being organized which will be held on the planned time, with an enriched agenda by inviting some guest speakers, an online meeting might not have a critical importance. He stated he did not have a topic in his mind that will make an online meeting essential. Phil Crombie noted that the number of participants was disappointing during the last Annual Meeting. He emphasized the importance of social aspects of the meeting which can only be possible in the physical meetings during coffee breaks, lunch and dinner time. He added if online meetings turn into routine, there is a risk of physical meetings losing participants. Chairman proposed creating a language for people out of diving industry such as politicians to understand better what EDTC trying to do for safer diving as a topic to be discussed in a digital or physical meeting. He added it is an issue that people don't understand the problems in professional diving when some technical terms are used. He mentioned about his dialog with a member of European Parliament as an example for the issue. Akin Toklu stated that the issue is valid for every country and every language. He added it is difficult to find a common language which is simpler. Chairman stated that it is a problem for all disciplines related with commercial diving and the issue might be a topic to be discussed in a digital meeting. Jurg Wendling stated that if a decision is taken to organize such a meeting, a method should also be chosen for how to



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proceed since an outcome should be reached after the meeting. Chairman suggested first acknowledging EDTC members regarding the issue, then trying to reach an outcome for a common language during the annual meeting. Phil Crombie described the aim as trying to find a language to explain the risk of professional diving to none-divers. Akin Toklu noted that if it is decided to organize an online meeting on the issue, a method should be defined and shared with the members to get prepared for the meeting and added that without preparation such a meeting will be without an outcome. Chairman suggested the time period as March or April for such a meeting if there is an agreement. He asked Board members to think about the idea until the next board meeting and discuss again for organizing the online meeting. Phil Crombie shared his thoughts for increasing the number of participants to annual meeting by inviting speakers on interesting topics, such as cave rescue diving etc. to encourage the members. The idea is found sensible to make EDTC Annual Meetings attractive. Jürg Wendling gave example for such a talk done during SPUMS Meeting which was on the rescue operation for the children trapped in the cave in Thailand. Chairman offered Board members thinking on this idea as well until the next meeting.

Any other business

No other business was reported.

Next meeting

The date for next Board meeting was decided as 2nd February 2023.

Report compiled by Akin S. Toklu