

Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday 11th January 2024 from 19h to 23h30

Location: Alcide de Gasperi, Charlemagne Building (European Commission) and not available online.

Present in situ: Present at the start of the meeting were 484 class representatives or Board members and 204 proxies were given.

Others: APEEE Director, APEEE Staff and interpreters.

The Annual General Meeting is convened to discuss and present the following agenda points, on which class representatives and Board members will vote. All documents were made available on the APEEE website before the meeting and were sent to all parents.

1. **19:00:** Approval of the Agenda
2. **19:20 - 20:35:** Approval of the tellers and of presiding officer of the electoral office; elections of Board members
3. **20:35 – 20:55:** Presentation and vote of the resolutions of Article 14 & Article 17 amendments of the APEEE Statutes as proposed in the context of the new Code of companies and associations
4. **20:55 – 21:45:** Financial report
 - ⇒ Presentation of the financial report
 - ⇒ Allocation of reserves
 - ⇒ Approval of 2022-2023 accounts
 - ⇒ Approval of 2023-2024 budget
 - ⇒ Membership fee 2024-2025
 - ⇒ Discharge to the Auditor
5. **21:45 – 22:45:** Annual report 2023
 - ⇒ Presentation of annual report
 - ⇒ Approval of annual report
 - ⇒ Discharge to the Board
6. **22:45 - 23:00:** Results of Board's elections

Opening statement by the Chair of the Board, M. Andrew Janis Folkmanis, including explanations on the voting system and the possibility of a consultative vote for parents who are not class representatives and Board members.

The Board has 18 vacant mandates and 9 candidates have come forward to stand for the elections. The chair invites parents who wish to stand and who have not yet sent their candidature, to raise their hand and give their information to the secretariat. Six candidates step forward to represent the English, French, Finnish, Italian and Portuguese sections.

1. Approval of the agenda

A test vote is launched to establish the procedure. The Chair introduces the agenda and invites the members to vote.

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The members vote on Resolution 1: *The General MEETING approves the agenda of the AGM on 11th January 2024.*

Decision: Resolution 1 is approved by 92.47% majority (0.86% no – 6.67% abstention).

2. Approval of the tellers, presiding officer & board elections

The Chair introduces the second resolution and invites members to vote.

The members vote on Resolution 2: *The GENERAL MEETING names as tellers: John Carroll, Costas MANGOUTAS, Milena Sardella, Maija Knutti, the latter being the Presiding Officer, and fixes at 18 the maximum number of “crosses” per ballot.*

Decision: Resolution 2 is approved by 94.88% majority (0.64% no and 4.48% abstention).

The members vote on Resolution 3: *The GENERAL MEETING votes the members of the Board, by giving preferences on an alphabetical list of candidates, for a total of 18 vacant positions.*

Decision: Resolution 3 is approved by 94.91% majority (1.27% no and 3.82% abstention).

The Chair invites, in alphabetical order, the candidates to take the floor to present their candidacy. Ms Fasoli, absent due to illness is represented by a French representative.

The Chair invites members to cast their votes, informing the Assembly that due to having fewer candidates than the available mandates, all should be elected (requiring 1 vote per candidate).

The election results will be shared at the end of the meeting, to allow the Electoral Office to confirm the results.

3. Presentation and vote of the resolutions of Articles 14 & 17

The Chair invites M. Pim Gesquiere, Coordinator of the Statutes Update working group, to take the floor and present the topic.

M. Pim Gesquiere presents the articles and what the modifications entail. The Board organised an additional information session on Tuesday 9th January 2024, for class representatives to ask questions during which discussions on the modifications were held.

Parents are given the floor to ask questions, requesting clarification on what the problem is and what is the contentious area in the articles. Parents share their views in favour and against the proposed resolutions. Following a lengthy discussion, the Chair invites members to vote on resolutions 4 and 5, for which a 2/3 of positive votes is required for the resolutions to be approved. The President of the Electoral Office confirms the quorum has been reached.

The members vote Resolution 4: *APEEE Statutes: The GENERAL MEETING approves to replace chapter 4 art. 14 with the following: §1 After the election of the members of the Administrative Board, the Administrative Board shall elect amongst its members a Bureau composed of seven different positions:*

- one Chairperson, who shall be the Chairperson of the Association;*
- one Vice-Chairperson especially responsible for educational matters;*
- one Vice-Chairperson especially responsible for administrative matters;*
- one Secretary;*
- one Assistant Secretary especially responsible for information;*
- one Treasurer;*
- one Member.*

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A member cannot hold more than one position. The Chairperson may not hold office for more than four consecutive years. However, the Administrative Board may decide unanimously to extend that mandate for a maximum of two further years.

§2 The mandate of the members of the Bureau ends at the election of members of the Administrative Board at the General Assembly. A Member of Bureau may resign from his or her position with immediate effect by submitting a written resignation to the Administrative Board. A Member of Bureau may be removed from his or her position according to §6.

§3 Whilst the Chairperson is not yet elected, the Member of the Board most senior by age shall act as Chairperson interim, he or she shall call and chair the meetings of the Administrative Board but shall not assume any other powers vested upon the Chairperson. In his or her absence the Member of the Administrative Board present and most senior by age shall chair the meetings.

§4 The members of Bureau are elected post by post in the order in §1, unless another order is agreed upon. The election will be held by secret ballot indicating the preferred candidate.

§5 For a candidate to be elected, more than half of the members of the Administrative Board should indicate a candidate and one candidate should receive more than half of these ballots. If no one is elected, a subsequent round is organised between the two candidates with most votes. In the case there are several candidates with an equal number of votes as one of the two candidates with most votes, they shall be included, too.

The chair has no casting vote. After more than one inconclusive round with the same candidates, the chair can decide to organise a new election for this member of Bureau.

§6 A member of the Bureau shall be removed from his or her position if more than half of the members of the Administrative Board cast a vote on the removal of position and more than half of the cast votes are in favour of the removal. Abstentions and not voting shall not be considered a cast vote. The ballot is secret and the chair has no casting vote.

Decision: Resolution 4 is not approved (54.17% yes, 37.5% no, 8.33% abstention).

The members vote on resolution 5: APEEE Statutes: The GENERAL MEETING approves to replace the first paragraph of chapter 4 art. 17 and insert new paragraphs §2.1 to 2.7 as follows: §1 Full powers of management and administration shall, subject to the powers vested in the General Meeting, be vested in the Administrative Board.

§2.1 The Administrative Board appoints a delegate for the daily management of the association; the delegate shall not be a member of the Administrative Board. The person entrusted with the daily management is referred to as the "Director". The Director acts separately.

§2.2 The Director is appointed if more than half of the members of the Administrative Board cast a vote on the appointment and more than half of the cast votes are in favour of the appointment. The Director is removed from position if more than half of the members of the Administrative Board cast a vote on the removal from position and more than half of the cast votes are in favour of the removal. In both cases, abstentions and not voting shall not be considered a cast vote. The ballot is secret and the chair has no casting vote.

§ 2.3 Daily management includes both actions and decisions which do not exceed the needs of the day-to-day life of the Association and actions and decisions which, either because of the minor interest they represent or because of their urgent nature, do not justify the intervention of the Administrative Board.

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The non-exhaustive list of responsibilities encompassing daily management shall be set up in the internal rules.

§2.4 Decisions by the Director relating to the appointment and dismissal of employees and the entering into contracts with service providers shall be taken in accordance with the internal procedures laid out in the internal rules.

§2.5 The Director shall report to the Administrative Board about its management at least every three months. The Administrative Board shall be responsible for supervising the daily management and may remove from position and/or replace the Director at any time in accordance with paragraph §2.2 above.

§2.6 In the absence of the Director, the Administrative Board may delegate day-to-day management to another person who is not an administrator, as the Director ad interim. This delegation shall be compulsory for a period exceeding three months.

§2.7 The Director is free to resign by written communication to the Administrative Board.

Decision: Resolution 5 is not approved (50.73% yes, 42.17% no, 7.13% abstain).

4. Financial Report

The Chair gives the Treasurer, M. Albert Rädler, the floor to introduce the Financial Report. Following the presentation of the report, the Treasurer invites parents to ask their questions. An information session was organised in December and, in addition to the Financial Report, a [Q&A](#) is available on the APEEE website.

Questions regarding the Social Fund (high thresholds, and specific use) are asked and addressed. Following the presentation, the Chair invites the members to proceed to a vote.

The members vote on Resolution 6 : *The GENERAL MEETING decides that the results will be allocated to the fund of the five corresponding departments.*

This allocation of funds will be applied to the preceding and following budgetary years.

Decision: Resolution 6 is approved by an 81.97% majority (3.28% no, 14.75% abstention).

The members vote on Resolution 7: *The GENERAL MEETING approves the submitted 2022-2023 annual accounts and the allocation of results therein.*

Decision: Resolution 7 is approved by an 82.08% majority (6.37% no, 11.55% abstention).

The members vote on Resolution 8: *The GENERAL MEETING approves the submitted draft budget 2023-2024.*

Decision: Resolution 8 is approved by 79.72% majority (4.95% no, 15.33% abstention).

The members vote on Resolution 9: *The GENERAL MEETING sets the annual contribution per family for the financial year 2024-2025 as equal to 57 euros, out of which 6 euros per contribution paid is allotted to the Social Fund.*

Decision: Resolution 9 is approved by 70.82% (12.47% no, 16.71% abstention).

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The members vote on Resolution 10: *The GENERAL MEETING gives full discharge to the Auditor for her mandate in the past financial year.*

Decision: Resolution 10 is approved by 82.27% (1.89% no, 15.84% abstention).

5. Annual Report 2023

An information session was organised in December and, in addition to the Annual Report, a [Q&A](#) is available on the APEEE website. Following a delay in the agenda of more than an hour, the Annual General Meeting asks to proceed to the vote on the annual report. The Chair invites the

The members vote on Resolution 11: *The GENERAL MEETING approves the annual report for the year 2022-2023.*

Decision: Resolution 11 is approved with an 81.37% majority (2.83% no, 15.80% abstention).

The members vote on Resolution 12: *The GENERAL MEETING gives full discharge to the outgoing Administrative Board for 2022-2023.*

Decision: Resolution 12 is approved by 79.33% majority (3.37% no, 17.30% abstention).

The Chair announces the results of the elections.

- Célia Alves Rodrigues (PT Woluwe)
- Sabrina Fasoli (FR Woluwe)
- Pim Gesquiere (NL Woluwe)
- Andrea Hutterer (DE Woluwe)
- Alexia Mikhos (FR Woluwe)
- Myriam Pini (DE Woluwe)
- Anja Semmelrodt (DE Woluwe)
- Monika Szulyovszky (DE Woluwe)
- David Zelinger (DE Woluwe)
- Gabriella Skara (EN Woluwe)
- Luca Carapelli (IT Woluwe/Evere)
- Pierre Debar (FR Woluwe/Evere)
- Bruno Laranjeira (PT Woluwe)
- Sofia Amor (PT Woluwe)
- Fabricio Santos (PT Woluwe)
- Jan Von Pfaler (FI Woluwe)

Have been elected as Board members for the Board 2024.

Meeting ended at 23h30.

