

## Minutes **DRAFT, 19.07.2013**

### 1. **Welcome and apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from: Board members, Tuulevi Ovaska , Ghislaine Declève , Meile Kretaviciene , Sally Wood and from Suzanne Bakker and Manuela Colombi

Marshall Dozier (MD) welcomed attendees to the General Assembly at EAHIL's workshop in Stockholm

The GA was not confirmed to be a quorum (less than 80 members present). That meant that topics could be discussed but not voted for.

### 2. **Announcements**

MD reminded the GA to return the Whippet project questionnaire to Elisabeth Chapman.

### 3. **Minutes of the General Assembly 2012 (Brussels)**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

### 4. **President's report**

- a. 2012: Peter Morgan (PM) reported. The Presidential report for 2012, which summarises the activities of the Association and its representatives for the year, is available on the EAHIL website ([http://www.eahil.eu/about\\_eahil.htm](http://www.eahil.eu/about_eahil.htm)).
- b. 2013: MD reported on the results of extraordinary Board elections. At the GA 2012 Lotta Haglund was presented as the new President for the 2013-2014 term. Unfortunately she had to step down, and formally tendered her resignation as President at the next Board meeting in February 2013. In accordance with the rules of EAHIL, the Board elected a new President from among the Board members, and Marshall Dozier was duly elected to fill the vacant role. The implications of the reduced number of Board members (from last year's election) was to arrange an election process for one full member, with the aim also of having two co-opted members. Results of elections:
  - Board member (2013-2016): Anna Kågedal (Sweden) – 91 votes.
  - Co-opted member (2013-2014): Miele Kretaviciene Lithuania) – 85 votes
  - Co-opted member (2013-2014): Francesca Gualtieri (Italy) – 56 votes

### 5. **Secretariat report**

MD reported on the administration of the organisation on behalf of Suzanne Bakker (SB) The EAHIL secretariat is in the Netherlands, where the administrative functions

are run efficiently by the staff who maintain regular contact with the Treasurer, the Editor of JEAHIL, and the Board as necessary.

- a. Website – is now hosted in the Netherlands, with the new domain [www.eahil.eu](http://www.eahil.eu)
- b. Email distribution lists – EAHIL-LIST is optional for members; EAHIL-MAILING core list distribute essential messages from Board etc.
- c. Membership database –the content is migrated to a new platform, Formdesk, which is linked from the EAHIL website. At present only councillors can search for other members. MD asked all members to update their records.

## **7. JEAHIL Editor's Report**

MD (on behalf of the editing committee) referred to the President's report.

## **9. Amendments to EAHIL Rules of Procedure and Policy Statements**

PM reported that the Board had several proposals for amendments to rules and procedures. The entire texts are found at <http://www.eahil.eu/about/Rules-Policy.pdf> Due to the fact that this year's GA not a quorum this item could only be a presentation and discussions, not voting. All members are invited to familiarize themselves with the proposed amendments, which will be voted on at the next GA

- a. Proposed change to the Board rules.  
New Rule 7b. The existing subsections (b) - (f) of Rule 7 will then be renumbered (c) - (g). New rule 7h.
- b. New version of policy statement 5 on EAHIL publications and authors' rights was discussed at the Council meeting in Brussels in 2012. The new version was adapted by EAHIL Executive Board, Amsterdam 2013.
- c. Proposal: establishing a new category of membership  
The Board proposes a new membership category for supranational organizations like the WHO, where people don't represent a country. These members could sit in the Council and arrange workshops and conferences.
- d. Policy statement nr 6: Guidelines on presentations with commercial interest  
Rewording of this statement was adopted by EAHIL Executive Board, Amsterdam, 11 February 2013
- e. Revised policy on reimbursement of travel expenses. Proposal  
PM summarized the proposed revision available at the EAHIL web-site [http://www.eahil.eu/about/Travel\\_Expenses.pdf](http://www.eahil.eu/about/Travel_Expenses.pdf)

## **10. Reports from Special Interest Groups and other professional activities**

SIGs that wished to make a brief oral report to the General Assembly were invited to do so. Sue Thomas reported on the behalf of the Public Health Information Group.

## **11. Future EAHIL meetings**

- a. As previously announced, the 14th EAHIL Conference will be held in Rome 11-13 June 2014. Presentation and welcome from Franco Toni, chair of the Local organizing committee.
- b. The Board has received only one proposal for the workshop in 2015, from the University of Edinburgh. This proposal was accepted.

- c. There are still no formal applications to host the conference in 2016, MD encouraged councilors to consider hosting a workshop/conference, and talk to local organizing committees to get ideas of what workload is involved.

## **12. Any other business**

There was no other formal business.

MD and the General Assembly thanked the Stockholm LOC for a great workshop, and the personnel at Vår Gård for fantastic support.

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### **Presentation of Scholarship and JEAHIL Awards**

- a. EAHIL-EBSCO Conference Scholarships for 2013, awarded by the EAHIL Executive Board and co-sponsored by EBSCO were presented by Hans-Peter Meulekamp from EBSCO and PM. MD thanked EBSCO for their generous support in co-sponsoring the scholarships.

The winners of the 2013 scholarships were:

- Maria-Inti Metzendorf
  - Katalin Miszori
  - Laura Munoz-Gonzalez
  - Ludmilla Soot
  - Madeleine Still
  - Inga Znotina
- b. Manuela Schulz from the Editorial Board presented one winner of the 2012 JEAHIL prizes, Bogomila Bruc, for “The success story of the menu – how health libraries shared an innovative marketing tool” co- authored with Tuulevi Ovaska, Marie Källberg and Withold Kozakiewicz. (There were two paper prizes for 2012: the other winners, not present at the 2013 Workshop, were S. Vandenput, P Detroz, C. Brouwir, N. Durieux, F. Pasleau for “E-books: what interest(s) in 2012 for life sciences library users at the University of Liège, Belgium?”.)