

ATTACHEMENT 2

SESSION 1: EAAE Past and future

Date: 28.03.2014

Venue: University of Hasselt, Faculty of Law

Minutes: Erling Rognes Solbu

Council member Adalberto Del Bo headed session 1.

1. The President's welcome

The President's address to the GA is published on the EAAE Website.

2. Audit of the EAAE Accounts by PricewaterhouseCoopers

Presented by PWC.

The PWC report not a public document. The Council will look for a way to publish it to the EAAE members exclusively.

The President emphasized that the PWC report points out irregularities, not accusations.

As transactions have been based on a trust culture throughout EAAE's history since 1975, questions were raised whether the EAAE is on the safe side by handing in accounts for the past two years to the Belgian tax authorities.

The Council is open for presenting more information to the tax authorities. However, the association is not under suspicion of having done anything deliberately illegal. The PWC has studied the relationship with ENHSA for the last two years. This makes it possible to present empirical material that describes the situation. If one goes further back in time new information will not surface.

3. The Council's report on statements and evaluations of EAAE management and economy presented at the GA in Leuven in June 2013

Presented by Treasurer Koenraad van Cleempoel

The report is published on the EAAE website

4. Interactive seminar on EAAE strategies and work-plan

The Council had prepared a draft for an EAAE mission statement that was presented as a kick off for an open discussion. No decisions regarding the content of the mission statement were made. The mission statement should be profoundly developed into a clear-cut strategy of the aim of the association in Chania in September.

Some of the topics and comments raised are summarized below.

Globalization

- The mission statement should address means to find the specific identity of the European architect; to say something about the identity of the European educational system, as opposed to the Chinese or American models.
- A perspective on globalization should be added. It is important to present a global, outwards attitude, and emphasize the value of being global to avoid being static.
- A focus on Europe's characteristic cultural and linguistic richness is not to be static and protectionist.
- Everyone must bring in their own thing in a globalized context. It is thus important to contribute to the students' development of a cultural identity, not just to prepare for practice. Three topics to be addressed in the mission in this context: education, lifelong learning, and the relation to the practice.
- The "restarting" of the association creates the opportunity to start focusing on architectural education in an interdependent world. The new situation affects our ways of thinking and understanding education and architecture. What defines excellence in this context? There are two profiles of European architects after the new directive. EAAE has a tremendous role to play in affecting the further development.
- The EAAE should be the European Association for Architectural Education in a broad sense, not just in Europe.

EAAE as an interest organization

- An important role of the EAAE is to tend to the interest of architectural schools. Not just through lobbying, also by sharing experiences, addressing, for example, that the artistic perspective in architectural education is under attack from the purely scientific thinking.

Social responsibility

- The EAAE should state its social responsibility and respond to issues like human rights, poverty, the environment and the quality of life. Architecture is next to law and medicine the most important profession for human quality.

Lifelong learning

- The mission statement should emphasize lifelong learning / postgraduate education, and contribute to protecting the quality of this kind of education too.

Create conditions

- It is important that the EAAE does not strive to define and declare, but to create conditions for knowledge and sharing. It is easy to prepare a document; the actual work is what counts.

The President closed the session by encouraging all participants to continue considering the structure and contents of the mission statement up until the Chania meeting

- What kind of ambitions should this organization have? Specific or all embracing?
- How to organize activities without ENHSA?
- How may other regions of the world (e.g. China and South America) be brought in?
- Organization in local branches with EAAE as umbrella? How to provide services to local initiatives.