

Minutes Council Meeting Athens – 13.10.2017

Present: Oya Atalay Franck (President), Ilaria Valente (Vice President), Manuel Couceiro da Costa, Hugo Dworzak, Harriet Harriss, Sally Stewart, Koenraad Van Cleempoel (Treasurer), Emma Boelen (webmaster)

Excused: Nur Çağlar, Karl Otto Ellefsen, Dalibor Hlaváček, Susanne Komossa, Inge Lens (secretary)

Agenda

1. Acceptance of minutes GA Bordeaux 2017

The minutes of the GA 2017 are approved, with the exception of the vote on the budget 2018.

Decision: Point 4 “Treasurer’s Report ...”: the phrase “Decision: The budget for 2018 is approved by the General Assembly.” has to be deleted from the minutes.

2. Budget 2018

The Budget 2018 was presented but not formally voted on at the GA in Bordeaux. The Council has the mandate of the schools. In order to validate the Budget 2018, the Council votes on the proposed budget and presents this decision to the members. If there are no objections within 3 weeks after publication of this decision, the Budget 2018 is considered approved.

Treasurer Koenraad van Cleempoel explains the Budget 2018 as proposed to the General Assembly. Income-side, this budget was based on the assumption of membership fees from 140 schools with a € 500 membership fee. The current enrollment as of 22 August 2017, however, was 119. This would result in an income of approx. € 60'000. With expenses of € 85'000 as budgeted, the resulting deficit would be approx. € 25'000. The expenses are already quite tightly calculated and cannot be reduced. The Treasurer points out that the cash reserves of EAAE are still sufficient to cover this deficit. An increase in membership fees is not necessary for the year 2018 but should be discussed at the GA 2018 for the years that follow, as well as other possibilities for creating income and balancing the budget.

Action: In order to develop scenarios and options for increasing income, two workgroups are formed:

- Workgroup I: Increasing Membership
Ilaria Valente, Hugo Dworzak and Koenraad Van Cleempoel.
- Workgroup II: Reviewing Membership Fee and Alternative Means of Creating Income
Harriet Harriss, Dalibor Hlaváček and Sally Stewart

Some ideas and suggestions to be studied by the workgroups:

- Paying for accessing data: Make it free for members? Login for members? Research Data not available to non-members?
- Summing up the advantages of being a member
- What does EAAE have to offer?
- Checking Cumulus and ELIA design networks. Maybe we can base our fees and plans on their strategy.
- Making apparent what has been discussed and developed and the network that is created.
- Making the results of the discussions and meetings visible on the website.
- Transparency regarding spending: maybe EAAE can ask to create an overhead to support the secretariat?

Decision: The Council votes on the Budget 2018. The Budget 2018 with expenses of € 85.000 is approved.

3. Strategy 2017-2020 and tasks

The “challenges for the new council” as formulated by the previous president at the GA (see minutes of GA 2017) are acknowledged by the new president.

Strengthening existing initiatives by consolidating and expanding their agendas

- The Academies

After the GA 2017, the president has contacted the working group of the Research Academy and asked for a draft of the agenda for the next three years. The core group of RA is being constituted as follows: Susanne Komossa, Tadeja Zupancic, Filipa Roseta, Debora Domingo Calabuig and Harriet Harriss. A draft programme has already been prepared by the group. The main focus of the work of RA will be on doctorate studies.

Decision: The Council discusses and approves the draft. Further steps will be discussed at the next council meeting.

The Education Academy is about to complete its first cycle of thematic works (first 3-year-program) and is preparing its next phase of activities and strategical themes. At the moment the priority is on the formulation of an Education Charter (complementary to the already existing Research Charter of 2012).

The two Academies will meet in Winterthur to discuss their common goals, their work plans and the organization of a joint conference in 2018.

Action: The Council acknowledges that the visibility of the activities of the Academies and of the outcome of their work is important and has to be improved. As a first step, the core groups of the two Academies are to be presented on the EAAE website.

- The European Architecture Medals
EAAE is in discussions with the Mies van der Rohe Foundation about joining their respective architectural awards (European Architecture Medals/European Talent Award). Koenraad Van Cleempoel and Karl Otto Ellefsen are in charge of this initiative.

Enhancing Quality Assurance and Management

There is a number of topics and issues related to the quality of architectural education and research which should be addressed, such as the comparability of curricula and degrees, or the standards of measuring quality itself. At the next council meetings, the list of issues is to be discussed, completed and prioritized.

Reaching out to the Community

The president formulates her vision of EAAE and its role. In her mind, EAAE should not just be an institution but a strong harbor for the entire community. Grass-roots initiatives – such as the Academies – and the collaboration amongst schools fostered by such initiatives are crucial for the relevance of EAAE and its „raison d’être“. EAAE should be a „gate opener“ rather than a „door keeper“.

«Looking Around and Connecting»

This is about strengthening and expanding the existing network with institutional partners (educational and professional) and other high-potentials:

- ARCC
The existing relations are to be further developed. For many years, there has been a bilateral bi-annual conference. In 2018, in Philadelphia, EAAE will be represented through Karl Otto Ellefsen and Oya Atalay Franck. Manuel Couceiro da Costa is EAAE’s contact person for the organizational board of the conference.

Decision: The conference in 2020 could be hosted in Valencia, as has been discussed in Bordeaux. The Council approves. Oya Atalay Franck will inform Valencia and ask for their confirmation.

- Velux
Per Anderson, special advisor, Velux Group Communications, will be meeting with Oya Atalay Franck in November in Zurich to discuss the possibilities of cooperation.
- ACSA
ACSA is interested in strengthening its ties with EAAE and vice versa. The relations are to be developed. Oya Atalay Franck is in contact with ACSA. She will represent the EAAE at ACSA Administrators’ Conference in November 2017.
- ACE
ACE is a very important partner for EAAE, and we will continue to deepen the collaboration around common goals through the ACE-EAAE work group (see 4.3). Ilaria Valente will join the members of EAAE who are currently part of the workgroup (Hugo Dworzak, Koenraad Van Cleempoel and Karl Otto Ellefsen).

- ELIA / ARENA / EAHN
The president is in the process of building up a dialogue with these organizations to check for possibilities of collaboration.
- Others
UIA, RIBA, UNESCO, Cumulus and other organizations are to be kept in sight. Sally Stewart connects informally to RIBA, Ilaria Valente to UIA.

4. General Assembly and Annual Conference 2018: candidates for hosting

There are three candidate schools for hosting the Annual Conference and General Assembly in 2018:

1. Istanbul, ArchED Association for Architecture Education

Pros:

- Creating a new connection through a network of schools in Turkey
- Candidate shows interest in supporting EAAE within the possibilities available
- Students' involvement

Cons:

- Travel restrictions
- Organized not as a standalone event, but integrated into an existing format
- Dates proposed
- High costs

2. University of Porto, FAUP

Pros:

- Topic of the Conference open, to be developed together with EAAE
- Good financial planning, moderate costs
- Convincing proposal
- A supportive member school with a very interesting curriculum
- EAAE Education Academy workshop held in 2016 a very positive experience

Cons:

- Geographical vicinity to last GA

3. University of Zagreb, Faculty of Architecture

Pros:

- New member
- High-capacity location (350 p.)
- Southeast-European school

Cons:

- Costs higher than Porto
- Proposal not fully worked out yet

Decision:

- I. Porto is elected as host for the GA 2018
- II. Zagreb is offered to host the GA 2019, also honoring their centennial (100 years for continuous architectural education.)

The Steering Committee for 2018 consists of Sally Stewart, Manual Couceiro da Costa, Koenraad Van Cleempoel, Ilaria Valente and Oya Atalay Franck. Oya Atalay Franck will inform the candidates about the decision and will ask Zagreb about the proposal.

If Zagreb accepts the proposal, the Steering Committee for 2019 will consist of Hugo Dworzak, Dalibor Hlaváček, Koenraad Van Cleempoel, Sally Stewart, Harriet Harriss and Oya Atalay Franck.

5. Membership and applications

Applications for new membership as of 13 October 2017 (to be voted upon at the GA 2018):

- ENSA Nantes (France)
- University of Reading (UK)
- Polytechnic University of Madrid (Spain – used to be a member)
- Leeds Beckett University (UK)
- Ecole nationale d'architecture et d'urbanisme de Tunis, Carthage (Tunis) à associated institutional member

Action: The process of admission for new members is to be rethought. School today may have to wait up to 12 months until membership is decided upon. A change of statutes may be necessary.

6. Reports on networks/projects/Academies

Research Academy - next steps:

Discussed in topic 4

Education Academy - 4th Workshop and Writing Group Education Charter:

Taking place during the council meeting

Conservation Network:

Successful meeting in September (no more information available at the moment).

Erasmus+ project Wicked problems:

“Wicked” will be financed completely within the Erasmus+ budget. Ivan Cabrera and Karl Otto Ellefsen are pleased with it. There will be only printing costs, no further budget needed.

Erasmus+ project E-fiade:

Project is on-going. The partners are currently collecting and processing data about the final project studios of schools.

Erasmus+ project MATERIART:

Nur Caglar confirms via email that EAAE is not a formal partner of the MATERIART project.

Action: Erasmus+ partnership criteria:

Criteria for the participation of EAAE in Erasmus+ projects have to be defined. Karl Otto Ellefsen and Koenraad Van Cleempoel are responsible for this.

ACSA Madrid Seminar June 2018: special session for EAAE Academies

We signalize yes, but final decision must depend on “how and what”, which is not yet defined.

7. Future initiatives and other matters arising

CA2RE

The EAAE will continue to support this platform.

SAWH

James White, an independent architect, has contacted EAAE with a project proposal. Further information is needed. Sally Stewart will check with University of Edinburgh, then Koenraad Van Cleempoel will follow-up with James White.

8. Website, publicity and communication policy

- There is a need for a communication policy. Oya Atalay Franck will assemble a group to work on this.
- In memoriam Johan Verbeke: An adequate way of honoring Johan’s contributions to EAAE and architectural research has to be developed
- The possibility of creating a webpage with access restricted to council members (as a document repository) will be verified by Emma Boelen.
- Visibility of the Conservation Network: Koenraad Van Cleempoel will act as contact person to the network to provide the necessary information.
- Harriet Harriss will deliver information to Emma Boelen on the Consortium, to be put online.
- The Academies will be presented with their core group members and agenda on the homepage, which will hopefully enhance the participation and development of new agenda with common burning issues and goals.

9. Varia

- The workload of the secretariat is mounting and reaching its limits. Ways of increasing the resources have to be found (finances?).
- Commemoration of Johan Verbeke on October 21, 2017 and the Conference on April 20-22, 2018. Oya Atalay Franck will represent EAAE.
- Conference J. Verbeke 20-22 April 2018, KU Leuven: Sally Stewart and Koenraad Van Cleempoel will be the EAAE contacts for KU Leuven.

10. Next Council meetings

- 8 December 2017, ZHAW Winterthur
- 9 February 2018, RCA London
- 20 April 2018, KU Leuven, Campus Ghent

17 October 2017

Emma Boelen/Oya Atalay Franck