16th ILGA-Europe Regional Conference
Dublin 18th – 21th October 2012

Agenda:

1. Approval of the Chairing Pool and appointment of tellers
2. Approval of the Executive Board's report on work undertaken since the 2011 Conference
3. Consideration of proposal of revised constitution
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Re. 1 Approval of the Chairing Pool and appointment of tellers

The board had prior to the conference appointed

- Ruth Baldacchino
- Deborah Lambilotte
- Simon Maljevac
- Steffen Jensen

as members of the chairing pool. The chairing pool was approved by the conference.

The chairing pool proposed

- Wiktor Dynarski
- Ulrikke Westerlund
- Frank Schoenmacher
- Martin Moeller

as tellers. They were approved by the conference.
Re. 2 Approval of the Executive Board’s report on work undertaken since the 2011 Conference

The Annual Report and activity report for 2011-2012 was distributed and presented by the co-chairs Gabriela Cajella and Martin Christensen and the executive director Evelyne Paradis at the 1st plenary and approved by the conference at the 3rd plenary.

The considerations of agenda items 3, 4 and 5 during the 4th plenary took place in the presence of Mary Casey, Irish public notary, and were chaired by Steffen Jensen, who reminded the plenary that changes to the constitution could only happen with a majority of 75% of votes cast for and against.

It was noted that at that time 92 member organisations from 35 countries with 164 votes were registered for the conference. Present in the room during the considerations of agenda items 3, 4 and 5 were 69 organisations with in total 115 votes.

Re. 3 Consideration of proposal of revised constitution

The proposal was circulated in the 3rd mailing and discussed in WS 1 and WS 11. The WS recommended the following amendments to the draft:

- In D 9, rephrase “of the votes of” to “of the votes cast by”.
- In D 10 change 2nd paragraph to: “Voting by secret ballot takes place for the election of the Executive Board members, and for any other purposes in accordance with provisions in the standing orders.”
- In E 5 change section a) to “to provide overall direction to ILGA-Europe in line with ILGA-Europe’s vision, mission and values as laid down by the European Regional Conference;”
- In E 5 change section d) to “to report on the activities of ILGA-Europe to the European Regional Conference and on the work of the European Region to the World Conference of ILGA;”
- In F, 2nd paragraph change (ii) to “a member of the Executive Board, appointed by the Co-Chairs and approved by the Executive Board.”
- In K 2 delete the last sentence.

All proposed amendments were approved by the 4th plenary without a vote. WS 11 recommended to approve the revised constitution as amended.

The revised constitution as amended was approved by the 4th plenary with 111 votes for, 0 against and no indications of abstentions.

Re 4 Consideration of proposals of amendments to the constitution

The proposals from the board were distributed in the 3rd mailing and discussed in WS 11.

Proposal 2:

“New” B: Aims and Objectives

1. The aims of the European Region of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association are
   a) to promote universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the elimination of all forms of discrimination and including the specific provisions of the conventions and covenants specified in the constitution of ILGA;
   b) to work for the equality of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgendered and intersex people and liberation from all forms of discrimination.
2. In order to achieve these aims, the activities of ILGA-Europe will include, inter alia:
a) advocating for the application of international and European human rights standards and principles without discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression at European and international levels, and for policies and legislations which uphold the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex people (hereinafter referred to as “LGBTI people”) and advance full equality;

b) enhancing the capacity of non-governmental organizations to advocate for and to raise awareness about the human rights of LGBTI people at national and/or European level;

c) providing information about the human rights of LGBTI people and related issues to wide audiences, and facilitating exchange of information among relevant actors;

d) developing argumentation and providing evidence for the application of human rights standards for LGBTI people in all pertinent areas of public policies at European level.

e) participating in activities and projects at the global level, as appropriate;

f) agreeing and implementing European action programmes, possibly jointly with other organisations. For this purpose, ILGA-Europe can use any information and promotional means, organise courses, conferences, seminars, study days. This list is descriptive and not comprehensive.

3. The aims of ILGA-Europe shall at all times be consistent with the aims expressed in the Foundation Document and Aims and Objectives of ILGA.”

was recommended to be passed by WS 11, and was approved by the 4th plenary without a vote.

Proposal 3:

WS 11 proposed to 1) insert “in the case of an extraordinary regional conference” after “members and friends or” in the 2nd paragraph, 2) delete the 4th paragraph and 3) move the last paragraph to be the 2nd paragraph.

The 4th plenary approved these amendments without a vote.

The amended proposal:

“If a new D 3 and renumber accordingly.

D 3. The European Regional Conference shall meet at least once a year. The European Regional Conference is convened by the Co-Chairs of the Executive Board jointly upon decision of the Executive Board by electronic means or letter at least three (3) weeks before the date of the meeting. In accordance with the Standing Orders this convening notice shall include time, place and the final agenda as well as the documents to be discussed at the European Regional Conference (report from the Board, the budget, the annual accounts, a list of candidates standing for election to the Executive Board and where applicable for the seats as European representatives on the ILGA Board.).

Full Members and the Executive Board can submit proposals, amendments to proposals and other appropriate business to be dealt with at the European Regional Conference in accordance with the provisions of the Standing Orders. Further provisions regarding the determination of the time and place, including the election of the host of the European Regional Conference two years ahead, the timetable of the Conference, the pre-conference procedure, the publication of the Preliminary Agenda and the Final Agenda may be detailed in the Standing Orders.

The European Regional Conference may be held with the physical presence of the Members and Friends or in the case of an extraordinary regional conference without personal meeting by video-conference, web-conference or any other simultaneous electronic conference as well as by any other clear, secure and confidential electronic means which offers the possibility to each Full Member definitively although not simultaneously to cast their vote on the agenda items.

A Full Member not participating in the video-conference, web-conference or in the electronic conference shall be considered as not having participated in the ballot.”

was approved by the 4th plenary without a vote.

Proposal 4 was withdrawn by the board after recommendation from WS 11.
Proposal 5:

“In the Constitution, amend E.2 by adding the text: The tenure of an Executive Board member ends by (i) the death, the resignation or the legal disqualification of the Executive Board member, (ii) the revocation by the European Regional Conference, (iii) the expiration of its term or (iv) if the Executive Board member is no longer a member of a Full Member.”

was recommended by WS 11 and approved by the 4th plenary without a vote.

Re. 5 Confirmation of revised constitution with amendments

The constitution approved under agenda item 3 as amended under agenda point 4 was approved by the 4th plenary with 110 votes for and 0 against. No one indicated abstention. Thus the 75% majority rule was fulfilled.

Re. 6 Consideration of proposal of revised standing orders

The proposal was circulated in the 3rd mailing and discussed in WS 11.

WS 11 recommended the following amendments:

- In 5.1 change “Re.” to “in accordance with”.
- In 6 insert a new section: “6.3 Subject to 6.2, a caucus meeting may make a report to a Conference plenary session, which may include recommendations on proposals on the agenda. However, if it wishes to recommend changes to any proposals on the agenda, any such recommendations shall initially be considered by the workshop on the proposal before being considered by the plenary.”
- In 10 delete “Emergency” in the heading.

The amendments were passed in the 4th plenary without a vote.

The WS recommend the plenary to approve the proposal as amended, and it was approved in the 4th plenary without a vote.

Re. 7 Approval of the accounts for 2011

The accounts for 2011 were considered in workshop 6, which recommended them to be approved, and that happened in the 3rd plenary.

Re. 8 Consideration of the report on the current financial position for 2012 and approval of the indicative budget for 2013

The report on the current financial situation was considered in workshop 6.

The indicative budget was considered in workshop 6 which recommended them to be approved, and that happened in the 3rd plenary.
Re. 9 Appointment of an auditor for 2012-2013

The Conference approved in the 3rd plenary the appointment of Ms Danielle Quivy as the auditor of ILGA-Europe for 2012-2013 after recommendation from WS 6.

Re. 10 Election of ILGA-Europe Executive board and reserves

The results were announced in the 3rd plenary:

- Voting cards issued: 169
- Ballot papers issued: 160
- Ballot papers returned: 149
- 20% = 30

Number of votes:

- Yves Aerts (m) 28 less than 20 %
- Gabriella Calleja (f) 105 Elected
- Hayley Fox-Roberts (f) 26 less than 20 %
- Yuri Guaiana (m) 49 2. reserve
- Joyce Hamilton (f) 102 Elected
- Konstantina Kosmidou (f) 68 1. reserve
- Miroslawa Makuchowska (f) 69 Elected
- Boris Milicevic (m) 9 less than 20 %
- Pierre Serne (m) 100 Elected
- Brian Sheehan (m) 73 Elected

For 2012-2013 the board thus consists of:

- LOUISE ASHWORTH until 2013
- MARTIN K. I. CHRISTENSEN until 2013
- PAULO CORTE-REAL until 2013
- SANJA JURAS until 2013
- TANJA LEHTORANTA until 2013
- GABRIELLA CALLEJA until 2014
- JOYCE HAMILTON until 2014
- PIERRE SERNE until 2014
- BRIAN SHEEHAN until 2014
- MIROSŁAWA MAKUSCHOWSKA until 2014

Reserves:
- KONSTANTINA KOSMIDOU until 2013
- YURI GUAIANA until 2013

Re. 11 Election of regional representatives and reserves to ILGA Executive Board and reserves

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Number of votes:
• Martin Christensen (m) 110 Elected
• Konstantina Kosmidou (w) 46 Reserve
• Maria Sjödin (w) 122 Elected

Re. 12 Election of the host organisation for the 2014 regional conference

There was a vote in the 3rd between Athens and Riga, and there was a clear majority for Riga (votes not counted).

Thus the 2014 conference will be held in Riga.

Re. 13 Any other business

Powers to proceed to the translation and the filing of the minutes of meeting of the ILGA-Europe General Assembly amongst the records of a Belgian notary public in order to file the request of ratification at the Belgian Minister of Justice and the publication in the annexes to the Belgian State Gazette were granted to the executive director Evelyne Paradise.

Copenhagen, October the 23rd 2012

On behalf of the chairing pool

Steffen Jepsen