15th ILGA-Europe conference

27– 30 October 2011 in Torino, Italy

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MINUTES

Ad 1. Approval of the Chairing Pool and appointment of election officers and tellers

The board had prior to the conference appointed

- Helen Ibry
- Joyce Hamilton
- Simon Maljevac
- Steffen Jensen

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

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- Helen Ibry
- Simon Maljevac

as election officers. The election officers were approved by the conference.

The chair proposed the following

- Giulia Sala
- Darienne Flemington
- Frank Schoenmakers
- Vlademir Simonko

as tellers. The proposal was approved.
Ad 2. Approval of the Executive Board's report on work undertaken since the 2010 conference

The Annual Report and activity report for 2010-2011 was distributed and presented by the co-chairs Linda Freimane and Martin Christensen and the executive director Evelyne Paradis at the 1st plenary and approved by the conference at the 3rd plenary.

Ad 3. Consideration of proposals and amendments

Proposal 1
"In the Standing Orders, section 5: Delete sub-section 5.6. "The Conference programme shall include an "actions workshop" to consider requests and suggestions for actions to be taken by the Conference. It will determine recommendations and report to the plenary in the same way as workshops on proposals." Renumber sub-section 5.7 to 5.6 and sub-section 5.8 to 5.7."

The proposal was considered in workshop 8 and approved in the 3rd plenary without a vote.

Proposal 2
"In the Standing Orders, in section 12.3, change the wording to "The Chairing Pool will be responsible for overseeing the elections including the issuing of ballot papers and the counting of votes."

The proposal was considered in workshop 8 and approved in the 3rd plenary without a vote.

Proposal 3
"In the Standing Orders, in section 12.5, change the wording to "The election shall be conducted in one election round. Delegates will be issued with as many ballot papers as they have voting cards, and they may vote on each ballot paper for no more candidates than there are available seats."

The proposal was considered in workshop 8 and approved in the 3rd plenary without a vote.

Proposal 4
"In the Standing Orders, in section 13.3, change the wording to "The Chairing Pool shall also oversee the election for these representatives."

The proposal was considered in workshop 8 and approved in the 3rd plenary without a vote.

Proposal 5
"In the Standing Orders, section 13.4, change the wording to "Delegates will be issued with as many ballot papers as they have voting cards, and they may vote on each ballot paper for no more than two candidates."

The proposal was considered in workshop 8 and approved in the 3rd plenary without a vote.
Recommendations to the board
WS 8 recommends the Board to review the election guidelines and prepare a proposal for next conference to change the standing orders so that candidates for the board can’t be a member of the chairing pool at the same time.

WS 8 notes that the 2012 Eurovision Song Contest will be held in Baku, capital of Azerbaijan and this potentially presents opportunities to highlight human rights and LGBT issues. The workshop recommends that ILGA-Europe continues this in consultation with groups in Azerbaijan.

Statement from the conference
The following two statements were approved in the 3rd plenary:

1. We the 343 delegates of the 15th Annual Conference of the European Region of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA-Europe), coming from over 43 countries, are very concerned about the recent spate of arrests in North Cyprus under Article 171 of the 1929 Criminal Code, which punishes adult male same-sex sexual relations with up to 5 years imprisonment.

We welcome the recent reports indicating that North Cypriot leader Derviş Eroğlu has stated that the mentioned article will be repealed, and call for this declaration to be followed through without any procrastination.

We also reiterate ILGA-Europe’s demand to the dropping of all the charges against all the men who are still being prosecuted under the Article, and who are meant to appear in front of the Court on 16th November.

Moreover, we demand a thorough investigation into the allegations that have emerged in international reports indicating that police have ill-treated and tortured some of the men during detention.

2. The Fifteenth Conference of ILGA-Europe extends a warm invitation to the Italian Institutions, which have offered their important patronage, to confirm their commitment to the full recognition of equal rights for Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans and Intersex people in the spirit of Europe and to combat hate speech and homophobia, lesbophobia, transphobia, biphobia and intersexphobia in Italian Institutions.

Ad 4. Approval of the accounts for 2010
The accounts for 2010 were considered in workshop 4 and approved in the 3rd plenary.

Ad 5. Consideration of the report on the current financial position and approval of the indicative budget for 2012
The report on the current financial situation was considered in workshop 4.

The indicative budget was considered in workshop 4 and approved in the 3rd plenary.
Ad 6. Appointment of an auditor for 2011-2012

The Conference approved in the 3rd plenary the appointment of Ms Danielle Quivy as the auditor of ILGA-Europe for 2011-2012 after consideration in WS 4.

Ad 7. Election of the Executive Board and reserves

The result of the election was:

- Voting cards issued: 202
- Ballot papers issued: 193
- Ballot papers returned: 191
- 20% requirement = 39
- Invalid ballot papers: 6
- Valid ballot papers: 185

- LOUISE ASHWORTH (w) 109 Elected
- ROBERTO CESCHINA (m) 38 Below 20 %
- MARTIN K. K. CHRISTENSEN (m) 99 Elected
- PAULO CORTE-REAL (m) 104 Elected
- SANJA JURAS (w) 114 Elected
- TANJA LEHTORANTA (w) 112 Elected
- BJORN VAN ROOZENDAAL (m) 93 Reserve

The Board for 2011-2012 consists thus of:

- GABRIELA CALLEJA until 2012
- GREGORY CZARNECKI until 2012
- KRISTIAN RANDJELOVIC until 2012
- LINDA FREIMANE until 2012
- PIERRE SERNE until 2012
- LOUISE ASHWORTH until 2013
- MARTIN K. K. CHRISTENSEN until 2013
- PAULO CORTE-REAL until 2013
- SANJA JURAS until 2013
- TANJA LEHTORANTA until 2013

Reserve:
- BJORN VAN ROOZENDAAL until 2012

Ad 8. Election of the host organisation for the 2013 regional conference

Two candidate cities had applied for the 2013 conference, Copenhagen and Zagreb.

The candidates were presented in the 2nd plenary. In the 3rd plenary Zagreb was elected with a clear majority (votes not counted).
The 2013 conference will thus take place in Zagreb.

Ad 9. Any other business
Nothing to record.

On behalf of the chairing pool

Steffen Jensen
Copenhagen 1 November 2011