

**ILGA – Europe 15th Annual Conference  
Turin, October 2011**

**Workshop 8 Proposals and actions**

**Chairperson: Steffen Jensen**

**Minute Taker: Joyce Hamilton**

**Agenda:**

- 1. Proposal 1**
- 2. Proposal 2**
- 3. Proposal 3**
- 4. Proposal 4**
- 5. Proposal 5**
- 6. Board report**
- 7. Declaration re Northern Cyprus**
- 8. European Song Contest in Baku**
- 9. Aob**

**Ad 1.**

**Martin Christensen as a member of the Board speaks in favour of the proposal. The main reason is that it raises confusion. It has already been implemented this conference and works more practically, as actions are discussed in the proposals workshop.**

**The proposal is approved by the workshop.**

**Ad 2-5.**

**Martin Christensen explains that it is a way of working more effectively, as chairing pool and election officers both have had less to do in recent years. Also it is already the responsibility of the chairing pool to oversee the election procedure. The question is raised if it is still possible to ask others to be election officers. One participant raises concern that these functions have been created specifically with separate responsibilities and would want measures to guarantee checks and balances. E.g. a candidate for the Board can't be a member of the chairing pool. In case of conflict on election results the voice of the chairing pool is louder than the election officers, subject to the approval of conference.**

**The workshop recommends the conference to pass proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5 but also 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.**

**Ad 6.**

The workshop congratulates the Board for its outstanding work and recommends the conference to approve the Board report.

**Ad 7.**

Evelyn Paradis gives more background to the declaration and the work been done so far. This statement is to reinforce the momentum. It will be send to relevant institutions. The workshop made a few amendments to the text.

The workshop recommends to the plenary to pass the declaration as amended.

**Ad 8.**

Inge-Lise Paulsen on behalf of LGBT Denmark proposes to make a statement based on the document provided on the Eurovision contest in Baku. One participant suggests to discuss a proposal with participants from Azerbaijan, as they should be involved in the wording. The ILGA-Europe staff have already been working on this with the local organisations.

The workshop 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.

**Ad 9.**

No other proposals are presented.

**Recommendations:**

1. The workshop recommends the conference to pass proposals 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 but also 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.
2. The workshop recommends the conference to approve the Board report.
3. The workshop recommends to the plenary to pass the declaration on Northern Cyprus.
4. The workshop 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.