

CEUC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Kristiansand, Norway, Friday 5 June 2009

Agenda

Welcome and approval of the agenda for the general assembly 2009

1. Approval of the Minutes of the general assembly 2008
2. Election of minutes secretary
3. Election of ballot counters
4. Approval of the chair of the general assembly 2009
5. Approval of the annual report 2008/09
6. Approval of the financial report 2008/09
7. Proposals received
8. Membership dues for the next financial year
9. Election of the chair, vice chair and secretary to the board.
10. Election of auditors
11. IACHE: Report and election of representatives
12. Amendments to the CEUC Constitution (second and final vote)
13. Amendments to the CEUC Constitution (first vote)
14. Substitutes/vice representatives to the board from the regional groups
15. CEUC 2010 Coventry UK
16. CEUC website
17. Miscellaneous

Welcome

Chair, Markus Anker (Switzerland) warmly welcomed attendees to the General Assembly.

Approval of the agenda

The general assembly approved the Agenda as published in advance on the CEUC website. Thanks were recorded to Jeremy Clines (UK), minute taker – general assembly 2008

1. Approval of Minutes CEUC general assembly 2008

The minutes of the General Assembly 2008 were approved.

2) Election of Minute Secretary

Cassandra Howes (UK) was elected as minute's secretary for the general assembly 2009.

3) Election of ballot counters

Valborg Orset Stene and Einar Vegge from Norway were elected as ballot counters for the general assembly 2009-07-27.

4) Election of Chair

Risto Korhonen was elected as chair of the general assembly 2009.

5) Approval of the Annual Report 2008/09

The annual report for 2008/09 was presented by Markus Anker, the chair of the CEUC Board. Two CEUC board meetings had taken place, one in Finland in July 2008 and

one in Kristiansand in November 2008 where the board met with the host team. In November 2008 the board elected Esther Diederer (The Netherlands) as acting vice chair and Lise Lotz (Denmark) as treasurer. Lise Lotz continues to be webmaster. The board also agreed to keep in contact through regular telephone conferences; these took place in September 2008 and March 2009. In March 2009 Evy Toolenaar resigned as secretary to the Board and Lisa Lotz became acting secretary. Thanks were recorded to Evy for her many years of support to the board. The board agreed to elect a new secretary at the general assembly 2009. A bid to host CEUC 2010 in Coventry UK was approved in March 2009. No firm bids have been received to host CEUC 2011, although chaplains in Hungary have expressed an interest. It was noted that the financial crisis and recession may affect the financial means and ability of chaplaincy groups to host and/or participate in CEUC conference.

Key themes for 2008/09 were;

- i. Support for IACHE.
- ii. Improved communication with CEUC members including; a new Facebook group, improved information on current issues through regular newsletter, improved and more interactive website.
- iii. Promoting support, networking and co operation through a directory of European chaplains, an events calendar.

The general assembly approved the annual report 2008/09.

6) Approval of the financial report 2008/09 and budget 2009/2010

The financial report with handout, detailing 2008/09 expenditure and 2009/10 budget was presented by the treasurer- Lise Lotz. Lise reported that the two existing CEUC accounts had now been transferred into one account to make accounting easier and more transparent. The balance in the new merged account is €12, 357.73. The expenditure for 2008/09 was €1,820, including expenditure on a new website host. The budget for 2009/10 anticipates an expenditure of €3,130.00 and an income of €1,720. The board recommends the offer a loan of €1000 to host countries to help with start up funding for the annual conference. As there is now a healthy balance there is also the possibility of offering assistance to support those with little or no financial means to attend the annual conference. Subscriptions to CEC have yet to be paid; there has been some difficulty in knowing how to make the payment. (See attached financial report for) fuller details)

The financial report and budget were approved.

7) Proposals received

No proposals had been received

8) Membership dues

The general assembly approved an increase of €5 to the annual fee of €15 agreed in 2002. The annual fee from 2010/11 would be €20.

9) Election of the chair, vice chair to the CEUC board.

The general assembly elected Markus Anker as chair of the CEUC board, and Esther Diederer as vice chair of the CEUC board.

10) Election of auditors

The general assembly elected Leena Huovinen (Finland) and Martina Rogler (Germany) as auditors for the financial year 2009/10.

11) International Association of Chaplains in Higher Education (IACHE)

A bid to host the Global Conference in 2012 from Yale University in USA had been accepted and keynote speakers were being invited. The Executive committee is aiming to hold a face to face meeting in 2010.

The general assembly agreed to ask its representatives on IACHE to address the following;

- a) Website for IACHE.
- b) Looking beyond 2012, how can IACHE facilitate getting countries involved as participants and hosts, who are not yet represented.
- c) The position of vocational chaplains in IACHE.

Evaluation of Global Conference in Tampere 2008:

- a) 53 out of 206 delegates returned evaluation forms.
- b) The conference was a 4.3 success.
- c) The conference included the launch of IACHE and the signing of the constitution by Founding bodies
- d) Representation of delegate's faiths other than Christian needed to be improved.

The general assembly approved the CEUC representative on the IACHE Executive: Esther Diederer, Cassandra Howes and Katarina Egfors Härnring

12) Amendments to the CEUC Constitution (second and final vote)

The general assembly unanimously accepted the amendments to the CEUC constitution - first vote Tampere 2008

1. Add to § 4 The General Assembly

Art 9 on request of a member or on request of the board, permission to speak can be given to non- members. The General Assembly has to approve the request.

2. Amend in §5 The Board , Art 1, the names of the regions

2. The Netherlands and Belgium

3. Germany, Austria

4. France, Switzerland and Luxembourg

3. Amend in § 3 membership Art 4. membership dues

Membership dues are decided by the General Assembly. Dues for members and associate members are the same.

4. Add to § 4 The General Assembly

Art 45 All members, who have paid their membership before the General Assembly, and who are present, has the right to participate and vote.

13) Amendments to the CEUC constitution (first vote)

The general assembly unanimously accepted the amendment to the CEUC constitution.

5. Amend in § 6 Economy, financial matters and audit

Art 1 the organisation uses the financial year, May 1st to April 30th

14) Substitutes/vice representatives to the board from the regional groups

Delegates were asked to consider the appointment of substitutes/vice representatives to the board.

15) CEUC 2010 Coventry UK

This will take place in Coventry UK, an international city of peace and reconciliation, from 14th – 18th June. Jen Croft, on behalf of the host committee, gave a short presentation. Coventry, the city was bombed on 14 November 1940 and a decision to rebuild the city was made the following morning. The Cathedral is famous for its Cross of Nails. The host team is working closely with Coventry University and other organisations. Social events will have a medieval theme and will include a medieval banquet. It is hoped that that European market can take place in the Guildhall. An accredited course in Peace studies/conflict resolution will be offered as an option (www.coventry.ac.uk/peacestudies). The university department of sport is considering a student sporting conference – a peace and reconciliation camp alongside the conference. There may also be a poster competition. There may be opportunities for chaplains to stay on after the conference.

Registration will be available from September 2009. The conference website is www.ceuc.2010.org. There will also be a facebook page.

16) CEUC website

Work is being done to enable generation of electronic invoices.

17) Composition of the Board 2009/10

The following new board members were welcomed;

Finland/Sweden/Baltic countries: Jussi Murtovuori

Denmark/Norway: Jens Munk

Germany/Austria: yet to be decided.

Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia, Poland: Daniel Pusky

Gifts were presented to the departing board members: Katarina Egfors Härnring, Martina Rogler, Nils J. Riedl.

The meeting closed at 5.00pm