

## **Minutes of the General Assembly of CEUC held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at UCD in Dublin**

**Present:** Inge Hoyland – Norway, Janning Hoenen –Germany, Gunther Sturms-The Netherlands, Annett Brandt- Sweden, Beata Gombkoto, Hungary, Risto Korhonen- Finland, Andrew Willson- England, David Hutchinson- Scotland, Hogetsu Baaerpridql- UK, Caroline Kuhlback- Sweden, Maroa Rengard Sivertsson- Sweden, Lennart, Henricksson- Sweden, Tiemo Meylink- The Netherlands, Nans Von Drongelen- The Netherlands, Matty Metslart- The Netherlands, Jasja Nottelman- The Netherlands, Christine Schardt- Germany, Martina Rogler- Germany, Thomas Zefler- Germany, Karin Aoifsdotter- Finland, Tenoi Siyander\_ Sweden, Eva Kunda Neidek- Sweden, Gunhild Svalastag- Norway, Ilona Klemens- Germany, Bernadette Purcell- Ireland, George Walton- England, Elizabeth Canney- Ireland, Hakon Olaussen- Norway, Camilla Oulie Eskilden- Norway, Ingrid Ims- Norway, Suiw Valkle- Norway, Inge Tanglen- Norway, Hans Jorgen Wennesland- Norway, Anne Anita Lillebo- Norway, Hans Kvarnstrom- Sweden, Henri Jarvinen- Finland, Glenn Libby – USA, Katarina Pitkanen- Finland, Leena Huovinen- Finland, Gail Mercer- Northern Ireland, Sr Mary Kenfick SMG- UK, Phillip McKinly- Ireland, Ray Cotter- Ireland, Scott Evans – Ireland, Birte A Gressth – Norway, Karin Borg- Sweden, Karuna Priya, UK, Martin Jans- The Netherlands, Marylee Anderson- Scotland, Anne Jorunn Midtkil- Norway, Laura Mantyla- Finland, Lene, Crone Neilson- Denmark, Mia Pusa – Finland, Jeremy Clines – England, Cass Howes-England, Marcus Anker – Switzerland, Petra Kai Kormendy-The Netherlands

### 1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair of the CEUC Board (Anette Brandt) welcomed members of the Assembly and introduced the members of the 2017/18 Board.

The Agenda was approved. The Board had not received any proposals.

### 2. Approval of the minutes of the previous general assembly

The minutes of the General Assembly held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at Kings College, University of Aberdeen, Scotland were presented and APPROVED as correct with minor corrections.

### 3. Election of Minute Secretary of the General Assembly

Anette Brandt proposed Cass Howes to act as minute Secretary for the General Assembly. This was AGREED.

### 4. Election of ballot-counters

Jeremy Clines, Christine Schardt and Petra Kai Kormendy were appointed as Ballot Counters.

### 5. Election of Chair of the General Assembly

Anette Brandt proposed Andrew Willson as Chair of the General Assembly. This was AGREED.

### 6. Approval of the report by the Chair of the Board

Anette Brand presented her report as Chair of the Board. A copy of the report had been circulated to all conference participants by email prior to the General Assembly.

### **6.1. Membership of the Board**

The 2017-18 Board has consisted of:

Anette Brandt, Sweden, Chair  
David Hutchinson, Scotland, Vice Chair  
Günther Sturms, The Netherlands, member  
Risto Korhonen, Finland, Treasurer  
Janning Hoenen, Germany, Secretary  
Inge Hoyland, Norway, member  
Beata Gombkoto, Hungary, member

### **6.2 Board Meetings**

The Board has had 7 Skype meetings and met in person in Dublin for 2 days. Each Skype meeting has been between 1 – 1.5 hours in length. For some of the meetings the board was joined by Scott Evans, Dublin, to give updates and discuss the 2018 CEUC conference.

Since January 2018 the board has been working in small teams on different topics preparing discussion papers and suggestions to take back to a full board meeting. These topics included; changes to the constitution, Interfaith and GDPR.

### **6.3 Facebook**

The CEUC Facebook group has 240 members (30 May 2018). It's a place for sharing information about CEUC conferences but also about events and concerns in local chaplaincies. The Facebook group is an easy way for its members to keep in touch in between the conferences, but could still be used more frequently by its members.

### **6.4 IACHE**

IACHE - the 'International Association for Chaplains in Higher Education' - has been working hard in their monthly meetings to facilitate the IACHE 2020 conference. A local planning group together with a pan-European strategy group are in place to organise the conference in Sheffield in June 2020. The pan-European strategy group is multi-faith (Christian, Jewish, Islamic, Baha'i). Representation on the IACHE board is ensured from all constituent bodies. Günther Sturms, Cassandra Howes and Christine Schardt represent CEUC on the IACHE executive committee. Skype meetings are held monthly throughout the year.

The report was APPROVED

## **7. Financial Report**

The Financial Report for 2017/18 was presented by Risto Korhonen, the CEUC Treasurer. The financial year is from 1 May to 30 April. The membership fee of 30 Euros is collected annually and is usually included in the conference fee. The majority of expenditure was for

Scholarships to attend the annual conference. The conference held in Aberdeen made a surplus which can be used on future conferences.

The closing balance for the year is 14, 538, 83 Euros.

The Auditors, were invited to comment on the financial situation and confirmed that we are in good financial state.

The report was APPROVED.

## **8. 2018-19 Budget**

The Treasurer presented the budget for 2018-19. Expenditure included board meeting costs, scholarships – which could be increased to 2000 Euros, a redesign of the CEUC website with specialist assistance.

The Budget was APPROVED.

## **9. Amendments to the Constitution**

Janning Hoenen talked the meeting through the suggested amendments as follows;

Art 2. Home of the organisation, change from Copenhagen, Denmark to Tampere, Finland

Aims Art.1a delete *'a Global University Chaplains Conference'* and replace with *'the Global Conference of the International Association of Chaplains in Higher Education (IACHE).'*

Membership Rules Art 2 delete *'Application for membership takes place by forwarding the membership application form to the secretary of the organization.'* and replace with *'Membership is valid when the member has paid dues for the first year of membership'*

The General Assembly Art 2. Delete *'by sending out the agenda to the membership either by mail or electronically'* and replace with *'by publishing and sending out the agenda electronically to the members.'*

Art. 8 delete *'Elections always take place by written ballot. In the case of more than one candidate, the candidate receiving an absolute majority of the votes is elected. If such a majority is not achieved during the first ballot, a new election takes place. If still no majority is achieved, a new election takes place between the two candidates that received the greatest number of votes during the second ballot. If two candidates receive the same number of votes during the second ballot, the decision on who takes part in the final election is made by drawing lots. If candidates receive the same number of votes during the final election, the decision is made by drawing lots.'* and replace with new Art 8 *'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.'*

The Board Art 1 add *'consisting of 7 members that represent at least 5 countries. Board Members are being elected for a period of three years. The setup of the Board should seek gender balance and a variety of denominations. For further regulation of the election procedure, the organization may establish specific electoral rules by decision of the general*

assembly'. Remove election of board from regions and so delete the list of regions; '1. *The United Kingdom and Ireland.* 2. *The Netherlands and Belgium.* 3. *Germany and Austria.* 4. *France, Switzerland and Luxembourg.* 5. *Denmark, Norway and Iceland.* 6. *Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.* 7. *Spain, Portugal, Italy, Malta and the Vatican State.* 8. *Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia, and Croatia.* 9. *Yugoslavia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia, Albania, Bulgaria, Romania, Greece and Cyprus.* 10. *Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia and Armenia.*'

The Board Art 5. delete '*either by mail or*'

The Board Art 7. delete '*When a member of the board resigns during his or her term of office, a substitute elected by the same region will take his or her place. If no substitute is appointed by the region, replacement can take place at the next general assembly.*'

Constitutional Amendments: add Art 3 Home of the organization can be changed by a 2/3 majority at only one general assembly. Such amendment will be effective as from the general assembly that takes this decision.

The amendments as proposed were voted on en bloc and accepted. The amendments also need to be voted on in 2019.

## **10.GDPR**

It was reported that 340 emails were sent out requesting permission for use of data, this fulfilled the legal obligation .100 replies were received.

## **11.Interfaith Report**

It was agreed to set up a working group following the initial post it note exercise at the previous General Assembly. Involvement was requested, offers received from Cass Howes, Anne Lillebo, Rene Neilson. CEUC aims to be an inclusive organisation and chaplains from other faiths are welcomed to attend CEUC. Is it possible for a chaplain from another faith to be a member of CEUC?

## **12. Election of new chair and vice chair**

The following were proposed: David Hutchinson as Chair and Beata Gombkoto as Vice chair. Voting took place after those proposed had left the room. Both were duly elected.

## **13.CEUC Conference 2019**

Janning Hoenen gave a presentation outlining the CEUC conference plans for 2019. The Conference will take place in Northern Bavaria at the Augustana Theological Seminary Neuendettelsau in the old imperial city of Nurnburg and at the Catholic University Eichstätt. The theme is Truth in Transformation - a week of: Learning Discussion Sharing Celebration Remembrance from 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June. Possible visits to; Documentation Center Nazi Party Rally Grounds, Court Room of the Nuremberg Trials, German National Museum.

#### **14. Global Conference 2020**

This will take place in Sheffield UK, the host committee is chaired by Jeremy Clines, and including Baha'i, Buddhist, Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Humanist and Sikh members. Early information will be available in July 2018.

**15. AOB .** The General Assembly was informed about a proposal to produce a book of stories from chaplains.

#### **16. Thanks**

Thanks were expressed; to Annette Brandt for chairing the CEUC Board, to Inge Hoyland who is leaving the board and to Scott Evans and the Dublin host committee.

The General Assembly closed at 2.45pm