



CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN CHURCHES

General Assembly conducted by written procedure according to the CEC Constitution Article 7b

7 October 2019

Draft Minutes

Introduction

Following the result of the written procedure of the CEC General Assembly 3 August 2019, where the required quorum of 58 Members was not met, the Governing Board called upon Member Churches to participate in a second written procedure of the General Assembly according to the CEC Constitution Article 7b (8) in a letter to the Member Churches sent on 7 August 2019, with the final day to vote on 7 October 2019.

Agenda of the General Assembly 7 October 2019

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The Agenda of the General Assembly, as adopted by the Governing Board, contained the following items.

1. Approval of the annual accounts 2018
2. Discharge of the Governing Board
3. Approval of the budget for 2019
4. Appointment of an external accountant to audit the annual accounts

Questions and answers

According to the CEC Constitution Article 7b (6), the Governing Board shall include a summary of all questions received and answers given in the mailing to the Delegates. This summary shall also be kept in the minutes, cf. Rules of Procedure C.4.1. During the second written procedure, the Governing Board received no questions.

1. First resolution: Approval of the annual accounts 2018

According to the CEC Const. Art. 7 (3) and 14 (4), each year, within six (6) months following the end of the financial year, the Governing Board shall submit the draft annual accounts to the General Assembly for approval.

The Governing Board move that

- *this General Assembly decides to approve the annual accounts 2018.*

The results of the vote regarding the first resolution was:

- in favour: 70
- against: 0
- abstentions: 0

The motion was unanimously carried.

2. Second resolution: Discharge of the Governing Board

According to the CEC Const. Art. 7 (3), the General Assembly shall grant discharge to the Governing Board regarding the exercise of their mandate during the past financial year.

The Governing Board move that

- *this General Assembly decides to grant discharge to the Governing Board regarding to the exercise of their mandate during the financial year of 2018.*

The results of the vote regarding the second resolution are:

- in favour: 70
- against: 0
- abstentions: 0

The motion was unanimously carried.

3. Third resolution: Approval of the budget for 2019

According to the CEC Const. Art. 7 (3) and 14 (4), each year, within six (6) months following the end of the financial year, the Governing Board shall submit the draft budget to the General Assembly for approval.

The Governing Board move that

- *this General Assembly approves the budget for 2019.*

The results of the vote regarding the third resolution are:

- in favour: 70
- against: 0
- abstentions: 0

The motion was unanimously carried.

4. Fourth resolution: Appointment of an external accountant to audit the annual accounts

According to the CEC Const. Art. 14 (4), if the law so requires, the General Assembly shall appoint a statutory auditor, chosen among the members of the Belgian Institut des Réviseurs d'Entreprise / Instituut der Bedrijfsrevisoren, for a term of three (3) years. If the Conference is not required by law to appoint a statutory auditor, the General Assembly shall still appoint an external accountant to audit the annual accounts.

According to the CEC Const. 7 (3) the General Assembly shall, if applicable, appoint and dismiss a statutory auditor or an external accountant, determine the remuneration and grant discharge to that person or those persons regarding the exercise of the mandate during the past financial year.

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CEC is not required by law to appoint a statutory auditor. The General Assembly is therefore required to appoint an external accountant to audit the annual accounts and fix his/her remuneration.

The Governing Board move that

- *this General Assembly appoints Renaud de Borman as an external accountant to audit the annual accounts for 2019 and fixes the remuneration at the amount of 1,850 euro.*

The results of the vote regarding the fourth resolution are:

- in favour: 70
- against: 0
- abstentions: 0

The motion was unanimously carried.

Composition of the General Assembly



Fifty (52) Delegates representing forty (42) Members returned the ballot papers according to the CEC Constitution Article 7b (7) by the end of the final day to vote, according to Brussels time.

According to the CEC Constitution Article 7b (8), the second written procedure shall validly take place irrespective of the number of Members participating. The General Assembly conducted by written procedure with the final day to vote on 7 October 2019 was therefore validly constituted and the resolutions were passed unanimously.

Appendixes:

Appendix 1 – CEC consolidated accounts 2018 & Revised Budget 2019

Appendix 2 – List of Members and Delegates participating in the written procedure before the final day to vote

A blue ink signature of Rev Christian Krieger, consisting of a stylized 'C' and 'K'.

Rev Christian Krieger
President

A blue ink signature of Mr Andreas Henriksen Aarflot, written in a cursive style.

Mr Andreas Henriksen Aarflot
Minute Taker and Legal Advisor



Appendix 1 – CEC consolidated accounts 2018 & Revised Budget 2019

Please see attachment B & C



Appendix 2 – Participating Member Churches and Delegates who sent in their ballot paper before the end of the final day to vote

Church in Wales

Delegate: Rev Canon Carol Wardman

Church of Cyprus

Delegate: Arcimandrate Nektarios Ioannou

Church of England

Delegates: Bishop Nick Baines and Mrs Margaret Swinson

Church of Greece

Delegates: Giorgios Papanikolaou and Ilias Andriopoulos

Church of Norway

Delegate: Ms Berit Hagen Agøy

Church of Scotland

Delegate: Rev Alison McDonald

Congregational Federation

Delegate: Christopher Gilham

Estonian Evangelical-Lutheran Church

Delegate: Rev Anne Burghardt

Ecumenical Patriarchate

Delegate: Mr Nikola Jovik

Evangelical Church AB in Austria

Delegates: Dr Peter Krömer, Ella-Maria Bobba

Evangelical Church AC in Poland

Delegate: Dr Grzegorz Giemza

Evangelical Church AC in Slovakia

Delegate: Ivan Elko



Evangelical Church in Germany

Delegate: Frank Kopania, Lea Schlenker, Charlotte Weber, Dr Geisine von Kloeden

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland

Delegate: Dr Kimmo Kääriäinen

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary

Delegate: Dr Klara Tarr Cselobvsky

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Italy

Delegate: Past. Urs Michalke

Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia

Delegate: Rev Olav Panchu

Federation of Evangelical Baptist Churches of France

Delegate: Rev Marc Deroeux

Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches

Delegate: Rev Serge Fornerod

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Mennonite Church in the Netherlands

Delegate: Iris Speckmann

Methodist Church of Britain

Delegates: Mrs. Emma Weaver

Old Catholic Church of Switzerland

Delegate: Ms Caroline Soland Faessli

L'Opera per le Chiese Evangeliche Metodiste in Italia (OPCEMI)

Delegate: Mirella Manocchio

Orthodox Autocephalous Church of Albania

Delegate: Rev Gregory Pelushi (legal name: Robert Pelushi), Sonila Rembeci

Polish Autocephalous Orthodox Church

Delegate: Dr Jaroslaw Charkiewicz and Rev Andrzej Kuzma



Presbyterian Church of Ireland

Delegate: Rev Trevor Gribben

Protestant Church in the Netherlands

Delegate: Dr R.P. Naukta

Protestant Church in Luxembourg

Delegate: Volker Strauss

Silesian Evangelical Church A.C. in the Czech Republic

Delegate: Bishop Tomáš Tyrlik

Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church

Delegate: Rev Daniel Caravaca Domínguez

The Salvation Army - International

Delegate: Commissioner Elizabeth Matear, Mrs Vibeke Krommenhoek and Mr Vadim Khurn

The Salvation Army UK Territory and Ireland

Delegate: Major David Mark Evans

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Union of Evangelical Free Churches in Germany (Baptist Union)

Delegate: Rev Christoph Stiba

United Methodist Church in Austria

Delegate: Rev Stefan Schröckenfuchs

United Methodist Church in Czech Republic

Delegate: Rev Davd Chlupáček

United Methodist Church in Bulgaria

Delegate: Rev Dr Daniel Gergiev Topalski

United Methodist Church in Macedonia

Delegate: Mr Dejan Arsov

United Methodist Church in Switzerland

Delegate: Bishop Patrick Streiff



United Protestant Church in Belgium

Delegate: Rev Stephen H Fuite,

United Protestant Church of France

Delegate: Rev Emmanuelle Seyboldt

United Reformed Church UK

Delegate: Rev Fleur Houston

Waldensian Church

Delegate: Rev Bernardini Eugenio