

## CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN CHURCHES

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

7 October 2019

### Draft Minutes

#### Introduction

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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

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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

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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**

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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**

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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**

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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.

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**

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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

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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

**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 Tyrlík

**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

**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