

Annotated Agenda

Opening Prayer

1. Roll Call

(Doc_1)

The Moderator will perform the roll call establishing the presence of Governing Board members and voting quorum.

2. Agenda

(Doc_2)

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Action:

The Governing Board is kindly requested to take note of the agenda.

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3. Changed timing for the approval of the annual budget

According to the CEC Constitution Art. 14 (4), the Governing Board must every year draw up the draft annual accounts of the past financial year, as well as the draft budget for the next financial year, and submit it to the General Assembly.

The Governing Board has understood 'the next financial year' as the financial year following the year of the General Assembly that approves the budget. The budget for 2021 was therefore approved by the written General Assembly in 2020, and the Governing Board had scheduled to approve the budget of 2022 at the General Assembly in 2021.

However, upon further study of the text of the Companies and Associations Code, the 'next financial year' is to be understood as the financial year following the financial year to which the annual accounts relate, cf. Art. 3:47.

The General Secretary recommends that the schedule of the approval of the annual accounts is changed, so that the budget for 2022 will be approved by the General Assembly in 2022. The revised budget for 2021 will be approved by the General Assembly in June 2021.

Action:

The Governing Board is kindly requested to change the scheduled timeline for approval of the annual budget, so that the General Assembly in 2021 will approve the revised budget for 2021, the General Assembly in 2022 will approve the budget for 2022, etc.

4. Convening 2021 virtual General Assembly

(Doc_3a and Doc_3b)

Belgian law requires associations to conduct a General Assembly every year for, inter alia, adopting the budget and accounts, by the end of June. Between physical assemblies CEC has so far conducted a written General Assembly twice (2019 and 2020) in accordance with Belgian legal regulations.

The Belgian Code of Companies and Associations was, however, amended on 20 December 2020 with an introduction of the possibility for international non-profit associations to conduct virtual General Assemblies as well as the classical physical General Assemblies and written General Assemblies.

Written General Assemblies are still legal, but as part of the amendment there is a new mandatory requirement for written General Assemblies: the decisions must be unanimous among all the participating Members.

In practice, this means that the CEC written General Assembly no longer will be viable, since - based on two years' experience from written General Assemblies - a unanimous vote is unlikely. Hence, the only viable option is to conduct a virtual General Assembly - first time this year.

The CEC Constitution stipulates that a General Assembly must be called at least three months prior to the Assembly.

Action:

The Governing Board is kindly requested to approve agenda and timeline and to call for the 2021 virtual General Assembly by 30 June 2021.



5. Personnel Committee

a. Update Case Fr Heikki Theodoros Huttunen

A report of the Chair of the Personnel Committee OKR Frank Kopania will be presented to the Governing Board Members.

The Governing Board is invited to raise questions to and/or comment on the report.

Action:

The Governing Board is kindly requested to receive the Personnel Committee Chair's Report.
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6. AOB

Closing Prayer