



Minutes of the 4th Annual Meeting of EVTA e.V.

October 10, 2008, 2 p.m.

Lidingö, Stockholm, Sweden

Present at the meeting were the following persons:

Norma Enns (President/Chairperson)	Ruth Frenk (BDG)
Scott Swope (Vice-president)	Pia Trøjgaard-Andersen (DVF)
Bjørgulv Borgundvaag (Treasurer)	Nora Tiedcke (EVTA.CH)
Georges Regner (Secretary)	Bernhard Hunziker (EVTA.CH)
Helga Meyer-Wagner (Executive/ EVTA-Austria)	Antra Jankava (LATS)
Maria Czechowska-Królicka (Executive / PSPS)	Zigrida Krigere (LATS)
Jacques Schwarz (AFPC)	Marianne Ax (AEPC)
Claudia Phillips (AFPC)	Outi Kähkönen (FINATS)
Franz Lukasovsky (EVTA-Austria)	Hannele Valtasaari (FINATS)
Elizabeth Aubry (AICI)	Andis Petersen (Gast)
Paul Deegan (AoToS)	Jacqueline Delman (SSTPF / VOTS)
Liza Hobbs (AoToS)	Ann-Christin Willund (SSTPF / VOTS)
Berthold Schmid (BDG)	Njal Thorud (NSPF)
	Barbro Marklund (Gast)

Members not represented: Croatia, Hungary, Iceland, the Netherlands and Slovenia

Agenda 1: Opening of the meeting, Quorum, and language Usage

Norma Enns introduced herself and asked all present to do so as well.

Norma Enns, President of EVTA e.V., greeted the council members and established that the **Council has a quorum** in accordance with the constitution. She proposed English as the language of business, whereby translation can be requested by anyone present at any time.

English was accepted as the language of business.

Three kinds of council decisions were explained:

Council decisions: voting is by double majority of the delegations (one vote per country) and the number of members represented.

Council agreements: informal agreements on some matter of procedure not governed by constitution – voting by council members present

Elections: simple majority of all council members present

Executive members not representing a country do not vote.

Agenda 2: Agenda

Agenda #4 has been added to the Agenda that was sent in advance of the meeting.

The Agenda was unanimously accepted.

Agenda 3: Confirmation of Email decisions

There were no Email decisions since the last meeting.

Agenda 4: Preliminary business

- Auditor 2007

Nora Tiedcke was unanimously accepted as auditor for 2007.

- Election Committee

The members of the election committee elected at the meeting in 2007 were not able to carry through their duties: Bojan Pogrmilovic could not come for health reasons, Paul Deegan and Nora Tiedcke wished to candidate for the executive.

Berthold Schmid was nominated as Chairman, Pia Trøjgaard and Liza Hobbs as committee members.

The election Committee was elected with 3 abstentions.

- Changes to the Election procedure:

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Old: *Es kann nur gewählt werden, wer mindestens seit vier Jahren ordentliches Mitglied eines Mitgliedsverbandes ist.*

Candidates for election must have been regular members of a member organisation for at least four years.

New: *Es kann nur gewählt werden, wer **Mitglied eines Mitgliedsverbandes ist.***

Candidates for election must be members of a member organisation.

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Old: *Wahlberechtigt sind alle ordentlichen Mitglieder des EVTA Councils (gemäß § 3 der Satzung) der European Voice Teachers Association e.V.*

All regular members of the EVTA council (according to § 3 of the constitution) may vote.

New: *Wahlberechtigt sind alle ordentliche Mitglieder des EVTA Councils (gemäß § 8 der Satzung) der European Voice Teachers Association e.V.*

All regular members of the EVTA Council (according to § 8 of the constitution) may vote.

The changes to the Election procedure were unanimously accepted.

Agenda 5: Executive Report 2007/08

The executive report was presented and explained by the president and vice-president.

Both reports were greeted with hearty applause.

Agenda 6: Financial Report 2007

a) Treasurer's Report

Bjørgulv Borgundvaag explained the financial statement for 2007 and the budget for 2008.

b) Auditor's report

Nora Tiedcke presented the auditor's report in German, Norma Enns translated it verbally into English.

Agenda 7: Informal release of the Executive

Berthold Schmid thanked the executive for its work and proposed the release of the executive for its work.

Decision: Council voted unanimously to release the executive.

Agenda 8: Election of the Executive 2009 - 2012

There were 19 voting members of Council.

Scott Swope was unanimously re-elected to the office of Vice-president.

Helga Meyer-Wagner was elected to the office of Secretary with 18 votes and one abstention.

Sebastian Bielicke was elected to the office of Treasurer with 18 votes and one abstention.

Candidates for the positions of members at large introduced themselves:

1. Elisabeth Aubry
2. Bjørgulv Borgundvaag
3. Paul Deegan
4. Jacques Schwarz
5. Nora Tiedcke

The results of the voting were as follows:

Elisabeth Aubry	13
Bjørgulv Borgundvaag.....	13
Paul Deegan.....	9
Jacques Schwarz	8
Nora Tiedcke	14

Nora Tiedcke, Elisabeth Aubry und Bjørgulv Borgundvaag were declared elected as members at large.

All candidates elected accepted the positions.

Agenda 9: Recommendation for Fees at Empfehlungen Conferences

Two work papers in German and English and one in French were distributed with the documents for the meeting: a full text (G-E) and a summary.

The vote to accept these recommendations was unanimous.

Agenda 10: ICVT / Eurovox 2009: Paris July 15 – 19

Claudia Phillips explained the changes of venues from Châtelet to the Folies Bergères: there is a conservatory near by which can be used for meetings and presentation, (Mairie du IX^{ème} Arrondissement). There are also several appropriate hotels nearby - for students (a cloister) and presenters, etc.

The fee for members has been reduced

National organisations are asked to inform their members and refer to the website.at: www.icvt2009.com.

All members of EVTA member countries are also ICVT Members!

EVTA-Project YPP

Young Professionals Project: Information in English, German and French was included in the council folder. Norma Enns explained.

Agenda 11: Projects 2009-2013

EVPW: Bjørgulv Borgundvaag explained the financial aspects of the EU subventions.

Further information will be forthcoming as soon as possible after the end of the council meeting.

Agenda 12: Other business

There was no other item of business.

Agenda 13: Dates

The 2. EVPW in Stockholm will possibly take place in March 2009.

The 5. Annual Meeting will be held in Paris in conjunction with ICVT-Eurovox 2009.

The 3. EVPW 2010 cannot take place in Konstanz as planned, since Germany did not receive the EU grant. Date and time will be clarified and announced shortly.

Eurovox 2012 and 2015: EVTA is anticipating invitations from member organisations.

The meeting was interrupted from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for a dinner break.

During the evening, council was divided into two groups in order to clarify questions of procedure in connection with the EU Leonardo grants and discuss questions of EVTA development and priorities. Since there was insufficient information available, no agreement was made as to the common handling of EU funds.

The meeting was closed at 9:15 p.m.

Olten, October 22, 2008



Georges Regner, Secretary, EVTA e.V.