eceee 2012 General Assembly

Date and time:
21 November 2012 13:30–14:30

Venue:
The meeting was held at Kooperationsstelle EU der Wissenschaftsorganisationen (KoWi), the European Liaison Office of the German Research Organisations, Brussels

Minutes
Peter Bach opened the meeting and wished everyone welcome. After a Tour de Table, the meeting commenced. In total, 19 people attended the General Assembly.

1. Approval of the agenda, and statement whether the meeting was called out properly and in due time.
   Peter Bach, eceee’s President chaired the meeting. The agenda was approved and the meeting concluded that the members had been called in due time.

2. eceee activity report FY 2010/11
   Peter Bach gave an overview. He mentioned that eceee was in a difficult financial situation a year ago, but that it is significantly better now. Despite having less resources, we have managed to maintain a high visibility during the year. In particular, the following was pointed out:
   - The first Industrial Summer Study was held. Some questions were raised on the outcome and the Executive Director explained that it indeed met our expectations in terms of participants and papers. Financially, the event broke even.
   The activity report was adopted.

3. eceee financial report and approval of accounts
   The President commented on the much lower turnover this year compared to the previous fiscal year, which was very high due to the 2011 Summer Study. A few questions were raised:
   - Are projects funded? The President commented that the accounts put forward to the meeting is a summary of the eceee accounting where individual projects are not shown. But eceee has a project accounting system so the finances of individual projects can be traced. Projects are generally funded on a per-project basis, but there can sometimes be problems with IEE projects that only offer a 75% funding. Here, eceee needs to seek additional funding, and it has so far been rather successful in doing so. Summer Studies should be able to generate a surplus.
   - The President explained that eceee has four income streams: Summer Studies, projects (grants or service contracts), sponsors such as foundations, and membership fees.
   - The question whether memberships can be increased was discussed. The question was asked whether attracting members is the best way to spend our resources. The President explained that some members bring in quite substantial funds, whereas individual memberships are not so profitable. However, individual memberships are important since they help to create an eceee community.
   - A question on auditing and accounting fees was asked. Why are these costs so high this year? The Executive Director explained that we had a lot

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of problems with VAT in relation to revised rules and the Summer Study invoices (which were dealt with in the autumn after the Summer Study). It should be lower this current year since we have found a way to greatly simplify Summer Study invoicing.

4. Election of new board members
   The President explained the new structure where a third of the board is up for election every year, and the requirement for a minimum number of organisational members on the board has been lowered from 2/3 to 1/2 of the board members.

   The election took place: eceee’s Executive Assistant Anne Bengtson and Executive Director Nils Borg received all ballots and counted all the votes with support from Erwin Cornelis. Two postal ballots were received.

   In total 43 votes were received. All votes but three supported the nomination committee proposal. Three votes were cast for Miett Tajthy instead of Agneta Persson.

   The following four board members were thus re-elected to serve for another three-year term:
   - Peter Bach, Danish Energy Agency, as organisational member.
   - Juraj Krivošik, SEVEN, as organisational member
   - Agneta Persson, WSP Sweden, as individual member
   - Didier Bosseboeuf, ADEME, as organisational members
   - Hans Nilsson (as alternate for individual board members)

5. Election of Auditor and his/her alternate
   Eceee’s current auditor Thomas Lindgren was elected as auditor. His firm Grant Thornton was elected as alternate.

6. Any other business
   No other business had been raised prior to the meeting.

7. Closing of meeting
   The President thanked all participants for attending and closed the meeting.

The Minutes were approved in Brussels 23 January 2013.

Peter Bach
President and meeting Chair

Nils Borg
Executive Director (meeting secretary)
Annex

Participant list:

Peter Bach, Danish Energy Agency
Anne Bengtson, eceee
Nils Borg, eceee
Didier Bosseboeuf, ADEME
Randall Bowie, Rockwool
Erwin Cornelis, VITO Nv
Susanne Dyrbøl, Rockkwool International
Wolfgang Eichhammer, Fraunhofer
Adrian Joyce, EuroACE
Rob Kool
Juraj Krivošť, SEVEN
Jens Kristiansen, VELUX A/S
Hans Nilsson, FourFact AB
Marianne Osterkorn
Agnete Persson, WSP Sweden
Oliver Rapf, BPIE
Andrea Roscetti, Kyoto Club
Pernille Schiellerup, CLASP
Miett Tajthy, Tajthy Consulting