



ecee 2022 General Assembly: Minutes

Digital meeting, 30 August 2022, 14.00–14.45

Participants

Nils Borg, Borg & Co, ecee (Sweden)
Heike Brugger, Fraunhofer ISI, Germany
Erwin Cornelis, Independent, Belgium
Kirsten Dyhr Mikkelsen, Copenhagen City, Denmark
Paul Fonseca, Univ of Coimbra
Rod Janssen, Energy in Demand, FR/UK
Cédric Jeanneret, SIG Geneve, Switzerland.
Adrian Joyce, EuroACE
Jurak Krivosik, Seven, Czech Republic
Vesna Kolega, independent, Croatia
Lorenzo Pagliano, Politecnico di Milano
Agneta Persson, Anthesis (outgoing President)
Jan Rosenow, RAP, UK/Belgium
Dario di Santo, Fire, Italy

Agenda

1. Opening of meeting
Outgoing President Agneta Persson *opened the meeting*.
2. Approval of agenda and statement whether the meeting has been called out in time.
The *agenda was approved*. It was concluded that the meeting had been called out in time.
3. Approval of activity report
Nils Borg gave a very short overview of the activity report:
 - The GA is held later than normal due to Covid. Thus, the activity report covers activities until 31 August 2021.
 - The 2020 conference activities had been very difficult to undertake due to Covid.
 - The 2022 Summer Study was very successful (although it is not a formal activity covered by this annual report, apart from the preparation work).
 - ecee won the process against the Swedish Tax Authority and thus will not have to pay a penalty of some 30,000 euro.
 - There was a question whether the delay in holding the GA too late has any legal consequences. Nils Borg explained that there are no legal consequences.
 - New projects: ecee is part of the Energy Efficiency Watch 5 consortium and that project starts in November 2022. We are also setting up a work group on decarbonising ecee. There are, in addition, plans to form specific ad hoc work groups.The *GA approved* the activity report.
4. Presentation and approval of financial report
Nils Borg presented the financial report. A few highlights:
 - The five-year report clearly shows how poor the result in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 was. We have ended up with a negative capital.

- The main reason was the online events and Covid. However, it was pointed out that the FY 2022/2023 result will be much more positive due to a very successful summer study.
- What has been done to reverse the trend of falling costs and negative results? Nils Borg explained that on-line, for-fee events are not sustainable financially. Also, the dedicated industrial energy efficiency event series with peer-reviewed papers will be closed down. Instead, industry issues are integrated into the traditional Summer Study as well as into a simpler dedicated in-person event without peer-reviewed papers.
- The five-year report has a typo in the English (non-official translation). The years are correctly stated in the official Swedish version.
- There are about 600 individuals as members (including those affiliated with organisations).
- The accounting system is being changed into a web-based online system that should reduce the accounting cost in the future.
- In the notes, the accounting fees are unusually high. This is due to a backlog in invoicing from the accountant and they have now adjusted this, so it is an effect of present and past accounting fees.
- The member fees seem to have gone down. Nils Borg Explained that this is due to a change in the accounting (moving back from allocating costs to the exact financial year to simply account for the fees the year they were invoiced).

The GA approved the *financial report*.

5. Election of new board members

Kirsten Dyhr Mikkelsen presented the proposal from the nomination committee.

- She explained that there is always an ambition to strike a balance between gender, national affiliation, private/public organisations, continuity vs new people with new ideas, etc.
- New board members Simon Minett (proposed for ordinary board member) and Jens Laustsen (proposed for alternate) both represent some 30–35 years of experience in energy efficiency.
- Didier Bossebouef, Jan Rosenow and Vesna Kolega are all board members and proposed for re-election.
- No other nominations were put forward.

The *nomination committee proposal* was approved by the GA.

6. Election of auditor and his/her alternate – Proposal: Patrik Spets, BDO and his firm as alternate

The GA elected the proposed auditor and his firm BDO as an alternate.

7. Any other business

No other business were raised.

8. Thanks to outgoing board members

The GA thanked Agneta Persson for having served so long as the President of ecee.

9. Close of meeting

The meeting was closed and the chair thanked all participants.

Nils Borg
Meeting secretary

Agneta Persson
Approval of minutes



Proposed ecee board candidates for the 2021 election: Report from the nomination committee

Dear ecee member,

This is the report from the nomination committee for the 2022 ecee Board election.

As previously announced, the ecee annual General Assembly will be held 30 August 2022, 14.00 CET, as an online event. You are heartily welcome to attend. See

<https://www.ecee.org/about-ecee/governance/2022-general-assembly> for agenda and other materials

You may join the meeting by accessing this zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86795639338?pwd=azhOMU5FWnNNeVhKanBubEQ2dXNodz09>

The bylaws require that each year one third of the board retires. These board members may stand for re-election once if they wish, so in total a board member may serve for two consecutive three-year terms. The alternate for individual members is elected every year for a one-year term. The bylaws further stipulate that 50% of the board must represent organisational members. A President may be re-elected for a third term.

As a general rule we suggest that existing board members who wish to serve for a second term are endorsed by the nomination committee unless there is a pressing need to change the composition of the board (e.g. to bring in new competences; or to adjust the geographical, gender or age balance to better reflect the composition of ecee's membership). In this way, the organisation will benefit from the understanding of ecee affairs that these board members have developed during their first term of office.

We believe that at present we have a strong board with a good mix of experienced members and new perspectives. However, are aware that there are a number of imbalances: we currently have a board with fewer women, we have less transportation expertise, we have few members from industry, etc. There are not enough seats to address all imbalances at once, and the board itself will have to execute its governance so those and other issues are taken into consideration. We would encourage members to propose for the next General Assembly candidates who address some or all of the imbalances listed above.

We propose to keep the board at the size of 12 members, the maximum allowed by the bylaws, and the proposal will retain these strengths:

- Extensive experience, expertise and active commitment;
- Networks in most of the areas in which ecee operates;
- An intimate knowledge of ecee as an organisation;
- A broad mix of country and regional representation;
- A mix of individual members and organisational members;
- A good mix of continuity and new perspectives through new board members.

Seats up for re-election and remaining board members

There are five (5) positions that stand open, four ordinary board members and one alternate. Presently these positions are held by:

Eligible for re-election

- Didier Bosseboeuf, Ademe, France (Organisational board member). Didier has served on the board for one term and is eligible for re-election.



- Jan Rosenow, Regulatory Assistance Project, (organisational board member). Jan has been on the board for one term and is eligible for re-election.
- Vesna Kolega, independent, Croatia (individual board member). Vesna has served one term and is eligible for re-election.
- Simon Minett, Challoch Energy, Belgium (currently alternate for individual members). Simon has been an alternate for individual members for a year. He is eligible for election both as alternate and as ordinary member, and both as organisational or individual member.

Not eligible for re-election

- President Agneta Persson, Anthesis Sweden. Agneta is elected on an individual member mandate and has served for three terms and she must now leave the board according to the bylaws.

According to the by-laws half the board must consist of organisational members. We currently have five organisations represented on the board that are not up for re-election, so one of the members elected this year must represent an organisation.

Remaining on the board (not up for re-election) this year are:

- Andrea Roscetti, Kyoto Club, Italy (organisational board member)
- Clemens Rohde, Fraunhofer ISI, Germany (organisational board member)
- Cédric Jeannerat, SIG, Switzerland (organisational)
- Paula Fonseca, University of Coimbra, Portugal (organisational)
- Rod Janssen, Energy in Demand, UK and France, (individual)
- Vesna Kolega, Silvosus, Croatia (individual)
- Sibylle Braungardt, Öko-Institut, Germany (organisational)
- Adrian Joyce, EuroACE (organisational)
- Erwin Cornelis, Belgium (individual)

Nominations

In addition to the current board members eligible and available for re-election the nomination committee is grateful for one new nominee as well for Simon (currently and alternate for individuals) to join the full board. Both are very strong candidates:

- Jens Henning Laustsen from the team for 'EU and International' in the Center for Energy Efficiency in the Danish Energy Agency. Jens is, among other things, responsible for the Coordination of the Concerted Action EPBD. Jens has a more than 35 years of experience in the field of energy efficiency for a wide range of; buildings, products, appliances, public organisations and companies as well as experience with smaller renewable systems in connection to buildings.
- Simon Minett, Challoch Energy, with a background in both energy efficiency and renewables and has served both as a government civil servant, a consultant, and at COGEN Europe. He has been an alternate for individuals for one year.

Our proposal

The nomination committee recommends that this year, the following people are elected to the board:

- Didier Bosseboeuf, Ademe (Organisational member – re-election).
- Jan Rosenow, Regulatory Assistance Project, (organisational member –re-election).
- Vesna Kolega (individual member – re-election).
- Simon Minett, Challoch Energy Belgium – organizational member (was previously alternate for individuals).
- Jens Henning Laustsen, Danish Energy Agency, as alternate for individuals. He is recommended with a view of getting him and the Danish Energy Agency involved as an organizational member at the next board election. Note that this will be in



approximately 5-6 months' time, as we transition back to the normal timing for our General Assemblies.

Motivation for our proposal

With the remaining board members, we currently have solid competence from national energy agencies, research institutes, consultants, the building sector, and NGOs.

With our proposal we believe we would ensure that the ecee board keeps a broad experience base, as well as a good age, and geographical. We also welcome the opportunity to have one more national energy agency involved in the board, again.

Jens Henning Laustsen will be the only new board member this time but we believe he will bring a lot of valuable experience to the board.

The ecee nomination committee, 24 June 2021

Kirsten Dyhr-Mikkelsen

Juraj Krivosik

Stefan Thomas

Joanne Wade

2020				2021				2022				2023											
Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4								
Vesna Kolega (ind)				Vesna Kolega proposed for re-election																			
				Erwin Cornelis proposed for re-election (ind)																			
Agneta Persson (ind) - last term				Simon Minnett proposed for election as organisational board member.																			
Didier Bosseboeuf (org)				Didier B/Ademe proposed for re-election																			
Andrea Roscetti, Kyoto Club (Org)																							
				Clemens Rohde proposed for re-election (org)																			
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Rod Janssen (ind)																							
				Sibylle Braungardt (org)																			
Paula Fonseca, Univ Coimbra																							
Cédric Jeanneret, SIG (Org)																							
Sibylle Braungardt				Simon Minnett proposed				Jens Lausten proposed as alternate															
4 org				5 org + 3 proposed				6 org remain -> quota filled															
4 ind				3 ind + 1 proposed				3 ind remain															
At least one new/re-elected board member must be organisational																							

Note: The GA is delayed this year and should have been held in Q1.