

**37th European Conference of the
International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association
19th ILGA-Europe conference
Athens, 28 October – 31 October 2015**

FINAL MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Agenda

1. Approval of the chairing pool and appointment of tellers
2. Approval of the Executive Board's report on work undertaken since the 2014 conference
3. Consideration of proposals
4. Approval of the accounts for 2014
5. Consideration of the report on the current financial position and approval of the indicative budget for 2016
6. Appointment of an auditor for 2015-2016
7. Election of ILGA-Europe Executive Board
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9. Any other business

1. Approval of the chairing pool and appointment of tellers

Prior to the conference, the ILGA-Europe Board had appointed the following to the chairing pool:

Mark Grech, Simon Maljevac, Marta Ramos and Carola Towle.

Conference approved these members of the chairing pool.

Conference then approved the following as tellers for the conference:

Ana Aresta, Joseanne Peregrin, Euan Platt and Tomas Raskevičius.

2. Approval of the Executive Board's report

The annual report and activity report on work undertaken since the 2014 conference were presented by the Executive Board co-chairs Joyce Hamilton and Paulo Corte-Real, and the executive director Evelyne Paradis in the 1st plenary session. The reports were discussed in workshop 6, which recommended their approval. The reports were then approved by the conference in the 4th plenary.

3. Consideration of proposals

Three proposals, all from the ILGA-Europe Executive Board, had been submitted in advance and circulated in the second conference mailing. These related to agenda items 4, 5 and 6 below.

The following proposal for action – a declaration of solidarity with refugees and asylum seekers - was proposed in workshop 6, discussed further in workshop 44 and approved in the 4th plenary:

“ILGA-Europe declaration of solidarity with refugees and asylum seekers

On the occasion of the ILGA-Europe Annual Conference 2015 in Athens, we, a gathering of 450 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) activists and allies from across Europe, issue this declaration in support and solidarity with refugees and asylum seekers seeking protection.

Ongoing wars, conflicts and instability are increasingly threatening people’s rights and safety, and so are more repressive legislation and persecution of LGBTI people. As a result, refugees and asylum seekers, including LGBTI refugees, who seek refuge from persecution and war, need protection. In these times an effort of solidarity is needed to ensure that all refugees and asylum seekers in Europe are welcomed with political and legal justice and equality.

Many LGBTI people flee persecution on account of their actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics and seek protection abroad. Across the world, LGBTI people experience serious human rights abuses and other forms of persecution on a daily basis. 10 of millions of LGBTI people live in countries where same-sex intimacy and cross-dressing are criminalised; many more face increasingly repressive legislation.

In reception and detention centres, LGBTI asylum seekers face complex threats and vulnerabilities. These include arbitrary and inconsistent decision-making, violence and discrimination.

The European LGBTI movement shares a vision of a world where full equality, dignity, freedoms and full enjoyment of human rights are protected and ensured for everyone. Collectively, we call for access to fair, sensitive and thorough procedures to determine eligibility for refugee protection wherever it is sought.

We recall that the needs and experiences of LGBTI people need to be protected throughout this process. Therefore, we are concerned that measures such as accelerated procedures, the use of safe country of origin lists and immigration detention, are increasingly being discussed. These measures have a disproportionately negative effect on LGBTI people. We strongly urge the European Union and national governments to immediately start addressing these issues and to provide more safe and legal routes, to rapidly strengthen adequate reception capacity and to commit to fix the failing asylum system.

All refugees and asylum seekers must be protected and treated with dignity and respect. We stand firm to uphold the fundamental human rights of refugees.”

4. Approval of the accounts for 2014

The accounts for 2014, circulated in the second conference mailing, were considered in workshop 24, which recommended their approval.

The accounts were approved in the 4th plenary.

5. Consideration of report on current financial position for 2015 and approval of the indicative budget for 2016

The report on the current financial position and the proposed indicative budget for 2016, circulated in the second conference mailing, were considered in workshop 24, which recommended their approval.

The report on the financial position for 2015 and indicative budget for 2016 were approved in the 4th plenary.

6. Appointment of an auditor for 2015-2016

The proposed appointment of Ms Danielle Quivy as auditor for ILGA-Europe for 2015/16, circulated in the second conference mailing, was considered in workshop 24, which recommended its approval.

The appointment of Ms Danielle Quivy was approved in the 4th plenary.

7. Election of ILGA-Europe Board

Five places on the ILGA-Europe Board were due for election at the 2015 conference.

The results of the first round of voting was announced in the 3rd plenary:

- Voting cards issued: 201
- Ballot papers issued: 200
- Ballot papers returned: 198
- 20% = 41
- Invalid ballot papers: 0
- Valid ballot papers: 198

Votes received:

- Darienne Flemington (F): 77 **elected**
- Dragana Todorovic (F): 106 **elected**
- Giorgi Tabagari (M): 16
- Ilaria Todde (F): 31
- Magali Deval (F): 63 **reserve**
- Micah Grzywnowicz (N): 153 **elected**
- Mikhail Tumasov (M): 32
- Saša Gavrić (M): 63 **reserve**
- Vladimir Simonko (M): 86 **elected**
- Yuri Guaiana (M): 117 **elected**

A second ballot was held to decide first and second reserve. The result of this was announced in the 4th plenary.

The membership of the ILGA-Europe Executive Board was therefore noted as:

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| ■ Chaber | until 2016 |
| ■ Costa Gavrielides | until 2016 |
| ■ Joyce Hamilton | until 2016 |
| ■ Konstantina Kosmidou | until 2016 |
| ■ Brian Sheehan | until 2016 |
| ■ Darienne Flemington | until 2017 |
| ■ Micah Grzywnowicz | until 2017 |
| ■ Yuri Guaiana | until 2017 |
| ■ Vladimir Simonko | until 2017 |
| ■ Dragana Todorovic | until 2017 |
| ■ 1 st reserve - Saša Gavrić | |
| ■ 2 nd reserve - Magali Deval | |

8. Election of the host organisation for the 2017 regional conference

There was one candidate to host the 2017 ILGA-Europe regional conference: Campaign Against Homophobia (KPH), Poland, applying to host the conference in Warsaw.

This was approved in the 4th plenary.

9. Any other business

Nothing to report.