

**39th European conference of the
International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association**

**21st ILGA-Europe conference
Warsaw, 1 - 4 November 2017**

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 2016 conference
3. Consideration of proposals and amendments
4. Approval of the accounts for 2016
5. Consideration of the report on the current financial position and approval of the indicative budget for 2018
6. Appointment of auditor for 2017-2018 and financial discharge
7. Election of ILGA-Europe Executive Board and reserves on ILGA World Board
8. Election of the host organisation for the 2019 regional conference
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:

Carola Towle, Gabriella Calleja, Kitty Anderson and Ulrika Westerlund.

Conference approved these members of the chairing pool.

Conference then appointed the following as tellers for the conference:

Dettie Gould, Leo Yannick Wild, María Helga Guðmundsdóttir and Sam Panopoulou.

2. Approval of the Executive Board's report

The annual report and activity report on work undertaken since the 2016 conference were presented by the Executive Board co-chairs Joyce Hamilton and Brian Sheehan in the first plenary session. The reports were discussed in workshop 11, which recommended their approval.

The reports were then approved by the conference in the fourth plenary.

3. Consideration of proposals and amendments

a) Amendment to ILGA-Europe conference standing orders

Consideration was given to proposals from the ILGA-Europe Board to amend ILGA-Europe standing orders as follows:

- Delete SO 12.10: an outdated clause that repeats points in previous clauses
- Amend SO 8.6 to be clear that the signed proxy form is the required notification to collect proxy votes

The proposed amended SO 8.6, with text to be deleted indicated by strikethrough and new text by italics, is :

8.6 A full member which is not represented at the conference and which would otherwise be entitled to vote may appoint a person attending the conference to exercise by proxy the vote or votes to which the organisation is entitled. The member organisation must submit the required ~~notification and provide the person with a letter of authority. The nominated representative must present this letter of authority in order to receive proxy voting cards~~ *signed proxy notification in advance to the chairing pool or via their representative at the conference in order for the nominated representative to receive proxy voting cards.*

The proposals were discussed in workshop 11 which recommended their adoption. This was approved in the fourth plenary.

4. Approval of audited accounts for 2016

The accounts for 2016, circulated in the second conference mailing, were considered in workshop 5, which recommended their approval.

The accounts were approved in the fourth plenary.

5. Consideration of report on current financial position and approval of indicative budget

The report on the current financial position and the proposed indicative budget for 2018, circulated in the second conference mailing, were considered in workshop 5. The workshop agreed to recommend their approval subject to an additional line item in the indicative budget relating to unfunded activity costs to cover co-funding required, with an explanatory footnote.

The report on the current financial position and indicative budget for 2018 were approved in the fourth plenary.

Workshop 5 also considered how to increase funding to ILGA-Europe from members in the European region who could pay more than the fee for ILGA membership. The workshop recommended the introduction of an annual voluntary contribution as set out in the statement attached as appendix 1.

This was agreed in the fourth plenary.

6. Appointment of auditor and financial discharge

The proposal to appoint Callens, Pirenne and Co as auditor for ILGA-Europe for 2017-2018, circulated in the second conference mailing, was considered in workshop 5, which recommended its approval.

The appointment of Callens, Pirenne and Co was approved in the fourth plenary.

Consideration was given to the financial discharge of members of the Executive Board and auditors in workshop 5, which recommended its approval. This was approved in the fourth plenary.

7. Board elections

a) Election of ILGA-Europe Board

Five places on the ILGA-Europe Board were due for election at the 2017 conference for a two year term of office.

The result was announced in the third plenary:

- Voting cards issued: 190
- Ballot papers issued: 186
- Ballot papers returned: 179
- 20% = 37
- Invalid ballot papers: 0
- Valid ballot papers: 179

Votes received:

■ Anastasia Danilova (F)	64 votes	reserve
■ Christoph Rüdiger Alms (M)	32 votes	
■ Darienne Flemington (F)	145 votes	elected

■ Micah Grzywnowicz (N)	140 votes	elected
■ Soudeh Rad (F)	101 votes	elected
■ Vladimir Simonko (M)	37 votes	elected
■ Yuri Guaiana (M)	80 votes	elected

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

■ Chaber	until 2018
■ Costa Gavrielides	until 2018
■ Joyce Hamilton	until 2018
■ Brian Sheehan	until 2018
■ Olena Shevchenko	until 2018
■ Darienne Flemington	until 2019
■ Micah Grzywnowicz	until 2019
■ Soudeh Rad	until 2019
■ Vladimir Simonko	until 2019
■ Yuri Guaiana	until 2019
■ Reserve - Anastasia Danilova	until 2018

b) Election of European representatives' reserve on ILGA World Board

The 2016 conference had elected two representatives to the ILGA World Board for a two year term of office but not elected a reserve member. An election was therefore held for reserves.

The result was announced in the third plenary:

■ Voting cards issued: 190
■ Ballot papers issued: 186
■ Ballot papers returned: 176
■ 20% = 37
■ Invalid ballot papers: 3
■ Valid ballot papers: 173

Votes received:

■ Simon Maljevac	129 votes	elected
■ Abstentions	44	

8. Election of the host organisation for 2019 regional conference

Conference considered three candidates to host the 2019 ILGA-Europe regional conference:

- Drustvo SKUC (Ljubljana)
- ILGA-Portugal (Lisbon)
- PROUD and partners (Prague)

PROUD and partners (Prague) was selected as the 2019 host.

9. Any other business

There was no other business.

**ILGA-Europe Annual Conference 2017 statement
on the introduction of an annual voluntary contribution
to support ILGA-Europe's ongoing efforts**

The world around us is changing rapidly and we need to respond to it to the best of our abilities. ILGA-Europe develops and becomes engaged in more challenging areas of work, including urgent action or security. And with that, the need for sustainable, flexible and non-restrictive funding also increases, as does the need for independence from traditional funding institutions. The ILGA-Europe Annual Conference 2017 in Warsaw recognizes these needs and supports ILGA-Europe in their efforts to develop new, alternative sources of financing.

Considering that the membership fee currently paid by member organizations is paid to ILGA and does not finance any activities of ILGA-Europe, the Conference encourages member organisations to contribute to strengthening the European movement by donating a separate Voluntary Contribution to ILGA-Europe. The Conference is also aware of the diversity in member organisations' capacities, funding schemes, programmes and the different value of money across the region. Therefore it asks member organisations to pledge a voluntary contribution between €100 and €10 000, either annually or as a one-time gift, according to what amount and form is reasonable relative to the organisation's capacity. Organisations who are not able to contribute at all are encouraged to explore the possibility of budgeting a chosen contribution in the future.

The ILGA-Europe staff will accommodate all needs related to fiscal requirements in order for such contributions to be processed smoothly and successfully.

The ILGA-Europe Annual Conference 2017 believes that this form of engagement of the membership in the ongoing development processes will not only enhance the effectiveness of ILGA-Europe, but also contribute to strengthening the movement as a whole.