

## **Minutes Annual General Meeting for Members**

15 June 2017, Paris

### **Attendance list**

#### EAGE Board:

Chris Ward (Chair)  
Jean-Jacques Biteau  
Juan Soldo  
Everhard Muijzert  
Walter Rietveld  
John Brittan  
Oliver Kuras  
Jörg Herwanger

#### Board of Directors:

Marcel van Loon  
Remco Bax  
Peter Verweij  
Elsbeth Koutsoglou

#### EAGE Office staff

Louise Fien (Secretary)  
Gerard Wieggerink  
Raymond Cahill  
Claudia Patricia Rovira  
Emily Bell

#### EAGE Members:

Thomas Davis  
Gordon Brown  
Mahmoud Abdulbaqi  
Ashish Kumar  
Ingrid Magnus  
Caroline Jane Lowrey  
Mykola Yakymchuk  
Arjan Kamp  
Robert Ronald Stewart  
Jadwiga Anna Jarzyna  
Caroline Le Turdu  
Marcel Eckard  
Michael Welch  
Aart-Jan van Wijngaarden  
Mike Hall  
Neil Crane McNaughton  
Phil Mollicone  
Timothy Brice  
Rayhaneh Azarm  
Conghui He  
Endre Törös

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### **Opening and confirmation of the agenda by Chris Ward**

Chris Ward opened the meeting at 12:15 hrs CEST.

The AGGM was originally scheduled on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June but due to a power outage in the venue at the time, the AGGM was moved to the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Introduction by Chris Ward**

Chris Ward presented a selection of Board decisions:

- The name of the Business Meeting has changed to Annual General Meeting for Members, aiming for more members to attend and to be more involved in conversation with the Board. The time had changed from Monday to Tuesday.
- The Board approved to give back €5M in 5 years from our savings to member initiatives.
- The Board decided not to increase membership fees.
- The Board decided to improve communication between Board and members through the Bulletin Board and interviews with Board members in First Break.
- Chris Ward apologized for any inconvenience that members may have experienced as a result of EAGE launching a new website and IT structure recently. It is an important step in the further development of EAGE services towards the community covering finance, event management and membership

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administration. Additional features to bring the systems fully up to date are currently still being developed.

### **Secretary-Treasury Report by Everhard Muijert**

Everhard Muijert presented a Secretary-Treasury Report:

- The 2016 membership numbers and the 2017 forecast.
- The 2016 annual accounts of the Association.
- The 2017 ballot outcome.
- By-law changes approved by the Board and already published on the EAGE website.

### **Approval of the annual accounts**

The financial accounts have been approved and adopted for the year ending 31 December 2016.

Deficits will be deducted from the General Reserves.

Discharge has been granted for the EAGE Board for the year ending 31 December 2016.

### **Minutes of the Business meeting #22, Vienna 2016.**

The minutes of the 2016 Annual Business Meeting have been approved.

### **Strategy presentation by Chris Ward**

Chris Ward presented the EAGE strategy. This presentation has been live streamed on the EAGE website.

The main three pillars of the EAGE 5 year strategy are:

- **Globalization** - present on all continents, with the focus on developing a strong foot-hold in Africa, China and North America
- **Membership** - growth targets 25000 members by 2020 and aims at reaching out to members in a more segmented way
- **One stop shop for knowledge and community in geosciences**- diversity, broadening the range of disciplines and services offered to EAGE members, including an increased proportion of geology papers at the EAGE Annual Conference

Gordon Brown stated he noticed fluctuations in the collaboration with sister societies over the last years and asked about the current status of these collaborations.

Chris Ward explained that collaboration with the sister societies improved and the Management and Board of the societies meet frequently. A lot of EAGE members are also members of the sister societies.

Mahmoud Abdulbaqi stated he believes EAGE does a great job in services its members, but noticed that sister societies are more advanced in working with members and corporations locally in some parts of the world. Chris Ward agreed EAGE could do more on this matter and explained the future Board will discuss this in their strategy sessions.

### **Date next Annual General Meeting for Members:**

The 2018 Annual General Meeting for Members will be held during the 2018 EAGE Annual Meeting in Copenhagen.

### **Closure**

There being no further business to address, Chris Ward closed the meeting at 12:45 CEST.