

Minutes II ERA General Assembly

Prague, 15th September 2014

1. Welcome by the President

The assembly begins at 16:50

James Mc Laughlin, ERA President, welcomed members to the 2nd ERA General Assembly. He begins with an acknowledgement to Boris Dehandschutter (ERA treasurer), José – Luis Gutiérrez Villanueva (ERA secretary) and Rebecca Coates (propertECO) for their work during the last year on the arrangements of ERA website and ERA finances.

2. ERA administration (Secretary)

The Secretary gave a presentation (see Annex I). He summarised the main activities during the last year within ERA: registration process under Belgian law, ERA founding members, composition of ERA Executive Committee, and ERA website. He also commented on the social media in which ERA is involved (facebook, twitter, and linkedin accounts). In addition, ERA has been presented in several radon events during 2014 where ERA members have promoted the association. His presentation ended with a summary of ERA status of membership.

The report is approved with 28 YES votes, 0 NO and 0 ABSTENTIONS.

3. Annual budget (Treasurer)

The Treasurer presented the annual budget of the association which is included in the Annex II. According to ERA statutes (article 30), the general assembly is responsible for approval of the budget. The result of ballot was 28 YES, 0 NO and 0 ABSTENTIONS.

4. Discussion of amendments to the statutes

Two amendments were presented to the Statutes and Code of Ethics:

Amendment to articles 12 and 13 of Statutes (re-wordings):

Article 12

Ordinary Membership in the Association is available to individual persons from different sectors (i.e. educational institutions, authorities, corporations, private organizations, partnerships, etc.) interested in and supportive of the purposes and activities of the Association. Ordinary Members in good standing are entitled to identify themselves as a Member of the Association, to use the ERA Logo appropriately but only for personal (i.e. non-commercial) purposes, vote at the General Assembly (based on the principle "one person one vote"), and enjoy all other rights, privileges and benefits of the Association.

Article 13

Company Membership is available to companies active in the radon field (i.e. corporations, private organizations, etc) interested in and supportive of the purposes and activities of the Association. Company Members in good standing are entitled to identify themselves as a Member of the

Association, to use the ERA Logo appropriately for commercial purposes , vote at the General Assembly as described in Article 36 below (two votes per Company Member), and enjoy all other rights, privileges and benefits of the Association.

Results of voting:

YES: 28

NO: 0

Abstention: 0

Amendment to article 13 of Code of Ethics (re-wording):

Article 13.

Members wanting to make use of the ERA logo shall act according to the statutes and adhere to this code of ethics, considering the following rules: Ordinary members can only use the logo on personalised documents such as business cards and email signatures, and not on official or general documents (letters, web-site, promotional material, publications, etc.) of the company they are employed by. Company members can use the ERA logo on all official documents of the company and of its employees.

YES: 28

NO: 0

Abstention: 0

Given the result of the ballot, the statutes and code of ethics will be re-written accordingly.

5. 3rd ERA workshop: Krakow, May 2015

The President gave information about the proposal for organizing the 3rd ERA workshop in Krakow. He transmitted to the assembly the apologies from our Polish colleague Krzysztof for his absence in the assembly. The President also commented that in this initial state of the association, there is no intention of organizing a single ERA radon meeting. This is a goal for the future. That is the reason for the present strategy of trying to link ERA workshops with other radon events.

Luis Quindos said that his Group offers to organize the 4th ERA workshop in 2016 in Spain.

6. Any other business

The President commented on the possibility for ERA to produce training materials on radon.

Boris Dehandschutter transmitted some comments from André Poffijn who could not attend the assembly:

“Dear colleagues,

Under "any other business" I would propose to add two extra items:

- 1) Proposal for co-organisation of the session "Radon at work" during EUNORM 3;*
- 2) Representation costs of ERA delegates.*

For point 1:

On August 29 the Steering Committee of EUNORM started the preparation of the EUnorm3 symposium that is planned to take place in Paris in the spring of 2017. By the end of the year more detailed information about this symposium will be available. It was already clear during the meeting of August 29 that in the 2017 edition a session on radon at work will be organized. It was considered useful and interesting to do that in close collaboration with ERA.

The contact person of the SC for this item is Stephane Pepin (stephane.pepin@fanc.fgov.be).

I think that this is a good opportunity for ERA such a co-organization. This activity could be considered at the same time as an ERA workshop for 2017. If we agree to take part in such a co-organization, I dare propose to designate Boris as contact person for ERA.

For point 2:

some time ago i did mention the necessity to describe under which circumstances colleagues act as official ERA representatives and that in such cases the expenses related to this representation such be covered by ERA.”

The assembly accepts the first proposal from André:

YES: 28

NO: 0

Abstention: 0

Andre's second proposal was also considered by the assembly. The assembly agreed that the travel costs of ERA delegates to meetings will be considered on a case by case basis by the Executive Committee.

Ballot:

YES: 28

NO 0

Abstention: 0

The General Assembly ended at 17:40

Appendix: list of attendees

- Adan Olaya, Manuel
- Bolle, Erlend
- Cinelli, Giorgia
- Collignan ,Bernard
- Cosma, Constantin
- Cucos, Alexandra
- Dehandschutter, Boris
- Engen Finne, Ingvild
- Freeman, Martin
- Coates, Rebeca
- Frutos-Vázquez, Borja
- Gruber, Valeria
- Gutierrez Villanueva, Jose Luis
- Jiránek, Martin
- Long, Stephanie
- McLaughlin, James
- Muciiianu, Petronela
- Neznal, Matěj
- Nilson, Per
- Quindos-Poncela, Luis
- Rahmed, Mireille
- Ringer, Wolfgang
- Rössler Franz, Anton
- Ryan Richie
- Šálek, Ondřej
- Slovák, Jaroslav
- Tollefsen, Tore
- Tondeur, Francois
- Valmari, Tuomas
- Wintheim, Johan