



EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION of HEALTH LAW

EAHL General Assembly

6 October 2011, 16:30
Leuven, Belgium

1. Welcome

All members of the General Assembly were welcomed to the meeting and Graeme Laurie noted that there had been lots of achievements since the last GA in 2008. He noted that the Conference 2011 was the 3rd EAHL conference and thanked members for turning up to support the EAHL and be involved as members of the Association. He thanked the KU Leuven for hosting the conference and making it such a wonderful event.

2. Resignation of members from the EAHL Board and election of new members

It was noted that Executive Board member Oddny Mjoll Arnadottir had submitted her resignation from the Board. Graeme thank her for her input and work with the Association during her time on the board. It was put to the GA that her replacement would be Janne Rothmar Hermann who had volunteered to be a nominee after the June 2011 call for nominees. **This nomination was accepted.**

a. Schedule for resignation and election

The GA was referred to paper 1 outlining a proposal of a schedule for resignation and election of members to the Board of Directors of the EAHL. Henriette clarified the point that this vote was to enlarge the board and to clarify points of how membership to the Board of Directors would take place until 2023. **This paper and the proposal was approved.**

b. Composition of the Board of Directors of the EAHL

As part of the extension of the Board of Directors, the GA was referred to paper 2 circulated to all GA members on 22 September, detailing the nominations for election. Nominees Solvita Olsena of Latvia and Vugar Mammadov of Azerbaijan gave a brief address to the GA on their credentials. **The GA elected both candidates to the Board of Directors with not objections.**

3. Report from the EAHL Finance Board

The GA was referred to Paper 3 which was provided at the meeting. Solvita Olsena spoke on behalf of the EAHL Finance Board that this paper had been reviewed by them and approved. It was noted that she should

have to stand down from the Finance Committee due to her newly elected position on the Board of Directors. An invitation was made to all GA members to volunteer to be a member of the Finance Board.

It was noted that there would be no rise in Membership fees for 2012.

It was noted that the Association was only just starting to accrue funds due to payment of set up fees, and that the Board would wait for a nest egg to build up before proposing initiatives to take place paid for by this fund.

The paper and proposals were accepted.

4. Movement of the EAHL Secretariat in 2012

The GA were informed that currently the Secretariat is held at the University of Edinburgh, supported by the SCRIPT Centre. It was noted that the funding for the SCRIPT Centre was coming to end as of 31 March 2012 and as such would no longer exist as a Centre and that the current Executive Director, Simone Hull, was moving to another position. It was proposed to the committee that the KU Leuven would take on the secretariat (as volunteered at the Board of Directors meeting on 5 October 2011), with Tom Goffin taking on the role as Executive Director.

This proposal was accepted.

5. Activity report

The GA was referred to paper 4. The following points were highlighted:

- The new website is up and running. Attention was drawn to the specific working group pages. Members were encouraged to be active in these groups and that we would welcome suggestions for ideas.
- The 1st EAHL Lecture series ran in 2011 with much success. Thanks were made to Oddny for her work on coordinating this. The GA was invited to make suggestions to the board for seminars/lectures taking place at their institutions which could be branded as part of the EAHL Lecture series, and therefore take advantage of EAHL promotion.
- The new distance learning module in Health Law run by the University of Edinburgh would be starting in 2012. It would be used as a vehicle for EAHL members to get involved as tutors. It could be used as CPD for non-lawyers. There may be potential for profits to be paid to the EAHL if enough involvement from members. Thanks were made to member Murray Earle for his work on putting this module together. Members were invited to be involved in this initiative by contacting Simone Hull.
- The GA was informed of the 1st PhD/ECR satellite workshop which took place as part of the conference 2012. It was deemed a success and members were encouraged to think of ways of continuing this workshop for further conferences. It was noted that sponsorship for this year's event was made by the SCRIPT Centre and that sponsorship would be needed for future events.

- All members were invited to send all suggestions for activities and improvements to the Executive Director.
 - **The paper was accepted.**
6. Conference 2013
The GA was informed that 3 volunteer institutions had come forward to host the EAHL conference 2013 – Trento, Rotterdam and Coimbra. The Board proposed that each of these institutions would be asked to put a proposal together for the conference to be submitted to the Board for their decision. **This proposal was agreed.**
7. AOCB
There was no other competent business.
8. Next Meeting
To be scheduled at the EAHL Conference 2013.
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Action points

- Simone to put new board members up on website
- Schedule for resignation and election of board members to be added to website
- Volunteers to be a member of the EAHL Finance Board to contact Executive Director
- Details of new Secretariat to be provided to members when available
- All members to contact Executive Director with ideas for activities and improvements
- EAHL Executive Board to receive proposals from volunteer host institutions for conference 2013 and to decide and inform members accordingly.