

EAHL General Assembly

Agenda

Held on the 19th of September 2024, at 18:00 (opening of the General Assembly at 18:12)
Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw, Aula 2
Presence of 24 members

REPORT:

Chair of the EAHL, Steven Lierman, opens the General Assembly meeting at 18:12, and notes that two of the Board members cannot be present for personal reasons.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The General Assembly adopts the proposed agenda.

2. Report General Assembly 2023

The report from the General Assembly held online on 20 April 2023 at 2 pm Central European Time (on Zoom) has been sent out as annex 1 to the email to the EAHL members.

The General Assembly 2023 Report is adopted.

3. Activity Report 2023–2024

The EAHL Board's Activity Report for 2023–2024 has been sent out as annex 2 to the email.

Steven Lierman gives some information on the Association's activities for the period 2023–2024. In addition, building on the success of the PhD-seminar in Göttingen 2023, the Board proposes to sponsor and co-organize a similar biennial event open to young scholars in the year when there is no conference, following an open call in autumn. The criteria and procedure, which will be in line with the aims of the Association, will be determined by the board in close cooperation with the young scholars' interest group. By analogy with our biannual conferences, the board suggests funding up to 20 scholarships for the Young Scholar workshop.

Because of a received donation (explained in detail under agenda point 4), the available resources allow EAHL to grant up to 20 scholarships for young researchers for the next conference, as well as for the Young Scholars Workshop, in a sustainable way.

The available resources (see agenda point 4) also allow our association to promote and (co)organize other initiatives to support the work of young scholars and to develop and organize events for young scholars in the field of health law. Furthermore, the available resources allow EAHL to do more to support Ukrainian health law researchers.

The GA approves the activity report and the board's outlined proposals.

A member notes that the announcements for activities aimed at young scholars do not always reach all potential interested researchers. In the past these activities were consistently announced via the website and social media and are also shared within the young scholars' interest group. In the future, these activities will additionally be sent to the national contact points. But all other members are also encouraged to bring this information to the attention of potentially interested researchers within their network.

This member also pointed out the added value of social media during the current conference. The board takes on the responsibility of updating and enhancing the social media strategy for this and future conferences, as well as other activities of the Association.

4. Financial matters

4.a. Financial Report 2023–2024

Magdalena Flatscher-Thöni explains the financial report; it has been sent out as annex 3 to the email, and gives an opportunity to ask questions. Based on the Committee's valuable feedback before the GA, the report has been improved to meet the objectives better.

The financial report in the improved version (see annex) is approved by the Audit Committee (the findings were presented on behalf of the committee by Caroline Voithofer), on the basis of a thorough analysis of the documents and, overall, a substantial audit).

The GA approves the financial report, and the EAHL Board thanks the Audit Committee for their extensive work.

Magdalena informs the GA about a recent generous donation of 25,000 EUR by a member of the EAHL. The board accepted this donation and expressed its gratitude to this member. The donator has chosen to remain anonymous.

A question has been raised, whether specific legal requirements exist for a donation?

The chair explains that the EAHL Board has consulted a Dutch expert regarding tax and other legal compliance.

A question regarding the number of members is raised.

The chair informs the GA that the EAHL has one hundred eighty-two (182) members, including an increased number of young scholars. Subsequent clarification: the list of paid members in 2024 was revised to 163 following the General Assembly due to outstanding membership fees (update 23 October 2024).

4.b. Membership fee.

Membership fees are decided to be kept at the current level.

4.c. Audit Committee 2024–2025

Stefania Negri, Markus Frischhut, and Tomasz Sroka are proposed as Audit Committee members.

5. Elections

The General Assembly appoints Stefania Negri, Markus Frischhut, and Tomasz Sroka as Audit Committee members.

The General Assembly decides to prolong the mandate of the current members of the Advisory Board.

The Board is given the competence to replace members of the advisory board in case of any vacancies.

6. Expression of interest for the next EAHL conference

The Board has proposed a draft call, and the procedure for the selection procedure has been sent out as annex 4 to the email.

The General Assembly approves the proposed call.

7. Any other business

The Board informs the GA of a recent meeting between the Board and the Advisory Board, and discussions on the EAHL's Future Strategy 2026-2030. The advisory board is invited to make further suggestions in autumn this year. Following an initial draft, in the second stage, input from the national contact points will be sought. After that, it will be submitted to the General Assembly in 2025. The date remains to be confirmed.

Steven Lierman informs the General Assembly that four current Board members will need to be replaced at the upcoming general assembly.

The General Assembly thanks the Board for the work that is being done.

The General Assembly is closed: 18.35