



MINUTES

General Assembly 2014 Riga, Latvia

Venue: Maritim Park Hotel Rīga, Slokas str.1, Rīga

September 28th 2014 9 am – 6 pm

In attendance:

1x BASIC FULL MEMBER: France

10x FULL PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS: Greece, Germany, Hungary, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Spain, UK, Latvia

1x ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Switzerland

Number of attendees: 21

Apologies: Czech Rep., Denmark, Ukraine, Sweden

Observers:19

Names of attendees and apologies will be attached as a separate document.

Number of voting rights:

*Full professional member associations have 2 voting rights, full basic member associations have 1 voting right: **Votes = 21***

I. Biryukova and S.Gaab (Russia),A.Stoffel (Switzerland), R. Coaten (UK),
I. Fiedler(Germany)D. Graneta (Greece), R.M.Rodriguez (Spain), Z.Pedzich and
I. Guzek (Poland),M. PLevin (Italy), I. Majore Dusele and K. Vende (Latvia), J. Kil
and C.Wintels (The Netherlands) T. Seailles and S. Garnero (France)

Sunday - Arrival 9.00 am, GA convenes at 9.30 am

1. Welcome & Opening of 2014 GA by President, Susan Scarth
2. Acknowledgement of appropriate invitation - **21 votes YES**
3. Ensure quorum of meeting - 1/3rd of all Members must be present = 6 Members
21 votes YES
4. Calling the Chair of the meeting (President unless otherwise agreed): Susan Scarth
5. Calling the keeper of Minutes - Antonella Monteleone & Shirley Mawer
6. Acknowledging the Auditing Committee - Maria Artemi & Zuzanna Pedzich
7. Presentation & agreement of agenda topics & order of discussion

Agreed additions: i) Ethics Committee, ii) Complaints procedure, iii) Membership Renewal committee, iv) GA 2015, v) Conference 2016.

Tatiana Kalinovska, observer from Ukraine, requested time in AOB

8. Approval of 2013 GA Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting (vote) –
21 Votes YES
9. The Board's Report - including Actions taken & suspended

Board summarized the actions taken during the year, mostly in the area of Communications, EADMT Conference and the Training Standards Report (data from Questionnaire).

The Board's process of organizing the Riga Conference is confirmed as a valuable learning experience that will be helpful for future events. Rosa Maria Rodriguez offers again to take part in the evaluation review process of the submission of proposals.

The work on Training Standards is not yet finished but provides a good basis on which we can develop further discussions and reflections. Some few Delegates and Deputy ask to receive the TS report on Questionnaire (Despina Grenata (Greece deputy),

Richard Coaten (UK new delegate), Marcia Plevin (Italy temporary deputy) and Sylvie Garnero (France deputy) requested the TS report.

Vote to accept Board's report - 21 votes YES

10. The Treasurer's Report

Shirley Mawer presents the EADMT accounts for 2013-2014. Then presents the estimated accounts for the next financial year. Shirley requests and reminds the GA that when membership fees are paid it is important to use English language and to reference the bank transfer as Renewal Fee 20.../... of ... [Name of the national organization] and ... [Country] e.g., APID/ITALY membership fee

11. Report of the Auditing Committee

Maria Artemi & Zuzanna Pedzich audited the financial report and concluded that they were happy with it.

Vote to accept Treasurer's report - 21 votes YES

12. Matters arising from the 2012 Minutes

a) From this latest experience of the Conference, the Board invites the GA to think about the opportunity to establish a scholarship bursary to sustain individual participation to such events like EADMT Conferences and/or workshops

Vote of agreement for this action - 21 votes YES

ACTION: GA agrees that the Board works on proposal to present at next GA meeting (Moscow 2016).

b) Complaints procedure accepted -

21 votes YES

ACTION: To be published on EADMT web page.

c) Ethics Committee Guidelines accepted - **21 votes YES**

Spain (Rosa Maria Rodriguez) and Greece (Despina Graneta) ask for clarification on use of term '**Senior**' **DMT professional**, according to point 4. After discussion GA agrees this indicates a DMT who has been working as a **DMT professional** for a considerable length of time – over 5 years

21 votes YES

Following acceptance of Ethics Committee Guidelines GA elects 2 representatives from Full Professional Member Associations to form the **Ethics Committee**. Candidates put forward are **Indra Majore-Dusele** of **LATVIA Assoc** and **Zuzanna Pedzich-Lepkowska** of **POLAND Assoc**. The current President will make up the third member of the Ethics Committee.

Vote for acceptance of candidates – 19 votes YES

11.00 am - 11.30 am Break

13. Discussion arising from Board's reports

i) Proposal: **Conference organisation / hosting Member Association should receive 10% of the Conference profit -** **19 votes YES**

ii) Proposal: **Donation of FREE one year membership fee for hosting Member Association of Conference. To be considered following each conference -**

15 votes YES

iii) Proposal: Establish this as a general rule after any Conference. **6 vote YES**

ACTION: Free one-year membership awarded to Latvia for 2015-2016 only

14. GA approves business and activity of the Board 2013 - 2014 (Vote)

The Netherlands (Christina Wintels) opens a discussion about commitment to

actively sustain communication between Board and EADMT members.

The Board clarifies the Delegate and Deputy Delegate roles to act as a bridge between Europe and their local association

The Board (Yulia Morozova Communications) identifies they are evaluating the opportunity to put information and documents to share on Drop-box and sharing a link to all Delegates and Deputies.

The Board (Antonella Monteleone Secretary) confirms that in future the Board sends out all communications to both Delegate and Deputy. Board encourages everyone to be involved and check Dropbox monthly for updates (i.e., Board meeting dates and minutes). Antonella also suggests that working parties would have a web link in the future.

Germany (Imke Fiedler) offers suggestion that Board reports on each Board meeting the Agenda and Minutes after each meeting. Again, Dropbox can be used.

GA approves business and activity of the Board 2013 - 2014: 21 Votes YES

15. Voting new Board Members: Antonella Monteleone and Susan Scarth are due to stand down; both communicated to GA they are prepared to be re-elected for a 3rd term; proposals for new Board Members invited. Election should be by secret ballot.
- President of The Board (Susan Scarth) asks if there are any new candidates. Vincenzo Puxeddu is offering himself for next term and the Board encourages others to come forward. No one is proposed therefore there are no changes to the Board. USA (Patricia Pupello) asks for clarification on Board's roles.

16. Membership of Board agreed

As there were no offers to stand for the Board, Susan Scarth President, asks for votes on **re-election**

Julia Morozova - 21 votes YES

Antonella Monteleone - 21 votes YES

Susan Scarth - 21 votes YES

Shirley Mawer, Treasurer, completes her 2-year term in 2015.

The EADMT Board is re-elected.

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm Lunch

16. GA 2015 and 2nd Conference and GA 2016

The Board invites a discussion about matter of organization for GA 2015 and Conference and GA 2016.

Many agree there is a need to meet for 2 day GA meeting, to strengthen bond and relationship between Members. Regarding the 2016 GA and Conference it is suggested - Thursday and Friday GA, Saturday and Sunday Conference

2015 GA will be in Moscow, Russia - 3rd /4th October 2015	CONFIRMED
2016 Conference will be in Italy – dates to be confirmed	21 votes YES
2017 GA will be in Budapest, Hungary	21 votes YES

Possible dates:

a) 2016 Italy GA 8/9th September, Conference 10/11th September '16

Or GA 13/14th September, Conference 15/16th September '16

b) 2017 Budapest GA 30th September/1st October '17

Or 7/8th October '17

ACTION: Dates to be confirmed

17.1 Presentation of new Member applications with Board's recommendations –

Switzerland, Croatia, Norway (Vote)

- i) Switzerland proposed and accepted as Basic Full Member - **21 votes YES**
- ii) Croatia proposed and accepted as Associate Member - **22 votes YES**
- iii) No application finalized from Norway

17.2 Renewal of memberships: The Membership Application Committee (Germany Delegate - Imke Fiedler and The Netherlands Delegate - Julie Kil) proposes –

- i) a Peer Review system where each Delegate of a Member Association will review the papers of 2 Member Associations.
- ii) The renewal process to be undertaken every 5 years. Imke asks to keep in mind that **Latvia** will renew in 2017, as they were made up to Full Professional Member in 2012.
- iii)
 - a - Imke presents a formula for each Association of each country to fill in with the renewal information.
 - b - Review must be completed and the form returned to the Board by June 2015.
 - c - New documents should be summarised in English and accompany each original document.
- iv) Formulary to be sent to all Delegates.
- v) It is agreed that the renewal form remains in English language for first page.
ACTION: Shirley Mawer (Board Treasurer) agrees to prepare an application form for use.
- vi) Delegates asked to blind choose the countries they will review

The results of this are as follows:

Full Professional Members

Latvia & UK - review Germany
Italy & Poland - review Hungary
Greece & Poland - review Italy
Spain & Germany - review Poland
Spain & Hungary - review The Netherlands
Italy & Hungary - review Russia
Russia & The Netherlands - review UK
Germany & Greece - review Spain

Full Basic Members

Sweden & Denmark - review Czech Rep
Sweden & Czech Rep - review Denmark
Ukraine & Denmark - review France
France & Czech Rep - review Ukraine
France & Ukraine - review Sweden

Discussion followed regarding Membership and the review process –

Observer (Penny Best) suggested that each national Delegate should be contacted by phone for further clarification of Statutes, Rules, Criteria etc.

Christina Wintels, (Deputy of The Netherlands) asks: ‘How can we support the new Members or those who are not able to attend?’

It was shared that Czech Rep. announced their intention to apply for Full Professional Membership. Norway, Finland, Romania, Estonia, Turkey, Israel and Lithuania are waiting

in the background. Julia Morozova (Communications - Board) suggests we invite these countries to attend next GA so they can understand the advantages of being 'connected'.

Estonia (observer) presents their situation where they have an Association for the 4 Arts Therapies (like Switzerland).

Irina Tepuru (Romania) asks about the possibility of 'mentorship' to sustain new countries towards EADMT membership, as application process can be overwhelming when considering membership, registration, training standards etc.

ACTION: Board will begin by sending out more information and consider the possibility of 'mentoring' to offer support for increasing participation within European Countries.

18. Working Groups

18.1 Training Standards

Working Group: Christina Wintels (NL), Svetlana Gaab (Russia), Katalin Vermes (Hungary), Vincenzo Puxeddu (Italy), and Susan Scarth (Board President).

Discussion on the report with issues raised. Everyone has been sent the Report, some not sure if they received it. The audience commented on questionnaire report (Christine Wintels, Penny Best, Annalies Stoffel).

There is a clear requirement to research this material further. It is important to know the details (i.e. one proposal is to organize a table debate on differences and similarities in trainings during next conference).

Some declare it was difficult to respond to the questionnaire due to it's complexity and due

to local issues.

Susan Scarth (Board President) suggests that the actual report is keeping the process growing and recognises there is a need for further research and analysis on this data gathered.

Gap analysis: why some countries are not participating? Which countries need the support of other countries? About mentoring in this area (Irina Tepuru); it would be important for new countries at an early stage of development to look for good standards in trainings.

Spain (Rosa Maria Rodriguez) shares the observation that while many trainings are developing, Universities do not always maintain the level of standards that EADMT and the national professional organization are enhancing. This underlines the importance to work towards the development of a clear definition of a European standard and to develop a way to check a real maintenance of this level.

18.2 State Recognition: a brief report from Shirley Mawer (Board Treasurer)

There followed a debate about issues arising from Ukraine and other countries with an emerging DMT community.

Some observers (Tatiana Kalinovska and Oksana Belova) explain the difficult situation in Ukraine regarding the representation of the DMT community and the training standards. The Board and the GA invite these observers to contact the Ethics Committee to formalise their concerns and follow a proper procedure.

A debate opens on different situation in Europe in forms of professional organization and status in terms of recognition. Penny Best suggests the need to stress the criteria of Membership i.e., commitment to the EADMT mission, verified through continuity of attendance, sustained communication, taking part in a working group, etc.

Susan (President) reminds GA that this is clearly stated in the Statutes.

Estonia is asking for clarification: 'Can we apply as Full Basic even if we only have an Arts Therapies organization?'. The same situation is happening in Turkey (Ozlem Kaleli) and in Switzerland (Annelies Stoffel). Creative Arts Therapies Associations have succeeded in having more power to be recognized by State. The same in Latvia and in the Netherlands. Do we include Creative Arts Therapies association? How? Which criteria? As an Association as part of bigger association? Does European Association accept other system? The President (Susan Scarth) states that Associate Membership is the container for other forms of organizations. Romania is not to be recognized as a specific professional profile, but possibly it is the Minister of Health Care that holds the accreditation process and the registration for their professional profile. The same in UK (Richard Coaten) Poland (Iza Guzek) Latvia (Indra Majore) Switzerland (Annelies Stoffel).

The Board suggests to support Estonia, Romania and Turkey toward creating an association within the Arts Therapies Association to become an Associate Member of EADMT. The Mission of EADMT is to be supportive and inclusive.

Greece maintains that achieving State Recognition is one of the most important steps and goals. They are trying to remain under an umbrella, to associate with other Music, Drama, Art Associations to achieve the goal of State Recognition. But they are exploring a legal way to maintain a separate body. Christine Wintels (NL) suggests that it would be important to share and discuss these steps in order to reflect on different models. What kind of models could be possible? Do we accept different models? Can we formalize this?

UK (Richard Coaten) proposed: 'To think about creating a role of Patron who could

support the associations in this process [of recognition].’

There was intense debate on how new countries can join EADMT e.g., Estonia, Romania or Turkey and the President (Susan) concluded by asking the question ‘How can EADMT support the growth and development of new members from countries with an emerging DMT community?’ Susan acknowledged an appreciation of the useful dialogue undertaken for aspirant members and committed to EADMT’s future consideration by the Board and proposed action at 2015 GA.

6 pm Finish