



MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of the European Family Therapy Association
held on 26 June 2021 (14:00-16:00 CET)
Location via zoom from Dublin, Ireland

In attendance:

Ilona Busa, Hans Christian Michaelsen, Julia Hardy, Lucie Hornová, Radmila Vulic Bojovic, Sari Kaarina Lindeman, Pa. Fong, Adàn Martinez, Slavica Gajdadzis-Knezhevijkj, Michel Maestre, Julia Hardy, Joana Sequeira, Nevena Calovska, Adan Martinez. SIRTIS Società Italiana di Ricerca e terapia Sistemica, Martine Nisse, Christian Defays, Viola Sallay, Anna Parmenidou, Juan Antonio Abeijon, Iva Ursini, David Amias, Monica Whyte, Valerie O'Brien.

Apologies: Umberta Telfener, Matthias Ochs, Kyriaki Polychroni and Teresa Moratalla

Agenda

1. Minutes of AGM 2020 (Vote)
2. Presidents Annual Report
3. Presentation and approval of 2020 Accounts (Vote)
4. Presentation and vote on 2021 Budget (Vote)
5. Discharge to Administrators for the 2020 financial year (Vote)
6. AOB

EFTA President Monica Whyte opens the meeting and explains that as per the laws in Belgium regarding the General Assembly 2021 the venue for the GA is Dublin via zoom. The regulations for this year GA require that the President and the secretary of the meeting be in the same place at the time of the meeting. Monica Describes that Valerie O' Brien was delegated by the GB to be the secretary for this GA meeting and is in the same room. Valerie greets the GA. Monica requests that the GA gives permission to record the meeting and this recording will be stored not in the cloud. GA votes to allow recording. Martine Nisse and Michel Maestre offer to translate for the French speakers attending the meeting. Monica outlines the agenda for the meeting and discusses the poll voting. Monica reminds that under our current statutes each CIM member has one vote, each TIC training institute has 2 votes and each NFTO member country has 3 votes at the general assembly.

1. Minutes of General Assembly 2020 are shared on screen and all members will have received a copy. Monica explains that in 2020 because of the strict lockdown only the General Board of EFTA were allowed to attend the meeting. No amendments are proposed to the

minutes but one typing error is identified. Voting on the minutes is by zoom poll and will be conducted by chamber to allow ease of counting. Discussion of who is holding a proxy vote: GB member Joana Sequeira is holding a proxy vote for Portugal in the NFTO chamber vote. GB member Valerie O' Brien is holding a proxy vote for Teresa Moratalla in the CIM chamber vote.

GB member Slavica Gajdadzis-Knezhevikj is holding a proxy vote for Umberta Telfener and Kyriaki Polychroni in the CIM chamber vote and for north Macedonia in the NFTO chamber vote.

GB member Joana Sequeira is holding a proxy vote for Portugal in the NFTO chamber vote. GB member Nevena Calovska is holding a proxy vote for Kyriaki Polychroni in the TIC chamber vote.

CIM Board has one proxy vote assigned to the Cim Board.

GB Member Lucy Hornová is holding a proxy vote for Matthias Ochs in the NFTO chamber vote.

Meeting votes by chamber on the minutes of the 2020 GA.

CIM Vote: 9 votes for 2 proxy votes for.	11
NFTO: 9 votes for 4 proxy votes for 13 x3	39
TIC: 8 Votes for 1 Proxy vote for 9x2	18

Total Vote in favor 68

2. Presidents Report

All members will have received the presidents report and Monica shares this on the screen. The report discusses the work of the association and the passing of Mony Elkaim which has taken place since the last meeting. Activities of the committees of EFTA: Working on the Statutes, Website, Research, and the activity of each individual board is much more than this. Hans Christian asks if the report mentions the changes in the General Board because of the resignations from the GB. Monica confirms that this is mentioned in the report. Martine comments that the external relations committee has kept up relationships with the worldwide family therapy community throughout the pandemic. Nevena asks if we need to specify the names of the resigning members and the chamber from which they left for the GA minutes. Christian clarifies that for the Moniteur Belge we need to record officially the names of the resigning members and the date that they resigned. Monica describes that she will amend the document to show that Anna Chouhy and Thierry Darnaud resigned from the CIM board in September 2020. Christian states that for legal purposes we need to place it in AOB section of the meeting. Anna Parmenidou CIM member attending the GA contributes that she is incredibly sad about the loss of Mony but is incredibly pleased that we are in connection and keeping the organization going.

3. Annual Accounts

Monica Shares the annual accounts on screen and General Treasurer Michel Maestre explains the accounts to the meeting. Firstly, Michel thanks Christian who notice something wrong and we were able to correct this. Michel explains each chamber of EFTA is independent and has its own finances, EFTA general finances come from the contribution of each chamber. Michel explains the document and the income and expenditure. EFTA has income from the EFTA book series and a benefit from the EFTA conference. EFTA is in a good financial position, and he congratulates the three treasurers of the board for keeping the accounts well. Michel invites the treasurers of each board to comment on the finances within their chambers. Christian for CIM reports that they have a lower number of membership fees but have a

positive balance for 2020. This is important as CIM contributes a large proportion to the EFTA General budget.

Ilona Treasurer of EFTA NFTO describes that NFTO is stable financially. All countries have paid their fees, in 2020 two countries paid into sponsoring fund, Ireland and Norway. This year 2021: 3 countries have already contributed to the fund. Bank transfers are slower in this time.

Michel reports on the accounts of TIC finances are also stable for 2020. The balance sheet is also shared for 2020 prior and Christian explains the balance sheet.

Monica calls for the vote.

Results of the voting	
CIM chamber vote 8 approve 2 proxies approve	10
NFTO chamber vote 9 approve 4 proxy approvals 13x3	39
TIC Chamber vote 7 approve 1 proxy 8x2	16
Total vote for approval 65	

4. Provisional Budget 2021

Michel presents the budget for EFTA general for 2021. The main expenses will be upgrading the website of EFTA general, TIC and NFTO. Now that we have some funds available this is a good time to do this. President Monica has only one travel planned in October to the FEATF conference in Tenerife. Discussion of putting space in the provisional budget for the work on translating and the legal process of changing the statutes. Christian proposes that this will have to be included.

GA votes on the budget	
CIM Chamber Votes 11 approve 1 proxy approve	12
NFTO Chamber Votes 9 Approve, 4 proxy approvals 13x3	39
TIC Chamber votes 7 approve 1 proxy 8X2	16
Total vote for approval 67	

5. Discharge to administrators

Monica and Christian explain that this is a technical vote that the GA discharges the administrators of the responsibility for 2020 financial and administration.

Vote is called on this issue.	
CIM Chamber Votes 11 Approve 1 Proxy vote	12
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6. Any Other Business:

Resignation of Anne Chouhy and Thierry Darnaud, members of the Board, on 17 September 2020. Anna Asks a question about the resignation of the members of the CIM board Anna Chouhy and Thierry Darnaud. She asks if we know why they resigned. Monica explains that the resignation letters were contained in a newsletter that was sent to every EFTA member. Juan Antonio further explains that the CIM response to this was also sent to every member.

Monica expresses caution about the risk of misquoting the resigned board members in a public forum of the General assembly as they are not present at this meeting and their explanations have been freely available to all members. Monica asks if there are any of the members attending who would like to ask or comment. Christian asks about the details of the next EFTA congress. This will be in Ljubljana Slovenia from September the 7-10th. The scientific committee and the task force are working already, Symvoli is the organizing company again. Question of the congress dates and Jewish new Year, CIM member alerted Martine to this clash of dates. Board discusses this and the possibility of moving the dates of the congress.

(Addendum: On further checking it was discovered the member was in error. Jewish new year in 2021 is September 6-8th, However the EFTA congress is in September 2022 when Jewish new year will be 25-27 September).

Monica draws the meeting to a close and thanks all the officers of EFTA and the board members, it has been an exceedingly difficult year and she thanks all for their commitment to EFTA in these difficult times. Juan Antonio stresses the importance of the website update to connect with members in many languages and hopefully they will have a conference in Milan in May. NFTO Chair Hans Christian thanks Monica and the other board members for their work during this difficult time and how we are at the point of a transformation in EFTA statutes which will transform our organization. TIC Treasurer Michel also reflects on the difficult work we have accomplished in and that we are now more united in one EFTA. Nevena also echoes this that we have found a way to work that respects our differences but remains in dialogue until we find a way to a solution as a whole organization.
Meeting ends



Monica Whyte,
EFTA President