

Minutes from Annual Meeting – Mayor’s Conference Gothenburg 14th of June 2022.

Time: 14.00 to 15.30

Location: Elite Hotel and via video link

Participants:

Viggo Lütcherath, chairman, Kristiansand - Norway

Mario Fava, Local Councils' Association - Malta

Göran Gredfors, Eskilstuna – Sweden

Des Cahill, Cork – Ireland

Lina Lauciūtė-Žagarė, Kaunas - Lithuania

Karolina Berčiūnaite, Kaunas – Lithuania

Justina Julija-Germanaitė, Kaunas - Lithuania

Arvydas Cesiulis, Klaipeda Lithuania (via link)

Inger Ingebretsen, Kristiansand - Norway

Benny Klockervold, Kristiansand - Norway

Veronica Wannberg, Borås – Sweden

Nina Tuncer, Eskilstuna, Sweden

Elisabeth Thulin, Ystad – Sweden

Johnny Gustavsson, Gävle – Sweden

Participant staff: Erik Ake Setreus

§1. The opening of the annual meeting Chairman Viggo welcomed everyone to the board meeting. It was decided to approve the draft agenda.

§2. The annual meeting called according to the statutes

Ask if the meeting has been announced in accordance with the articles of association.

The meeting **decides** that the meeting has been announced in accordance with the articles of association

§3. Agenda for the annual meeting.

Decision: The agenda is approved according to the board's decision.

§4. Election of meeting officials.

Nina Tuncer, Eskilstuna was elected **chairman** of the annual meeting

Erik Ake Setreus, ECAD head office, was elected **secretary**

Johnny Gustavsson, Gavle and Elisabeth.Thulin, Ystad, were elected to **adjust the minutes**.

§5. Minutes from the previous annual meeting.

The minutes previously sent out and orally presented at the meeting. The written version must be sent out when contact is made with the former general secretary.

The minutes were **approved** and added to the documents

§6. Chairman's report on the activities in 2020 and 2021.

Chairman Viggo presented the annual report and told about the great difficulties that existed during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The board has been active during the period and has been able to carry out many activities via email, video and written mailings.

The annual meeting **decided** to approve the report and add it to the documents.

§7. Financial report

Finance Manager Erik Ake Setreus presented the finances for 2020 and 2021. Due to the limited "physical" activities, the economy has been in good balance.

Only one secretary and administrator has been employed (Erik Ake Setreus approx. 25%) since Erik Leijonmarck ended his position as Secretary General in February 2020.

The number of paying cities has decreased from about 40 cities in 2019 to about 20 cities today.

The annual meeting **decided** to approve the report and add it to the documents.

§8. Auditors' report.

The chartered accountants at Göran Hagsgård auditing firm, Uddevalla - Sweden, have audited the accounts and the work of the board. The auditors find in their statement that the accounts and operations are in good order. The auditors therefore **propose** to the annual meeting to grant the Board **full and grateful discharge from liability for the years 2020 and 2021**.

§9. Exemption from liability for departing board

The issue of discharge and approval of the annual report, financial report and the auditors' report. **The annual meeting unanimously grants full and grateful discharge from liability for the current board.**

§10. Amendment of the Articles of Association

The question to the annual meeting about the revision of the statutes. A smaller committee worked on the issue in the spring of 2022 and was able to present a unanimous proposal for minor changes to the statutes before the annual meeting. A discussion ensued about the board members' term of office, which the committee had proposed for a one-year term of office. Several advocated a 4-year mandate.

Resolution: The Annual General Meeting **resolved** in accordance with the proposal for new articles of association, but with a four-year term of office for the Board.

However, the decision shall be interpreted in accordance with other points in the charter that the city has the right to replace its representative and that the board may have 10 members so that new elections of cities in the board can take place.

§11. Election of board.

The current board consists of:

Viggo Lütcherath, chairman, Kristiansand - Norway
Mario Fava, Local Councils' Association - Malta
Göran Gredfors, Eskilstuna – Sweden
Des Cahill, Cork – Ireland
Heiða Björg Hilmisdóttir, Reykjavik Iceland

The following were elected to new members of the Board:

Lina Lauciūtė-Žagarė, Kaunas - Lithuania
Elisabeth Thulin, Ystad – Sweden
Dr Samuel Azzopardi, Gozo - Malta

The annual meeting's **election of the board was unanimous.**

§12 Auditors

Göran Hagsgård company was **re-elected** as auditors for ECAD

§13 Annual membership fee

On the board's proposal, new membership fees were **decided** so that smaller municipalities with less than 25,000 inhabitants pay 250 EURO per year and larger cities pay 1,000 EURO per year.

§14. Annual meeting 2023

The annual meeting **decided** to instruct the board to decide which city will host the annual meeting in 2023.

§15 Closing ceremony

The chairman Viggo Lütcherath thanked for a constructive and positive meeting and closed the meeting.

At the protocol;

Erik Ake Setreus

Protocol adjusted

Johnny Gustavsson, Gavle

Elisabeth.Thulin, Ystad