

Minutes from the General Assembly of the Association for Community Colleges (ACC)
October 24th, 2010
Held at the office of the International Academy for Education and Democracy (IAED) in
Copenhagen (thank you for having us)

Present:

John Petersen (Chairman of the Board of ACC)

Jan-Christoph Napierski

Lars Richard Rasmussen

Elisabeth Alber

Lucie Cizkova

(in the minutes those members present are referred to only by their first name)

1. Election of the Chairman and Secretary

Present members elect Jan-Christoph as the chairman of the meeting and Lucie as the secretary.

2. Statement of the Chairman of the ACC

a. **ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS.** John reported about two activities carried out during the past year.

- The first Community College took place even before the last GA - "Europe 20 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall" in November 2009 with older participants from Latvia, Spain and Denmark, funded with "Citizens for Europe" money (EU), organized by Linda Jakobsone and Conchi Gallego, a video produced as a result
- The second European Community College - "Europeans Knowing Europe CC" - was organized by ACC Tautskolas Eiropai in June 2010, beautiful location in Latvia (Sarnate), around 30 participants, discussions about media in Europe and European media, result: a concept description for a European magazine was updated, Grundtvig Workshop funds.

b. **NETWORKING.**

- Association for World Education (AWE) International Council meeting just took place now October 2010. ACC is a member and has proposed a new set of statutes for AWE. AWE is probably at a crossroads and we have been part of turning it into a new direction. Lucie became one of the seven regional vice-presidents of AWE.

c. ACC won the EU Ombudsman case about the TCC. Most of the money has been transferred to Agota and Barna Kovacs who had organized the TCC, while some money belonged to the ACC that also co-funded the temporary deficit. This case can pave the way for other NGOs who can use it as inspiration, it is a break-through.

3. Presentation and Adopting of the Accounts

Presented, some clarifications made about individual points and accounts approved.

4. Election of Board Members

Jan-Christoph's, Lucie's and Conchi's mandate runs out.

Jan-Christoph is a busy man and has decided to step down from the board. Thank you for all the good work over the years and please stay in touch!

Conchi, Erik and Lucie are elected. Congratulations!

Substitutes: Elisabeth and Linda Jakobsone are elected. Congratulations!

5. Election of Auditor

Lars is re-elected

6. Proposals Received

Two sets of changes of the statutes were received.

- a. John presented the first change and the reasons behind it (as discussed during the last ACC Board meeting in June 2010). He explained that the relatively passive period of ACC means that it becomes more necessary to have precise statutes. This is because we are no longer carried by a common intuitive understanding of what the ACC is about.
 - 'Latvian issue'. There have been some discussions lately about the situation/relation between ACC and ACC Tautskolas Eiropai. It was agreed during the first years of existence of the ACC that ACC Tautskolas Eiropai could be legalized as an NGO in Latvia as this was the only way to apply for funds locally.
 - As the time has passed this situation changed from being a mere formality to an NGO with its own members (not always ACC members) and its own activities (not always purely European activities).
 - ACC Tautskolas Eiropai is of course a special partner, but it is not a member of ACC as such (we have only individual memberships), meaning that it should not be having special treatment compared with any other NGOs that could be asking for ACC co-operation regarding projects.
 - John therefore prepared a proposal to change the ACC statutes so that they reflect the de facto status of ACC Tautskolas Eiropai and are clarified so that ACC is prepared for giving other NGOs (in reality members' NGOs) the same treatment. It would open the ACC for more cooperation, projects and possibilities. This is also reflected in the proposed changes in the aims of ACC in the statutes so that there's less orientation towards project-making.

Change 1: Approved with the following linguistic adjustments:
paragraph 2 "by the help of" replaced by "by means of"
"will manifest" replaced by "should manifest itself".

- b. Change 2: Approved. The General Assembly invites the board to host a discussion about a new wording of the statutes especially paragraph 2 and 3 to be presented to the GA before the next meeting.
- c. Proposal of a stipulation of a membership fee (discussion about a possible future set-up) EUR 10 for new members and a confirmation of membership in subsequent years. Policy continuation approved.

7. The board makes public the site of next year's ordinary general assembly

To be announced as soon as possible

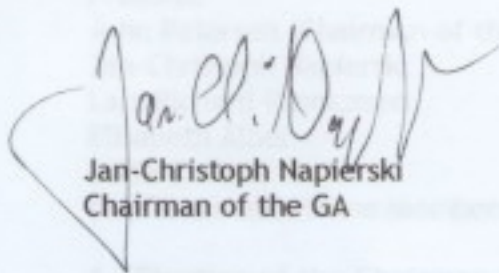
7. Any Other Business

- a. Membership issue is open for discussion - both the structure and the membership fee. There is a debate about reconfirming membership, also about the possibility to open membership or any other way of co-operation with institutions. The board should look into the perspective of cooperation with other organizations and institutions for different purposes as stipulated in the newly approved statutes in paragraph 3f. ACC has around 550 members, most of which have not confirmed their membership. They function more as a network. Maybe in the future we should consider two types of membership - the first type would pay a membership fee of say EUR 50 per year (demonstrating their interest in the active life of the organization) and the second type would be non-paying supporters,

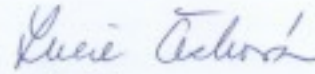
possibly not only individuals but also organizations. John invited to a discussion that should run until next year's GA about the fee and types of memberships.

8. Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved.



Jan-Christoph Napierski
Chairman of the GA



Lucie Cizkova
Secretary of the GA

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10. Reporting of the Chairman of the ACC

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Suzanne, Elisaveta and Linda Jakobsone are elected. Congratulations!

13. Election of Auditor

Law is re-elected

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