

**12th Board Meeting
May 12th 2001
Budapest**

The following persons were present:

John Petersen, Chairperson
Conchi Gallego, Secretary
Lászlo Dani, Deputy Chairperson
Siebren de Boer, Board member
Jesper Nielsen, Treasurer
Mjellma Mehmeti, Board member

Invited guests:

Agota Illyes
Barna Kovacs

1.- Opening of the board meeting

John opens the meeting welcoming everybody and also our guests, reminding them that they will have no voting rights. As we are 6 persons, we have quorum, therefore we start the meeting.

John will chair the meeting and Conchi will take notes and do the minutes.

2.- Approving the agenda and the last times minutes

Siebren asks for further explanation on the sentence of the minutes talking about "lowering the expectations of the ACC" and the distribution of tasks among the board. John answers saying that this discussion started in the previous meeting but was not ended, and that depending on the future changes that might come up we'll have to decide whether to continue this discussion or not.

There are no more comments on the minutes from the 11th board meeting so they are approved unanimously.

The agenda is also approved with no changes.

3.- AWE

John informs that after the last Assembly of the AWE in Copenhagen where some of the ACC members were present, ACC has been adopted as a "chapter" (what means an associated association). He is in the international board directly, for being the chairperson of the organisation, and Mjellma was elected after running for elections during their GA. The task of the International board is to decide formally about the new chapters, and it meets once every three years.

John has been asked to be the international co-ordinator of the AWE and he has accepted. His main role will probably be to keep in touch with the chapters around the world, and being in charge of the newsletter, the journal...

About the meeting in Copenhagen Lászlo tells the board about the Conference that took place previous to the Assembly. There were participants from all around the world and lots of discussions on Lifelong Learning and the Folk High Schools system.

The people present in the meeting explained to the rest of the world about the importance of being in such a big organisation, that will give us a wider view on many things and also it will give us contacts from other organisations. For instance AWE has already collaborated being a partner in the application to the Rockefeller foundation for the Bellagio Conference.

There are also some other possibilities that we can profit from, like using the network existing, publish one of the journals which are good quality...

John finally informs that in the statutes it states that each chapter should pay a contribution. This is not practised. We have to work out if they would prefer us to organise some kind of activity instead of giving an economical contribution.

4.- New and old projects

Bellagio: This project has been postponed, and the application will be presented again for the next dead line. It will be held in autumn 2002.

Minority Course 2002: Jesper presents some of the ideas he is working from the Hojskolen Ostersoen for the year 2002. The idea would be to settle a partnership with the ACC on the topic of European Governance, so ACC would participate during several days.

Jesper will elaborate the expectations that the Minority Course has on the ACC, and the ACC will propose something to do, after these first steps the agreement will be sent out to the members asking for contributions and their participation (quality offers will be considered).

There is a starting agreement, and it is decided that the contents will be worked out later in the future.

Youth 2002: John presents this project in which ACC is a partner and co-founder and that will take place in Denmark on the 2nd half of 2002 under the Danish Presidency of the EU. The idea is to gather a 1000 young people from all around Europe in 15 different Folk High Schools in Denmark, to debate on a European Constitution.

The project is now in the lobby phase and is trying to get finance from the European Parliament, directly from its budget. The goal is to get 1 million Euro from this institution. There is also the possibility that the Danish Ministry of

Education will fund this project, so 6 million Danish Crones could come in addition.

John tells also about the organisations involved in the project. Apart from ACC, also New Europe (Left wing pro-European platform), the FFD and International Understanding Co-operation (IUC) + 13 folk high schools. The idea will be to create a new organisation with these 4 which its only aim would be to carry out this project. There will be a meeting on the 22nd of may that will be as the Statutory Assembly and a board will be elected under the following criteria: 1 person per organisation (4), 3 representatives of Folk High Schools (3), and 2 "famous names" (2). The board will then employ a secretariat and probably a translator. One of the tasks of the secretariat will be to co-ordinate the schools (each of them will have a co-ordinator).

The main themes of this event will be 3:

- Constitution
- Enlargement
- Global Portal (a website with materials on globalisation and the relation between Europe and the rest of the world).

The structure foreseen for the gathering is the following:

- 1st week: Introduction, speeches, lectures
- 2nd week: Workshops
- 3rd week: Working on the IT

All this will have to be further developed.

There is also the possibility to include AWE in this project in order to include the "global dimension" to the project and to the portal.

The responsibility of the ACC in this project is limited because it says in our statutes that we can't compromise more than our own budget, and this project will be economically binding (the budget will come in one block and if any of the partners does not report properly it will be responsibility of the whole organisation. John suggest to use the activity Schools for Europe that will take place during Christmas to create a working group of the ACC and that will be involved in the development of the project.

John gives the board the first draft of the statutes, and he promise to keep us informed with the development of the project, and the changes that might come up.

It is voted that Elly will represent the ACC in the board. We thank Elly for this.

Cornwall: Jesper informs about this project saying that Rishiart has been working on the fundraising but it has been difficult to raise money from local funds. He is finding great difficulties to convince local authorities that so many Europeans would participate in the event. This local funding is also needed for

the co-funding. John compromises to work with him during the TCC in Transylvania.

Latvia: There were some ideas on new projects, but the new board, whose president is Sandra, is not so experienced and they will probably wait for Linda to come back and help them fundraising.

Frisia: Siebren informs that he is expecting the final answer from the EU on the application done for the summer activity. He has also worked out some extra funding in kind, but it will be difficult to get more co-funding in money.

Siebren explains that the process has been hard since the beginning as the National Agency of the Youth Programme was sceptical about the activity, then Siebren cleared out that the activity to be carried out was running independently from the General Assembly, that would take place previous to the event. The discussion is stopped at that point waiting for the final answer of the EU.

5.- TCC Preparations

Barna reports on the current stage. They are now in the process of selecting participants (a list is given to the board) and they are having difficulties with the age and the different balance (gender, geographical...).

Lecturers are confirmed except one, and he introduces the slight changes that have been done in the programme. The excursions are also closed.

There is a PR working on the promotion of the activity and there will be a video report and a CD-ROM of the TCC. There might be also some funding for a postcard (in the follow up).

The board gives some advice and makes proposals on topics and methodology and compromise to send some materials to Agota and Barna in order to include good contents in the programme and new methodologies.

6.- ACC School Circle

John and Laszlo inform about this topic. There is an organisation called AOF that is a Worker's Educational Association that give courses to unemployed people in Denmark. They have a Foundation for development projects in some European countries. John and Laszlo have had some contact with them (through a letter and also Laszlo had a dinner with some responsible people from the organisation) and mainly they have been exchanging information about different projects and ideas. They have invited someone from this organisation to participate in the TCC on their expenses so they will know more about the ACC. As there is more information about this organisation it will be sent to the board.

7.- General Assembly

The first priority of the board is that the General Assembly will take part in Frisia, previous to the activity that Siebren has applied for. If there is not enough money for it, then it will take place in Budapest.

The invitation has to be sent out soon. Proposals for the agenda are:

- discussion on the fee
- Elections (names of candidates have to be sent).

Siebren decides to run as substitute.

The voting procedure should be clarified for the GA. Siebren proposes he will write a paper on this.

John informs that Agota has endorsed her candidature to run for elections for the board.

8.- Future of the ACC

There is going to be a new person in the office. Ruben, from Spain will be working as a volunteer in Aabenraa from the 1st of July. He will work mainly on media.

About the future situation of the ACC this point will be put in the next board meeting for further discussion.

9.- Web Conference

Linda couldn't prepare anything about this point she will bring it up in the next board meeting.

10.- Emergency plan

In order to avoid difficulties when the chat on peoplesite is not working Laszlo will create a Yahoo Club where there will be the possibility to have a private chat.

Peoplesite is now renewing, and it will stay as our main meeting place, and this second option will be used only in case of necessity when Peoplesite is not working.

11.- Disposal Amount

As the money from the different sources to the different activities come to the ACC directly, there is a need of a second contract with the persons in charge of the activity in each place.

It is decided that there will be a "Subcontract" signed every time there is an activity that gets support through the ACC International. It is the way it has been done for the TCC and we will keep on working this way and we'll keep on searching for the best way to do it.

12.- White Paper

Conchi informs on the process of elaboration of the White Paper on Youth Policy of the EU. She has been involved in the process representing the Spanish Youth Council, and has been informing John on the different stages. The EU launched more than a year ago a process of consultation among young people, researchers, governments and civil society in order to compile proposals and ideas on Youth Policy in order to create the necessary background for future Programmes or Actions Plans.

ACC sent a written contribution that is now compiled in a document of the European Youth Forum, with its ideas on Community Colleges.

Conchi will keep informing ACC on the process of the White Paper. The process is now delayed due to the intention of some people from the Commission to stop the publishing of this White Paper, but if the process finishes well, the Paper will be launched in Autumn under the Belgium Presidency of the EU.

13.- AOB

Macedonia Community College: It has been postponed to September. Mjellma informs that there will be the possibility of holding a board meeting during the activity. They are also working with ACC Latvia on the idea that there could be a follow up of the MCC in Latvia. There are several funding possibilities for this follow up.

John thanks Laszlo for its help organising this meeting, also Agota and Barna for inviting us and the rest of the board for their participation.

The meeting is closed.