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2020 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

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Date: 16 August 2020

Venue: Zoom

Meeting started 3:10 pm

Present: Fekete Ilona, Farkas Ágnes. Claudia Frisch, Gyöngyi Bartha, Lisy Vancell-Toth, Emőke Harasta / Hungarian School Sydney, Gyöngyi Bartha, Borbála Hadady, Ágnes Schwerák, Adél Csanády, Ágnes Körlaki, Ilona Vidács, Márta Makkai, Fűry Melinda (Melinda Fuery), Anna Mária Gábor, Mária Magdolna Nagy, Szabó Marika, Elischer Krisztina, Kovács Tímea, Hevér-Szabó Beatrix, Abonyi Zsuzsa, Kicsi Csilla, Tari Szilvia, Nagy Viktoria, Andrea Kondás

Non-members: Lang Beata (NZ), Lipoth Petra (NZ) – visitor, ILosvay-Egyed Katalin *adjudicator

Apologised: Ágnes Szabó, Réka Péterffy, Mónika Sebők

Proxy: Ágnes Körlaki is acting as the proxy for Ágnes Szabó

Before the meeting: Marika Szabó mentioned that her name was missing from the member list. Ilona Feketre apologised, and she will update the list on the website.

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1. The president, Lisy Vancell-Toth welcomed everyone
 2. The 2019 AGM Minutes was sent with the invitation to the members as well as shared on the screen during the meeting. The minutes was accepted by the members, and moved by Gyöngyi Bartha, and seconded by Tímea Kovács.
 3. It was planned to have Zoom polls for the proposed rule changes as well as for the elections but the poll s could not be created by Márta Makkai , the host, because of the recording of the meeting. The solve the issue later, the voting and the election was moved after the reports.
 4. **President's report:** Lisy Vancell-Toth, the current president reported about the activities of the board during the year. She thanked all the committee members for their work during the year. She summarized the tasks of the different committee members and thanked the members for renewing their membership in time. Quarterly newsletters by the presidents and news from the schools were among the novelties this year, as well as Csilla Kicsi's evaluation in Singapore of a possibility of a Hungarian school. Teachers participated at different professional developments in Hungary and in Australia, as well as AMPE organised a mini workshop dedicated to online learning and presentation by Kropfne Knipp Maria. Unfortunately, the Perth Conference had to be postponed because of the COVID travel restrictions, but hopefully the conference can be re-organised in 2021. The planned Teacher's Award was ready to go, prepared by Marti Makkai, and it will be handed over next



year's conference. Grant application were handed by Marti Makkai as well who took over after the grant writer committee member resigned. The president represented the association in Melbourne and in Hungary, and she hoped to expand the membership to New Zealand. The President asked one of our guests, Petra Lipoth from Auckland to summarize the situation of the recently founded Hungarian school.

5. Petra Lipoth, the President of the Auckland Hungarian Club thanked to be present at our AGM, and Shortly reviewed the plans of the school in Auckland. She expressed that she supports cooperation and that the school needs guidance for the time being.
6. The President thanked Petra Lipoth for her presence and encouraged every member for cooperation and contribution within the association.
7. **Secretary's report:** The secretary presented the statistics based on the survey sent to all member schools earlier this year. The graphs were presented on slides to all members on the screen.
8. **Financial Report:** The Treasurer, Gyöngyi Bartha presented this year's financial report ,as well as the detailed budget of the 2019 conference. Viktória Nagy asked about the grant for the conference, but this year the AMPE did not receive funding since the conference was postponed. The presented budget was for last year's conference, in the 2019-20 financial year. **The members accepted the report, it was moved by Ilona Fekete and seconded by Csilla Kicsi.**
9. Tímea Kovács asked if the members could receive a copy of the presentation after the meeting. The secretary assured here that it will be sent to the members, and could be shared on the website.
10. Special Resolution of Proposed changes to Rules of Association. The proposed changes were sent to the members with the invitation. Marti Makkai could not create a poll because of the recording so the members will vote with their reaction signs (Thumbs up) and she records the screen shot. Later on, it became apparent after Tímea Kovacs pointed out that Zoom only shows 25 participants on a screen , not everyone can be seen. She had to make two photos and the voting was repeated with real-life thumbs up instead of the Zoom reactions – those disappeared after a few seconds.
75% of the present members – one proxy – should accept the changes.

Change 1

Part 4 General meetings of the Association

36. Quorum at general meeting

2. The quorum for a general meeting is the presence (physically , by proxy or as allowed under rule 35) of 10% of the members entitled to vote.

Change proposed:

The quorum for a general meeting is the presence (physically, by proxy or as allowed under rule 35) of 50% of the members entitled to vote.



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Explanation for Change 1: The membership of the Hungarian teachers association is low, so 10% of the membership would not even represent the committee members. This change is necessary to adequately represent the membership of the association.

Voted yes: 25 members plus 1 proxy / 100%

Change 2

Addition

Division 2 – Composition of Committee and duties of members

44 Composition of Committee

Representation of members at the committee meetings: it is advisable that each state has at least one representative in the committee (Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland) either as an office bearer or a committee member. States with more than two member schools can have more than one representative.

Comment by Mária Magdolna Nagy: “it should be added each state THAT HAS A MEMBER has at least one representative in the committee”. The addition was accepted by the members unanimously.

Voted: YES by 25 members plus 1 proxy /100 %

Change 3

Addition

Division 3 – Election of Committee members and tenure of office

51 Nominations

Change proposed:

(2) [c] should nominate at least one member from the state the member is based.

Explanation for Change 2 and 3: for adequate communication and representation each state should have a representative in the committee

Voted YES: 25 members plus 1 proxy /100 %

11. Current committee resigns and Ilosvay -Egyed Katalin is the adjudicator of the election of the committee members. The nominations were online this year, which was sent to the members with the AGM invitation. Nominations were received for the positions and Ilosvay Egyed Katalin presented the nominations.

President: Lisy Vancell Toth (VIC) . Nomination was accepted.

Voted by 25 members

Secretary: Ilona Fekete(VIC). Nomination was accepted.



Voted by 25 members plus 1 proxy

Treasurer: Gyöngyi Bartha (VIC). Nomination Accepted

Vice-president: Ágnes Farkas and Márta Makkai. Ágnes Farkas (WA) accepted the nomination, Márta Makkai did not accept it.

Voted by: 25 members plus 1 proxy

Committee members nominations:

Krisztina Elischer

Márta Makkai

Ágnes Körlaki

They all accepted the nominations.

Voted: 25 members plus 1 proxy

The new committee consists of the following members:

President: Lisy Vancell-Tóth (VIC)

Vice-president: Ágnes Farkas (WA)

Treasurer: Gyöngyi Éva Bartha (VIC)

Secretary: Ilona Fekete (VIC)

Committee members: Elischer Krisztina (SA), Márta Makkai (VIC), Ágnes Körlaki (VIC)

Ilosvay Kati congratulated the newly elected committee and handed over the meeting to the new president.

12. The president, Lisy Vancell-Tóth thanked everyone for the nominations and suggested to talk about next year's plans.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Online training – in topics suggested by members
 - More collaboration: curriculum and lesson plans
13. Timea Kovacs suggested to have a forum where teachers and principals could ask any issues from more experienced members.
 14. Viktoria Nagy suggested a closed Facebook group for that
 15. Ilona Fekete suggested a targeted Zoom meeting in certain topics with breakout rooms
 16. Márta Makkai suggested a monthly/ quarterly discussions and brainstorming
 17. Ágnes Farkas mentioned that there was already a Messenger group for instant advice named "Ampe tanári közösség" and that could be contributed with the quarterly/ monthly discussions.
 18. Ilosvay Eged Katalin suggested that administrative and educational issues could be separated. She also offered the support of the Sydney radio show for teachers, for interviews and discussions.
 19. Lisy Vancell-Toth suggested to have monthly drop-in sessions in different topics – curriculum, year 12 examination, school management etc.



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20. Zsuzsi Abonyi mentioned that a co-operation already started with Gyongyi Bartha, to prepare Kindergarten material – curriculum , quarterly and sessional plans They would appreciate if anyone would like to join the team.
21. Lisy Toth thanked Zsuzsi Abonyi for mentioning this collaboration. She emphasized, that currently there were two collaboration projects underway: one organised by the American teachers' association to create a globally accessible Hungarian diaspora curriculum. The other one was initiated from Győr, the organisers of the annual Hungarian teachers' conference, organising a curriculum writing bootcamp, which would have taken place in in July-August in Hungary. This project was postponed but the outcome would be an online accessible curriculum material for the Hungarian diaspora.
22. Marti Makkai was also involved in the collaboration she worked on the high school curriculum . Viktora Nagy asked what was the reason that no one worked on the primary material. Marti Makkai answered that there were more materials for primary students at the moment . Marti Makkai encourages independent working groups; those could be supported by the committee but they can work on topics and areas they want.
23. Timea Kovacs and Viktoria Nagy suggested to set up working groups for primary and MID teachers.
24. The president asked the participants if anyone have any more comments.

Meeting closed: 4:50 pm