



International Life Saving Federation of Europe

Minutes

ILSE Board of Directors Meeting Agya Napa/Cyprus May 1st – 3rd, 2015

1. Welcome

The President welcomes the Members of the Board Meeting in the meeting room of the Nestor Hotel in Agya Napa. He thanks President Polis Pallikaros, Cyprus Life Saving Federation, for the host and organisation of the Meeting. He also welcomes Yasmina Arab, Representative of the City of Oostende, Belgium, ILS Secretary General Dr. Harald Vervaecke in his function as Co-President of BLSF and the new Secretary of KNBRD, The Netherlands, Sonja Robben, as Observer at the Meeting.

President Polis Pallikaros welcomes the participants at the ILSE Board of Directors Meeting and introduces Cyprus and Agya Napa at the beautiful coast of Cyprus. He wishes a successful and constructive Meeting at the Nestor Hotel.

2. Roll call

President Dr. Detlev Mohr calls the names of the delegates. 15 Board Members of 21 Board Member (21 votes) are present.

One of three Advisors and three Chairs of four ILSE Commissions are present. Please find the attendance list as enclosure 1a and roll call as enclosure 1b.

Apologies were received from the Board Members Isabell Garcia, Inkilap Obruk, Petr Nelezin. Arunas Burksas, Dr. Nenad Javornik and Laila Solhaug Hulleberg are absent. Further apologies were received from Honorary Life-President Dr. Klaus Wilkens, Honorary Life-Member Frank Nolan and the Advisors Kenneth J. White and Dr. Anthony Handley. Both Auditors Pia Holmen Christensen and Walter Grimm are absent.

After the new election of the Board of ILSE Member WOPR in November 2014, Vice President Dr. Jerzy Telak is no longer President of WOPR and not supported by WOPR. Due to this fact, he is no longer Vice President of ILSE. The position Vice President (East) will be vacant up to the General Assembly in 2016.

The Chair of MAC, Karin Brand, is absent due to illness. Pärla Salomaa is not in function due to two sabbatical years up to autumn 2016.

3. Comments on the agenda

Board agrees to split the topic 13 into
13.1 ILSE Award and Recognition process and



13.2 ILS Honours and proposals

The topic 17.1 changes to topic 15.3 Application of Sport Commission no. 02.

The agenda please find as enclosure 2.

4. Honouring the Departed

President Dr. Mohr remembers the departing of several 'Friends in Lifesaving' and names on behalf of all Claes Thorell from SLS Sweden. He asks everyone to get up for a minute of silence in memory.

5. Acceptance of the Minutes of the last BOD Meeting

Board approves the Minutes of the BOD Meeting in May 2014 unanimously.

6. Activity Reports

6.1. President

President presents his report and highlights some points with reference to the lists of Non Members, Meetings of ILS and ILSE (see report enclosure 3):

Non Members: Albania. New contacts were built since two years. No contact to Armenia. Belarus is the country with the highest drowning rates. ILSE is still waiting for the new constitution and the election of a Board from Iceland. Professor Hartmann from Israel is back in the scene. He is working at an university in Israel with students.

Furthermore he reports about the ILS Board Meeting, ILS Commission Meetings and the annual ILS General Assembly in conjunction with the Rescue in September 2014 in France.

ILSE Commissions took place in conjunction with an extraordinary General Assembly of ILSE in January 2015 in Dublin, Ireland. He highlights the upcoming WCDP 2015 in Malaysia.

Board approves the report of ILSE President.

6.2. Reports of the Vice Presidents

Vice President Erik Bech reports from a further Northern European Meeting and a very well connected regularly meeting in Stockholm with discussions about the 'Life Jacket Day' in May 2015.

He reports about good contacts to Estonia and Lithuanian as members of the 'Baltic Family'. Greenland is going to set up a Life Saving Federation. Drowning is a well-handled problem in Greenland.

He took part at the Blue Flag Meeting, which was held in Copenhagen/Denmark. FEE confirmed to prefer the Risk Assessment of ILSE.

The necessity of telephones at the beaches for emergency calls was discussed again. He asks the ILSE Board Members to inform him about their opinion in this case.

Vice President Dr. Todor Popov reports about the actions of ISLA - a federation which seems to try to find sponsors for educational activities in competition with ILS

and ILSE. Most of the activities are concentrated in Latin-America and the South-West of Europe. ILS Vice President Chris Brewster tried already to take action against the work of this Federation – but not successful up to now. Furthermore Dr. Todor Popov reports about the efforts in Albania to become a member of ILSE and to set up Water Lifesaving Services and further preparations for membership.

Vice President John Martin draws the attention to the disaster and catastrophic situation and the alarming proportions of drownings of refugees in the Mediterranean Sea.

He reports that lifesaving sport is one of the main topics of this year in Great Britain. From his point of view SLSGB and all further participants finalised successfully the EQF 2 project. Vice President John Martin will present the results at the III. International Scientific Conference “State, Prospects and Development of Rescue, Physical Culture and Sports in the XXI Century” in Bydgoszcz, Poland, in June 2015 and at a conference in Italy.

6.3. Secretary General

Secretary General Joachim Kellermeier reports about discussions he had with the tax authority and the register court in Germany regarding the ILSE Constitution. Further information should be given in topic 7.

7. Annual Closing of Accounts 2014

Secretary General presents the Annual Closing of Account and the Balance Sheet of the ILSE 2014 and explains the figures.

Please find the documents as enclosure 4 and enclosure 5.

President Dr. Detlev Mohr remarks that some payments of the membership fee are still open and asks the ILSE Member Federations to fulfil the obligation. He draws the attention to the special situation in Ukraine. The ILSE Member Federation was not able to submit the payment due the particular situation.

Auditor Pia Holmen checked bookkeeping and accounts at the ILSE Meetings in Dublin, Ireland, in January 2015, please find her Audit 2014 as enclosure 6a, which draws the attention to the problems regarding the performed Risk Assessment. The Audit of Walter Grimm please find as enclosure 6b.

Giorgios Tzikas points out the special problems in Greece to promote Risk Assessments to the government authority.

Vice President John Martin asks the Board to approve the figures and to close the books of 2014. Board approves the documents unanimously and agreed the application.

President thanks the Auditors Pia Holmen and Walter Grimm for their work.

8. Budget 2016

Secretary General presents the Total Budget 2016 Account. He explains the figures (please see enclosure 7).

John Martin suggests to prepare a timetable to spent money in projects as figured out in the Budget 2016.

Dr. Todor Popov proposes to invest the amount to keep special problems for example in Non Member countries or countries which need development aid. He asks for the regulars to apply for the financing of projects:


Board agrees unanimously that in urgent cases the chancellery of ILSE should decide about the applications by a postal ballot.

Clive Holland suggests to ask ILSE Juridical Advisor to find the correct words regarding the situation in which ILSE Members do not pay the Membership Fee and add this special notes to the Constitution or Bye Laws of ILSE in this way.

Board approves the Budget 2016 unanimously.

9. Reports of the Board Members

Several Board Members report about national items, please find some reports enclosed.

- Martin O'Sullivan (Ireland) present his report (see enclosure 9)
- Development Aid Advisor Helmut Stöhr reports about the situation in Lithuania, please see enclosure 9.
-  **WOPR Vice President Piotr Synowiec gives a view over the situation in Poland and WOPR after the elections in November 2014. The organisation is undergoing an exam due to the authorities. Vice President WOPR ensures that World Games in Poland will take place in 2016.**
- Luc Landrain reports about activities and competitions in Belgium. The process of implementation of EQF2 at universities made progress. The new President of BLSF will be elected next year and is now active in an interim function.

President Dr. Mohr thanks for the short annual reports and confirms that WOPR is one of the strongest Members in ILSE. Board discusses about the opportunities to appoint a new Vice President. Clive Holland confirms that the ILSE Constitution and Bye Laws do not allow acting in this case during the term of office.

10. Report about the Meeting of ILS Board

The ILS Board of Directors Meeting and Annual General Assembly took place in September 2014 in Montpellier, France.

Vice President John Martin reports about main topics of the Meetings. The Membership Fees of further Non-European Members were not paid, Board discussed about sanctions.

11. Relationships with other EU-Organisations and Institutions

President Dr. Mohr informs about several relationships due to his report (please see enclosure 3 of topic 6.1).

12. Affairs of the Member Federations

Giorgio Quintavalle (FINS, Italy) reported about the application of Societa Nazionale di Salvamento Genova for Membership in ILS. He announces that FINS will not confirm or support the Membership. The reason is the fact that the organisation was commercial organised. ILS Board was already informed.

Board discusses about the future composition and size of the ILSE Board of Directors.

No further announcements regarding affairs of Member Federations are given.

13. Honours/proposals

13.1 ILSE Award and Recognition Process

ILSE Chancellery created 'ILSE Award and Recognition Process', please see enclosure 10. President Dr. Mohr explains the details and informs about the decision of the Chancellery to award the European Order of Lifesaving. Some of very active Members were already honoured at the ILSE Meetings in Dublin, Ireland. Chancellery decided to honour some persons at the next possibility.

Board agrees in general with the new ILSE Award and Recognition Process and decides about the name of the highest new award in the future: Ambassador instead of Companion.

13.2. ILS Honours/proposals

No proposals are given.

14. Sponsoring and Marketing

No remarks are given.

15. Reports and working programmes of the commission and working groups

15.1. Education Commission

Chair Dr. Alexander Skaliy highlights some points of the Education Commission Meeting in Dublin and explains the applications which include a paper 'A drowning preventative definition of swimming ability (self-rescue ability)', written by Mats Melbye (Norway).

Board accepts the Minutes of the Education Commission unanimously.

Application Education 1:

Education Commission asks ILSE for further support and to be the stakeholder.

President Dr. Mohr requests to remove Germany from the list of participating ILSE Member countries. He promises to provide a 'letter of support' from ILSE which assists the application for the Erasmus plus programme and asks one of the participating ILSE Member Associations to take over the leading position.

Dr. Sanja Mazic points out that EQF3 should only be a programme for universities and therefore ILSE must be the official 'stake holder'.

Board agrees with one abstention.

Application Education 2:

President proposes to the Board to hold the BEPS in 2017 instead of the MAC Best Practice Seminar, but first discuss the already fixed topics of the next meeting in 2016.

Board agrees.

Application Education 3:

Board discusses about the redraft of Rules of Scientific Council, which was prepared from President, Secretary General and Chair Education Commission on May 1st, 2015 (draft 2.1, see enclosure 11).

Clive Holland proposes to appoint the Chair due to decision of the Board. Vice President John Martin supports this option.

President suggests to asks for nominations 'Chair and Members of Scientific Council' in preparation of the next General Assembly in 2016.

Board approves the draft 2.1 and agrees unanimously.

Application Education 4:

'A drowning preventative definition of swimming ability (self-rescue ability)', Mats Melbye.

Martin O'Sullivan explains the background of this paper.

President explains the several definitions for swimming, defined by different organisations for different purposes and supposes to find only a definition for the minimum criteria 'survival swimming ability' and for a 'competent swimmer'. The expected and necessary ability has also cultural aspects and differs from country to country.

Vice President Erik Bech points out that there is a difference between 'survival' and 'competence swimming ability'.

Vice President John Martin thanks and acknowledges the work of the Education Commission in this case. Board seconds the motion and accepts.

15.2. Rescue Commission

Chair Ortwin Kreft reports about the Commission Meeting in January in Dublin. He draws the attention to the actual Document Risk Assessment, Version 9. The web-based document is now finished. The test period should be in this summer as laid down in the Minutes.

The Board accepts the Minutes of the Rescue Commission.

Application Rescue 1:

Board approves the application unanimously.

Application Rescue 2:

Board agrees with the change to place the decisions in the ILSE dropbox.

Application Rescue 3:

Board approves the application with one change: The ILSE Rescue Commission Members should have access to all information of a sub group i.e. Snr Tutors.

Application Rescue 4:

Chair suggests Folkert Hoogslag or Mikael Olousson as representative at the CEN Pool Safety Working Group

Board agrees unanimously.

Application Rescue 5:

Board confirms unanimously that the working group will be part of Rescue Commission and appointed Hans-Hermann Höltje (Germany) as the Head of the group.

Application Rescue 6

Board agrees unanimously and takes the opportunity to ask the ILSE Member Federation about the issues of concern over all 4 Commission via a survey.

Application Rescue 7

Board acknowledges the work of Rescue Commission unanimously.

15.3. Sport Commission

The Chair Bob Dekkers reports about the work of the ILSE Sport Commission and its 6 working groups with special tasks.

Board thanks him and the Members of Commission for the work and confirms the Minutes unanimously.

Application Sport 1:

Board supports the explanations of the ILSE Sport Commission and agrees with 1 abstention.

Application Sport 2:

(former topic 17.1 Bid BLSF EC 2017)

Yasmina Arab, representative of the city of Oostende, Belgium, presented details about the city Oostende as a perfect location for EC 2017. Dr. Harald Vervaecke presents in his function as President of the bidding federation Belgian Life Saving Federation details about the plannings of EC 2017. The European Championships will include all competitions (National Teams, Juniors, Masters, Interclubs and IRB) and will take place in September 2017.

Chair ILSE Sport Commission Bob Dekkers explains his inspection report. Board agrees unanimously to stage the European Championships 2017 in Belgium.

Application Sport 3:

Board agrees with one abstention.

Application Sport 4

Sport Commission applies to issue the call for biddings to organise European Championships for Juniors and Masters in 2018 and European Championships in 2019 already this year. In 2019 the European Championships can be organised in one or in separate events.

A new application in this case will follow.

Application 5

Sport Commission will start to develop a rulebook for an European Cup Project as written in the application and shall be used the season summer 2016 – summer 2017 as a pilote period.

Board agrees unanimously.

15.4. Management and Administration Commission

On behalf of Chair Karin Brand Vice President Erik Bech explains the Minutes and applications.

The Board accepts the Minutes of the Management and Administration Commission.

Application MAC 1:

Board agrees unanimously.

Application MAC 2:

Board agrees unanimously.

Secretary General of ILS, Dr. Harald Vervaecke, informs about 'SportAccord Academy' which educates online-based in several languages in the field of sport management.

Application MAC 3:

ILS is going to work out their strategic plan during the WCDP 2015 and ILS Meetings in Malaysia. ILSE planning then should follow ILS results. Next official MAC meeting is in January 2016. In August 2016 the ILSE General Assembly will get a review. After a short discussion the Board agrees.

Clive Holland as observer of MAC Meeting emphasises another point. ILSE Members are in search for a greater leadership. Definitive statement publications, recommendations or good examples should be published for other ILSE Members to use. Federations with experience should depose scripts with comments what works and what didn't work. President Dr. Mohr is asked to write a letter to all Commissions to send their data for publishing. The Board agrees to this.

15.5. Development Aid Advisor

Development Aid Advisor Helmut Stöhr presents his report, please see enclosure 9. Board accepts the report.

15.6. Juridical Advisor

Please find the report of Juridical Advisor as enclosure 14 including his remarks with reference to the Draft 1.2 Rules of Scientific Council of ILSE.

Clive Holland presents the report. He highlights the point that federations should think about to which region they belong (north, south, east and west) for working together with a Vice President.

The Rules of Scientific Council meanwhile have been redrafted.

Board thanks Juridical Advisor Kenneth J. White for his work and Clive Holland for the explanations and accepts the report.

15.7. Medical Advisor

Medical Advisor Dr. Anthony Handley is absent.

President Dr. Mohr remarks that the Board is still waiting for the results of the Medical Network. A paper as teaching material for the Member Associations is highlighted to be necessary.

Martin O'Sullivan mentions that there is a medical position statement on ILS homepage. It could be used for ILSE, too.

16. Discussion/information ILSE Constitution / Bye Laws

Secretary General Joachim Kellermeier explains that because of the German local court some further changes in the new ILSE Constitution and Bye Laws will be necessary. Furtheron the Board has to think about if ILSE shall be a dependant part of ILS or an independent European federation which accepts all lifesaving aspects of the ILS. The implemented working group shall work out a proposal.

17. Other applications to the ILSE Board

Topic 17.1 was already decided, see topic 15.3 Sport Commission
No further applications are given.

18. Application to the ILS Board

No further applications are given.

19. International ILSE Training Courses

All known dates are listed in the Minutes.
Completions are wished to be sent to the Secretary.

20. Report about the preparations for the European Championships in 2015

Vice President John Martin presents the planning of the European Lifesaving Championships 2015 in Wales. The rulebook from January 2015 will be used. Bob Dekkers, Chair of ILSE Sport Commission, presents the planning of the European Championships Junior and Masters 2015 in Spain and the planning of the IRB Championships in The Netherlands.

21. Planning of other events

21.1. ILSE Commission Meetings 2016

On behalf of Karin Brand Vice President Erik Bech presents the planning for the ILSE Commission Meeting in Sweden and Finland.
Board remarks that the announced rates are perhaps too high for some Member Federations and asks the organisation team for alternatives. The Meeting will take place in January 22nd – 24th, 2016.

21.2. Calendar 2015 – 2017

The next ILSE Board Meeting will take place May 20th – 22nd, 2016 in Luzern/Switzerland.

Additions to the Calendar shall be sent to the Secretariat in Bad Nenndorf.
Luc Landrain mentions the Resuscitation Congress 2015 in Praha/Czech Republic.
Dr. Harald Vervaecke emphasizes that European Lifesavers take part in many world competitions such as World Games, CISM and so on. ILSE should be aware of this recognition level. Money could be spent for special projects.

21.3. Sports Calendar 2015 – 2017

Additions to the Calendar shall be sent to the Secretariat in Bad Nenndorf.

22. Jubilees/Anniversaries

The Dutch federation KNBRD celebrates its 110 birthday in 2016.

23. Any other Business

President Dr. Mohr reminds of chapter 4.1 in the Bye Laws. Some Members of ILSE Commissions were absent for two or more times.

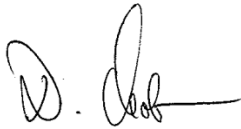
Board agrees and asks President to write a letter reminding them of their duty. The letter shall be sent to the member, their Federation and the President of Federation. Otherwise new members will be nominated.

Dr. Alexander Skaliy thanks for the participation of many Members of ILSE Federations at the International Scientific Conference Bydgoszcz and invites to 'last minute participation'.

Secretary General Joachim Kellermeier reminds all members to answer in time any requests from the ILSE Headquarters.

President Dr. Mohr thanks the Members of Board for all inputs and good discussions. He also thanks ILSE Member Cyprus Life Saving Federation for the excellent hosting and organisation of the Board Meeting.

Bad Nenndorf, June 26th, 2015



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President



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