

## EPA EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## MINUTES

Location: Prague, Czech Republic

Date: 04.03.2012

Participants: 106 EPA members (84 Ordinary members and 22 International members)

The meeting started at 19h05 and finished at 19h35.

### 1. Opening and adoption of the agenda (by Patrice BOYER)

The quorum is reached.

The agenda was adopted with no amendments.

### 2. Changes in EPA Statutes (by Marianne KASTRUP)

➤ Aims of the revised statutes:

- Update existing Statutes
- Provide for a fair and practical mechanism that joins individual members (IMs) and national associations (NPAs) together into EPA
- Provide checks and balances that prevent any one group from dominating
- Is acceptable to both individuals and NPAs
- Promotes and strengthens the EPA

➤ Process of development:

- European meetings and consultations > 6 years
- Consulted widely ... but always room for more!
- Researched existing constitutions
- Draft for discussion written

➤ Categories of EPA members:

- ✓ With voting right
  - National Society/Association Member (former Corporate)
  - Individual Member (former Ordinary)
  - Honorary Member
  - Fellow
  - Emeritus Member
- ✓ Without voting right
  - International Individual Member
  - Affiliate Member
  - Donor Member
  - Associate Organisation Member

➤ Council of National Societies/Associations role:

- Contribute to attaining the general goals of the EPA
- Provide a forum for its members to meet, discuss and work on issues of concern to its members

- Work to increase and promote the influence and profession of psychiatry in Europe
- Strive to promote and improve the quality of psychiatry and psychiatric practice in Europe
- Voting system:
  - Council of National Societies/Associations, composed of voting representatives of paid-up National Societies/Associations => 50% of General Assemblies votes
  - Council of Individual Members, composed of paid-up voting Individual, Emeritus Members, Fellows and Honorary Members => 50% of General Assemblies votes
- Size of the association and number of votes per country:  
Combined membership of associations determines the vote for each country:
  - Less than 1 000 members - 1 vote per country
  - From 1 001 to 2 000 members - 2 votes per country
  - More than 2 000 members - 3 votes per country
- Board:
  - Composed of 14 to 20 members elected for 4 years
  - Positions within Board: Office Bearers with specific duties (including Executive Committee members); Chairperson of the Council of NPAs (ex-officio)

26 National Societies/Associations have already expressed their support to revised EPA Statutes and willingness to join EPA as full members once the Statutes are adopted.

### 3. Questions & Answers (by Marianne KASTRUP and Julian BEEZHOLD)

George Christodoulou proposed the following amendments:

- The President may delegate, in writing and after (delete “informing”) approval by the Board, part of his or her power ... (change art. 13.4.1. xiii)
- The Secretary for Sections shall be eligible for re-election subject to (delete “membership to the Board”) his or her election as member of the Board. (change art.13.4.6. iii)
- Promote inter-sectional collaboration and collaboration of the sections with the sections of the member societies as well as with the sections of other Associations serving the same purposes as the EPA (trans-sectional collaboration). (add to art. 13.4.6. viii)
- The Ad hoc Advisory Committee shall (delete “decide”) advise the board on the disposal of the EPA real estate assets in case of dissolution of the association. (change art. 16.2. i)

Those amendments will be considered by the Official Task Force on Statutes.

### 4. Vote (by Marianne KASTRUP)

=> 83 members out of 84 approved the changes of statutes.

=> The extension of the Board and Executive Committee mandates has been approved until next elections on 7 April 2013 in Nice, France. 9 seats will be open for next elections.

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To be approved by the EPA Secretary General, Marianne KASTRUP (MK)