

**7. ANNUAL MEETING EVTA E.V.
LICHFIELD NEAR BIRMINGHAM, UK , SEPTEMBER 16 + 17, 2011**

MINUTES

Present at the meeting were

- Austria: Helga Meyer-Wagner (Secretary), Martin Vacha
- Denmark: Nana Faberberg, Malene Bichel
- Finland: Outi Kähkönen (Executive), Hannele Valtasaari
- France: Claudia Phillips (Executive), Anne Constantin
- Germany: Michael Büttner, Sibrand Basa
- Latvia: Antra Jankava (Executive)
- Netherlands: Petronella Palm
- Sweden: Ann-Christin Willund
- Switzerland: Georges Regner, Nora Tiedcke
- United Kingdom: Coral Gould, Paul Deegan (founding and Honorary Member)

Executive members: Norma Enns, President, Scott Swope, Vice-President, Sebastian Bielicke, Treasurer

Countries not represented: Croatia, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, Spain

Additional guests from AOTOS: Liza Hobbs, Janice Thompson and Margaret Hope

1. Opening and Welcome

The president, Norma Enns and Coral Gould, president of AOTOS welcomed the council members to the meeting. After introductions, the president established that the Council had a quorum and was therefore able to make decisions. The meeting was conducted in English, but councillors were encouraged to ask for translations or explanations at any time. The folder of table papers included an invitation to a voice conference in Luxor, Egypt as well as the new EVTA flyer. Furthermore, it was pointed out that the interests of the seven members not represented at the meeting should be taken into account during the proceedings.

2. Agenda

The proposed agenda and schedule were approved with two changes:

- TOPS 10 and 11 exchanged,
- membership application TOSINI (Singing Teachers of Ireland) added under TOP14 – Other business

3. E-Mail decisions since the last Council meeting

The president established that there had been no e-mail decisions to record since the last meeting.

4. Executive Report

The president presented the annual executive report. See table papers.

5. Financial statements

Treasurer Sebastian Bielicke presented the financial reports for 2010, the budget 2011 and the EVTA grant money and the LEO2 Project Pool funds. See table papers. In addition he presented a current statement of the accounts and made note of the agreements made by executive with regard to expenditures. The presentation was completed with the auditor's report.

6. The Executive was released of any liability for decisions made in 2010 by a unanimous vote of the Council.

7. Website and Internet development

A presentation of the website development followed. Norma Enns introduced the information with a brief re-capitulation of the initial discussion at last years' meeting, the consensus reached at the website session in Hamburg in January 2011. Scott Swope then presented current information on the progress and decisions in website development to date. Using a power point presentation, he went through the complex aspects of the issues and systems involved as well as explaining the possible structure and various forms of participation for EVTA members. Details of this presentation are found in the attachment.

Questions were then posed by Councillors on content management, technical support, costs, webmaster training and financing before Council adjourned for the evening.

8. Website development continued

The meeting continued on Saturday morning with the remaining questions before Mr. Stefan Dissmer presented the features of his proposed structure via a Skype call. Council expressed their admiration and thanks to Scott Swope for his competent presentation of the information and the issues.

The result of the ensuing discussion led to a decision by council to proceed with the project, proposals for financing from LEO 2 Project Pool funds, organizations participating by purchasing the template and additional contributions by members not directly participating.

- Council recommended unanimously that the EVTA website costs of 7.306,60 € be paid from the project pool.
- The five partners represented at the meeting, France, Germany, Finland, EVTA, Austria, unanimously agreed with the proposal of council to pay EVTA's website costs from the project pool. This will be presented to the other four partners as well.
- Initial participating members using the template agreed to share the cost of the templates in full. France, Finland, possibly the Netherlands, Switzerland and Denmark agreed. The cost of 1.356,60€ will be divided by the number of participants: 2 participants = 678,30€ or 3 = 452,20€ or 4 = 339,15€ per country, etc.
- Council agreed unanimously to make the template available to the small associations and subsequent users at no cost. The president addressed a word of thanks to these associations for their generosity and internationally supportive spirit.
- Several non-partner member associations offered contributions to the cost of an EVTA website, including AOTOS and EVTA.ch.

9. This topic was postponed until after the election of the next EVTA president.

10. Election

• President-elect

The Election Committee, Paul Deegan and Nora Tiedcke invited councillors to elect the incoming president, [who assumes the role of president-elect for the calendar year 2012 and the office of president with a new executive on January 1, 2013.](#)

The candidate introduced herself briefly with a brief statement on her visions for EVTA.

17 valid ballots were handed in. [Outi Kähkönen](#) was elected with one abstention and 16 votes in favour. She accepted the election and thanked the councillors for their confidence in her.

Nora Tiedcke then explained the terms of office and election mode and invited councillors to nominate candidates for the forthcoming election of all other executive officers to be

held in Munich, on April 12, 2012. This executive takes office with the new president on January 1, 2013.

- **Election Committee for the election of the executive in April 2012.**

The following persons were named and agreed to serve as election committee and substitutes, should members of the election committee be unable to attend the meeting in Munich:

Election committee: Nora Tiedcke, Outi Kähkönen, Sibrand Basa

Substitutes: Georges Regner, Anne Constantin, Hannele Valtasaari

9. Invitations to project sessions (see table papers)

The colleagues hosting and planning the coming sessions extended an invitation and gave preliminary information on the coming sessions of the LEO 2 project. See the attached table papers.

11. Handbook and Project Documentation

The presentation of the work list set up at the end of the session in Slovenia, which included presentations, topics from related disciplines, research and technology projects opened the discussion on documentation and dissemination of the results.

There was a general consensus on two points:

- that the material from the documentation and articles or research abstracts should be made available publicly on the basis of sharing our knowledge.
- that the means of publication should be digital, not printed media.

12. Future projects

Although the Council accepted the recommendation of the executive that no new application be placed for a project in February 2013, for an one idea overall theme was proposed along with some specific ideas for consideration within a future project.

13. Invitations

- **Council** will meet in Munich on April 12, 2012 14:00 – 17:30 p.m.
- **Eurovox 2015** - Antra Jankava, councillor for LATS, invited EVTA to host the next Eurovox in 2015 in Latvia. There was unanimous acceptance of the invitation.

14. Other business

TOSINI (Teachers of Singing in Ireland) handed in an application for membership including a letter, their constitution and the list of members as required. Paul Deegan explained the unique situation of Ireland and TOSINI in particular. The Council voted unanimously and to accept them as a new member independent of their corporate membership in AOTOS.

After some final comments, thank yous and gifts to Norma Enns, the meeting was adjourned early at 17:35.

Helga Meyer-Wagner, Secretary
Norma Enns, President
European Voice Teachers Association