



## EGEA Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2017, Bologna

### -Minutes-

#### Participants:

Jaume Berenguer (President) [JB]  
Michel Vervekken (Second Vice-President) [MV]  
Leon Andriessen (Treasurer) [LA]  
Massimo Brunamonti (Board Member) [MB]  
Dave Garratt (Board Member) [DG]

#### For the Secretariat:

Neil Pattemore [NP]  
Eléonore van Haute [EVH]

#### Absents:

Frank Beaujean (Board Member) [FB]  
Thierry Coton (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President) [TC]

#### 1. Welcome

- JB welcomed all Board members to this Board of Directors' meeting and thanked AICA for hosting the meeting.

#### 2. Approval of the minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting held on 9th of November 2016 in Brussels

- Follow-up question from point 3.1 was raised regarding a possible salary indexing for 2017. After investigation with the payroll, EVH confirmed that unfortunately no indexing is foreseen for 2017 for our category.
- With no supplementary remarks being formulated, the minutes were approved.

#### 3. Statutory

##### 3.1. Withdrawal of Sweden: update and next steps

- EVH gave an update on the situation and reported about the telephone conferences with Autocom and Opus Equipment.
- JB reported about the discussion with Gilbert Fransson and his non-intention to change its mind.
- After discussion, it was suggested to motivate FVU members to change FVU Board of Directors' mind and remain member of EGEA. The aim is not to dismantle the trade association by getting direct membership from FVU company members. A meeting should be organised during Autopromotec.
- *Action:*
  - To write an official letter to FVU explaining that as per our statutes, we cannot accept the withdrawal of FVU as notification was done after the 31<sup>st</sup> of October.

This is why a meeting should be organised in Bologna to discuss further FVU membership to EGEA.

### **3.2. Renewal of Neil Pattemore's contract ending on 31st of August 2017**

- EVH explained that NP's contract will end on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August and exchange of views/requests should be discussed before that date.
- The Board of Directors confirmed the importance of NP's work within EGEA and decided to prepare a new contract for discussion with NP including the following:
  - The salary must be indexed each year with the retail price in UK
  - The salary will be paid in Euros (vs. Pounds)
  - The clause n°4.3 of actual contract should be maintained
  - A list of priorities should be defined

### **3.3. Report from the meeting with CITA held on the 27th of January 2017 in Brussels**

- EVH reported about the meeting with CITA and explained that no strong commitment to work together was reached (see attached presentation).

### **3.4. Participation to the next CITA Conference in Zagreb, 06-08/06/17**

- EVH informed the Board Members that EGEA has been granted by CITA a slot to give a presentation on suspension activities at the next CITA Conference. NP will give the presentation on behalf of EGEA/GOCA and liaising should be done with GOCA and WG6 members to decide about its content.

### **3.5. National membership – how to enlarge it and diversify it?**

- EVH reported about a phone discussion with FB during which it was explained that ASA is currently enlarging its membership to more specific manufacturers such as bodyshop equipment manufacturers, tyre washers manufacturers, emission exhaust systems manufacturers, garage workshop automatic doors manufacturers and special equipment manufacturers (f.e. brake disk renewal equipment). This should be shared and discussed between all members at the next General Assembly for brainstorming.
- She then explained that with the technological revolution and the digitalisation of our industry, there might be a need for each association to enlarge its membership and include new application writers, telematics service providers, etc... to represent also the evolution of our industry.
- As regards new members from Eastern countries, the creation of an alliance with Eastern European countries was discussed. MB added that sponsoring members' fees might need to be reviewed to allow new companies from Eastern Europe to join as sponsoring member. At AICA, the fees are related to the number of employees, but it could be turnover-based as well.
- Decision: this topic should be addressed at the next extraordinary brainstorming Board Meeting.

## **4. EGEA Working Group & General activities**

### **4.1. WG2:**

- Access to in-vehicle data: updated news, report on the TRL Study and possible legal next steps
  - NP gave an update on the TRL workshop on access to in-vehicle data and resources that was organised by TRL and the European Commission on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2017. He then explained that EGEA together with AFCAR colleagues have been invited to give some further and substantial feedback for the cost/benefit analysis. NP gave an update on the spreadsheet that was filled in by EGEA and AFCAR colleagues (please see attached excel document). This

spreadsheet constitutes a first feedback to TRL on behalf of EGEA, but in a second step, AFCAR will hire a university to substantiate our argumentation with figures and statistics.

- NP added that the reply to this spreadsheet has been done with the aim to promote the long-term solution OTP to fight against the ExVe solution, this is why some others intermediate solutions might seem less promoted by AFCAR.
- EVH explained that as an outcome of this workshop and other activities on access to in-vehicle data, three calls for funding would need to be done within EGEA:
  - *TRL Study*: as a second step and in order to substantiate our argumentation numerically and statistically, AFCAR decided to hire a university to conduct such investigation/work. For that, each AFCAR member would need to financially contribute, but exact figures and project roadmap is not finalised yet.
  - *Official Legal Complain to DG COMP (European Commission)*: EVH gave confidential and sensitive information on filling a possible complain to DG COMP against the ExVe for abuse of dominant position but a strong legal case should be built and this would imply serious costs. For that each AFCAR participants is requested to provide 25.000€. *Decision*: After discussion, it was decided that EGEA should only coordinate the call for funding and give advice to diagnostic tool manufacturers as there might be conflicts of interest within EGEA with tier-one suppliers being at the same time diagnostic tool manufacturers. It was therefore suggested to restrict the information on the possible legal complain to 'independent diagnostic tool manufacturers' only such as: TEXA, Brainbee, Autologic, Snap-on, Autocom and Cojali.
  - *R2CC Campaign*: EVH gave an update on the R2CC campaign and explained that the consultancy Weber&Shandwick in charge of that campaign will launch soon the campaign. FIGIEFA will start funding the campaign but financial participation from each AFCAR member is required, 20.000€ per association.

- Road vehicles -- Vehicle roadworthiness interface for electronic Periodical Technical Inspection (ePTI): update
  - This item was not discussed thoroughly, but more updates will be given at the next EGEA meetings in May 2017.

#### **4.2. WG6: Suspension testing activities: report from the meeting with GOCA held on the 26th of January in Brussels**

- EVH reported about the meeting with GOCA and emails exchanges with Pavel (see attached slides). She informed as well the Board of Directors that as of the 1st of January 2017, Modular Test from Czech Republic is a new EGEA sponsoring member.
- After discussion, it was decided that:
  - The next meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April will be a WG6 meeting (and not a blackroom meeting).
  - Pavel from Modular test will be invited to this meeting to give a presentation on his model. After that presentation, it will be up to the WG6 members to decide between the two proposed models and then to report to the Board of Directors.

#### **4.3. WG 9: MAC label: update and preparation of next WG9 meeting to be held on the 2nd of March 2017 in Brussels**

- EVH gave an update on the launch of the labelling (see attached presentation).

- 4.4. WG10: creation of an European Vehicle Test Equipment Network – update on discussions and next steps**
- EVH gave a brief update on the state of affairs of discussion within WG10 and between Asanetwork shareholders. As the next Asanetwork shareholder meeting will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February, it was decided to wait for the outcome of the meeting before moving forward.
  - Action: to get feedback from FB about the outcome of the meeting and convey a WG10 meeting after that if needed.
- 4.5. Revision of the vehicle type-approval framework regulation: update on actions carried out at EU and national levels**
- This item was not discussed due to lack of time.
- 4.6. Mutual recognition (approval of the equipment): EGEA position to be confirmed**
- This item was not discussed due to lack of time.
- 4.7. BER2010 – tooling arrangements: report from members and next steps**
- This item was not discussed due to lack of time.
- 5. EGEA Survey on priorities for 2017 - Discussion on first results of the survey and next steps**
- EVH reported about the first results of the survey, please see attached presentation.
  - General comment was made that the survey is too long and that you cannot interrupt its completion and restart at a later stage. It was therefore suggested to shorten it and circulate it as a pdf as well if associations want to coordinate its completion stage by stage with their members.
  - EVH reported that only 7 persons/associations replied to the survey until now, it was therefore suggested to re-circulate it to all national associations asking to coordinate their responses with their members and WG members.
- 5.1. Governance**
- EGEA meetings:
    - General feedback that meetings should take place in Brussels to be cost-effective.
    - Suggestion to invite special guests, speakers or present innovative products/solutions.
    - Suggestion to change the 'style' of presentations at General Assembly as these are too technical and the communication is not made/achieved to the members.
    - Suggestion to send WG reports before all GA meetings to keep members informed but with less technical details and EU jargons.
    - General Assembly should also include slots for members to exchange about their experiences/issues/every day challenges at national levels that can be very interesting for others members/Brussels activities. Decision: for the next GA meeting to mandate each national association to report about their activities/challenges/initiatives for exchange with all members (10 min max).
- 5.2. Information and communication: EGEA newsletter incl. WG activities reports (monthly/quarterly)**
- Organisation of Working Groups:
    - The Board of directors asked to re-launch elections within the Working Groups since most of the Chairmanship have not been renewed.

- The Board of directors asked to renew the WG membership list and send a call for nomination to each association precisizing that basic rules foresee that only 2 representatives per association are allowed to attend WG meetings.
  - Decision to draft Chairmen duties and define their responsibilities.
  - Once the organisation of WGs, Chairmen duties and WGs priorities will be defined by the Board of Directors during its extraordinary brainstorming meeting, decision to convey all WG Chairmen after the next Board of Directors meeting in Lippstadt to inform them accordingly.
  - WGs should be more issues-generators for EGEA, this could bring also local issues to Brussels.
- EGEA Newsletter:
  - In addition to the regular newsfeeds/infors for members, the Board decided that a biannual newsletter for the members would be useful. This newsletter should be published in March and in October, and should include what is ‘hot’ for the association and its WGs, with a maximum of 2 pages.
- EGEA’s mission/vision:
  - Following the comments received on the need to revise EGEA’s mission, EVH proposed the following final version:
 

*“To ensure that its associations’ members can provide the best equipment and service to the automotive aftermarket by striving to keep members up-to-date concerning new vehicle technologies and legislative and standardisation requirements and thus be competitive in the garage and test equipment supply, service and calibration industry.”*
  - This was unanimously agreed by the Board of Directors.
- EGEA Visibility:
  - The Board thanked the secretariat for the update of the logo and all related templates.
  - EVH explained that now as a next step, the website will be updated accordingly.
- EGEA Visibility with members:
  - LA on behalf of RAI asked for a communication outlet for the members including all logos for letters and newsletters’ use at national level. *Action:* EVH to send communication packages to all members.
- EGEA Priorities:
  - EVH presented a first feedback on the priorities highlighted by the members in the survey (see attached presentation).
  - The Board of Directors decided to go through the list of priorities at the next extraordinary brainstorming Board of Directors meeting.
  - It was also reminded that Chairmen need to be more responsible and establish priorities in their activities.
  - EVH reminded that the Board of Directors should not forget about issues and priorities coming from the European Commission directly and not lead by the market/WGs/EGEA members. Time and resources should still be allocated for these important issues as EGEA should maintain its key status in being recognised by the European Commission as provider of technical expertise.

### 5.3. EGEA Website: Intranet access vs. Dropbox

- The Board decided that an intranet access to access all documents is necessary. Individual passwords should be allocated to each members and WG members. EVH explained that although EGEA had his members ‘area and dropbox account, nobody visited it. It was therefore suggested that when informing members, only a link to the

member's area will be included and not the full information to oblige everybody to visit the EGEA members' area.

- JB and DG asked to link the EGEA twitter account with the EGEA website.

#### 5.4. Preparation of the 4th revolution workshop

- EVH gave a brief overview of the presentation that will be given during the 4<sup>th</sup> revolution workshop.
- After discussion, it was confirmed that the aim of this workshop is to analyse the impacts of the new trends from a broad perspective on our industry. We need to see the big picture and think outside the box.

### 6. Finances

#### 6.1. Financial situation dated end of 2016 – finalisation

- EVH explained that the audit of the figures 2016 should be done in April 2017.

#### 6.2. Financial situation dated end of January 2017

- EVH thanked LA for his support in trying to simplify all financial documents to ease its use for all members. EVH and LA presented the new format of the financial documents which was approved by the Board of Directors.
- MV asked to include as well a column for the comments/brief explanations for all receipts/expenses.

#### 6.3. Update on new calls for funding

- See point 4.1 above.

### 7. Any other business

- In order to establish the EGEA priorities for 2017/2018, JB suggested to organise an extraordinary brainstorming Board of Directors meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 in Bologna, this meeting will be for Board members only and not for the secretariat.
- During the last EGEA General Assembly, it was decided to organise a workshop on headlamps before creating any new dedicated WG. Although work should be done on the new advanced headlamps systems and on how to test it, EVH reported that it appears that there is no will from the three big manufacturers to create such a WG. DG was very pleased to reply that major headlamps testers' manufacturers are represented within the headlamp WG at GEA level and that they will start working on headlamp specifications that can afterwards be transposed at EU level. EVH thanked DG for the good news, it was therefore decided that work on headlamps will be coordinated by the GEA who will keep EGEA informed. MV added that Tecnolux should also be involved in these activities.

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Eléonore van Haute  
Secretary General

#### Attachments :

- EGEA Activities Presentation
- TRL Study – EGEA/AFCAR feedback for the cost-benefit analysis.