



Brussels, 12th November 2014

EGEA Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, 22nd October 2014, 13h30 – 18h00, Brussels

Minutes

Participants:

Leon Andriessen (President) [LA]
Michel Vervekken (1st Vice-President) [MV]
Massimo Brunamonti (2nd Vice-President) [MB]
Jaume Berenguer (Board Member) [JB]
Klaus Burger (Board Member) [KB]
Thierry Coton (Board Member) [TC]

For the Secretariat:

Sylvia Gotzen [SG]
Neil Pattermore [NP]
Laurence Eeckhout [LE]

1. Welcome

Leon Andriessen welcomed all Board members to the Board of Directors' meeting and welcomed LE who will be replacing Eléonore van Haute during her maternity leave. The Secretariat asked the Board of Directors to excuse Dave Garatt who did register first but had to cancel his trip due to the funeral of an important member of GEA on the same day.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last Board meeting held on 28th October 2014 in Bologna

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Directors were approved without any comments.

3. Finances

3.1. Financial situation dated 14th October 2014

- Membership fees: some Members had not yet paid their membership fees on 14/10/2014. However, for the majority of them the payment is on its way. Two EGEA members have financial problems: ARDIS (Russia) will only pay half of its membership fee this year; and STM (Poland) asked for a reduced membership fee of 7.250€ instead of 8.856€.
- The problem of STM is twofold: 1) STM members do not perceive the importance of the work of EGEA at the European level; and 2) STM representative often does not attend EGEA meetings in Brussels and does not circulate to STM members the information of what is happening and being done in Brussels. After discussion, the Board agreed that STM exceptionally pays a reduced membership fee this year and decided to suggest to STM to

hold the next EGEE Board and General Assembly meetings of March 2015 in Poland. This could be a good opportunity to get closer to STM members to convince them of the importance of staying member of EGEE. The Secretariat will send a corrected invoice to STM and will contact Rafal Sosnowski to investigate with him whether STM would be pleased to host the next General Assembly. [*Feedback from Rafal Sosnowski: STM members would be delighted to welcome the next EGEE Board and General Assembly meetings*].

- ASA voluntary contribution: the Board warmly thanked ASA and Klaus for the 10.000€ donated to EGEE and for the 20.000€ that will be allocated to the MAC Label project. ASA asked the Secretariat to send an invitation to pay with the specific communication.
- CITA/ECSS/Reimbursement: the payment of 30.000€ should be made by the end of 2014 but without certitude since it depends on when the European Commission pays CITA. The Secretariat will investigate with the successor of Wim Labro the details of the payment (formal invoice or invitation to pay) and will also investigate internally with KMPG the category in which this activity fit in to know if VAT must be applied or not.
- As a conclusion to this point of the agenda, the President announced to the Board that we will be in the budget and most probably also make savings.

3.2. Budget and Membership Fees 2015

- **Official approval of the regular EGEE budget and membership fees 2015**

The Membership fees for 2015, as suggested by the Secretariat, were neither reduced nor increased compared to 2014 and they did not include the one-shot additional contribution asked last year to cover the retroactive VAT payment (1.000€ for smaller countries and 2.000 Euro for bigger countries). However, since the planned EGEE budget for 2015 foresees a deficit of +/-15.000€, the Board discussed the necessity and opportunity to ask the EGEE Members if they would agree to re-include the additional contribution of last year to their membership fees in order to cover this deficit.

Following this discussion, the Board formally approved the adapted membership fees and the revised EGEE budget for 2015 to be submitted for vote to the EGEE members during the General Assembly.

The Board asked the Secretariat to open a savings account to get revenues on the reserves.

3.3. VAT regime : cost offer from KPMG for investigation on possible benefits of the « unité de TVA » between EGEE and FIGIEFA

The Secretariat informed the Board that the FIGIEFA Board did not wish to continue the investigation on the “unité de TVA” since it appears to be very complex to set up and to manage and would create administrative burdens.

4. Preparation of elections to the Board of Directors during the next General Assembly on 23rd of October 2014 (Brussels)

The Board confirmed to recommend the following candidates and composition of the next Board (with the mandate from October 2014 to October 2016) for vote to the General Assembly:

Michel Verveken (President)
Thierry Coton (1st Vice-President)
Leon Andriessen (2nd Vice-President)

Regular Board Members:
Jaume Berenguer
Massimo Brunamonti
Klaus Burger
Dave Garratt

Jaume Berenguer volunteered for the position of Treasurer. This was unanimously approved by the other Board members.

5. Report from Neil Pattemore on final ECSS report and ongoing Commission Working Group on the definition of technical PTI information – EGEA implications and activity outlook until the end of the year

5.1. Commission RTWG on PTI

Following the new 2014/45/EU directive on the testing of vehicle roadworthiness (PTI), the European Commission has held five Roadworthiness Technical Working Group (RTWG) meetings to discuss with Member States, vehicle manufacturers and other stakeholders (including CITA and EGEA) and agree on a “non-paper” which details the test methods and the technical information which would be required.

The meetings have worked through every section of the ‘non-paper’ and have discussed each point in detail, before agreeing what should remain, what should be changed and what technical information should be made available from the vehicle manufacturers.

5.2. CITA ECSS final report

The CITA-led study on the testing of the functionality of electronically controlled safety systems (ECSS) - in which EGEA were the principle partner - finished at the end of July and the study’s final report was sent to the European Commission on 12th September. This has now been formally accepted by the European Commission who placed it on the RTWG (restricted access) website to allow RTWG meeting participants to review its contents. During the last RTWG meeting CITA and EGEA presented the ECSS study report.

5.3. Next steps

The next meeting of the Roadworthiness Committee (more political level than the working group) is scheduled for Tuesday 04th November. The results of the RTWG meetings and the ECSS study report will be presented and discussed with the Member States.

If the ECSS study report’s recommendations to conduct functionality testing are accepted, then the next challenge will be to define the technical information requirements that will define what must be provided by the vehicle manufacturers.

6. CITA Conference in Dubai

CITA accepted our proposal for a presentation on “More effective testing through interactive test methods and equipment”.

The Board agreed that Neil attends and makes the presentation on behalf of EGEA.

7. EGEA Working Group activities

7.1. Wolk & Leoprechting contract

ASA: official vote is currently going on amongst ASA members. The issue should be positive but even if it were to be negative, the money will be found somewhere else. [ASA officially informed the EGEA Board on 6/11/2014 its engagement to contribute to the Wolk & Leoprechting study].

AICA: a positive feedback has already been given by the Board and the General Assembly will take the final decision in December.

The Board unanimously agreed to participate as EGEA if ASA and AICA do also agree.

7.2. WG 9 – Business Plan for the Mac Label

The Board is requested to give its agreement on the business plan drafted by WG9.

The Board has taken a long time to discuss this project. Apologies should be presented to Pete Bradley for this delay.

However, it results from the analysis of the business plan that the financial aspects remain unclear (how to finance the project, what are the fixed costs, etc.).

Therefore, the Board suggested arranging a meeting with SG, NP, Pete Bradley and Alessandro Carluccio in order to clarify and complete some aspects of the business plan. The Secretariat will organize a meeting in November. [The meeting is planned to take place in the EGEA offices on 25/11/2014]

8. EGEA meetings in 2015: proposal of dates

The following dates were approved by the Board:

23/03/2015 – Board of Directors from 13h to 18h in Warsaw

24/03/2015 – General Assembly from 9h to 13h in Warsaw

12/11/2015 – Board of Directors from 13h to 18h in Brussels

13/11/2015 – General Assembly from 9h to 13h in Brussels

9. Any other business

The dinner at the restaurant will not be re-invoiced to the participants this time.



Laurence Eeckhout
EU Affairs Manager