



'Extraordinary' EGEA Board of Directors Meeting 3rd December 2012, Brussels

Minutes

Participants:

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

Experts

Harald Hahn [HH]

For the Secretariat:

Sylvia Gotzen [SG]
Eléonore van Haute [EVH]

Apologies:

Klaus Burger (Board Member) [KB]

1. Welcome

- LA welcomed the participants, noted the apologies for absence and welcomed Harald Hahn as expert for the point 3 of the agenda.

2. Elections of the Board of Directors held on the 17th October 2012: Follow-up and discussion on the appointment of the President, two Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer within the Board of Directors.

- Following the elections of the Board of Directors by the General Assembly on the 17th of October 2012 in Amsterdam of the following candidates, it was decided to discuss the appointment of the President, two Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer.

Leon Andriessen	(RAI – NL)
Jaume Berenguer Baques	(AFIBA – ES)
Massimo Brunamonti	(AICA – IT)
Klaus Burger	(ASA – DE)
Thierry Coton	(GIEG – FR)
Dave Garratt	(GEA – UK)
Michel Vervekken	(FMA – BE)

- After internal discussion and due to current lobbying activities on PTI and the involvement of Leon Andriessen into the EC tender on the study on a test for electronic safety components at roadworthiness tests, the Board decided to renew its mandate for two more years with the following structure:

President: Leon Andriessen
 1st Vice-President: Michel Verveken
 2nd Vice-President: Massimo Brunamonti
 Treasurer: Dave Garratt
 Board Members: Jaume Berenguer
 Klaus Burger
 Thierry Coton

3. Analysis of the PTI Legislation in Germany (with the presence of Harald Hahn)

- **Memo:**

SG presented the memo from Osborne Clarke which has not been finalised yet.

In order to go further with the finalisation of the memo as soon as possible, a budget has been allocated for this important activity into the draft budget 2013 which was presented to the Board members (please see attachment).

SG noted that the expenses which had been invoiced so far to EGEA for 2012 were only covering the participation of the lawyers to the workshop. Another invoice for the first part of the memo had arrived and is subject to scrutiny.

Decision:

Following a discussion between the Board members, it was decided to go forward with the memo and to try to finish it by January 2013.

- **EGEA Claims:**

Following discussion, it was decided that EGEA in its memo should claim the following:

- Test procedures should be public
- The technical information should be made available on a non-discriminatory basis
- Licensing in hardware must be open
- To ask for open protocols

- **Actions:**

- SG to contact Osborne Clarke to give them further instructions to finalise the memo
- Harald Hahn will write a complaint letter to EGEA, and EGEA will complain to the the German Ministry
- EGEA to ask for a meeting with the German government
- To ask Klaus Burger about the tender (and precise details) that was launch in Germany before the drafting of the legislation on PTI
- To discuss with ZDK to get their clear position on the issue.

4. EGEA General orientation for 2013 and workload of the Secretariat

- General orientation for 2013 and presentation of the workload of the secretariat have been presented and discussed together with the review of the budget 2013 (please see point 7).

5. EGEA new membership: ARDIS (the Association for Distributors and Manufacturers of car service equipment in Russia) - Discussion and next steps

- The Board decided to recommend the membership of ARDIS to the next GA with the following condition for payment of membership fees and donations:

Country/ Member	Draft Membership Fees 2013	Draft donations 2013
Russia - ARDIS	5.000,00 €	4.856,00 €

- Action:

The secretariat to send a letter to ARDIS to inform them about the Board's decision and conditions for payment of membership fees and donations and to propose them a meeting if needed to discuss further their incorporation into EGEA.

6. Report from meeting with STM, Jaume Berenguer

- JB reported from his participation to the last GA of STM in Poland on November 14th. He informed the Board that STM had already paid its membership fees and donations before the 14th November. JB pointed out that the GA was composed of 2 manufacturers of equipment only and the rest of STM members were mainly distributors.

During its GA, STM asked JB to discuss further with the Board for an official reduction of STM membership fees and donations for 2013 and 2014.

Decisions and Actions:

- The Board decided to reconsider the STM donation for 2013 and to reduce donations by 500€.
 - The Secretariat should write an official letter to STM to inform them about the Board's decision about the reconsideration of STM donation in 2013.
- JB informed the Board that STM reported during its GA that most of STM members are currently facing some challenges with the VMs. It appears that in Poland, vehicle manufactures (VMs) are forbidding authorised dealers/repairers to buy equipment of equal/matching quality from other sources.

This issue was confirmed by others Board members and it appears that this is the case ofr most of Europe. MB added that sometimes VMs give bonuses for the purchase of items in their catalogue, including equipment.

Decision and Action:

- Decision that Board members will provide the secretariat with some examples/cases/evidences where VMs forbid authorised dealers/repairers to buy equipment (e.g test lanes, wheel aligners, gas analysers, etc) of equal/matching quality from other sources for the preparation of the meeting with the Commission on Thursday 20th December 2012.

7. Review of Budget 2013

- LA presented in detail the revised version for the budget 2013 which was sent to the Board members before the meeting (please see attachment).

SG went through the explanatory details document regarding the EGEA extraordinary budget 2013 for PTI lobbying and participation to the ECSS project which is a separate sheet in the budget 2013

excel file (please see attachment) to give the Board members a better overview of upcoming challenges EGEA will face in 2013.

SG then presented the EGEA activities 2012 spreadsheet listing all activities the secretariat had carrying out in 2012 (please see attachment). She explained that some of these activities were triggered by the vehicle manufacturers, others by the European Commission or by the EGEA WGs in addition to the ones EGEA is usually working on. SG pointed out that the working days would need to be reviewed anyway for a more accurate calculation at least for Neil.

- During few hours, SG and HH had to leave for a meeting with an MEP. Neil enjoyed this opportunity to present and describe accurately and more precisely the CITA tender and its implications for 2013.
- **Budget 2012 (please see attachment):**
 - The Board agreed to accept the budget line for the recognition of staff extra work in 2012.
 - The secretariat omitted to include an extra budget line for the hiring of a free lance person already working on PTI lobbying activities. This was then included in the revised budget for 2012.
 - Following the discussion on the need to finalise the memo and working with the lawyers, the Board agreed to add a separate amount for the legal advice only dedicated for the memo and not include it into the regular EGEA activities.
 - Following discussion on the balance of the revised budget 2012, the Board agreed to run into a negative budget.
- **Budget 2013:**
 - Review of the draft revised budget 2013 by the Board members.
 - Following the discussions, the Board members made some changes which are shown in the attached revised budget 2013 dated 3rd December 2012.

Decisions and actions:

- The Board decided to present the full draft revised budget 2013 to the EGEA members with a negative balance and to show them that supplementary budget is needed to face our upcoming challenges such as the CITA tender and the PTI lobbying activities which are the main priorities for EGEA for 2013.
- Following thorough discussions, the Board decided that the ideal solution would be to ask the Members' companies who are involved in the PTI to contribute for the same amount of one tester sold +/- 2000€.
 - For that the secretariat to contact the EGEA members and send them the full revised budget 2013 explaining them the situation and informing them that extra-fee would be needed from their members directly.
 - Before contacting the members, LA and MB will work on a marketing plan for EGEA to figure out how to approach better EGEA members and their members at national level.
- For the next years, the Board decided that the secretariat should send them regularly the spreadsheet listing the activities EGEA is currently working on with the corresponding working days so that the Board could better control the allocation of the budget and the secretariat.

8. Any other business

- MB asked the Board to consider the application of the Turkish company called 'Sanmak' as an industry membership.

Decision:

- After discussion, the Board members decided to consider the application of the Turkish company.
- The Board decided as well that an increase of the donations is necessary to have a balance amount between membership and donations for the industry membership. This will also be the case for AVL DiTest.

	Draft Membership Fees 2013	Draft donations 2013
Industry Membership	2500,00 €	1428,00 €

Actions:

- The secretariat to send a letter to the Turkish company to present them the conditions payment for the membership to EGEA. MB to give all contact details of the Turkish Company to the secretariat.
- The secretariat to inform AVL Ditest about the increase of the donations for the industry membership.

Yours sincerely,



Eléonore van Haute
EU Affairs Manager

Attachments:

- EGEA revised budgets 2012 & 2013 dated 30th November 2012
- EGEA revised budgets 2012 & 2013 dated 3rd December 2012 (with modifications after Board's discussions)
- EGEA spreadsheet listing all activities for 2012 and corresponding working days.