



## EGEA General Assembly 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2016 (Cambridge)

### -Minutes-

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#### 1. Welcome by the President

- MV welcomed the participants and thanked GEA for acting as a host for this General Assembly meeting as well as for the excellent dinner, lovely guided and punting tours. He also thanked the Working Group Chairmen for their work and active support, and the Secretariat for developing and growing the EGEA activities in Brussels. He then noted the apologies for absence.
- Due to lack of time and as decisions were required on certain working group issues, notably WG7 and WG10, it was decided to address point 6 of the agenda before point 5.

#### 2. Approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in Brussels

- Apologies were presented by the Secretariat for the delay in sending the minutes.

- EVH noted that action point regarding the launch of the call for funding for the R2RC mentioned under point 3.3 of the minutes was not carried out due to missing information. Once the R2RC strategic planning is finalised by the R2RC committee, then this call for funding will be sent to all members.
- With no supplementary remarks being formulated, the minutes were approved.

### 3. Finances

#### 3.1. Approval of the final financial situation dated end of December 2015 (audited figures)

- Michel Vervekken gave a short presentation of the final financial situation dated end 2015 which has been audited.
- Receipts:
  - Some additional receipts have been included regarding refunds for payroll and taxes on EVH company car.
- Expenses:
  - Communication: due to the temporary move of the office, supplementary expenses have been done for the IT installation of the server, phone and new EGEA laptop.
  - Insurances have been renegotiated and the total amount is less than previous ones.
  - Manpower: supplementary costs have been borne for the transfer of EVH from FIGIEFA to EGEA, for the termination of the contract with Laurence Eeckhout, and for the first three months of the year for the services of the FIGIEFA secretariat (Sylvia +Mona).
  - Bookkeeping: some extra-expenses have been invoiced to EGEA due to the new mix-VAT regime and the need to calculate now the refundable VAT. In addition, back/forth emails have been exchanged between the accountant and the treasurer regarding various questions on the financial situation 2014.
  - Legal expertise: Additional legal expenses have been done to prepare the NDA for WG6 blackroom activities, for the legal investigation regarding the labelling activities, and for the contract to transfer EVH from FIGIEFA to EGEA.
  - Regarding the state of expenses, the financial statement shows a negative balance of -22.221,11 Euro for 2015. This is mainly due to the hiring of a full-time Secretary General.

#### 3.2. Discharge of the Board of Directors

- Decision: It was proposed to the General Assembly to approve the 2015 accounts and to discharge the Board of Directors and the Secretary General, which was unanimously agreed.

#### 3.3. Financial situation dated 15th April 2016

- Receipts:
  - MV informed the members that the situation shown in the financial statement only focuses on the invoices already issued and not on the cash flow. He then thanked the members who already paid and encouraged the others to do the necessary in due time.
  - R2RC: As explained previously by EVH, since the call for funding for the R2RC has not been launched yet, no invoices were issued yet.

- Expenses:

- MV explained that a forecast had to be done to cover costs which were not initially budgeted such as translation costs.
- Office rent & charges: supplementary costs to be foreseen with the office move back to initial offices which will take place around mid-of July. No indications yet on the exact amount to be invoiced by FIGIEFA.
- Bookkeeping: Some extra-expenses to be expected due to the transfer of EGEA accounts/figures to the new accountant, and the closing of the accounts by the former accountant.
- AFCAR Membership fee: MV reported that due to the recent EVH extra-work for AFCAR, EGEA has been granted a reduction in AFCAR membership fees.
- Regarding the state of expenses expected, the financial statement foresees a negative balance of -41.377 Euro for 2016.

- Discussions:

- Discussion on the fact that activities and projects are growing but deficits are continuous, although partially decreasing. A solution should be found to cover the negative balances for 2016 & 2017 and to establish more financial stability within EGEA.
  - MV thanked again HPF and the SAA for staying in EGEA and for its valuable participation to the Garage and Test equipment sector which is always very much appreciated.
  - A round-up was made amongst the members to find possible solutions:
    - MV suggested to contact companies/trade associations from the gulf countries to become new sponsoring members and to continue discussing the membership of Stenhoj/AUTIG to EGEA. TEB and AH reminded that they are in contact and will ask the Danish colleagues for updated news.
    - Another approach envisaged was to increase membership fees for 3000€ but this was questioned by the members, it was instead suggested not to increase membership fees but rather decrease activities.
    - TC proposed to re-contact Equip'auto and discuss a possible licensing agreement.
    - GS suggested to contact directly non-EU manufacturers such as Hunter and propose to become associate member.
    - However, EVH reminded that our statutes only allow us to have three different kind of members, and associate members are only trade associations for countries outside Europe:
      - ✓ Members = National Trade Associations in Europe
      - ✓ Associate Members = Trade associations for countries outside Europe
      - ✓ Sponsoring Members = Companies in EU countries where no trade associations exist
- EVH to check the legal possibilities to revise statutes to include new categories of members within EGEA.
- Another point was raised regarding a lack of communication from the secretariat towards members and ultimate members, although ultimate members are normally informed by their respective national associations. There was a wish to have more fact sheets summarising the activities of EGEA in Brussels for each topic and more newsfeeds to be kept informed.

- TC also asked for more transparency on AFCAR and its budget. EVH replied that the AFCAR budget will be circulated to all members for their information.
- Decisions:
  - The General Assembly took note of the financial situation dated 15th April 2016 without any further comments.
  - The members unanimously decided to cover the losses with the reserves for 2016.
  - After discussion to find solutions to pay off the previous and forthcoming deficits, it was agreed to contact new potential members and organise meetings on the occasion of the next Automechanika trade fair.
  - TEB and AH to contact Stenhoj and AUTIG to get updated news on their membership to EGEA.
  - TC will contact Equip'Auto to discuss a possible licensing agreement.
  - The secretariat to enhance its communication activities towards members and ultimate members and to prepare fact sheets on each topics.
  - To allow new members to join EGEA, EVH to check the legal possibilities to revise statutes to include new categories of members within EGEA.
  - EVH to circulate the AFCAR budget to all members.

#### **3.4. Working Group projects funding – updates**

- This point was addressed under point 6 and the reporting of WG2 activities regarding the participation of EGEA to the CITA SET II Study.

#### **3.5. Outlook on budget for 2017**

- The first outlook on the budget for 2017 was presented to the members together with the financial situation dated 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016 as all these financial documents have now been merged together in one singular document. Discussions are summarised above under point 3.3.

### **4. Statutory**

#### **4.1. Vote on the proposed modifications to the statutes**

- The final version of the proposed amendments to the Statutes was sent to the Members on the 17th of February 2016, respecting the deadline set forth by the Statutes.
- MV explained that statutes need to be revised to allow the development of the labelling activities and allow EGEA to handle any commercial activities as a principle and as long as these activities remain a collateral activity.
- With 9 national associations members out of the total 11 members, the General Assembly can proceed to the vote, respecting all the provisions laid down in article 23 of the statutes.
- EVH asked the members whether a formal ballot vote was required and whether members had any objections on the proposed modifications to the statutes.
- Decisions:
  - It was commonly agreed not to use any ballot voting and to vote in bulk, on the package proposed amendments.
  - The members proceeded to a 'bulk' vote, and unanimously agreed with the proposed modifications to the statutes, as set by article 23 of the EGEA statutes.

- Next steps: now that the statutes have been revised/voted, a royal decree will be asked to the ministry of Justice (3 months procedure) and once officially approved by the ministry of Justice, the revised statutes will be published at the Moniteur belge (1 month procedure).

#### **4.2. Elections of the Board of Directors during the next General Assembly meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 in Brussels: short information**

- EVH informed the members that ASA proceeded to the election of its new Board and Chairman who is now Frank Beaujean. With these changes, a seat is now available within the EGEA Board of Directors. As elections of the Board of Directors will be organised at the next General Assembly meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2016, a call for candidates will be sent to all members prior to that meeting.
- Action: the Secretariat to send to all members a call for candidates for the next elections of the Board of Directors.

### **5. Short update on General EGEA activities**

#### **5.1. Roadworthiness test (PTI) Directive 2014/45/EU: Short update concerning access to vehicle specific technical information for PTI testing**

- This point was not addressed due to lack of time.

#### **5.2. Revision of the Vehicle Type Approval Framework Regulation [Draft Regulation COM(2016) 31 final]**

- This point was not addressed due to lack of time.

#### **5.3. Connected vehicle concepts & initiatives**

- This point was not addressed due to lack of time.

#### **5.4. GEAR2030**

- This point was not addressed due to lack of time.

### **6. Round-up of EGEA Working Groups activities (see attached presentation)**

#### **WG 1 Vehicle Lifting Equipment**

- FM reported from the last CEN TC98/WG3 meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in Mannheim & from the last EGEA WG1 meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in Brussels.
  - FM pointed out that one core issue was raised during that meeting which is the conflict between EN1490:2013 and the roadworthiness Directive 2014/45/EU. According to EN1493:2010, it is clear that lifts to which the standard refers are not allowed for the lifting of persons and this is in contradiction for example with the checking of the steering for the roadworthiness technical inspection. This issue will be mainly for heavy duty vehicles and for tractors (for passenger cars, it is more easy to avoid being in the car while being on a lift). At the last EGEA WG1 meeting, it was decided that the secretariat will contact the European Commission for guidance on this issue.
  - FM informed as well the members that after having collected the various EU requirements for the installation and inspection of vehicle lifts amongst all EGEA members, it appears that for some Member States, there are no requirements in place. It was therefore suggested at the last EGEA WG1 meeting and agreed to create an EU specification on the basis of the RAI & GEA booklet to promote EU harmonized requirements for vehicle lift installation and inspection. These

specifications could also fall under the new EGEA labelling activities, but this needs to be discussed further at the next WG1 meeting.

- Presentation of the new European Commission Prosafe Initiative - joint market surveillance action on vehicle service lifts to check the safety and conformity with the Machinery Directive of vehicle lifts placed on the market in the EU, focusing on two-column and scissor lifts.

## **WG 2 Engine Diagnostics/Emissions/OBD**

- CITA SET II Study – update on project goal, activities and funding
  - Due to lack of time, this item was not fully addressed. EVH briefly gave an update on the call for funding sent to all members on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016.
  - Action: As some members were not fully aware of that call for funding, the secretariat has been asked to re-circulate it and to provide all members with a short update on the potential contributors.

## **WG 4 Wheel/Tyre Service Equipment**

- FM and RS asked officially the Secretariat to re-activate the activities of Working Group 4 as a new standard on tyre changers is currently being discussed in Italy and should be transposed at EU level at a later stage.
- EVH added that a quality label for garages that are doing wheel alignment is also currently being discussed at French level and would need to be discussed/adapted at EU level as well.
- EVH noted that as WG4 activities were on hold since a long time, elections of the Chairman would need to be organised at the next meeting.
- Decision: re-activation of the WG4 activities and organisation of elections for the new Chairman. Possible topics for discussion: new standard on tyre changers + new standard on wheel alignment.

## **WG 6 Braking/Suspension Testers**

- Report from the last Suspension Testing blackroom meeting on 2nd December 2015 in Brussels.

## **WG 7 Wolk & Leoprechting Market Study Data**

- AICA representatives reported from the last meetings held with Wolk/Leoprechting and internally between EGEA/AICA/ASA.
- RS explained that the product list is too detailed and should be reduced. The main issue is about providing Wolk/Leoprechting with the data. Due to the sensitivity of the data, most of AICA members are not willing to provide Wolk/Leoprechting with their data. RS added that there is a loss of confidence towards the project managers and questioned the accuracy of the study following analysis of previous studies done by Leoprechting.
- After legal investigation by AICA and ASA, it appears that it would cost in total the same amount to terminate the contract or to go forward, which is about +/- 200.000 euros.
- AICA expressed its disappointment that no delegates from ASA were present to discuss further this issue.
- Decision: After discussion, it was decided to organise an internal EGEA/ASA/AICA meeting and then meet together with Wolk and Leoprechting to discuss next steps and possible alternatives.

## **WG 9 Mobile Air-conditioning (MAC) Systems**

- EVH explained that Pete Bradley, Chairman of WG9, could not attend this meeting due to important health issues. All members sent him their best wishes for a smooth recovery.
- EVH gave a brief update on the legal investigation (see attached presentation).
- Next steps:
  - NP explained that the marketing/communication around the new EGEA labelling activities for MACs should be launched ideally in autumn 2016 to allow manufacturers to approve and label their products during the winter 2016 to be ready for the next selling season of MACs products in spring 2017.
  - A next WG9 meeting should be organised to finalise last practical details and agree on a communication plan.
  - Question was raised whether all notified bodies should be informed about these new labeling activities and about test specifications. This will be discussed at the next WG9 meeting.

## **WG 10 Creation of a European Vehicle Test Equipment Network**

- MLB reported from the last meeting with ASANet on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016 (please see attached presentation).
- Discussion on the fact that EGEA is willing to promote the adoption of the asanetwork communication protocol as a standard at European and possibly global level. However, the antitrust legislation prevents associations like EGEA from supporting and promoting a unique single and non-open commercial implementation of the standard, i.e. the products offered by asanetwork GmbH.
- Two basic principles should be respected: that the network is open and free of content.
- Discussion whether software houses/dealer management systems should be invited to participate in this project.
- The Board members thanked MLB for his support and patience on this project which was and is always very much appreciated.
- Decisions: After discussion, it was agreed that:
  - EGEA will write a letter to Asanetwork highlighting its position. MLB kindly offered to coordinate the drafting of this letter.
  - A short presentation on the asanetwork projects (terms, introduction, business plan, conditions,...) should be prepared to clearly inform all members.

## **7. Automechanika Frankfurt 2016 - 13.09.2016 - 17.09.2016**

**7.1. Global R2RC meeting, 14th September 2016, 10h00-16h00**

**7.2. Organisation of potential visit of EU officials – DG MOVE & DG GROW (tbc)**

**7.3. Organisation of meetings with new potential members: round-up amongst Members**

- This point was partially addressed above under point 3 of the agenda.

## **8. Report from Members (activities worth sharing with EGEA colleagues, if any)**

- Due to lack of time, this item was not discussed.

## **9. Any other business**

- Due to the numerous issues on the agenda, the lack of time and the need to discuss more deeply some issues, it was commonly decided to organise a full-day General Assembly meeting in November 2016, rather than a half-day meeting. The secretariat will investigate with the members whether dates should be changed to ease the travelling of members.

Michel Vervekken thanked all participants for this fruitful meeting.

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Yours sincerely,

Eléonore van Haute  
(dated 15.06.2016)

Attachments:

- EGEA Financial Situation dated end of 2015 (audited figures)
- EGEA Financial Situation dated 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2016
- EGEA Budget 2016 (which includes the first outlook for 2017)
- Presentation of EGEA activities