



EGEA General Assembly 23rd October 2014 (Brussels)

-Minutes-

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1. Welcome by the President

Leon Andriessen welcomed all the participants for attending this General Assembly and in particular Laurence Eeckhout, who is replacing Eléonore van Haute during her maternity leave. Eléonore had her baby girl and both mother and daughter are doing fine. Leon Andriessen asked to excuse Sylvia Gotzen who was ill.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly held on 28th May 2014 in Bologna

With no remarks being formulated, the minutes were approved.

3. Financial situation dated 14th October 2014

- The Secretariat had circulated the financial situation dated 14th October 2014 before the General Assembly. Leon Andriessen thanked those members who have paid their membership fees in due time. He then explained that for a majority of those who had not

yet paid, the payment over-crossed the establishment of the financial situation. Two members have financial difficulties to pay their membership fees: ARDIS (Russia) is willing to pay only half of its membership fee and STM (Poland) asked for a reduced membership fee of 7.250€ (instead of 8.856€) which has been exceptionally accepted by the Board of Directors. To emphasise the importance of being a member of EGEA, it was envisaged during the Board meeting to hold the next Board and General Assembly meeting in Poland to have a direct communication with STM members and to give a direct presentation of the activities of EGEA in Brussels and why the work of EGEA is of crucial importance to the sector.

- Massimo Brunamonti noted that as for the receipts, EGEA is still expecting 30.000€ from the contract with CITA and the EU for the participation into the ECSS study although it is not totally guaranteed that the payment will be done still this year.
- As a conclusion, Leon stated that although we do not know exactly what can be expected by the end of the year, we will certainly be in the budget and will probably have a surplus.
- The General Assembly took note of the financial situation dated 14th October 2013 without any further comments.

4. Budget 2015

- Leon Andriessen presented the project of budget for 2015 which had been discussed and pre-approved by the Board Members.
- Leon Andriessen explained that the planned budget for 2015 as first circulated by the Secretariat before the General Assembly showed a deficit of +/- 15.000€. Keeping the same membership fees than last year (i.e. membership fees with additional contribution of 1.000€ for smaller association and of 2.000€ for bigger associations), would result in a positive balance. This is why the Board pre-approved during its meeting to keep the membership fees with no decrease and no increase compared to 2014, knowing that if some members do not pay, the budget would then be in deficit.
- The General Assembly unanimously approved the budget for 2015.
- The Secretariat will circulate the adapted budget and membership fees 2015 together with the Minutes.

5. Elections of the Board of Directors

The term of office of the members of the Board of Directors is two years. As such, 2014 is the year of elections. Leon Andriessen explained that after expiry of deadline for candidates, since no additional candidate was proposed, the Board recommended the following candidates:

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| - 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) |

He then asked the General Assembly whether or not they would like to proceed to a vote by secret ballots. After agreement, the vote has been conducted publicly and the General Assembly elected the proposed candidates unanimously.

Leon Andriessen on behalf of all EGEA members thanked the Board for his work and cooperation.

Leon explained to the General Assembly that the Board, during its meeting on 22nd October, pre-approved the following allocation of functions:

- President: Michel Verveken
- Vice-President: Thierry Coton
- Vice-President: Leon Andriessen
- Treasurer: Jaume Berenguer
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The General Assembly had no objection to this configuration.

6. Short update on general EGEA activities

6.1. New PTI Roadworthiness Directive

- Neil Pattemore gave a report on the work in the Roadworthiness Technical Working Group (RTWG) organised by the European Commission in order to discuss a 'non-paper' listing which technical information are necessary for roadworthiness testing.
- EGEA took part in all RTWG meetings (5 in total so far).
- 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.
- There will be a higher political level meeting on 4th November 2014 – the Roadworthiness Committee – where the 'non-paper' will be presented and discussed.
- Update on actions at national level: no update.
- Action:
 - The Secretariat to circulate a report of the meeting of the Roadworthiness Committee of 4th November. [Note from the Secretariat: report circulated on 25/11/2014]

6.2. Finalisation of the Commission tender for the Study on a test for electronic safety components at roadworthiness tests: update about final report

- Neil Pattemore informed the Members that the CITA-led study on the testing of the functionality of electronically controlled safety systems (ECSS) - in which EGEA was 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.
- Next step: the study will be presented during the Roadworthiness Committee on 4th November 2014.
- A long discussion followed on the access to the test specifications without which the access to the technical information granted is useless.
- Action:
 - The Secretariat continues to lobby the Commission on this issue and convene a meeting of WG 26 to address this issue and define the argumentation outline for this battle.

7. Mutual recognition

As the agenda is already well loaded, this point will be discussed during the next general Assembly in March.

Massimo Brunamonti informed the Secretariat that they have already some material / evidence that can be used to start with.

Action:

- Massimo Brunamonti to send to the Secretariat the problems raised by AICA that are relevant to this issue in order to bring the case to the European institutions.

8. Round-up of EGEA Working Groups activities

WG 1 Vehicle Lifting Equipment

- See slides

WG 2 Engine Diagnostics/Emissions/OBD

- RICARDO Study on functioning of Euro 5: a report will be published in November or December
- Various activities on telematics access to the vehicle:
 - Video realised by FIGIEFA was shown to the Members and also presented to Philippe Jean from the European Commission (DG Enterprise) during the Automechanika in Frankfurt which enabled him to realise the problems of being able to remotely access in-vehicle data.
- Major threat is “extended vehicles”: the existence of the independent aftermarket is at stake. We do need to find a solution to this issue.
- Emissions: see slides
- OBD: Some members (DE, NL) reported non-compliance with the current EU rules on the use of OBD as the basis for an emission test. This should be brought to the attention of the European Commission whose task is to ensure the respect of this principle.
- Action:
 - The Secretariat to write a letter to the Commission to report on the non-compliance in tail-pipe testing.

WG 4 Wheel/Tyre Service Equipment

- No update since last GA

WG 6 Braking/Suspension Testers

- See slides

WG 7 Market Information/Exhibition

- See slides
- ASA & AICA will receive the authorization to distribute the study to their members. EGEA will receive the data but will not have the right to circulate it.
- Leon Andriessen asked the General Assembly whether it agrees to participate / contribute to the study. This was unanimously approved.

WG 8 Extraction and Filter Systems

- No update since last GA

WG 9 Mobile Air-conditioning (MAC) Systems

- The WG9 project funding and the business plan were submitted to the Board for approval.
- The Board presented its excuses to Pete Bradley and to the WG9 in general for having taken so long to react.
- The Board has serious questions regarding the costs of the project. The project must be profitable. And the business plan, as presented, is unclear on this aspect (start-up costs vs. fixed costs; question of volumes sold ; etc.).
- Action:
 - The Secretariat to organise a meeting on 25/11/2014 afternoon with Pete Bradley and Alessandro Carluccio in order to clarify, inter alia, the financial aspects of the business plan to allow the Board to take a final decision.

WG 10 Creation of a European Vehicle Test Equipment Network

- See slides
- Problem: no unanimity can be reached in favour of one solution. The group is divided between two commercial options.
- The Board is of the opinion that it is not the role of the General Assembly or of the Board, to take such a decision. The decision must be reached within the Working Group and if unanimity cannot be reached, than a vote must be organised. Once a decision is taken, the Working Group should realise a business plan and submit it to the Board.
- Action:
 - The Secretariat to investigate whether an AISBL is allowed under the Belgian legislation to generate revenues/profits coming from the running of the Network.
 - The Secretariat to send a call for project once the business plan for one solution is ready.

9. Dates for next meetings

- Dates of meetings in 2015:
 - As explained under point 3 of the agenda, the Board decided to organise the next EGEA General Assembly and Board meeting in Poland on 24th March 2015.
 - For the second General Assembly in 2015 and as most of the members are very busy during Automechanika, it was decided to hold the next GA on the 13th November 2015 in Brussels together with a dinner organised on the evening before.

Date	Time	Event	Attendants	Venue
23 rd March 2015	13 ⁰⁰ - 18 ⁰⁰	Board Meeting	Board Members	Poland
23 rd March 2015	19 ³⁰ –	Dinner	EGEA Members	Poland
24 th March 2015	9 ⁰⁰ - 13 ⁰⁰	General Assembly	EGEA Members and Guests	Poland

12th November 2015	13⁰⁰ - 18⁰⁰	Board Meeting	Board Members	Brussels
12th November 2015	19³⁰ –	Dinner	EGEA Members	Brussels
13th November 2015	9⁰⁰ - 13⁰⁰	General Assembly	EGEA Members and Guests	Brussels

10. Any other business

Leon Andriessen thanked all participants for this fruitful meeting.

Massimo Brunamonti thanked Leon Andriessen for having so well served EGEA during the last 4 years.

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Yours sincerely,

Laurence Eeckhout
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Attachments:

- EGEA Budget and Membership Fees 2015
- EGEA meetings in 2015
- Presentation of EGEA activities