

**Minutes from the General Assembly
September 8th 2007. Aarhus, Denmark**

Present at the meeting:

John Petersen
Elisabeth Alber
Dasa Bolcina
Conchi Gallego
Malene Dømler

1. Election of Chairman and Secretary

The members present at the GA elect John Petersen as chairman of the meeting and Conchi Gallego as secretary.

2. Statement of the ACC

The chairman of the board John Petersen presents to the GA the information about the activities run in the last year.

Right after the last GA in September 2006 the SECC III took place being this activity a great success. The SECC III was the final event of a complete "circle" that started with the previous I and II editions dealing with the "political" issues of the organization. In this occasion the participants dealt with the issue of "qualifications framework" for the non-formal education and they came up with the tick & shooting star (a qualification tool model). A website was produced: www.co-citizenship.eu

After the GA a task-force composed by 3 board members (Erik Jentges, Emma Yeoman and John Petersen) met on December to work on a letter to send to the members gathering the last GA decision and the board indications about the future of the ACC. In this letter 3 "corps" were presented so that members could sign in to participate (translators, messengers and partners). The number of members signing into these groups was quite impressive and some of them have been actively participating. For instance Ali Ozyigit and Liudmila Blinova participated as ACC representatives in the AWE World Council, Ali also took part in the UNESCO Regional Euromed Youth Forum in Poland, etc.

At this point John stresses the problem that some members have been applying to participate in activities on behalf of ACC but without consulting the board or the office. This should be avoided, as most of these people don't get the needed information to properly represent the organization.

In May 2007 the AWE World Council took place in Vallekilde (Denmark). John has been the editor in chief of the AWE magazine produced reporting on these meeting. The magazine

also include an article by Liudmila (that has been also included in this year's ACC annual). John informs the GA that AWE has elected a new president, Jakob Erle.

The ACC took also part in the Civil Society Forum organized by the European Commission in Bergamo. This event was a continuation of the White Paper on Communication issued by the Commission and promoted by Margaret Wallström. Once again the ACC representative, John Petersen in this occasion, was surprised by the fact that almost no European wide organizations were invited, but instead "seats" were filled in by local and national organizations with European interests but no European dimension. Anyhow the evaluation done by the John Petersen of this participation is positive as he managed to include some key ACC issues in the final document.

John also commented about Christian Schwartz, an ACC member that had the opportunity to participate in an event organized Tübingen in which the German and the Italian presidents were present, speaking with students about their visions on Future of Europe. Christian not only had the possibility to present the ACC ideas, but also witnessed how the German President affirmed that the Community College format was a great tool for the building up of a European public sphere.

Speaking about ACC participation in other projects and platforms John starts by speaking about Rite. John Petersen and Linda Jakobson were visiting Rite while the GA of the school was taking place. As the issues that needed to be solved in the last years (and that ACC has been asking for), have not been dealt with John asks the GA to give the board the mandate to withdraw the Rite project if necessary.

EAEA had their GA in Aviles (Spain). Nobody from ACC was able to attend but John reports on the change of Secretary General as one of the important decisions taken during the year. As the ACC is not having a proper budget (running cost income) John demands the GA to give the board the power to decide to leave the platform if needed. John asks the GA too to as well authorize the board to decide upon membership on EUCIS. Apart from the difficulty to pay the membership fee, the platform is developing in a way that ACC does not feel comfortable with (apart from sending all the working documents and information only in French which makes it difficult to keep up informed).

On the organization dimension the only information is about the office. From a month ago there is no staff employed in the ACC office. Anyway the office will keep on being open and available for members at the same place.

There are no projects planned for the future so the chairperson's report is finished.

The GA agrees with the report and specifically with the concrete demands posed by the chairman.

3. Approval of Accounts

A copy of the accounts is distributed and each item is explained by John Petersen. The accounts were approved by the GA

4. Election of Board Members.

The terms of four board members, Dasa Bolcina, Mjellma Mehmeti, John Petersen and Emma Yeoman expired. They were re-elected.

Two members had been proposed for the position of substitute board member and both Elisabeth Alber and Erik Jentges were elected.

5. Auditor election.

Lars Rasmussen was re-elected as internal auditor of the ACC accounts.

6. Proposals received.

There were no proposals received before the meeting.

7. Site for GA 2007.

The board is unable to point at where and when the next GA will take place. It suggests that Croatia could be desirable.

8. AOB

There are no other businesses

9. Minutes approved.

The minutes are approved by the General Assembly after a small break and John Petersen declares the General Assembly closed.

John Petersen
Chairman of the GA

Conchi Gallego
Secretary of the GA