

4th Board Meeting
Minutes/report
February 12th-13th, 2000
Budapest

The following persons were present,

John Petersen, Chairperson
Lászlo Dani, Deputy Chairperson
Jesper Nielsen, Treasurer
Conchi Gallego, Secretary
Mjellma Mehmeti, Board member
Siebren de Boer, Board member
Linda Jakobsone, Board member

Enclosures to the meeting sent in advance:

- Agenda
- Enclosure 1: Minutes from the 3rd board meeting (Macedonia)
- Enclosure 2: List of members
- Enclosure 3: Accounts 1999
- Enclosure 4: Budget 2000
- Enclosure 5: A.II.1-schedule
- Enclosure 6: Suggestions to revision
- Enclosure 7: Draft invitation to the CCC
- Enclosure 8: Proposal
- Enclosure 9: Statues of the AWE
- Enclosure10: Description of the alliance with IT-folkehøjskolen Snoghøj
- Enclosure11: New letter from David
- Enclosure12: The travelling team letter
- Enclosure13: Project-descriptions

1) Opening and approving the Agenda

John opened the meeting and welcomes everybody. It was agreed that Lászlo would chair the meeting and Conchi would take notes.

One change was introduced in the Agenda:

Enclosures 5 and 6 were eliminated as they were not ready yet. Then the Agenda was approved.

2) Approving 3rd Board Meeting Minutes

Linda asked to change her last name that was misspelled.

John asked to add some enclosures that were given and didn't appear in the minutes.

Both suggestions were changed and the Minutes were approved.

3) Current situation

Members: Jesper presented the members list. There were around 60 paying members. Some of them are unknown and we will try to find out who they are. Board members told about new people that will be joining the ACC soon. Some fees were given to Jesper in that moment too.

Accounts 1999: John presented the accounts for 1999 that had been already checked by the auditor, Lene Albrechtsen. The board made comments about the difficult economical situation that ACC is going through. John informed the board that even if the situation is not good, the Association existence is not in danger.

Budget 2000: John presented the budget and announced that we might have difficulties to organise the General Assembly as first scheduled due to financial problems. There is an emergency plan though.

Homepage: The list of **members needs to be uploaded** to the web page and the **Accounts 99** should also be added.

It was said that the web needs updating. John and László are the only ones that now have access to it, it was suggested that maybe in the future the rest of the board members could learn how to work on the web and change things.

Linda also suggested that the **translation of the statues should be double checked** by another person different from the one who translated it to avoid mistakes. Talking about the statues it was mentioned the need to **express in the web that the only official is the English version**, and the other ones should appear as “translated statues” and specifying that it is an unofficial translation.

It was said that **all board members should try to include the web site of the ACC <http://www.acc.eu.org> in the national searchers** and László explained how to do it. John informed that at that moment we were having around 25 visitors per day, and we should try that this number increases.

4) Information about Economy and Funds

John informed about the situation. We got a negative answer from International Understanding, Lego and European Youth Foundation. This means that the possibility of having the General Assembly in Denmark as it was planned it is not possible.

John also informed about different funds that ACC had applied for as: Danish Cultural Fund, A3029, Grundtvig, Lottery Funds, FFD (with IT-folkhighschool) and he said to **keep us informed about the developing of these applications**.

About the budget for the CCC we have 7.000 Euro and this is not enough but we will have to work on it. John, Linda and Conchi agreed to get more information about the **Youth for Europe programme for CCC**.

It was agreed that the board meeting in Paris should be cancelled.

Siebren told the board his efforts to raise some money for the Minority Course (the week that will take place in Frysland) and also for a board meeting of the ACC but asked for help and information about any funding. John offered him and the rest of the board to give such information and training to any board member that would be interested on it.

Conchi and Linda told about the voluntary service and the EYF-D of the EU and that it could continue with the "future capital"-programme. Conchi will keep us informed.

5) General Assembly

General Assembly: It was discussed that GA should take place in Latvia, parallel to the CCC, depending also in the funding for this activity. The invitations for the GA could not be sent yet, so the decision could be postponed to a later meeting (after the decision of the East-to-East-fund in late April-early May). Having in mind the possibility to have the GA also in the IT-folkhighschool.

It was proposed that we could also think of new ways of doing the GA, for instance through Internet.

Statutes: Some topics about the statutes were discussed in order to have a proposal from the board to the GA of changes in the statutes.

The concrete changes and proposals will be enclosed to these minutes. **(ENCLOSURE1)**

Membership fee: The discussion of the membership fee was retaken from the previous board meeting. There were different opinions about the possibility of establishing a different fee for the members in the different countries according to economical situation. The board didn't agree on one proposal so it was decided that no paper coming from the board about this topic would be presented to the GA. Anyway proposals from members would be studied and debated in the GA.

6) CCC

Invitations: The invitation letter was revised and was decided that the presentation letter (that was suppose to go together with the certificate) should include the information about the CCC and also the application form and an address to mail it, and also the dead-line to apply for this activity that should be the 15th of April.

The presentation document should also be enclosed to this first letter to all members.

Programme and process: Linda informed about the latest news on the CCC project. She explained the programme of the activity. The selection of participants will be done by Linda, John and Jesper.

IT-Rite: John presented the programme between the two schools in which the ACC has acted as a link for both schools.

Roles: John, Linda and Lászlo will participate in the CCC for sure. The rest of the board would go if the GA takes place also there.

7) Joint Minority Conference

Jesper informed us about the latest news. There has been a proposal to the FFD to be part of the Conference as there was some interest from some of their board members, but they are working slowly and there is no definite answer.

Højskolen Østersøen has applied to the FFD for money with the ACC as a co-operative partner for the travel expenses of around 25 people (15.000 EURO)

Jesper gave us a draft of the Conference. It will last for 3 days, and the second day will be devoted to the ACC. It is thought that the ACC receives 15000 DKK for organising this day.

The structure should be a **presentation in the morning (John, Jesper and Conchi** will work on it) and in the afternoon workshops will be organised.

7b) "Political issues"

Local chapters and local accounts: There was a discussion about the working methods to be followed in relation to the local chapters. It was agreed that in order to be a local chapter, a group should fulfil the criteria (statutes and aims). When talking about financing, if the ACC applies for funding for an activity, the local chapter should sign a contract with the ACC as a way of compromise. The contract is made with the person, who is receiving the money locally. The local chapter will also send the financial report to the ACC at the end of the activity.

Articles and PR: John introduced this topic and the reason to bring it to the board meeting. He explained that ACC should work toward the year **2006**. In that year the EU programmes will be over and new programmes, and new working lines will be included. This is why we should promote the ACC idea from now until then in order to include our aims as a topic in the agenda of the discussion of this future programmes.

It was seen then that **more articles should be written**. Any article published should be sent to John so he can keep them and present them later on to the institutions and politicians.

AWE membership: John made a presentation of the Association of World Education (AWE). The proposal is to become a chapter of the AWE, but this wasn't decided as the board needed more information about the association. John promised to **send more information** to the rest of the board in order to discuss this point in a future board meeting.

8) Project office at the IT-folkehøjskolen Snoghøj

John presented the project. The board had the opportunity to see some pictures of the School and to ask questions about the office. John informed of the possibility to go to the office to work for the ACC and the advantages of having this space.

He also informed about the development of the process with David, who will apply for an EVS project (European Voluntary Service) to work in the office for the ACC. John explained which should be his main tasks that should be office work (establishing in the new office) and writing articles and papers on the outlines and aims of the ACC for the PR.

Some board members suggested the need that he also works for fund-raising, and also working in future projects and activities.

9) New plans for the 2001

Old ideas: Mjellma postponed this information for a future meeting.

Siebrén didn't have much information either. He gave the board some hints about the idea he is thinking on "regions idea" for the 2002.

Linda informed about the possibility of having a **prep-meeting for the CCC**, she will apply to Soros Foundation for this money

John said that there were no news from the Poland project. About Lithuania he had talked with Agne but there was no more information.

Transylvania had already been discussed.

The travelling team idea was withdrawn.

They all promised to keep the board informed about any news on these topics.

IT-Rite: John presented the project. Both schools will develop a project together and they will do the project for themselves as they can apply for funds. The basic idea is to try to combine the boarding school format with dialogue on the Internet. The boarding school format should guarantee, that aftercare meetings on the Internet should be more than just gossip. The ACC is going to work as a link between the schools. The ACC can offer the experience of arranging non-gossip meetings and debates on the Internet.

IT-Europe: John informed about a project for the year 2001. The project-idea is again to try combining the boarding-school format with dialogue on the Internet. The project would take place in summer 2001. Teachers from all over Europe are going to be invited to a (3) 4-week course at the IT-folkehøjskolen Snoghøj. The theme of the course is: the European charter (bill of rights of EU-citizens), which is elaborated for the time being.

Virtual Community Colleges: John presented the idea of having a CD-ROM that shows what a Community College is. Most of the board members **didn't like the idea**.

The House magazine: Linda and John explained what The House Magazine is and how the edition works. The board expressed that it would be a good idea to apply for hosting the edition of 1 number of the magazine that could be devoted to Community Colleges idea. It was seen the possibility that the meeting would take place in IT-folkehøjskolen Snoghøj.

10) AOB

- It was decided that when talking about the ACC (referring to the international level and not to a local chapter) it would be said as **ACC Europe**
- The name chosen for the office will be:

ACC

International Programme Office

- Calender: The next board meeting will be on 7th of March 19'00h (Chat)