

Minutes of the 2021 Electronic Annual Meeting of CEEweb for Biodiversity

Prepared at the Electronic Annual Meeting of CEEweb for Biodiversity (Hungarian name: CEEweb a Biológiai Sokféleségért, headquarters: Budapest, Széher út 40, 1021, Hungary) convened by the regulations according to the Articles of Association online via Zoom; held on 16th June 2021.

Minute taker: Csaba Mezei, General Secretary

Verifier of the minutes: Noémi Borsos-Repka

The General Secretary of CEEweb sent an informative e-mail on 1st June 2021 to the full members with the proposed agenda points and date of the electronic Annual Meeting, attached the Financial Report of 2020, Narrative Report of 2020 and the narrative report of 2020 of an independent auditor. The invitation contained the date of the electronic Annual Meeting, as well as its reconvening date, if the 50% + 1 members were not represented. Later the hyperlink of the Zoom meeting was also sent to the members in a separate e-mail.

The General Secretary determined on 16th December 2021, that 4 full members were attending the electronic Annual Meeting convened at 10.00 CET. Because this number did not meet the criteria of a quorum, the General Secretary reconvened the electronic Annual Meeting at 11.00 CET on 16th June 2021, which was quorate irrespective of the number of members participating. The General Secretary determined that 6 full members were attending the electronic Annual Meeting reconvened at 11.00 CET and that the meeting is quorate.

Between 10.00 and 11.00 CEEweb employees held an 'extended office meeting' presenting the most important projects to members.

The General Secretary confirmed that 6 full members are participating the Annual Meeting namely IMRO Foundation, DEM, Association of the Hungarian Alboreta and Botanic Gardens (MABOSZ), Friends of the Earth Hungary (MTVSZ), Ecological Tourism Europe (ETE), Albanian association of Youth and Students of Geo-science and Environment (AAYSGE). It is also found that the organisation called Eko Zivot whose membership was to be approved during the Annual Meeting was also present but had no right to vote as it was not an official member at the time of the meeting yet.

The electronic Annual Meeting reconvened on 16th June 2021 at 11.00 CET ended with the following results regarding to the resolution proposals:

1. Resolution proposal:

Approval of Noémi Borsos-Repka as the verifier of the minutes.

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Articles of Association:

Number of CEEweb members: 6

Given "yes" votes: 6

Given "no" votes: 0

Abstained: 0

Regarding that 6 of the full members: gave 'yes' votes, resolution proposal Nr. 1 was accepted.

2. Resolution proposal:

Approval of the proposed agenda points of the electronic voting.

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Articles of Association:

Number of CEEweb members: 6
Given "yes" votes: 5
Given "no" votes: 0
Abstained: 1

Regarding that 5 of the full members: gave 'yes' votes, the resolution proposal Nr. 2 was accepted.

3. Resolution proposal:

Approval of CEEweb's Narrative Report of 2020.

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Article of Association:

Number of CEEweb members: 6
Given "yes" votes: 6
Given "no" votes: 0
Abstained: 0

Regarding that 6 of the full members: gave 'yes' votes, the resolution proposal Nr. 3 was accepted.

4. Resolution proposal:

Approval of CEEweb's Financial Report for 2020

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Articles of Association:

Number of CEEweb members: 6
Given "yes" votes: 6
Given "no" votes: 0
Abstained: 0

Regarding that 6 of the full members: gave 'yes' votes, resolution proposal Nr. 4 was accepted.

5. Resolution proposal: Approval of new membership applications

5.1 Approval of two new membership applications Eko Zhivot

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Articles of Association:

Number of CEEweb members: 6
Given "yes" votes: 5
Given "no" votes: 0
Abstained: 0

Did not vote: 1

Regarding that 5 of the full members: gave 'yes' votes, resolution proposal Nr. 5.1 was accepted.

5.2 Approval of two new membership applications CNVP

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Articles of Association:

Number of CEEweb members: 6
Given "yes" votes: 5
Given "no" votes: 0
Abstained: 0
Did not vote: 1

Regarding that 5 of the full members: gave 'yes' votes, resolution proposal Nr. 5.2 was accepted.

Resolution proposal: POSTPONED

Approval of deletion of 16 CEEweb members which do not exist anymore, or which did not respond to any inquiries for at least two years,

Organisations to be deleted:

- EDEN – Environmental Center for Development Education and Networking
- BALKANI Wildlife Society
- Environmental Organization – Rhodope
- NC "Future Now"
- Association Sunce (Association for Nature, Environment and Sustainable Development)
- SEED Foundation for Small Enterprise Economic Development
- Biosfera – Centre for education, environment and nature protection
- Caroma Nord
- The Academic Section of the Polish Country-Lovers' Association in Krakow
- Pro Carpathia
- Ecosilvex 2000 Foundation
- Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia
- Geocological Center
- PROTEGO – Association for Protection and Improvement of Environment and Built Heritage
- School for Survival
- Carpathian Ecological Club "Ruthenia"

Based on the discussion and concerns of members the General Secretary proposed to postpone this voting to the next Annual meeting.

Additional comments:

1/ from member AAYSGE: organisations which do not respond should not be expelled. There is a need to contact them again.

2/ ETE: It is recommended to split the list of non-responsive and non-existing organisations. Let's check them again and give them another chance.

The general secretariat confirmed that by the next Annual Meeting all non-responsive and non-existing member organisations will be checked again, and new list will be proposed for the AM to decide.

6. Resolution proposal:

Approval of the resignation of seven CEEweb members

List of members submitted their willingness to resign:

- Center for Environment
- Ecological Institute for Sustainable Development
- Green Action
- "Nimfea" Environment and Nature Conservation Association
- BIOTICA Ecological Society
- Ecological Counseling Center Cahul
- International Scientific Forum "Danube - River of Cooperation"

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Articles of Association:

Number of CEEweb members: 6
Given "yes" votes: 4
Given "no" votes: 1
Abstained: 1

Regarding that 4 of the full members: gave 'yes' votes, resolution proposal Nr. 6 was accepted.

Comments received:

1/ from the member ETE: I voted with 'no' because there were organisations in the list which were the founding 'fathers' of CEEweb.

2/ General secretary: it is fully understood. However, the Articles of Association clearly indicates the rules in this case.

7. Resolution proposal:

Approval of the expulsion of Public Association „CUTEZATORUL” which failed to comply with paying membership fee for 3 years.

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Articles of Association:

Number of CEEweb members: 6
Given "yes" votes: 5
Given "no" votes: 0
Abstained: 1

Regarding that 5 of the full members: gave 'yes' votes, resolution proposal Nr. 7 was accepted.

Comments received:

1/ AAYSGE: we also had difficulties to pay membership for two years. There must be a way to overcome this.

2/ General Secretary: by proposing the expulsion of this member we only followed the rules of the Articles of Association. Additionally, non-paid membership invoices appear in CEEweb's books as loss. We must take care of the financial balance of the organisation as well. We will contact the first group of organisations again and will present the results (and resolution proposal) during the next Annual Meeting.

16th June 2021, Budapest

Minute taker: Csaba Mezei, general secretary

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Minute certifier: Noémi Borsos-Repka

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