

Minutes of EAY General Assembly 7 - 10 May 2005

Place: Litomyšl, Czech Republic

Theme: Roadmap

Participants: 135 participants from 25 Member Movements and 4 Cooperating Movements were present.

Guests:	World Alliance of YMCAs	Emil Sticker, Executive Secretary
	YMCA of the USA	Dale Vonderau
	Y's Men International	Selma Zaidi
		Poul-Henrik Hove Jakobsen, Danish Y's Men
		Poul V. Thomsen, Danish Y's Men
	Conference of European Churches	Rev. Keith Clements
	YMCA Indian Student Hostel London	Samuel Samson
	HorYzon Switzerland	Werner Stahl

Special guests	Terry Ratcliffe
	Jan Nissén
	Egon Slopianka
	Dölf Weder
	Bruce Knox

Apologies:	Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs
	Africa Alliance of YMCAs
	The European and World YWCA
	Latin American and Caribbean Alliance of YMCAs
	Johan Vilhelm Eltvik, Secretary General of the EAY

Devotions The Devotions during the General Assembly and the Ecumenical Services were conducted by the Christian Orientation Group chaired by Tom Cusens, Malta, assisted by Helen Jary, England and by people from different National Movements.

1 Opening

Peter Posner, President of the EAY and Chairman of the General Assembly welcomed those present to the General Assembly. He especially welcomed the participants to the EAY Training Centre in Litomyšl.

Peter Posner stated that the Assembly had been called according to the §12 of the constitution. He also stated that, since 25 out of 32 Member Movements were present in person, the Assembly was in quorum according to §14 of the Constitution.

2 Introduction of Delegates, Guests, Staff and Apologies

Peter Posner introduced all the Guests and Delegates in accordance with the list of participants and Staff. Apologies were as listed above.

3 Adoption of the Agenda

Decision: The proposed agenda was adopted.

4 Adoption of the General Assembly 2004 Minutes

Helga Haugland Byfuglien, YMCA-YWCA of Norway, informed that the final audit of the YMCA Europe 2003 was complete. The deficit was €70.000. She also thanked the Swedish and Danish movements for their generous contribution for covering some of the deficit. She stated that the Norwegian YMCA-YWCA was very happy to have been able to help the festival become a reality.

Decision: The Minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

5 Greetings

The following participants gave greetings to the General Assembly:
Selma Zaidi and Dale Vonderau, YMCA of the USA; Poul-Henrik Hove Jakobsen, Danish Y's Men;
Rev Keith Clements, Conference of the European Churches; Emil Stricker, World Alliance of YMCA's.

6 Secretary General Speech

Peter Posner presented the report prepared by Johan Vilhelm Eltvik, EAY Secretary General, entitled "Roadmap". A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

7 Reports, Operational Plans and Decisions

7.1 Movement Development

Decision: The report was received.

7.2. Communication

Decision: The report was received.

7.3 Christian Community

Decision: The report was received.

7.4 European Programmes

Sabine Ponater introduced the leaders of the different Programme Groups, and thanked them for their good contribution to the work of EAY.

Decision: The report was received.

7.5 World Alliance of YMCAs and Global Cooperation

Decision: The report was received.

7.6 European Representation

A point of clarification was made: Marina mentioned in the report is called Marina Hristova and is from Bulgaria.

Decision: The report was received.

7.7 Finances

7.7.1 Report 2004

Ed Eggink, Treasurer of the EAY, presented the report and guided the General Assembly through the financial documents included in the Working Documents.

The financial situation is under control. The accounts were made up with a small surplus. The travel fund for the Executive Committee is now in accordance with the income. The expenditure has been reduced, especially on the staff travel.

National Contributions are a worry, with a debt at about €20.000.

The currency loss is still substantial, at about €30.000 for 2004. The treasurer asked the national movements to pay their contributions to the EAY in Euro or Czech Crowns.

Decision: The Financial Accounts for the year 2005 were unanimously approved.

7.7.2 Auditors' Report and Discharge of Executive Committee

The Auditors' Report was explained by Ed Eggink.

Decision: The Report was unanimously approved.

Decision: The Discharge of the Executive Committee was unanimously approved.

7.7.3 Budget and National Contributions 2006 ff.

The proposed Budget and the National Contributions 2006 ff. were explained by Ed Eggink.

He also gave an update on the financial situation of 2005. There is a struggle to secure the needed income. Our application for EU administrative grant was rejected, but will hopefully be in place for 2006. The EAY have good partners that are supporting us, and have a number of pending applications for funds.

In the budget for 2006, the expenditure has been reduced, and the national contributions will be increased by 2,5%.

The Swiss Movement made a remark and stated that the national contribution of the Swiss movement will be reduced for 2006.

The Danish YMCA-YWCA asked about the reduction in the travel expenses for the field staff, and saw this in connection with the running of the European Secretariat. Ed Eggink answered that the funding for the movement development work is insecure, which means that there will be a reduction in staff if new funding is not secured.

Ed Eggink also went through the sources of income.

Ole Inge Bekkelund from Norway, YMCA-YWCA of Norway asked about the national contributions and how it is accounted for. Ed Eggink clarified the expectations, and stated that they are realistic.

Decision: The proposed budget and the national contributions 2006 were approved with two abstentions.

7.8 Presentation of Operational Plans 2005/2006

Decision: The Operational Plans 2005/2006 as formulated by the Executive Committee were unanimously received.

8 General Assembly 2006-2007

8.1 General Assembly 2006

YMCA of Portugal presented the venue and invited the participants to the EAY General Assembly in 2006. It will be held in Albufeira, at the Algarve coast, close to Faro.

8.2 General Assembly 2007 and onwards

The Executive Committee has received several invitations for hosting General Assemblies in the years to come, among others from Ukraine and Armenia. It is proposed to have a short assembly in 2008 to fit in with the next EAY Festival.

In accordance with the wish of the General Assembly in 2004, it is planned to hold the General Assemblies in Litomyšl on a regular basis.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 EAY award for long and outstanding service

Dölf Weder was given the EAY award for long and outstanding service to the EAY.

It was also noted that Dale Vonderau had received the award at the Executive Committee in November 2004.

9.2 Social Inclusion Position Statement

Kerry Knox, from the Social Inclusion group presented the proposal for a Social Inclusion Position Statement.

Decision: The Social Inclusion Position Statement was adopted.

9.3 Nominations Committee

Maria Nordberg, chairperson of the Nomination Committee, asked the National movements to start looking for new candidates. There will be elections at the next General Assembly.

10 Thanks and Closing Remarks

Peter Posner thanked the participants for their contributions and closed the General Assembly.

He stated that it being his first assembly as president, it has been a good experience.

Kseniya Shabanov from YMCA of the Ukraine, thanked, on behalf of the participants the staff, volunteers, the Executive Committee and all the others who have been involved in the General Assembly.

Litomyšl, Czech Republic
May 2005

Kåre Dag Mangersnes
Recording Secretary

Peter Posner
President