

Minutes of the fortieth Meeting of the General Assembly held in Copenhagen on Friday 22 September 2017

Prior to the meeting of the General Assembly a presentation was given by Henrik Ramlau-Hansen, Chairman of the Governing Board in the Danish Financial Supervisory Authority. His presentation on the Danish pensions industry – an actuarial view from the Danish FSA is attached as **Annex 0.1**. Following this presentation, an IAA update was given orally by Tom Terry, President of the IAA.

The participants list is attached as **Annex 0.2**.

1.1 Opening of the meeting

The Chairperson welcomed members to Copenhagen, particularly those for whom it was their first meeting, and thanked Den Danske Aktuarforening for hosting the meeting. The Chairperson invited all to introduce themselves and extended the regards to everyone present from Michael Lucas, who retired from his position as Secretary-General of the AAE on 1 January 2017 and from Bruce Maxwell.

The Chairperson also took a brief moment to commemorate Giovanna Ferrara and John Martin who sadly passed away in the past year.

1.2 Adoption of the agenda

The agenda, as circulated, was adopted and a copy is attached to these minutes as **Annex 1.2**. The Chairperson reminded those present that, while members of AAE Committees and invited guests are welcome to attend the General Assembly as observers, only membres titulaires may vote.

The Col·legi d'Actuaris de Catalunya requested a short video on the upcoming Life Colloquium to be shown at the end of the meeting.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 39th General Assembly held on 23 September 2016 in Barcelona, were confirmed.

3. Report of the AAE Board

The Chairperson presented the highlights of 2016-2017 of which the presentation is attached as **annex 3**.

With regard to the work of the committees, the Chairperson invited the committee chairs to comment on and to add relevant matters that has been discussed in the recent committee meetings.

David Martin, chairperson of the SFP Committee, expressed his satisfaction with the finalisation of important topics such as the approval of ESAP3, of the Code of Professional

Conduct and of the work done on the Strategy Review.

Christoph Krischanitz, chairperson of the IFR Committee, reflected on his start as committee member in 1999. Christoph indicated that he is proud that now steps have been taken to change the name of the Investment & Financial Risk Committee into Risk Management Committee.

Falco Valkenburg, chairperson of the Pensions Committee – gave an update on three topics:

- The EAN on the actuarial function and the related formal due process;
- The developments on the IORP stress test and the activities related to this;
- Personal Pensions (PEPP) – a position paper will be developed jointly with the Insurance Committee, and will be managed by Philip Shier

Mark Stocker, chairperson of the Education Committee added the following remarks:

- The report on principles under the Core Syllabus will be based on learning objectives, whereas the structure of the MRA remains unchanged. It was agreed in the committee that Bloom's Taxonomy will be used as a guide, as well as ECTS (European Credit Transfer System of study points). Self-assessment will be done by the MAs through detailed mapping. Starting point will be the current IAA Core Syllabus. The chairman of the TF, Henning Wergen, will issue an updated report in Warsaw on 4 May 2018.
- Review of the Turkish application – it was concluded that the Turkish syllabus largely meets the AAE Core Syllabus. However, there remains a gap on certain issues (i.e. the lack of specialization required by the AAE). It has been agreed with the Turkish Association to work with some members of the Education Committee to work on the outstanding issues in the next 6 months. It is the objective to report back in Warsaw with the final goal to seek approval of the General Assembly in September/October 2018 in The Netherlands.
- ECA 2020: There has been a discussion with Tom Terry, Chairman of the IAA, on the possibility to organize ECA 2020 in Warsaw (100th Anniversary of Polish Association) back to back with the IAA Colloquium. The Education Committee have no fundamental objections but observed some disadvantages. The EC would keep an open communication channel on this issue with the IAA. It was agreed in the Education Committee that the final decision should be made by the AAE Board.

Esko Kivisaari, chairperson of the Insurance Committee, highlighted the Solvency project and some new topics such as the project on negative interest rates including the trend of increasing interest rates. He also mentioned his contacts with EIOPA which have been fruitful. Other new issues such as general data protection will create a new way of thinking for actuaries.

The Chairperson thanked the hosts of the Spring meetings held in Málaga in April and Reykjavík in May as well as the Danish Society for hosting this Annual Meeting. The Chairperson also thanked the Officers, committee representatives and associations for their support throughout the year.

4. **Report of the Chief Executive**

The Chief Executive gave a presentation on significant developments during 2016/2017. The presentation is attached as **Annex 4**.

He particularly highlighted:

- The efficiency improvements made on infrastructure and IT
- The new website that will be launched on Monday 25 September 2017

- The various requests sent to Member Associations of which the observed response willingness leaves room for improvement. Suggestions on how to improve this are welcomed.
- The European Actuary – it is the objective to increase the number of issues from 2 to 3 in 2018 and eventually to 4 issues per year.

Gábor Hanák congratulated the AAE on the new offices, but also issued a warning that visitors should not leave their luggage or other possessions unattended.. Ad Kok replied by mentioning that measures to increase security have been taken .by the owner of the building.

5. **Finances**

The Honorary Treasurer, Karel Goossens, presented the accounts of the financial year 2016, attached as **annex 5**.

Karel referred to his report and the annual accounts for 2016 which had been initially circulated in July to allow the General Assembly time to review the accounts and identify any concerns. Karel pointed out that the accounts had been approved by the independent auditor. There were no questions, and the General Assembly formally approved the accounts for 2016.

Turning to the forecast for 2017, Karel pointed out that there is a surplus expected for 2017. No formal approval is required for the 2017 forecast.

The 2018 budget and forward forecasts, show a declining annual surplus over the years. Karel explained that these forecasts were based on unchanged annual fees and an expected increase in travel expenses due to the new Board structure. The General Assembly formally approved the budget for 2018. The annual fee for 2019 of €20 was also approved.

Karel Goossens thanked the members for having the honour to have served as Honorary Treasurer for the past 2 years. His position will be taken over by one of the Board members after the new Board has been appointed.

6. **Approvals**

6.1 **Code of Professional Conduct**

The following resolutions were put up for approval by the General Assembly:

Resolution 1 - That the Code of Professional Conduct presented herein be adopted - was formally approved.

Resolution 2 - That the Code of Professional Conduct presented herein be effective from 1st January 2021 - was formally approved

Resolution 3 - That the "Sample Questions & Answers on the Code of Professional Conduct" enclosed herein be published. The GA formally agreed to publish the Q&A.

Comments received included the added value of the Q&A.

Yvonne Lynch and her working group were thanked for her work, the dedication showed and the successful finalisation of this project.

6.2 **Memorandum of Understanding with the IAA**

The Memorandum of Understanding with the IAA was briefly explained as a framework for closer cooperation with the IAA, mainly to improve efficiency.

The General Assembly formally approved the Memorandum of Understanding. It was also approved by the IAA at the last Executive Committee meeting pending approval by the AAE. Tom Terry extended his thanks to Malcolm Campbell for the work done on this issue.

7. **Nominations Panel I**

7.1 **The report of the Nominations Panel**

Philip Shier, Chairperson of the Nominations Panel, briefly explained the report of the NP and the considerations of the NP. The report of the NP which was attached to the agenda.

7.2 The following appointments were approved unanimously:

- Esko Kivisaari for the position of Vice-Chairperson 2017-2018
- Malcolm Kemp for the position of Chairperson IFR Committee
- Maitane Mancebo for the position of Chairperson Pensions Committee

8. **Strategy and Governance Proposals**

8.1 **New Strategy**

The proposed new strategy of the AAE following the recommendation of the Board was accepted and approved.

8.2 **Statutes motion**

The GA adopted the motion to replace in art 11.3 of the proposed statutes (second update dated 3 August 2017) the word 'representative' by 'member'.

Statutes

The proposed statutes version dated 3 August 2017 were formally approved.

8.3 **Terms of reference and transitional measures for the Board of Directors**

The General Assembly approved:

- The Terms of Reference
- The Transitional measures

The Senior Officers were mandated as acting Board until the appointment of the new Board.

8.4 **Links between the Board of Directors and the Committee Chairpersons**

The requirements as noted in annex 8.4 to the agenda were approved by the General Assembly.

Gábor Hanak commented on an inconsistency relating to the approval of the ToR. It should state that the ToR should be approved by the General Assembly. With this change the requirements were approved.

8.5 **Terms of reference and transitional measures for the Nominations Panel**

The General Assembly approved:

- The Terms of Reference
- The Transitional measures

The Nominations Panel was mandated to continue until the appointment of the new Nominations Panel.

8.6 **Task force Implementation Strategy Review Proposals (ISRP)**

The work done by the ISRP, well led by Thomas Béhar was recognized as well as the valuable input from Christoph Heck, Birgit Kaiser, Nick Dumbreck and Gábor Hanák. The ISRP TF was thanked for their substantial contributions.

9. **Nominations Panel II**

Philip Shier presented the results of the meeting of the Nominations Panel. His presentation is attached as **Annex 9**.

The candidates proposed for the positions in the new Board are:

- Maria Kamenarova (Slovakia)
- José Mendinhos (Portugal)
- Wilhelm Schneemeier (Germany)
- Kartina Thomson (UK)
- Falco Valkenburg (Netherlands)
- Lutz Wilhelmy (Switzerland)

The candidates proposed for the positions in the Nominations Panel are:

- Manuel Peraita (Spain)
- Giampaolo Crenca (Italy)
- Oliver Steiger (Switzerland)
- Karel Goossens (Belgium)
- Evaldas Valeisa (Lithuania)

The General Assembly approved the 4 week exposure period. The invitation for electronic voting would be issued shortly with the objective to have a full AAE Board and Nominations Panel in function early November.

In addition to the above, Philip proposed to appoint Michael Lucas as Honorary Member. This was unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

10. Farewell to Board members

The Chairperson thanked the Committee chairs and Board members whose term of office now ended. In particular:

- Christoph Krischanitz, active in various roles since 1999 in the IFR committee
- Philip Shier, active in many roles, latest of which being Immediate Past President and Chair of the Nominations Panel
- Falco Valkenburg, active as member and chair of both the Pensions committee and the IFR committee
- Since Esko Kivisaari was appointed as Vice-Chairperson, the position of chairperson of the Insurance Committee has become vacant. The new Nominations Panel will issue a call for nominations shortly. Pending this approval, Esko agreed to act as chairperson until a successor was found.

11. Presentation of new committee chairpersons

Maitane Mancebo, newly appointed Chairperson of the Pensions Committee, introduced herself and mentioned that she aims to follow in Falco's footsteps.

Malcolm Kemp, newly appointed Chairperson of the IFR Committee, thanked the General Assembly for their confidence and is dedicated to the renaming and the refocus of the new Risk Management Committee and will aim to take this forward in a practical kind of way.

12. Any other business

A video from the Col.legi in Spain on the Life colloquium in Barcelona to be held in October was shown. All present were invited to register.

A brief explanation on ICA 2018 was delivered by Michael Renz and brochures were handed out.

13. Maiden speech of the new Chairperson

The AAE Chairperson, Kristoffer Bork, formally handed over chairmanship to Thomas Béhar, now Chairperson of the AAE. Thomas thanked the Danish association for their hospitality and thanked Kristoffer for his leadership and achievements during last year.

Thomas briefly presented his views for the upcoming year, which are attached as **annex 13**.

Florin Ginghina remarked that a quarterly update from the AAE Board will assist the representatives in their feedback to the Member Associations.

14. **Date and place of next meeting**

To note that the 41st Annual Meeting will be held in 2018 - The Netherlands - *date and place to be confirmed*. The 42nd Annual Meeting will be held in 2019 - Vienna, Austria – 9-12 October 2019.

Spring 2018 meetings of the Committees are scheduled as follows:

12 April 2018	Insurance	Lisbon
13 April 2018	Standards, Freedoms and Professionalism	Lisbon
4 May 2018	Education; Pensions; IFR	Warsaw