

Minutes of the EAS - board meeting in Pitea, Sweden November 16 – 18, 2006

Minute taker: Schormann

Start of meeting: November 16, 04:00 p.m.

End of meeting: November 18, 09:00 p.m.

Attendees. Niermann (FN), Mednanska IM), Scheidegger (JS), Schormann (CS), Wiklund (CW)

Apologies: Henessy (SH), Meyer (HM), Sammer (GS), Smilde (RS)

1. Formalities

The president opened the meeting.

The agenda was accepted as presented.

The minutes of the board meeting in Würzburg from April 28 - 30, 2006 were approved unanimously.

2. Conference in Pitea 2007

Having talked to the International Reference Group and to the Local Organisation Group CW gave information about the planning stage of the conference.

The board discussed the preparation of the conference including registration, finances, the politic of inviting speakers, gender aspects, hotel bookings, travel bookings, conference fees, and the international students forum

3. Conference in Würzburg 2006

The president reported on the EAS Conference in Würzburg. The conference feedback was downright positive. Especially successful was the students' forum. CW pointed out that the EAS part was relatively small compared to the big event. There is a cause for concern, that the same problem could arise again in the framework of the conference in France. There is a general agreement, that the conference in Würzburg, which was only an alternative solution for the cancelled conference in Granada/Spain, has to be an exception and that planning of the conference in France should not take course that way.

4. Conference in Salzburg 2006

Having had 1.000 participants the AGMÖ-Conference was very successful. The EAS presentation was very good too. The EAS honorary membership was awarded to Wolf Peschl by FN and JS. In a small ceremony he was honored by a laudation and presented with a certificate.

5. EAS-Website

FN thanked GS for his intense work on the EAS-website.

6. NCs

It was pointed out, how important the work of NCs is for the EAS. Most of the country-websites have to be improved. Each new NC should give information about his person (CV etc.) on the EAS-website. As a basic principle the NCs should give better information about themselves and they should form small teams (2-3 persons). The national associations should be well placed on the website.

7. Membership

Taking care of the members should be improved.

8. ISME

It was determined to continue discussing the relationship between ISME and EAS in the future.

9. ISME-Conference 2008, Bologna

The conference will take place from July 19 to 26, 2008.

The EAS will organise two symposia. The main content of these two symposia will be:

„The currently significant issues of music education in Europe“

„European self-perception of music education compared to the rest of the world“

10. EAS-Conference 2008 in France

HM will organise the conference preparations in close contact to FN. The board discussed the preparation of the conference

A board meeting is planned in Exeter/UK in the framework of the meNet-meeting in November 2007. Nevertheless there was discussion about holding a board meeting in France if necessary for on-site planning.

11. EAS-Conference 2009 in Tallinn/Estonia

The conference topic suggested by the local organisers was accepted. It was decided to affiliate Ene Kangron as a co-opted board member. FN will organise the first conference preparations.

12. Journal

Two music education journals have signalled a strong interest in linking their journals close to the EAS.

All board members are asked to comment on the question of connecting journals to the EAS.

13. Cooperation with Sponsors

FN reported on the existing interest of sponsors to start a cooperation with the EAS. It was agreed that the EAS should put more effort in trying to motivate possible sponsors.

14. Quality and constitution of presentations as an important aspect of the EAS-policy

FN asked all board members to reflect on how the quality of presentations can be improved in terms of preparation, communication, content, moderation, time management and visualisation. The board members are asked to submit him their ideas to that effect.

15. EAS-Vicepresidency

Christer Wiklund was voted for vice-president.

Votings: 4:0:1.

CW accepted the election with thanks.

16. Presidency after 2009

FN pointed out that all board members should keep in mind the elections in 2009.

17. Any Other Business

There were no more items raised.

The president closed the board meeting.