

Minutes EAS board meeting 2009, Tallinn

All present, except Carola Schormann (illness)

Minutes taker: Adri de Vugt

Saturday, 31 January, 9.15 – 11.00

1. Conference Tallinn

- ISME is more visible in the brochures, etc.
 - two counselors of the ministry of Education are involved
 - currently there are 46 abstracts
 - the deadline for call for papers is postponed to 20 February
 - one is considering now the concerts program
 - in programming the conference it will be important to look at to what extent the contributors are connected to EAS (e.g. National coordinators)
 - Liane will attend the conference, Hakan and Graham are not able to come
 - We should pay attention to the UNESCO Road Map for Arts Education
 - NAMM will be present at our conference (and will sponsor with 5000,-)
 - Yamaha is still sponsoring us (although the contact person resigned), the logo should have the same size as NAMM
 - meNet is a main topic of this conference, in fact meNet = EAS!
 - we have to organize a session concerned with advocacy
 - students forum: letters are sent to the NC's, the theme is 'Voice', organization and programming is running
 - once again the dates/times:
 - Saturday 27th June 09.00 Board meeting (that means Friday 26th is travel day)
 - Sunday 28th June board meeting closes with lunch (15.00)
 - Sunday 28th June 17.00 start meNet meeting
 - Wednesday 1st July 13.00 closing meNet meeting
 - Wednesday 1st July 18.00 EAS conference (opening ceremony)
 - Saturday 3rd July 13.00 EAS conference (closing ceremony)
 - Saturday and Sunday 3rd and 4th July Song festival
- NB The plenary session will be scheduled on THURSDAY!

2. National coordinators

Franz has asked the NC's to build a team around them. Some did, some did not. We are still unsure about some countries. The NC's are important for the continuation of EAS. Some of the persons on the list are not yet NC's, they are still contact persons: Marina Gall, Marie-Francoise Quinet/Anne-Clair Scebalt-Auer, Anna Houman
Besides the students forum we should provide a forum for doctorate students.

3. Mission statement and regulations

Franz, Sarah and Adri did start with writing a draft version of the mission statement. In the old charta we had different levels. In this draft version we have two topics: statement and activities.

Besides that there will be an official document concerned with regulation (as a formal document necessary for an association) and an internal document concerned with tasks and roles of board members.

4. EAS NetMusic

The report of the first phase is finished. The next step is a meeting in Vienna (beginning of June). Gerhard has been doing a lot of work.

We consider planning either a presentation or a short information during the plenary session at the EAS conference.

5. Bolu

A proposal for dates for the conference and other activities is currently:

Saturday 24th April travel day

Sunday 25th and Monday 26th Board meeting

Monday 26th – Wednesday 28th April Students forum

Wednesday 28th – Friday 30th April Conference

A proposal to meet in the autumn will follow.

11.30 – 14.30

6. Working in different groups:

Conference group: Josef, Irena, Gabriela, Ene, Franz, Gerhard

Mission statement: Sarah, Adri, Herbert, Branka

15.00 – 16.00

7. Report of the group working on the conference (see report Gabriela)

In addition we discussed the place of the students forum. There are advantages and disadvantages to schedule this presentation amongst the others. We decided to discuss this issue the next day (Sunday)

We decided to take care for the quality control. Important will be to have good chairs. We suggest to ask the meNet partners and members of the board.

Sunday, 1 February, 9.15 – 11.00

1. Next conferences

2009 Tallinn

2010 Bolu

2011 Gdansk

2012 The Hague (not official yet)

2013 Brussels

2014 France

Concerning Tallinn

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Concerning Bolu

In addition to what is mentioned above at 5: one can fly either to Ankara or to Istanbul. We agreed to consider how our flights can be adjusted in order to travel together to Bolu. Franz has been discussing the possible theme. Currently there are several options. Themes which came up were: transculturality, interdisciplinarity, popular music, music of the 20th century. We don't have to decide what theme it should be, but we are not so much in favor of the last two. We think a theme like popular music can be an aspect and example of transculturality. We do however suggest not to use term transculturality, but e.g. a title like encountering different cultures. Concerning interdisciplinarity it is obvious that other arts are involved.

Concerning The Hague

There is the willingness and enthusiasm amongst colleagues and within the education department. There has been sent an official letter to the board of directors of the institute with the request to organize a conference in 2012. There is no official agreement yet. Adri hopes to inform the EAS board soon (in two months)

11.0 – 14.00

2. Mission statement

first part

We discussed the statement sentence by sentence.

Paragraph 1

We wonder why use 'professional fields'. We discussed that we would like to say that music education takes place in more than just schools and we would like to emphasize the necessity of the professionalism.

Paragraph 2

We discussed the use of school related but ultimately we decide to keep it. Although we understand ourselves what we mean with 'can', we decide to skip it because of the political load.

Paragraph 3

Some are wondering what we mean with community. We agreed that we mean that EAS contributes to the community of music education as other associations do. We realize that we are a part of it.

Paragraph 5

We discuss to change the statement into a 'we' form. Ultimately, we decide to do that. We decide to skip 'can' in 'can develop'.

Second part:

Fields of activities

- We move the second bullet to the top. This is the main activity.
- We discuss the activity concerned with the website. Actual we are not giving the opportunity to discuss.
- We give the opportunity to exchange information, etc. We decide to move the topic students to be the fourth item and remove the additions concerned with conferences.

General remark: we decided to translate the Mission statement in English and German.

3. Regulations (for specific changes see document EAS regulations).

Herbert has to compare the current draft text with the original one.

Purpose of the association

Two items: promotion of music education and organizing conferences, etc. conferences, etc.

Members

We have members and honorary members

Board: elections

We decide that the president should be someone who has been a member of the board.

General meeting

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General meeting is better than plenary session

HERE I MISS NOW SOME THINGS

4. Members profile.

Sarah and Adri have prepared a document to give an input to the thoughts concerning tasks of board members. There is a need for being more clear about this, the EAS has to function as a team in which everyone has a responsibility. This paper only suggests possible tasks and need to be discussed.

General things:

- There are 10 positions, in the election at Tallinn there will be 8 persons 'left' of the current board (they can be re-elected). There will be 2 co-opted members.
- We have to add to the tasks of the chair the contact with the NC's. To find NC's, encourage them and support them in their work.
- The disadvantage of this function description can be that board members feel responsible without the support of others. On the contrary one can argue that the EAS board has to function as a team with equal responsibilities of all members. Another point is that some tasks have to be shared.
- Co-opted members can take in principle every task.
- Besides the chair other persons as well have to liaise with other organizations, e.g. ISME and EMC.

- Some tasks are clear (and still existing), some roles have been part of the president's role in the past (overload) and there are some new roles. Roles like general secretary are quite new.
- International office: association has to have an address (including email). We discuss this could probably be the address of the general secretary. We need to discuss further on how we solve the problem of email. We can think about a virtual address which can be forwarded when changes take place.

About names and tasks, we have talked about persons. Everyone was asked to express how people see their role in the board. Of course, it's not to decide yet.

Sarah expresses that she is willing to be president or vice-president.

Gerhard expresses to take the role of webmaster.

Herbert will continue with the treasurer tasks and will discuss this role with Thomas de Baets.

Branka argues the importance of circulation the tasks. She finds it difficult to decide which tasks are interesting for her, but it will probably go in the direction of conference secretary or student forum coordinator.

Ene says she has learned a lot from being a co-opted member. She is interested in how to get more members. She definitely wants to contribute to the EAS as a team player, but doesn't know yet with which specific role.

This document helps current board members to think of their own role in the next future and will help as well to decide for which tasks we need new members in case we have elections.

5. How to move on?

In the next weeks members of the board could have a talk with Franz or Sarah to discuss their own ideas, wishes, etc.

After this everyone is asked to communicate this with the whole board so everyone knows from each other what the ideas and wishes are.

We as a board nominate the next president.

Two months before Tallinn the invitation has to go out to all members, including a call for nominations and the proposal for the new president.

We as a board should propose who has to be the next president.

Franz will make a timeline.

6. Website

Note FN&AV: idea to create three levels at the website [1] accessible to all [2] members [3] board members.

Closed at 16.45

Note from the president: this Board meeting was very fruitful and effective. An important reason is that we did have the time for it!

Many thanks to Ene!