

Protocol of the General Assembly 2015

Date:	07.03.2015
Time:	14:00
Place:	Restaurant Falcone, Birmensdorferstrasse 150, 8003 Zürich
Participants:	18
Can vote:	17
Board present:	6
List of participants:	see Appendix
Head of GA:	Cristiana Borrelli
Protocol:	Lorenz Ammann

1. Welcome

All the participants introduce themselves shortly.

2. Quorum

Since the general assembly was duly convened, it is quorate.

3. Vote counter

Reto Grob is selected to be the vote counter. Of the 18 persons present 17 can vote and one is a guest. The majority will be 9 votes.

4. Agenda

The agenda was sent in electronic format together with the invitation.

Question: Do you accept the agenda for this general assembly?

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

5. Protocol of the general assembly 2014

The protocol of last year's general assembly is accessible through our homepage and was sent together with the invitation to this general assembly in electronic format.

Question: Do you accept the protocol of the general assembly 2014?

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

6. Annual report 2014

Matthias Pfäffli (vice-president) gives a brief overview of the activities of the organization in 2014. Important points were concluding the project evaluation matrix, the article published in the *Swiss Engineering* magazine and last but not least the new fundraising team working since December 2014. Matthias also talks about the progressions of EWB+ in the ongoing projects and mentions that we have a new logo. Reto then gives a brief overview of the activities.

The annual report 2014 was sent in electronic format together with the invitation and is accessible through our homepage.

Question: Do you accept the annual report 2014?

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

7. Financial report 2013

Leonardo Meiler (treasurer) presents the financial report of 2013 and explains why it had not passed revision yet at the time of the general assembly 2014. A reserve was not properly allocated and resolved. The corrected annual report ends with income increased by CHF 76.75.

The financial report of 2013 is open for everyone to see at the general assembly.

Question: Do you accept the financial report 2013?

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

8. Financial report 2014

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The report is open for everyone to see at the general assembly.

Question: Do you accept the financial report 2014?

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

9. Discharge of the board for 2013

Since the financial report of the year 2013 has now been accepted, the board can now be discharged for the year 2013. Since the members of the board can't discharge themselves, there are 11 persons allowed to vote on this.

Question: Do you want to discharge the board for the year 2013?

Yes: 11

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

10. Discharge of the board for 2014

Since the members of the board can't discharge themselves, there are 11 persons allowed to vote on this.

Question: Do you want to discharge the board for the year 2014?

Yes: 11

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

11. Discharge of the accounters for 2014

Since the accounters can't discharge themselves, there are 16 persons allowed to vote on this.

Question: Do you want to discharge the accounters for the year 2014?

Yes: 16

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

12. Budget for 2015

Leonardo Meiler (treasurer) presents the budget for the year 2015. The largest expenditures will be for the projects in Argentina (Colonia Dora) and India (Srikakulam).

A potential conflict in terms of money allocation to the two projects is recognized by one member. It is agreed that the fundraising for the project in Srikakulam must start without delay after the funds for Colonia Dora have been raised, in order to provide sufficient funds for the project in Srikakulam in the second half of 2015. It is generally agreed that EWB+ needs a list of criteria which allows prioritizing different projects in terms of their need for financial support through savings of EWB+.

For clarification, the vote on the budget 2015 is split into multiple strategic votes on separate parts of the budget.

Question: Can EWB+ provide financial support for projects directly using the savings?

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Question: Do you accept that a maximum of CHF 11000 of the savings is spent for projects in 2015 if necessary?

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Question: Do you accept that a maximum of CHF 8000 of the savings is spent for the project in Colonia Dora if necessary?

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Question: Do you accept the budget for 2015?

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

13. Elections

President

Leonardo Meiler is the only candidate for president of the organization in 2015. The current president, Cristiana Borrelli, is a candidate for an advisory position in the board instead. Leonardo presents his vision for the year 2015. He wants to focus on the current projects and use the experience of the project in Colonia Dora as a reference for fundraising for more projects ahead.

Question: Do you accept Leonardo Meiler as president of the organization for 2015?

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Treasurer

Dimitrios Piskas is the only candidate for treasurer of the organization in 2015. The current treasurer, Leonardo Meiler, has been elected president of the organization. Dimitrios briefly states his motivation to work as a volunteer for the organization.

Question: Do you accept Dimitrios Piskas as treasurer of the organization for 2015?

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Actuary

Lorenz Ammann is the only candidate for treasurer of the organization in 2015. He has been actuary of EWB+ since 2012.

Question: Do you accept Lorenz Ammann as actuary of the organization for 2015?

Yes: 16

No: 0

Abstentions: 1

Rest of the board

Francisco Hernandez V., Cristiana Borrelli, Matthias Pfäffli, Eric Carrera and Christian Vögeli are candidates for the board. Their tasks will be defined in the following board meetings.

Question: Do you accept Francisco Hernandez V., Cristiana Borrelli, Matthias Pfäffli, Eric Carrera and Christian Vögeli as members of the board for 2015?

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Accounters

Xavier Ballansat and Yasser Salem are the only candidates for the position of accountant for 2015.

Question: Do you accept Xavier Ballansat and Yasser Salem as accounters for 2015?

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

14. Parting members of the board

Reto Grob has been a member of the board since 2012 and has decided not to run for that position again. With a small present, the board thanks Reto for the work he has been doing for the organization during the last years and wishes him success in his future career.

15. Changes in terms

Leonardo Meiler presents the changes in terms proposed by the board to the members. They are all related to tax exemption. The changes that are subject to the following vote can be found in the appendix of this protocol.

Question: Do you accept the changes in terms?

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

16. Change of membership fee

The current membership fee is CHF 20 per annum for students and CHF 50 per annum for working persons. The board suggests to raise the membership fee to CHF 60 per annum for working persons. The fee for students is not changed.

The reason for the raise is the intensified involvement of the organization in projects and a planned voluntary transition from yearly to monthly fees.

Question: Do you accept that the membership fee for working persons is CHF 60 per annum?

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

The new membership fee takes effect on 01.01.2016.

17. New donation model

Lorenz Ammann presents a suggestion for a new donation model, including different classes of support. The goal is to go from yearly to monthly payments, allowing for different membership classes. This is thought to improve the cash flow of the organization and might also make it easier for members to contribute with more than the annual membership fee.

A clear description of the additional benefits for the projects depending on the donation class should

be given. Specific examples of what can be done with the additional support are more rewarding to members.

18. Outlook for 2015

Reto Grob presents the activities planned for the year 2015. He mentions EWBarbecue, Raclette dinner, IngOGStamm and the Lunchseminaries.

19. Applications of members

No applications were received

20. Varia

It is mentioned that the contribution possibility on the website should relate better to the people. We could for example give the possibility to donate one bag of cement (CHF X). This will help the fundraising team. The possibility of setting up a Paypal account is also mentioned.

We should clearly state that we have nearly no administrative costs.

21. Closing the general assembly 2015

Cristiana Borrelli closes the general assembly 2015 at 17:30.

Changes in terms

Additions to the current terms are highlighted in ***bold italics*** and deletions are ~~struck through~~.

Art. 3 Zweck

Der Verein verfolgt die Vision, in den Zielregionen durch wohl durchdachte ingenieurtechnische Tätigkeiten eine nachhaltige Entwicklung zu fördern. Die Infrastruktur soll so verbessert werden, dass die lokale Bevölkerung ihre täglichen Bedürfnisse besser befriedigen kann. Zusätzlich wird ein Wissenstransfer in die Zielregionen angestrebt.

Der Verein verfolgt diesen Zweck durch konkrete Tätigkeiten. Vision, Auftrag und Ziele von IngOG+ sind in einem Leitbild festgelegt.

Der Verein verfolgt keine kommerziellen Zwecke und erstrebt keinen Gewinn.

Art. 6 Mitgliederbeitrag

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Der jährliche Mitgliederbeitrag beträgt mindestens 10 CHF für natürliche Personen und 50 CHF für juristische Personen.

~~Mitgliederbeiträge werden hauptsächlich zur Deckung der Verwaltungskosten verwendet.~~

Mit den Mitgliederbeiträgen werden mindestens die laufenden Verwaltungskosten gedeckt.

Art. 13 Der Vorstand

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Die Vorstandsmitglieder werden jeweils für die Dauer von einem Jahr aus dem Kreise der Mitglieder des Vereins von der GV gewählt. Alle Vorstandsmitglieder sind unbeschränkt wieder wählbar.

Die Mitglieder des Vorstandes sind ehrenamtlich tätig und haben grundsätzlich nur Anspruch auf Entschädigung ihrer effektiven Spesen und Barauslagen. Für besondere Leistungen einzelner Vorstandsmitglieder kann eine angemessene Entschädigung ausgerichtet werden.

Der Vorstand konstituiert sich selbst. Der Präsident und Vize-Präsident werden von der GV gewählt.

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Art. 17 Liquidation

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~~Ein nach Bezahlung aller Verbindlichkeiten noch vorhandenes Vermögen ist gemäss Beschlüssen der GV einer anderen wegen Gemeinnützigkeit steuerbefreiten Institution mit gleichem oder ähnlichem Zweck zu übertragen.~~

Die nach Auflösung des Vereins und Bezahlung aller Verbindlichkeiten verbleibenden Mittel, sind, gemäss Beschlüssen der GV, einer steuerbefreiten Institution mit Sitz in der Schweiz mit gleicher oder ähnlicher Zwecksetzung zuzuwenden. Eine Verteilung unter den Mitgliedern ist ausgeschlossen.