



## Minutes 25 September 2015, 15.00-16.30, via Skype.

Present: Giorgio Dal Fiume (President), Emilie Durochat, Bertil Hogberg (Treasurer), Tadeusz Makulski (Secretary), Sophie Tack, Marijke Visser and Francesca Giubilo (Coordinator).

Excused: Gabriella D'Amico

AGENDA
1. Approval minutes 16/07/2015
2. 2016 WFTO Biennial Conference and AGM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Budget and fees</li><li>● Evaluation of the request from the Retailers and Worldshops Committee</li><li>● Updates, next steps</li></ul>
3. Next Board meeting in Brussels in October: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Logistics and agenda</li></ul>
4. Update from the recent WFTO Global Board meeting
5. FTT campaign: update and recent proposal by FTT Steering Committee
6. AOB

### 1. Approval minutes of previous Board meeting

The minutes of the Board meeting held the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2015 via Skype were approved with a small amendment.

### 2. 2016 WFTO Biennial Conference and AGM

The next WFTO-E Biennial Conference and AGM will take place in Wuppertal from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2016. During the summer, a contract was signed between WFTO-E and the venue. Based on this information, the Coordinator shared with the Board the first figures collected and discussed with Tadeusz and Giorgio on the next Biennial Conference. Starting from the main costs and the eventual expenses, she moved to the income and the possible fees structure created to cover the cost. Considering the proposal from the Committee to have a meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June in the morning and then to arrive the date before, the Board evaluated the extra costs that this proposal include and agreed to:

- Recognise the importance of this Committee and to include this extra costs in the budget of the Biennial Conference. However, an extra fees will be asked to the participants of the worldshops associations meeting to cover the extra costs.
- Ask the Committee, and in particular Gabriella as the main referent, to present a clear work plan and a list of possible participants to the next Board meeting in October.

In terms of timeline, Francesca also shared the following calendar with the Board:

- 25th of September - agree on worldshops associations meeting
- 14-15 of October - discuss budget, fees and draft agenda of the next Biennial Conference
- November - 1st communication to the members: place and date
- January: finalise draft agenda, fees, registration process
- End of January - launch the registration process
- By 30 of March - end of early registration fees

- By 27 of April - end of registration
- By 5 of May - deadline to communicate last changes to the venue without paying a cancellation fee.
- 2-5 Biennial Conference and AGM

This should allow members to start planning in advance their participation in the Biennial Conference and AGM in 2016.

### **3. Next Board meeting in Brussels in October:**

The coordination gave an overview of the calendar:

- 13<sup>th</sup> of October: Meeting with the FTAO
- 14<sup>th</sup> of October:
  - 8.00/9.30 FT Breakfast at the EP
  - 10.00/17.30 Board meeting (Mundo B building, Rue d'Edimbourg 26, 1050 Brussels)
  - 18.00/20.30 WFTO-E event on "Wear your ideas" (Mundo B building)
- 15<sup>th</sup> of October: 8.00/17.00 Board meeting (Mundo B building)

Due to the Clean Clothes Campaign International Forum, Sophie will only be able to attend the WFTO-E event on the 14<sup>th</sup> evening as well as to join the Board meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

The main discussion on the strategic plan will be then take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. The Board agreed with the importance of having an external consultant to guide the Board in the discussion regarding the WFTO-E strategic plan. Marijke will so ask to a consultant she knows her availability and price to support WFTO-E in this exercise. While Francesca will contact Natalia to get the information regarding the consultant WFTO Global already hired for the same purpose. In terms of costs, Emilie kindly proposed PFCE to cover the cost of the consultant.

### **4. Update from the recent WFTO Global Board meeting**

Sophie updated the Board on the 1<sup>st</sup> WFTO Global Board meeting she attended from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of September. She stressed the friendly atmosphere and the great team she found and outlined the main topics dealt in the 3 days:

- 1 day: finance, governance, membership, GS, fundraising and Working Groups. She particularly stressed the great job made by the previous Board and the staff to bring the organisation to the current good financial health. She mentioned that WFTO membership is growing and she gave an overview of the main working groups active at Global level.
- 2 day: strategy. A consultant supported the members in the discussion towards the new WFTO strategic plan.
- 3 day: Relations with the Regions, WFTDay, Advocacy and Campaigning Committee, Ambiente, World Social Forum (Montreal in August 2016), FTT, next AGMs and other pending issues from Milan. With regard to the decentralisation fees, she communicated the decision of WFTO Global not to increase the fee to the Region – which is now at 100€ per member – but to analyze how the workload of the Regions to carry out the Membership and Monitoring Tasks on behalf of WFTO could be reduced. Concerning the pending issue, she confirmed that:
  - Due to the internal divergences, the Board will dedicate a specific session in the next meeting in February to deal with the issue of "domestic FT".

- Together with Luis Heller (WFTO Global Board member), she will lead the working group on the “Revision of the Charter of FT principles”, which should develop a new draft by June 2016. Giorgio will be also involved in the process.
- She will be also leading the Advocacy and Campaigning Committee, whose reactivity has been quite low so far.
- Regarding the FTAO, WFTO Global will continue to be represented by Rudi and WFTO-E by Sophie in the next months.

After the meeting, Sophie will share with the Board her personal notes on the Global meeting.

## **5. FTT campaign: update and recent proposal by FTT Steering Committee**

Tadeusz presented to the Board the official request made by Bruce and the Steering Committee of the FTT campaign regarding the new stakeholder proposal and the Global contribution this proposal should receive. 10 questions were raised up to WFTO-E regarding its overall vision and direction. In order to dedicate enough time to this topic, Tadeusz, Giorgio, Sophie, Bertil and Francesca will have a separate discussion on the 8th of October from 11.30 to 13.00 to go through these questions and present an initial draft to the other Board members in the meeting in Brussels.

## **9. AOB**

The next face-to-face Board meeting will be the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> of October in Brussels.

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