



EUROPE

Minutes WFTO-Europe Board meeting 19 December 2017, 14:00-15:30 via gotomeeting

Present: Tadeusz Makulski (President), Emilie Durochat, Estelle Vanwambeke, Stephanie Brookes, Stefan Nijsen, Francesca Giubilo (Coordinator).

Excused: Gabriella D'Amico.

AGENDA
1. Approval of minutes (29-11-2017)
2. Nomination of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretary• Treasurer• Vice-President• FTAO Representative
3. Decision on co-opting a new Board member
4. Next Board meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Place and date• Draft agenda• Next Chair
5. AOB

Emilie Durochat, Chair of the meeting, welcomed everyone in the meeting.

1. Approval of minutes

Minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Nomination of several roles within the Board

The Chair briefly read the description of each role. After some discussions, the Board unanimously approved the following nominations:

- Vice-President: Emilie Durochat
- Secretary: Emilie Durochat
- Treasurer: Stephanie Brookes
- Co-Chairs of the Retailers and Worldshops Committee: Gabriella D'Amico (re-confirmed) and Stefan Nijsen
- FTAO representative: In case of a need of replacement of WFTO-Europe representative in FTAO Board, it was agreed that Francesca Giubilo will take this role when a time of change comes. The Board is very grateful to Sophie Tack for the great work she made as representative of WFTO-Europe within FTAO and decided to wait for the official appointment of the new WFTO Global Representative in the FTAO board to make any changes regarding WFTO-Europe representation.

3. Decision on co-opting a new board member

According to the Bylaws, WFTO-Europe Board members must be at least 7. Considering the current composition of the Board, which counts of only 6 members, the Board had to decide whether to open a new call to co-opt a new Board member.

Considering the AGM in June 2018 and the need at that time to open a call to replace Tadeusz Makulski as Board member, the Board unanimously agreed not to open right now an extra call to co-opt a new member but to wait for May and look for 2 board members at the same time.

4. Next Board meeting

The Next physical Board meeting will take place on the 18th of January from 9am to 5.30pm. On the 17th of January (most likely from 3 to 6 pm) a specific meeting will be dedicated to Retailers and Worldshops among Gabriella, Stefan, Tadeusz and Francesca.

Due to some difficulties in finding a good timing for everyone and to the relevance of being altogether for this first meeting, the Board agreed to have only one day meeting in Brussels.

The draft agenda will include:

1. Update and news from the countries, including the discussion on the letter the French Fair Trade platform sent to WFTO Global regarding FT regulation.
2. News from the office, including update on the new External newsletter will be issued in Jan/Feb 2018)
3. Update on the financial situation and budget 2018
4. DEAR project
5. WFTO-Europe Biennial Conference + AGM
6. Strategic plan 2018-2020
7. Update on the WFTO Global issues (with Sophie): follow up on the resolutions approved in Delhi (especially on the new WFTO governance and Northern producers) and on the implementation of the new WFTO strategic plan
8. FTAO (with Sergi): presentation of FTAO activities and plans for the next 2 years as well as WFTO-Europe financial commitment for the next years
9. AOB

Stefan was appointed as Chair for the next meeting. Stefan, Emilie and Francesca will then work together on the final agenda.

5. AOB

The President gave an update on the Fair Trade Towns Campaigns, especially in Asia. Although the number of FT Towns are less than in Europe, the calculation of the coverage per capita is much higher due to the population density and size of the towns awarded eg. Taipei , Taiwan 3,5 mln inhabitants
The Working Group composed of 2 representatives each international stakeholder of FTT Campaign: WFTO (Rudi Dalvai, Sophie Tack), FI, Int. FTT SC (Billy Linstead Goldsmith, Luis Heler) moderated by Sergi Corbalan of FTAO is making a process of revision and update of existing FTT Guidelines and ToR for Int. FTT Steering Committee.

The Coordinator shared 2 updates:

- A new external newsletter will be issued by end of January/beginning of February. Francesca will circulate a draft mailing list after the meeting and invite all board members to fill in the list with any new contact person could be interested in receiving the newsletter (politicians, civil society organisations, researchers,...).
- An advisory group to support WFTO-Europe team in the work linked to the research on Living wage will be soon set up. This research needs to carry out in the framework of the TFLF project. Sébastien, Francesca from WFTO-Europe, Rain Morgan from WFTO-Global Working group on Fair payment, and one or more persons from the WFTO-Europe Board will be invited to attend.

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