



Minutes WFTO-Europe Board meeting 11 February 2019, 15:00-16:30, Skype

Present: Juanjo Martinez (President), Estelle Vanwambeke, Gabriella D'Amico, Giorgio Dal Fiume, (Secretary), Stephanie Brookes (Treasurer) and Francesca Giubilo (Coordinator).

Excused: Emilie Durochat.

Chair: Stephanie Brookes

AGENDA
1. Approval of minutes (25-01-2019 Rome)
2. Approve Accounts 2018 and updated budget 2019
3. Board skills audit questionnaire
4. AOB

1. Approval minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Approve accounts 2018 and updated budget 2019

Accounts 2018: The Accounts 2018 with a final positive balance of 3098€ was unanimously approved.

Provisional budget 2019: the updated version of the budget was unanimously approved. This included:

- New budget for travel expenses (to visit members and attending key international events);
- IT budget mainly due to the change of the internal server;
- More accurate figures from TFLF project.

A need to work on fundraising was once again stressed to cover the financial gap and close the year with a positive balance. The Board agreed to re-look at the budget in 6 months to check the status of the finances.

3. Board skills audit questionnaire

Based on the skills audit questionnaire prefilled in by each and every Board member, the Board acknowledged the wish to have new people in the Board with a background in one of the following areas:

- fundraising
- strategic orientation for future of FT in Europe
- EU institutions and policy making knowledge
- Commercial background

The Board also agreed that people from the North of Europe and representing different membership categories (FTSO, FTN, FTO) should be encouraged to apply for.

Next step:

The Coordinator will work on the next call for application for the Board elections and introduce these desirable criteria in the call.

4. AOB

International Women's Day

The Coordinator kindly asked the Board members to participate in the proposal made by the WFTO-Europe to collect testimonials from them on women in leadership position.

Biennial Conference and AGM 2020

The Board agreed to open a call to host the next Biennial Conference in 2020.

Next step

The Coordinator will prepare an application template including key logistics and financial info the Board would need to get in order to take the final decision. The application should include also key information on:

- level of support from the hosting organisation;
- possible extra funding for accommodation and travel.

The next Board meeting will take place on the 30th of April via Skype.

END.