

Assistance Dogs Europe
Members Business Meeting
Barcelona – 28th July 2012 – 17:30
Minutes

1. Roll Call of members and Handing out of Voting Cards and Proxy Votes

There will be no Roll Call of members because we are pressed by time; there will be a Roll Call during the ADI members meeting 29th of July, 9:15
There are **15 voting members** at the meeting, so there is a quorum.
ADEu has 30 voting members and 33 candidates to date.

However the documents for the Members Business Meeting have not been presented exactly 14 days before the meeting started, the present members do not object to use the documents as base for approval.

2. Minutes of Last Members Meeting and Matters Arising

Minutes of the Members Meeting 24 June 2011 are accepted without modification.

3. Board Report 2011 – 2012

The Board Report 2011-2012 is accepted without modification.

4. Finance Report 2011 / Budget 2012

Peter Gorbing explains shortly the report 2011 and the budget 2012
Income is generated through membership, conference and accreditation fees.
Expenditure is generated by expenses for conference, accreditation, ADEu Board meetings, and office expenses. There is a small loss for the conference.
Some expenses made for ADI: ADI Board and ADI website expenses, ADEu has to charge ADI and will be refunded.
Budget 2012, we expect to break even.

There are questions about the amount of

- 1650.36 Euro for the ADI Board? These are costs which have been made for attending the International Board by ADEu Board-members. ADEu has to charge ADI for this amount and will be refunded.
- 1996.08 Euro for internet expenses? 1500.00 Euro is for work/hours spent on updating of the ADI website. ADEu has to charge ADI for this amount and will be refunded.

Voting for approval of the Finance Report 2011 and the Budget 2012

→ **15 votes in favour**

5. Issues and Motions from Members

Discussion on members' priorities for the next two years

Caroline Thienpont, Hachiko, Belgium brings in 5 items for discussion:

1. Terminology of Assistance Dogs
2. Colours for Assistance Dogs and Programs
3. ADEu – ADI structure
4. Prevent Possible Proliferation of Unprofessional Organisations
5. Membership Fees and ADEu Statutes

4 Voting members (including Hachiko itself) and 9 candidates have (partly) completed an enquiry of Hachiko about the issues above; 2 forms have been returned unfilled.

Ad 1.

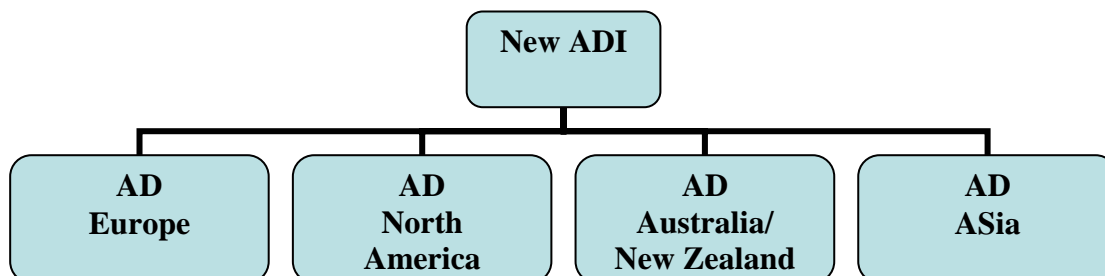
Everybody agrees to discuss the item "Terminology". It always will be an issue; we have to deal with many different countries, languages and cultures. There is general debate planned on 29th of June, 11:30 am: "How will we define 'assistance dogs' in the future?"

Ad 2.

Most programs do not bother about special colours; they are working for several years with their own colours already, and want to keep it like that. See also Ad1.

Ad 3.

ADEu is working along the structure that is proposed in 2006 in Malmö, see picture.



ADEu and ADINA established as formal regional Chapters of ADI in 2007.

ADEu has been registered as a legal entity since 23 January 2012.

ANZAD (AD Australia/New Zealand) has been launched in 2012.

ADI has statutes since 2010, where Article VI describes the regional chapters.

All regions have agreed to become legal entities and there is therefore a need to create partnership agreements with the larger ADI. ADEu and ANZAD have accomplished separate entity status and are now incorporated in their own regions. Cabell Youell is working on achieving a similar status for North America in Virginia.

Ad 4.

The ADI Membership Committee will be working on more stringent requirements for candidates. At the moment every application for candidature is discussed and critically reviewed by the ADEu Board.

Ad 5.

In the ADEu Statutes is written:

"6.2 Every Member pays an annual Membership fee; the Board will decide on the amount before the General Assembly based on the budget of the Association and will announce it during the General Assembly."

Be aware this is a translation in English; the official language of the statutes is in Dutch.

The General Assembly has to agree with the amount of the annual Membership fee.

Next ADI Assembly is 29th of June, 11:30, during this meeting the fees for the upcoming years will be discussed and voted for.

6. Any Other Business

No other business.

Meeting is closed at 19:00 h