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1. Reports:

- **President, Mr. Wim Beckmann:**

Mr. Beckmann

Before Mr. Beckmann starts with presenting the Presidents report he has two announcements:

- Ivo de Vijver requested the President to inform the EFSCA members that he will no longer be a member of EFSCA because of his retirement;
- Vojtech Vranay left EFSCA because of his departure at the Fire Service College. This decision is made by him due to the health of his wife. Marek Hütter of the Fire Service College has replaced Vojtech as treasurer of EFSCA.

The complete speech can be found in the [attached link](#).

- **Secretary, Mrs. Iveta Uka:**

Mrs. Iveta gives an summary of the EFSCA Board meetings over the last year.

The complete presentation can be found in the [attached link](#).

- **Treasurer, Mr. Marek Hutter:**

Mr Hutter introduces himself to the EFSCA members. He took over the position as treasurer from Vojtech Vranay.

- Collection of annual fees:

This year 28 countries have paid their fees. In total EFSCA has 32 members;

- There is a small decrease in the balance. This is due to the extra costs of the organization of the this years' conference in Germany. Germany is a more expensive country then the host countries of former years. This year the host country made use of sponsorship to cover a part of the costs.

Question:

Denmark was under the impression that there was a budget for the organizing countries.

Answer:

There is no fixed budget. It is up to the board to decide what they find to be a reasonable contribution of the costs of the hosting counties.

The complete presentation can be found in the [attached link](#).

2. Awarding Medals:

The Presidents thanks Peter, Harald and Katrin for all their efforts made to organize this years' EFSCA conference.

Medals are rewarded to:

- Harald Herweg (gold)
- Peter Wagner (Silver)
- Katrin Kaestner (Silver)

3. Presentation of Kosovo Academy for Public Safety

The Kosovo Academy for Public Safety (KAPS) introduces themselves to the ESFCA members.

There are no questions from the participants.

The complete presentation can be found in the [attached link](#).

4. Voting for new members of EFSCA;

- **Kosovo Academy for Public Safety**

all votes are in favor of Kosovo entering as EFSCA member;

Conclusion: KAPS now is accepted as a new EFSCA member.

5. **Signing of the constitution of EFSCA by the new member representatives**

The constitution is signed by our new EFSCA member KAPS from Kosovo.

6. **Presentation of Portugal: Escola Nacional de Bombeiros - organizers of the next annual meeting of EFSCA in 2018**

The complete presentation can be found in the [attached link](#)

7. **Next year organization countries:**

Candidates:

- 2018 – Portugal – Escola Nacional de Bombeiros
- 2019 – Estonia - Public Service Academy, Rescue College
- 2020 – Slovenia - Training Centre for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief

8. **Voting:**

Voting for annual subscriptions fee from € 500,- to € 550,= per year

To make more financial support of host countries possible as well as to create the possibility to give financial support for the working groups the board proposes a slight increase of the annual fee. During the last 10 years the annual fee has not been raised.

- Lithuania would like to receive an formal plan in which is states how this money is spend.
- Some other countries give their motivation why they should vote in favor of this proposal.

Results of the voting by raising hand:

17 in favor

1 against.

Hereby this proposal is accepted.

Voting for EFSCA Constitution

- **Formal or informal status of EFSCA.**

The President gives an explanation of the current status of EFSCA as an informal organization. Being an informal organization leads to a lot of problems and difficulties regarding banking, responsibility and other obligations. Changing the way EFSCA is organized has no influence in the way EFSCA works, its aims, structure ore atmosphere.

Remarks:

Denmark: Did not receive the documents. Therefor they would like to have the opportunity to discuss this matter with their legal advisors. This is also the case with Spain.

Denmark (abstains from voting)

Results of the voting by writing:

17 in favor

0 against

3 abstain (Denmark, Spain, Slovenia)

The results of this voting enables EFSCA to change their status to a formal organization. The members are informed by Wim Beckmann that he, in his position as EFSCA President, will take the necessary steps to make this change possible. Hereby the members authorize Mr. Wim Beckmann (President of EFSCA) to sign the notarial act (deed) at the notary office in The Netherlands. To agree with the registration of the board members in 1) the new Constitution of EFSCA and 2) the Dutch Chamber of Commerce (ofwel de Kamer van Koophandel). For the Constitution (1) the notary in The Netherlands requires identification and verification from every Board member by a local notary.

The voting document can be found in the [attached link](#).

Voting for new version of constitution

Results of the voting by writing:

14 in favor

0 against

7 abstain (Austria, Belgium, Slovenia, Spain, Denmark, Sweden, Kosovo)

Portugal voted in favor but will send a written motivation to Iveta.

Hereby the proposal is accepted!

9. Passing of the Flag

Harald Herweg passed the EFSCA flag to mr. José Maria Oliveira Ferreira of Portugal

10. Other issues and questions

There no other issues or questions to be discussed.

11. The General and the conference are closed by Mr. Beckmann.

The complete speech can be found in the [attached link](#)

Iveta Uka
EFSCA Secretary