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Minutes

IUT Board Meeting, Prague, Czech Republic September 29, 2010

Present

Austria
Czech Rep.

Denmark

England
Finland

France
Germany

Netherlands

Norway

Sweden

Switzerland

IUT Brussels
IUT Secretariat

Nadja Shah, MVÖ

Milan Taraba, SON

Anna Pachtová, SON

Jørgen D. Jensen, LLO

Helene Toxværd, LLO

Richard Hewgill, TPAS England

Anne Viita, Vuokralaisten Keskusliitto

Eddie Jacquemart, CNL

Heidrun Clausen, DMB

Lukas Siebenkotten, DMB

Ronald Paping, Woonbond

René van Genugten, Woonbond

Lars Aasen, LBF

Katrine Woll, LBF

Anders Konradsson, SUT

Sven Bergensträhle, SUT

François Zutter, ASLOCA

Jakob Trümpy, MVÖ

Barbara Steenbergen, Head of liaison office

Sven Carlsson, President

Magnus Hammar, Secretary General

Ylva Westander, Assistant Secretary

1. Opening of the meeting

Sven Carlsson, president of the IUT, opened the meeting and welcomed the board members. Sven gave a special welcome to Michelle Reid, TPAS (England), and Sven Bergenstråhle, Hyresgästföreningen (Sweden), who participated for the first time.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The draft agenda was adopted as written. Two additional items, a proposition from the Confédération Nationale du Logement and a motion to the congress from the Nederlandse Woonbond, were discussed under item 11 of the agenda.

3. Minutes of the previous Board meeting

The minutes of the previous board meeting were adopted with one minor modification. The revised minutes are available at the IUT board homepage.

4. Nomination for IUT President 2010-2013

Anders Konradsson, representing the nomination committee, proposed the board should recommend the congress to elect Sven Bergenstråhle as president of the IUT, 2011-2013. Anders Konradsson also suggested the board should elect two vice presidents, namely Richard Hewgill and Jan Laurier.

After agreeing that the decision on the vice presidency could be made even though the president hadn't yet been formally elected, the board discussed whether to elect one or two vice presidents, what possible roles two vice presidents would have and who would finance their IUT-related work. Making Jan Laurier a vice president would mean having a vice president from an organisation that is already represented in the board, which raised a question of who would be entitled to vote.

The board decided to recommend the congress to elect Sven Bergenstråhle as president of the IUT, 2011-2013.

The board decided to make both Richard Hewgill and Jan Laurier vice presidents of the IUT. The IUT will cover the costs related to the vice presidency. The decision does not affect the number of votes held by each member organisation.

5. Financial proposal for the IUT Brussels office

Anders Konradsson, representing the financial working group, presented a proposal on how to handle the economy of the IUT Brussels office. The financial working group suggested each board member organisation should pay a fixed annual fee for the running of the Brussels office. The board discussed whether it was suitable to make a separate contribution for the running of the Brussels office and whether the members could afford the fees proposed by the financial working group.

The proposal was adopted in a modified form. Please see appendix I.

The new system of funding the IUT Brussels office will be reviewed after one year.

For 2011, the board will accept expenses for the Brussels office up to €40,000.

6. IUT budget proposal 2011

Magnus Hammar presented a budget proposal for 2011.

The board decided to reserve the 2011 estimated surplus (€7034) for the arrangement of the next congress.

The board also decided that the member organisations who have made contributions for the running of the Brussels office during 2010 could forward these contributions to 2011.

When these modifications had been made, the proposal was adopted. Please see the approved budget in appendix II.

Membership application: Israel: National Organisation for the Protection of Tenants' Rights

Magnus Hammar presented the membership application from the Israeli National Organisation for the Protection of Tenants' Rights, which was discussed in Helsinki.

After receiving additional information about the organisation, **the board decided to accept the National Organisation for the Protection of Tenants' Rights as a category C member.**

7. Congress 2010

Magnus Hammar presented the congress program to the board.

8. Housing Rights Watch, report from Barcelona meeting

Richard Hewgill gave a brief information on the Housing Rights Watch network.

The HRW encourages membership from individuals who are associated with housing law in their own countries and who are prepared to act as the correspondent to the HRW for their country. The HRW also seeks information on potential cases that could be considered for support through HRW to FEANTSA. Richard Hewgill advised the board members to consider joining the network.

9. SUT questionnaire on VAT on rents

Magnus Hammar presented a questionnaire on reduced VAT on rents and urged the board members to answer it on October 29 by the latest.

10. IUT EU Strategy paper (continuation from Helsinki)

Barbara Steenbergen presented a revised EU strategy paper.

A few modifications were made to the strategy paper. Please see the approved EU strategy paper in appendix III.

The Strategy paper was given an OK but was not formally adopted. The Board decided that the revised Strategy paper should be sent to the new secretariat, for possible further discussion. A formal adoption will be made at the spring 2011 board meeting.

11. Other items

- a. Ronald Paping gave the board the latest news on the Dutch case. The agreement between the European Commission and the Dutch government, and the general functioning of the rental housing sector, is to be discussed with the newly elected parliament in a few days. Therefore, the Nederlandse Woonbond needs a written declaration from the IUT, stating that the international movement supports the Woonbond's cause.

The board decided to propose to the congress to support the declaration.

- b. Eddie Jacquemart presented an invitation from the International Alliance of Inhabitants (IIA) to participate in the World Assembly of Inhabitants. The assembly will take place in Dakar in the beginning of February, 2011. Eddie Jacquemart suggested that the IUT board should write a statement for the Assembly.

The board suggested the secretariat should look into the issue and then make a decision.

12. Next Board meeting /-s

The next board meeting will be held in Vienna. Dates are still to be confirmed.

13. Closure of board meeting

Sven Carlsson closed the board meeting.

Stockholm, October 2010

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/ President

/Ylva Westander/
Assistant secretary

/Magnus Hammar
Secretary General