

**Minutes Executive Committee EASSW
26- 27 October 2020 – on line – EASSW Teams platform
Chaired by Teresa Bertotti**

Participants: Ines Amaro (IA); Teresa Bertotti, (TB), Florin Lazar (FL); Raymond Kloppenburg (RK), Christos Panagiotopoulos (CP); Mariusz Granosik (MG); Katarina Hjortgren (KH); Zuzana Poklembova (ZP); Aila-Leena Mathies (AL); Andres Astria (AA), Marika Lotko (ML), Femke Dewulf (FD)

Sandra Mendes (SM); (administrative secretary)

Absences: Marion Laging

Notes taken by: ML, MG, ZP

Minutes edited by CP

1. Meeting agenda was approved by all present members.

2. Minutes from the last online meeting

CP reminds that minutes from the last online meeting was sent for proofreading. AL sent some remarks. Minutes are approved and will be publish online.

3. Reports from the officers

President informs about activities since last online meeting in March 2020: 1) preparation of the conference in Tallinn (signed the contract, website launched etc.); 2) internal matters; 3) book series published by Springer; 4) work in cooperation with IASSW. President also informs about the decision to hold meeting with groups' coordinators to strengthen interaction. Two meeting were held in June and September. Also, regular meeting with the administration were held, for the smooth functioning of the association and the strengthen e-platform work.

As regional association of IASSW, EASSW participated to the elections of the new IASSW president. Annamaria Campanini was elected for 2nd time. A proposal regarding joint membership in both associations (IASSW and EASSW) is on the table. A collaboration with Journal of Social Work Education editors was also established.

Vice president supported the preparation of Tallinn`s conference, especially regarding Scientific Committee; worked with the president on the EASSW book series, in order to strengthen the connection between editors and publisher Springer; supported the working group on awards.

RK reports about his activities as chair of Conference Steering Committee, as treasurer with special regard to proposal for joint membership EASSW – IASSW.

RK shares overview of the budgeted plan and informs that EASSW do not have income as previous years but never the less have good total balance. In 2020 EASSW had

expenses on the website, traveling spending are less, need to improve funding for regional meetings, administration expenses, publications, special interests' groups. TB seconds what RK has said and claims that EASSW should "invest" on boosting activities dedicated to members, hoping this would increase membership.

The Secretary reports on membership: currently EA counts 126-member school registered (91 from A countries, 35 B countries, 14 individual members), with a slight increase compared to 2019, with 121 member schools (90 A countries, 31 B countries, 24 individual members). Since 2014 registered members are decreased to half.

The board approve the proposal that new members registering in fall 2020 will have membership for 2021. A discussion about initiatives to increase membership follow, all suggestion been collected by the membership working group for further strategies.

4. Update on the book 'Faces on SW education in Europe'

An overview of the state of art on the book is provided by Miriam Lorenz, who collaborate with ML and NZ in the editing of the book. The book will be ready for submission to Springer and it is expected to be published before conference in Tallinn. Despite concerns that in some countries, the chapter may not link to current state comments were positive about the forthcoming publication. A general comment on the impact of the pandemic will be provided in the introduction.

5. Information regarding the elections (position and candidacies)

TB and CP presented the state of art about the coming elections. All members were informed about the current situation of who can re-candidate, who can be re-elected and who will not be running for the next council. According to the art. 12, officers could be elected only twice (for four years). A first round of intentions is expressed regarding future re candidacies. TB confirm that she will resign as president and as a board member, explaining reasons and original engagement as a transition position

Election will take place during the GA in Tallinn during the conference.

6. Update from the working groups

After singular meetings, working groups present their plans to other members and collect suggestions. Within December, 2020 groups will define their goals strategies, actions. The plans will complete the road map to be attached to the strategic plan

7. Update from Tallinn conference (reports from the steering and scientific committee)

RK offered comprehensive update from the Tallinn conference, final decision about the form (virtual or face to face) conference will be taken in February or March 2021. The number of abstract is good but not at the expected level although the pandemic might have had an impact.

CP and IA presented keynotes, website additional information about conference, form, abstract submission.

8. Expression of interest in hosting the ECSWE 2023

The call is open, aiming at having proposals to be evaluated in March 2021 during next EC meeting. Some interest is expressed by FD, in Belgium

9. GDPR policy:

The secretary presents GDPR policy. The Board agree that the data protection officer is the secretary of EA. After approval GDPR, will be uploaded on EASSW Web page.

10. Council of Europe network participation

RB introduced the situation with CINGO, INGOS and the Council of Europe. He explained the structure of the organization and presented the relationship with INGOS, the Council of Europe and EASSW. He announced that in 2021 his mandate in Council of Europe will be finished, and EASSW needs to find a solution how to be active in the Council of Europe. He recommended collaboration with the CINGO/INGOS. After some sharing, RB will present a proposal during next board meeting in March 2021

11. Elections. Position and candidacies – election Committee

The call for candidacies should be launched before December, 15th, 2020. The election Committee is chaired by RB, with the collaboration of IA. Will organize the first stage of the election. other members can be chosen in the next EC meeting.

12. 1 AOB – 1. Astra project

ALM presents the project ASTRA (Maria Curie Program) that demands to employ 15 people at the PhD student position. EC members are invited to spread out the call for PhD student positions. Congratulation from the board. The call will be uploaded on the EASSW webpage.

11.2 AOB Social Work day 2021

Official call of SW Day will be announced by three associations on 2.11.2020. Communication WG will take care about the spreading the information, posters etc. They can also share the videos and other materials that will promote Social Work Day using dedicated space on the EASSW website.

FD added that call for regional events can motivate members to organize something on the Social Work Day.

11.3 AOB – miscellaneous

Working Groups should send their final budget proposals to be sent till 15.12.2020

MG informed that Jubilee 30th Congress of PASSW will be organized at the end of 2021 (September/October) and all EC members are invited also to organize EC meeting in Lodz in correspondence with this event.

13. Next board meeting

Next EC meeting will be organized on Monday 22.03.2021 afternoon 14.30-16.30, and Tuesday 23.03.2020 morning 9-11.30.