



EFRJ Extraordinary General Meeting

Leuven, 26 November 2019, 18:30-19:00hr

KU Leuven LINC – Raadzaal (Tiensestraat 41, DV1 00.11)

Minutes

18:15 Registrations

18:30 Opening of the Extraordinary General Meeting

1. Welcome and introduction to the Extraordinary General Meeting

The EFRJ chair, Tim Chapman, welcomed the participants and explained the scope of the Extraordinary General Meeting (hereinafter EGM). On the agenda of the meeting there was only one point to vote on, and that was to agree to change the EFRJ Constitution regarding the number of votes individual and organisational members will have.

The EFRJ in every year organises its Annual General Meeting (AGM). The last AGM took place in Bilbao on 4 June 2019. On this AGM the membership discussed and approved changes regarding the membership policy and regulation.

One element of the accepted changes requires a change in the current Constitution of the EFRJ. In Bilbao the required quorum (presence of at least two thirds of the full members) was not reached, therefore the membership could not vote on the change in the Constitution.

Art 23 of the EFRJ Constitution describes: *"If presence of two thirds of the membership have not been reached in a General Meeting, the same proposal can be made subject to a second voting in the subsequent General Meeting. In this second General Meeting, a minimum presence is not anymore required. In this case the proposal is approved when two thirds of the full members present or represented by proxy give a positive vote, no matter how many members are in fact present."*

According to the Belgian legislation, the EFRJ can convene an Extraordinary General Meeting 2 months after the Annual General Meeting to accomplish a second voting. As the EFRJ would like to introduce the new membership policy as of January 2020 and as



it was accepted already on the AGM in Bilbao in June, it was decided to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting in November 2019 to vote on the necessary changes in the Constitution.

2. Presentation of the proposal regarding membership reform

2.1. Detailed presentation of the changes in the EFRJ membership policy approved on the AGM Bilbao (June 2019)

Brunilda Pali, Secretary of the EFRJ, made a detailed presentation of the changes in the new membership policy approved on the AGM Bilbao and on the chronology of the decision making process.

2.2. Presentation of the change required in the EFRJ Constitution

Brunilda Pali explained the changes required in the EFRJ Constitution. Specifically, the EGM was asked to accept to add the following text to in Art. 23 *"Every full member has one vote at the General Meeting. The representative of full members with legal personality, being governmental or other statutory organisations and non-governmental organisations, have three votes. The associate members are not entitled to vote."*

2.3. Discussion

A question has been raised if also small organisations will have three votes. Brunilda Pali explained that the EFRJ Board discussed this point and decided to recognise to all organisations the same voting right in order to give same representation. No further questions have been raised.

2.4. Voting

The AGM proceeded with the voting. The proposed changes of the Constitution have been unanimously approved: 30 valid votes + 7 proxies.

3. Communications

The next Annual General Meeting will be organized on 24 June 2020 in Sassari (Italy), the day before the 11th international EFRJ Conference (25 – 27 June 2020).

No other questions were raised by the members present.

19:00 Closure of the Extraordinary General Meeting

