

Minutes of the BIEN General Assembly, June 29th, 2014, Montréal

Chaired by BIEN Co-Chair and Newsletter Editor Karl Widerquist. Other BIEN EC members present: Almaz Zelleke, Secretary-Treasurer; Louise Haagh, Regional Coordinator; Jim Mulvale, Regional Coordinator; Toru Yamamori, Regional Coordinator; Pablo Yanes, Regional Coordinator; Kelly Ernst, Conference Organizer. BIEN EC members absent: Ingrid Van Niekerk, Co-Chair; Yannick Vanderborgh, Chair of Regional Coordination. Also in attendance: Chair of the International Advisory Board Philippe Van Parijs and Honorary Co-Presidents Guy Standing and Eduardo Suplicy. Total BIEN members in attendance: 31 out of 226 members.

1. Applications for Affiliate Status

A. South African Development Community (SADC). No representative present, letter of application read. Majority vote in favor of approval subject to approval by Ingrid Van Niekerk.

B. Portugal. No representative present, letter of application read. Majority vote in favor of affiliation. Affiliation approved.

C. France: Stanislas Jourdan and Télémaque Mason presented the application for affiliation. Majority vote in favor of affiliation. Affiliation approved.

D. Norway: Anja Askeland presented the application for affiliation. Majority vote in favor of affiliation. Affiliation approved.

E. Unconditional Basic Income Europe (UBI Europe). Barb Jacobson presented the application for affiliation. Majority vote in favor of affiliation. Affiliation approved.

Suggestion by Guy Standing that in future we ask each affiliate to ensure that they have a democratic process for election of a chair. Suggestion by Philippe Van Parijs that UBI Europe should create relationships with each of the European national affiliates.

2. Financial Report presented and approved by acclamation. Request by Adriaan Planken that the Financial Report be sent to all members present.

3. Election of the Chair of the International Board. Request by Karl Widerquist that the nomination deadline be extended to today. Majority vote in favor of extending the deadline, motion to nominate Philippe Van Parijs, motion seconded, elected by acclamation.

4. Election of the EC. The following candidates ran unopposed and were elected by acclamation.

Co-chair: Louise Haagh

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Secretary: Anja Askelund

Treasurer: Borja Barragué

News/Outreach: Pablo Yanes

News/Outreach: Toru Yamamori

News/Outreach: Andrea Fumagalli

News/Outreach: Jason Murphy

5. Renewal of titles of honorary co-presidents for Guy Standing, Eduardo Suplicy, and Claus Offe. Titles renewed by acclamation.

6. Venue of the next BIEN congress. Proposals received by Republic of Korea, Finland, and Netherlands.

Republic of Korea's proposal presented by ?. The Korean network has over 400 members. If it's held in Asia, it would be the 5th continent to host the BIEN congress. June 2016 is the proposed month.

Finland's proposal presented by Johanna Perkio. The congress would be held at Tampere University, in the 3rd biggest city in Finland. Sept. 14-16 and 21-23, 2016 are the two proposed dates. The Finish network has approximately 100 members.

The Netherlands' proposal presented by Adriaan Planken. He noted that 2016 would be the Dutch network's 25th anniversary. The congress could be anytime in 2016.

Discussion of whether the congress should be held in alternate years in Europe.

[Outgoing secretary Almaz Zelleke left at this point in the meeting. Incoming secretary Anja Askeland took over at this point in the meeting.]

Proposal from Stanislas Jourdan. UBIEurope can do something in Europe the year in between this and next congress.

Proposal from Guy Standing: Since there were still some unclearities on how the different proposals were financed, and since the life members had not had the possibility to read the full applications, he proposed that the full applications should be sent to all lifemembers and then conduct an emailvote to decide in which country the next congress will be held.

Adrian Planke withdraw the application for Nederland. Johanna Perkiø did the same for Finland.

There was a vote for having the congress i Seoul, South Korea.
Majority vote in favor of having BIEN congress 2016 in South Korea.

The rest of the proposals on the agenda was tabled because of pressure on time (for further discussion?)