

**A meeting of the Basic Income Earth Network General Assembly will be held at the BIEN Congress in Hyderabad, India, on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**This meeting will constitute the second Annual General Meeting of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation The Basic Income Earth Network**

**The papers for the General Assembly will appear on the website at <http://basicincome.org/about-bien/general-assembly-2019/>**

**If you would like to have copies of the papers with you at the meeting, please bring copies with you.**

### Agenda

15.00	<b>1</b>	Opening of GA and welcome
15.05	<b>2</b>	Confirmation by the Chair that a register of members present has been taken
15.07	<b>3</b>	Approval of the rule-keeper and brief explanation of <i>Roberts Rules of Order</i> by rule-keeper
15.10	<b>4</b>	Approval of the agenda
15.15	<b>5</b>	Approval of the minutes of the 2018 GA
15.20	<b>6</b>	Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda, including responses from the Executive Committee to questions asked at the 2018 GA.
15.30	<b>7</b>	Treasurer's report, annual report and accounts for 2018, and financial statement for the period 1 <sup>st</sup> January to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2019.
15.35	<b>8</b>	Appointment of auditor: Proposal that Tony Garrod should be reappointed as auditor.
15.40	<b>9</b>	Elections to the Executive Committee: As only one candidate had submitted a personal statement, a photograph, and two supporting statements, for each of the three posts to be elected at this GA, no elections will take place, and the three candidates will be declared elected, as follows: Assistant treasurer, Jamie Cooke; BI News, André Coelho; Volunteer recruitment, Leah Hamilton.
15.45	<b>10</b>	Report from Chair and Vice-Chair
15.55	<b>11</b>	Other reports
16.05	<b>12</b>	Proposal: That additional internal rules should be as follows: a) That no individual can hold more than one post on the Executive Committee, and for the purposes of this rule the Congress Local Organising Committee representative counts as a post. (Proposed by the Executive Committee.) b) In the interest of the time, no item on the GA agenda shall be discussed for more than 30 minutes. When a single item has been discussed for 25 minutes, the rule keeper will interrupt the chair of the meeting to warn them that time is getting short. At that time the chair shall call for the GA to bring the discussion to a close or make an affirmative decision to extend it for another limited amount of time or do something else to deal with the time limitations. If no affirmative decision of what to do next is made, the item automatically comes to a close, and the chair shall move on to the next item. The GA can make any decision it wants about whether and how to deal with the time pressure, some possibilities include (1) vote to make a final decision on the issue, (2) vote to appoint a group to lead a discussion on the issue between then and the next GA, or (3) vote to continue discussion of the issue during the current meeting for another limited amount of time (but the GA should be careful not to extend discussion too long because the beliefs of the people who have less time available are as important as the people who have more time available). (Proposed: Karl Widerquist; seconded: Louise Haagh)
16.20	<b>13</b>	Announcement: The Chair and Vice chair have asked that a working group should be set up, of which Toru Yamamori and Annie Miller will be leading members, and which other BIEN members will be able to join, to discuss draft wording of a new page or pages on the BIEN website to provide clarification on the definition of Basic Income, the wording to be amended and authorised by the Executive Committee before publication. The Executive Committee thanks Annie for her initiative to set up this working group.

16.30	<b>14</b>	Affiliation requests received: Turkey
16.35	<b>15</b>	Venue for the 2021 congress: proposal from Korea
16.40	<b>16</b>	Announcement: The agenda of the 2020 GA will contain an item asking whether BIEN congresses should continue to be annual, or should revert to being biennial, with perhaps regional congresses during the intervening years. A working paper is being prepared by Tyler Prochazka to form the basis for consultations between now and the 2020 GA.
16.45	<b>17</b>	Any other business (which should be notified to the Chair before the meeting begins)
16.55	<b>18</b>	Close of meeting