

Minutes of 6. ERIC Meeting January 2018

Online Meeting held via Slack January 4th, 2018 – 20:00 CET

Agenda:

- 1. District section update in Bylaws
- 2. Discussion on raising price for EuCo Antwerp
- 3. Discussion on the Pricing Bylaws update
- 4. Discussion on Budget
- 5. Workshops & CR training

Meeting's introduction from President Justin:

President Justin presented to the team the latest updates and achievements of the team so far. "Before we begin I would like everyone to join me in congratulating a few people for their outstanding effort. Our Facebook page is approx. 60 likes away from 11k, we are close to reaching another amazing milestone on our page this year. Thank you Susana (Marketing Officer) and Mafalda (Marketing Assistant) for your continued hard work. Thank you Lucky (Vice President) for ensuring everyone has received their sweatshirts/polos. Anyone who has not received their item(s) may retrieve them during REM Vilnius. Also, thank you to Tina (CR Poland) for organizing the Holiday Recipe Exchange, it was not only fun but tasty!

Lastly, thanks to everyone for joining us tonight, it is very great to have you here. Additionally, thanks for your hard work/help towards the 30 year book. Your energies are greatly appreciated; in the end we will all be proud!

The purpose of this meeting is to have a discussion on the voting topics for the next REM because our meeting will be limited to 2 hours. However, we will not be discussing the candidatures for the next Winter REM - that will be done during the ERIC Meeting.

The reason we discuss these topics now is to ensure any questions or concerns are voiced and, if possible, mediated or amended before the voting. As per the bylaws, an agenda with the final voting topics and their supplementary material will be provided by this Saturday (2 weeks before our meeting). After which you must communicate this information to the DRRs you represent for their judgment and voting decisions."

1. District section in ERIC bylaws - Update

The district district section of the bylaws in order to incorporate all 115 districts currently in ERIC has been updated. This reflects ERIC's and Rotary's count of MDIO Districts. There were no questions or concerns during the meeting regarding this matter. The updated version will be sent to the CRs the following days.

2. Discussion on raising price for EuCo Antwerp

Introduction from CR Belgium Ben:

"The HOC of EuCo Antwerp did not take into consideration the exception on the Tier 1, Tier 2 country and the CR / Board price limits. Meaning; we did not take into account that we should keep the Tier 1 lowest price instead of the Tier 2 lowest - the Tier Belgium is in.

As such we based our budget and calculations on a €280,- price for board and CR's instead of the €205,-. Taking into account costs, extra's and the ERIC program, the €280,- is a super deal. However it is not compliant to the bylaws. Therefore I kindly ask you for a confirmation on the raise to €280,- for the event in Antwerp.

Should some of you be against this raise, we can accommodate you at an alternative location - the youth hostel - and suspend some of the extra's we planned to make it financially feasible. So what do you all think? Questions? Concerns? Let me know!"

CRs of Italy, San Marino, United Kingdom, Switzerland & Lichtenstein, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, Cyprus, France & Andorra, IT officer mentioned that they agree on the above mentioned raise.

3. Discussion on the pricing bylaws - Update

Introduction from President Justin:

"Itzy (CR Denmark) has sent out her proposal via email, let us discuss the proposal; I will paraphrase her proposal. Please correct me if I am wrong.

Elimination of tiers:

Pricing guidelines between 150€-350€ (both REM and EUCO).

HoC must present budget when they apply.

No distinction and limit between the maximum number of participants for EuCo and REM starting with the current minimum amount (300pax for REM and 500pax for EuCo) as reference.

Board + CR package price is the same as early bird (+1 package is reserved but price is up to HoC).

Ideally this proposal should be tested starting on the next fiscal year, i.e.: 1st July 2018, but because the candidate for REM Autumn 2018 has already been chosen and the prices already established, as well as the conditions for the candidates for REM Winter 2019, it should start being effective from the next candidature for EuCo 2019 onwards, which means that in the voting for the next candidate at EuCo 2018 there will no longer be any Tier distribution and price limitation. If you have any questions you may ask them now or email her. Bylaw amendments to incorporate this change will be sent by Saturday."



*Credits to Vice President Lucky for the above picture

There were no specific questions regarding this issue from the CRs. Several CRs mentioned that their DRRs are going to discuss about the pricing bylaws proposal and come to a conclusion.

4. Discussion on ERIC Budget 2017/18 - Update

The budget has been sent to the CRs by the treasurer Matt. President Justin asked the CRs for any questions or discussion points.

Comment by Treasurer Matt:

"Our Dottore Raimondo Vella (CR Italy) wanted to have the invoices of the expenses made as you probably already saw in the email he sent 2 days ago.

Even if we are voting a budget, a document showing the planned future expenses, I understand he would like to check what expenses were made so far. Am I right Raimondo Vella?

Raimondo: "Exactly."

Matt: "Ok, because in your email you wrote that your DRR asked this. It's why I just wanted to check." Raimondo: "If you were so kind to send me the expenses that have been already made, I can send them."

There were no questions from the CRs. President mentioned that we will have a positive budget which will add to our current bank account of 12k Euros. Treasurer Matt added that we have a 100 Euros markup for transportation even if we don' know for the moment what will be the cost.

According to Vice President Lucky, the total cost of the shirts is 1817,70 Euros. Lastly, Justin answered to Raimondo by writing that Matt will send him receipts once we have official communication from his Italian DRRs.

5. Workshops and CR Training - Update

Introduction from Vice President Lucky:

"Worskshops at REM Vilnius:

Ljubljana was green, this time it will be red like love, like wine, like our freezing hands in the Lithuanian cold...

MACRO: we'll talk about suicide and mental health - how can Rotaract improve communities about this? MICRO: did you know that Lithuania will be the European hub for health and biotech innovation by 2020? Explore the Lithuanian start-up panorama

NANO: want to free yourself from the kgs you got during holidays? want to feel a #healthyrotaractor? Put you gym pants on, you're going to sweat! (cameras will not be allowed inside)

Events and registration will be launched this weekend on our website. I'd like to remind you that REGISTRATION WILL BE MANDATORY and non-registered people will not be allowed to attend. Please spread the word!

CR Training at REM Vilnius:

After our meeting we will have the CR training. In these weeks I am digitalizing the posters you made in Ljubljana, so that we can make a virtual recap a few days before. The one we are preparing for the REM Vilnius will be following the previous one (if you didn't attend last time and you want to join this time, no problem!).

ForestApp at REM Vilnius:

Do you remember - of course you do - our partnership with ForestApp to plant real trees just being focused without using your phone? So...good news: we will have the same in Vilnius! Prepare your phones and get ready to plant trees!

Also, the developer told me they have been so inspired by our idea of using the app with a single account during a conference that they developed an specific app feature for speeches and conferences. As their partner, we will be able to use it for free. They will launch it in March. I am currently in contact with them to try to negotiate a free use also for District/National conference for all countries!

January Webinar:

It will be on January 24th at 19:00 CET - we'll talk again about Rotaract with our sexy Social Officer Merve, that will give us tips and advice to rock the BESP and TCA applications! A Facebook event will be out shortly. As usual, like and share! This is particularly important, it will help a lot your clubs that are thinking to apply to one of the ERIC prizes."

Merve (Social Officer) mentioned that all applications will start during the REM Vilnius.

Closing comment from President Justin:

"So we have discussed all the topics, we look forward to seeing you during REM. Please share any last comments or questions now before I close the meeting. It has been a nice hour, I hope we continue short 1hr meetings. Thanks for coming, you can message myself or our board for anything and expect an email as well as other stuff from us this weekend. Good night!"

Tina - CR Poland:

"One more thing! Since everyone is here, I just want to remind those of you who took part in the recipe exchange that I'm waiting for the pictures till next Friday (January 12th). If you don't send them, they wont be posted on Facebook so you won't really be part of the project. (Some people ignored my messages so I'm writing it here).

The meeting ended at. approx. 21:15 CET.

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