

CER Digest of Decisions

April 1987

1. In official correspondence such as Intergroup and Region reports full names should be used in order to provide valid information on "who's who". The motion was adopted.
2. Exchange of information between groups, intergroups, Region and GSO was found to be lacking. Please send minutes of meetings of areas and intergroups to Region and Intergroup Chairmen. Exchange of directories, newsletters and passing the word of upcoming events in the area is just as important! Both written and oral information count. Look for opportunities. Motion was adopted.
3. A motion was made to adapt the Guidelines for Service for the English Speaking AA groups in Continental Europe to the needs and possibilities of our members and the Fellowship here in Europe, so that we can cope with the conditions given. Motion was adopted. For the procedure, as a basis for the new service manual, the US/Canada and GB manuals should be used. Committee was to be made of 6 Regional Representatives — two from each intergroup and Region Chair). The Intergroup Regional Representatives would be supported financially by the intergroups and the Chairperson by Region.

October 1987

4. A motion that money donated to Region should go through Intergroup first. Motion was adopted.
5. Motion that GSO GB should be reimbursed DM 600 for Bill G's expenses to the ESM (European Service Meeting).
6. Any major expenses incurred by Region should be approved by Intergroup Region Representatives.
7. Region Officer's transportation expenses should be paid for the next meeting in Kaiserslautern.
8. That the committee for Service manual should meet 21 Nov. in Wiesbaden. The motion was adopted.

April 1988

9. Region meeting to meet before the Round-up in Lahr to avoid extra travel costs. Motion was adopted.

October 1988

10. Consensus was agreed that Region wanted a directory.
11. First Forum requested and applied for at GSO.

April 1989

12. That the Guidelines for service Region 15 be printed as they are. The motion was adopted.
13. Election: Bill K. from Rhein-Main was elected as the first Trustee to the GSB.
14. That all information concerning conventions should be presented to Regional Assembly. The motion was adopted.

October 1989

15. That Archives be included in the duties of Vice-chairman. The motion was adopted.
16. That Region Secretary be the coordinator for Round-ups in Region 15. The motion was adopted.
17. That a "Geographical Structure Committee" be formed to implement the 'Area' level of service. The motion was adopted.
18. That Region not publish a newsletter. The motion was adopted.
19. That a forum be held in Fall of '91. The motion was adopted.

April '90

20. That Region meet four times per year. The motion was adopted.
21. Decisions on where to hold the next Region meeting will be made from meeting to meeting basis.
22. That surnames should be deleted from Region minutes and put on a separate sheet (now a contact list). The motion was adopted.

July '90

23. That any collection of groups who chooses to be an Intergroup should be welcomed by Region. The motion was adopted.
24. That the cover for the Region 15 Handbook be the design with the AA triangle and this be attached to the minutes and distributed to intergroups for approval. The motion was adopted.
25. That Region should send a liaison to the PI workshop in York. October '90. The motion was adopted.
26. That the former District I be welcomed into Region as Intergroup IV. (Rheinland-Pfalz) The motion was adopted.
27. That the Forum be held in Kaiserslautern. The motion was adopted.
28. That we send more delegates to GSC. The motion was adopted. (Four delegates scheduled to go.)
29. That we go back to Intergroups for the additional two Delegates to GSC. The motion was adopted.
30. That the motion carried at the last Regional assembly be changed to come into compliance with Regional Guidelines.
The motion was adopted. (The collection of groups should be preferably 20 — 25 groups.)
31. That the Regional Treasurer be sent to the Dec. '90 Regional Treasurer's meeting in York. The motion was

adopted.

April '91

- 32. That a full compliment of six delegates would go to GSC. The motion was adopted.
- 33. That candidates for any Regional Officer or Delegate must be present at the election, or if unable, must provide a proxy or resume with a letter of willingness. The motion was adopted.

July '91

October '91

- 34. That the Region request another Forum 3-4 years hence. The motion was adopted.
- 35. That the Archivist should attend the Regional Archivist's meeting in spring '92. The motion was adopted.
- 36. That travel expenses and one night's accommodation be paid for Region Officers, Directory Chair, and Six Delegates for Region Meetings. The motion was adopted. That the Directory Chair be reimbursed on a quarterly basis for printing costs. The motion was adopted.
- 37. That Region host two workshops annually (spring and fall) co-hosted by an Intergroup to help with the expenses. Intergroups costs include facility and meal, while Region costs include traveling costs for speakers. The motion was adopted.

May '92

July '92

- 38. The Chairperson reminded Intergroups that their reports should be a simple one-page report instead of copies of previous Intergroup minutes.
- 39. That Region 15 Secretary be given the additional responsibility of "Event Coordinator" with the cooperation and assistance of Intergroup Secretaries. The motion was adopted.

October '92

- 40. That the number of Region meetings remain at four. The motion was adopted.
- 41. That meetings be held on Sat. beginning at 0900 hours and end at 1100 hours, unless Region business warrants otherwise. The motion was adopted.

February '93

- 42. That letters in English be written to the Host Nations GSO's under which Region 15 falls to invite them to attend one of our Region Meetings to improve communications and further a working relationship. The motion was adopted.

May '93

- 43. That Region not fund the IHT ad on a Regional level. The motion was adopted.
- 44. That the Delegates are officers of Region and, as such, are voting members. The motion was adopted. (The Region 15 guidelines were amended to reflect this change in Region officers.)

September '93

- 45. That the decision of Sept. 93 that Delegates should vote be reversed as per the Region 15 Guidelines. The motion was adopted.
- 46. That the number of Intergroup representatives sent to Region be reduced from five to three. The motion was adopted.
- 47. That the Delegates form a committee to review the Guidelines during the coming year. The motion was adopted. February '94
- 48. That the budget be increased to DM 15,000. The motion was adopted.

June '94

- 49. That Region restructure, as suggested by the GSB Trustee, and three new intergroups were welcomed. They were called: Scanelux, Tri-borders, Berlin, Rheinland-Pfalz, Bavaria, Hessen, Switzerland, and Italy. The motion was adopted.
- 50. That Region 15 dispense with the Region guidelines and use the blue guidelines from GB until the new service handbook was published. The motion was adopted. (The number of voting members from Intergroups (regional Representatives) were thereby reduced to two.)
- 51. That all reasonable travel expenses for Conference Delegates should be reimbursed and any untoward expenses should be brought to the attention of Region by the Treasurer. The motion was adopted.

September '94

- 52. That the prudent reserve be set at DM 6,000 and all money above be forwarded immediately to York. The motion was adopted.

March '95

June '95

53. That all information from GSO York, Region Representatives, Region Officers, Intergroups, and groups be copied by the Region Secretary and sent to the two Intergroup Representatives with the minutes or as it is received as necessary. The motion was adopted.

September '95

54. That the Region Chair be a signatory for the bank account. The motion was adopted.
55. That the principle Regional Officer or alternate attend appropriate GSB workshops unless prohibited by financial restrictions. The motion was adopted. December '95
56. That Region meetings be aligned with GSB meetings so that information can be received and disseminated in a timely manner. The motion was adopted.

January '96

57. There was a consensus that our Region Secretary should send copies of our minutes to the other 14 Region Secretaries. We received minutes of other regions and they requested that we send ours to them. The motion
58. That Region send £600 [to GSO?] for the 50th Celebratory Convention. The motion was adopted.
59. That Region fund Alternate Delegates to attend Region meetings. The motion was adopted. March '96 June '96
60. A committee was formed to draft an "Introduction to Service" Handbook for the Region.

September '96

61. South of France was accepted as an Intergroup to Region.
62. That Region establish a liaison committee. The motion was adopted.
63. That the feasibility of establishing a central office with one paid employee be studied. The motion was adopted.

January '97

March '97

64. That the length of sobriety in the "Introduction to Service" guidelines was to be added to each job description and that the handbook be printed with this addition and two copies given to each Intergroup. The motion was adopted.

June '97

September '97

65. The Regional Representatives were assigned the following Liaison positions: Military, Health Care/Public Information, Internal Communications/SHARE, Host Nation, Loners, Youth

November '97

March '98

66. That for a trial period of one year 3 Region meetings will be held at Wiesbaden or another central location. (Unclear whether the motion was adopted or lost.)

May '98

67. That the prudent reserve be reduced from DM 6,000 to DM 4,000. The motion was adopted.
68. Election: A Webmaster was elected and advised to use guidance from York and instructed to follow guidelines and principles

September '98

December '98

March '99

May '99

69. That a letter be written to GSO outlining Region 15 concerns. The motion was adopted.
70. That each group receive a newsletter through their Intergroups. The motion was adopted. (Regional Representatives in attendance advised to take their copies with them, those not present to get the appropriate number sent with minutes.)
71. That Region advance hfl 400.00 to the Newsletter Editor to finance the next copy. (Outcome unstated.)

September '99

- 72. That Newsletter editor mail newsletter to groups not in attendance at CER meeting. The motion was adopted.
- 73. That a feasibility study for a Regional Service Office within CER be conducted. The motion was adopted.
- 74. That Region send two persons to attend the South of France IG. (Outcome unstated.)

December '99

February '00

- 75. Responsibility statement added to job descriptions: "It is the responsibility of all officers and delegates of the Region to participate in the regular business of the Region by attending all meetings during their term of office. This is especially the case for delegates, whose duty it is to transmit the group conscience of Region to Conference. When it is not possible for an officer or delegate of the Region to attend a meeting, the Chairperson or Secretary must be informed and a written report, where necessary, be provided for presentation at the meeting. Should an officer or delegate of the Region fail to attend two meeting in a row, without notifying the Chairperson or Secretary, the Chairperson should contact he representative to advise them of the concern of the Region regarding their commitment to the position they have accepted. In the event of the officer or delegate failing too attend the following meeting, the Region must assume that the person has no further interest in serving the Region in that function and shall hold elections to fill that position." (Unclear whether this was added by committee or as a result of a vote.)

May '00

September '00

- 76. Region appointed Steering Committee for the officers to specify delegate's roles. (Unclear minute.)

December '00

- 77. Steering Committee was requested to further investigate their recommendation with a view to drawing up a suggested structure and plan of action
- 78. That the IGs provide the Steering Committee with any and all pertinent information that they wish to have considered by that committee. (Outcome unstated.)
- 79. That (the/an?)Alternate Delegate be added to the Steering Committee. The motion was adopted.

February '01

June '01

- 80. That the steering Committee's recommendations be accepted. The motion was adopted.
- 81. That Region minutes be sent only to our own Region members prior to approval by the Region body and after approval to GSO and other subsequently approved bodies. The motion was adopted.

September '01

- 82. That Delegates and Board Trustees be requested to remain part of the Region structure for purposes of mentorship for a period of 12 months after rotation. Receiving travel expenses, but no voting rights. (Outcome unstated.)
- 83. That Region use Frankfurt as a central meeting place. (Outcome unstated.)

November '01

- 84. That Region create an officer's position, newsletter editor, at regional level and that this position be non-rotating. The requirement to attend all meetings of Region does not apply. (Outcome unstated.)
- 85. That AA News in CER be distributed via an address by each Intergroup that ensures the distribution to the individual groups. (Outcome unstated.)
- 86. The AA HELP number was reserved through Deutsche Telekom.

February '02

- 87. That Region Chair would receive AA News and distribute them to Intergroups. The motion was adopted.

June '02

September '02

December '02

- 88. That the Newsletter be posted on our Website. The motion was adopted.

February '03

- 89. That we authorize the Telephone Committee to move forward with the pilot program beginning in Germany.

(Outcome unstated.)

June '03

- 90. That the Secretary draft a letter (on behalf of the Chair) to invite all groups in CER Region to come and participate in Region, to offer any support needed and to include IG guidelines. The motion was adopted.
- 91. That no obscenities be used in the Newsletter. The motion was adopted.
- 92. That a PI Committee comprised of Victoria/Rhineland-Pfalz, Jan BB/Paris, Ron E./Franconia and Barbara/Triborders pull together all current PI activities and make recommendations. The motion was adopted.
- 93. That a Forum on Public Information be scheduled for June 19-20, 2004. The motion was adopted.
- 94. That groups survey members for 18-20 year olds with at least 1 year sobriety to represent CER on Young People project and names be funneled through Jan BB/Paris. The motion was adopted.

September '03

- 95. That CER's prudent reserve be increased from EUR 3.000,00 to EUR 4.000,00. The motion was adopted.
- 96. Gudrun M. elected to serve on Literature Sub-Committee.
- 97. Dan S. And Nadine H. elected to serve on the Young People's Project.
- 98. Trudi C. elected to serve as Newsletter Editor.

November '03

- 99. That the Secretary receive bulk AA Service News and distribute to Intergroups. The motion was adopted. (Amends Feb. '02 motion).
- 100. That the right of decision of the Newsletter Editor be re-affirmed and that expenditure be capped at EUR 500.00. The motion was adopted.
- 101. That the new Stars and Strips A.A. ad be contracted and paid for by Continental European Region when the current ad contract expires. The motion was adopted.
- 102. That the new IHT A.A Region ad (an addition to the existing AA Paris ad) be contracted and paid for by Continental European Region (in cooperation with AA Paris), when the new bi- yearly 2004 IHT billing cycle starts for AA Paris. The motion was adopted.
- 103. Jacqueline R. elected as HNLO Belgium.
- 104. That a website link to ICYPAA from www.aa-europe.net be allowed. Motion was lost.
- 105. That CER not put a link to any event not sponsored by the AA Service Structure on www.aa-europe.net. Motion tabled and moved to old business for Feb. '04.
- 106. That Tom A. be re-instated as Chairperson. The motion was adopted.
- 107. It was moved to make a selection of candidate for Electronic Workshop representative according to the 3rd Legacy. Motion passed. A 3rd Legacy vote was taken 3 times with no 2/3 majority found. Motion: it was moved to go to another ballot. Motion defeated. 2 names, Joan L. and Cyrus K., went into a hat. Joan L. chosen.
- 108. That the position of Co-treasurer be instituted. The motion was adopted.

February '04

June '04

- 109. That Jerry C. and Bill R. be nominated for the position of Regional Trustee on GSB York. The motion was adopted.

September '04

- 110. That Region meetings begin at 12:00 and end at 17:00. The motion was adopted.

Nov. '04

- 111. That a committee of 3 be appointed to administer web content. The motion was adopted.
- 112. That said committee should be composed of Vice Chair, PI Officer and 1 volunteer. The motion was adopted.
- 113. That due to the withdrawal of Bill R. CER go ahead with one nomination for Trustee to the GSB, Jerry C. (Outcome unstated.)

(Note: Digest up to Nov. 04 was prepared by past Chairpersons Dora and Gudrun.) February '05 Frankfurt, Germany (Total present: 30)

- 114. Region Chair Jerry C. stepped down, having been elected GSB Trustee.
- 115. That a new Chair be elected to complete the remaining two years of the nominees term The motion was adopted.
- 116. Election: Vice Chair Victoria elected Chair and Barbara G. elected Vice Chair.

June '05 Übach-Palenberg, Germany (Total present: 30)

- 117. The webmaster having resigned in the meantime, acting Webmaster Tim was authorized to develop proposals through the CER Website Committee concerning the CER website www.aa-europe.net and to present the proposals at the next quarterly CER meeting in September.

118. That Alternate Delegates automatically move into Delegate positions. Withdrawn.

September '05 Frankfurt, Germany (Total present: 37)

119. That CER hold a two-day meeting on February 25-26. Dates of subsequent meetings in 2006 to be decided at November meeting. Intergroups were invited to submit proposals to host Region meetings.
120. Young People contact for Germany was asked to make proposal for creation of Young People position at Region. Intergroups were asked to get feedback from their groups as to how such a role could help carry the message.
121. Election: Steve R. was elected Newsletter editor.

November '05 Frankfurt, Germany (Total present: 30)

122. That CER have four two-day meetings in 2006: February 25-26, June 10-11, September 9-10, and December 2-3. The motion was adopted. (The location for all meetings to be Frankfurt unless Region accept an invitation from an Intergroup.)
123. That CER accept an invitation by the Netherlands Intergroup to host the September meeting in Amsterdam and The Hague. The motion was adopted.
124. Election: Assistant Webmaster Jeff E. was elected Webmaster. Tim H. returned to his Assistant Webmaster position.
125. Election: Beth S. was elected Vice Chair.

February '06 Frankfurt, Germany (Total present: 35)

126. Election: Greg H. elected Assistant Treasurer.
127. Election: Allan F. elected. HNLO for North Germany,
128. That the "pilot" telephone project be ended, the system in Germany continue and an attempt be made to include other countries. The motion was adopted.
129. That Website Guidelines be accepted with the proviso that group conscience give strong recommendations for amendments to the document. The motion was adopted.
130. That comments on the Website Guidelines document be sent to the Committee (Committee Chair Beth) and included on the June Agenda. . The motion was adopted.

June '06 Brussels, Belgium (Total present: 39)

131. That the Revised Website Guidelines be accepted. The motion was adopted.
132. That the proposal to revise the description of the Region HNLO be revised be tabled for more study. The motion was adopted. (A committee was formed to study Region HNLO role and report back at next meeting.)
133. That Alex K. (Hamburg) explore an 800 number as an option for all of Europe without incurring any expenses with specific providers. The motion was adopted.
134. That CER establish the position Electronic Communications Officer. The motion was tabled until the next meeting.

September '06 The Hague, The Netherlands (Total present: 30)

135. That there be a position of Regional HNLO to co-ordinate and support Intergroup HNLOs and Linking activities. The motion was adopted.
136. That there be one Region HNLO to link specifically with German GSO and co-ordinate with the Intergroup HNLOs in Germany. The motion was adopted.
137. Election: Tim S. was elected Telephone Liaison Officer.
(The duties of the Region Telephone Liaison Officer position are: (a) manage the current computer-based hotline system in Germany (01803-AAHelp), liaise with intergroups, frequently represented by a member of the Region's Twelfth-Step Responders, and train responders with responders guide.)

December '06 Frankfurt, Germany (Total present: 37)

138. That the Electronic Communications Liaison Officer position as proposed by the Website Committee in accordance with General Service Conference Guideline No. 19 "AA and Electronic Communications. . The motion was adopted. (The motion specified that the position would be for a two-year term, be part of the Website Committee, and that the incumbent would develop and propose a specific job description.)
139. Election: Joan L. was elected ECLO.
140. Region Host Nation Liaison Coordinator (HNLC) Purpose and Aims. The revision proposed by the ad-hoc HNLO committee was amended at the meeting (see attached HNLC document). Motion: Adopt the revised HNLC Purpose and Aims document. Yes 26, No 0, Abstention 3.
141. That CER accept the invitation of the Milan Group to host the June 2-3 Region meeting. The motion was adopted.

Feb. '07 Frankfurt, Germany (Total present: 35)

142. That CER accept the 2007 Pro-forma Region budget. Motion: Accept pro-forma 2007 budget as is and schedule future discussion of financial support of International Herald Tribune ad and German telephone help line. . The motion was adopted.

143. Election: Jacquelyn RS. was elected as Chair by going to the hat.
144. Election: John R. and Michelle H. were elected Conference Delegates.
145. Election: Allan F was elected Host Nation Liaison for all of Germany.
146. Election: Bruce C. was elected Regional Host Nation Liaison Coordinator (HNLC).
147. That CER accept the invitation of the Berlin Intergroup to host the September 2007 meeting. The motion was adopted.
148. That a Website Committee, composed of ECLO, PIO, Webmaster, Region Vice Chair, Website 12th Step Responders Coordinator, and two volunteers, be formed, the first four positions to be funded for travel expenses to Region meetings by their CER positions, travel cost reimbursement for other three members to Region meetings to be considered when such travel is required. The motion was adopted.

June, '07 Milan, Italy (Total present: 53)

149. That use be made of GSO York offer to establish a private CER Forum on the Great Britain website www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk and that the RECLO report at next Region meeting about access, coordination, and administrative details. The motion was adopted.
150. That CER continue its financial support of International Herald Tribune advertisement placed by the Paris Intergroup with the "All of Europe: www.aa-europe.net" included in the text of the ad, paying one third of the cost, the Paris Intergroup paying the remaining two thirds, The motion was adopted.
151. That Region provide financial support to Delegates to visit intergroups when invited. The motion was adopted.
152. Election: Greg H. was elected Region Treasurer .
153. That CER accept the invitation of the Paris Intergroup to host the December 2007 meeting. The motion was adopted.
154. That proposals for CER group Conscience Inventories be sent to the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary well in advance of the meeting, and that they be based on the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts, but should not include templates designed for other forums. The motion was adopted. (Other Sunday morning workshop proposals are encouraged from all groups and intergroups.)
155. That reports from CER Officers, except for the Treasurer, and details of any proposals to be considered at a meeting be sent to the Secretary more than four weeks in advance of the meeting so that the report/proposal can be distributed with the Agenda. The motion was adopted.

Sept. '07 Berlin, Germany (Total present: 36)

156. That access to CER Forum on the GB website be given to the current CER Contact and that CER examine the Forum in six months to see whether the CER Forum is being used. The motion was adopted.
157. That the RECLO draft job description be referred to Website Committee for revision to be presented at the December meeting. The motion was lost.
158. Resignation: Vice Chair and Webmaster resigned on Sunday morning. Secretary served as acting Chair and an Alternative Delegate served as acting Secretary for the remainder of the meeting.
159. That CER accept and thank the RECLO for the draft and discuss the draft. The motion was adopted.
160. That a revised draft of the RECLO description be accepted. The motion was adopted. (The Website Committee shall examine and propose changes to the Website Guidelines.)
161. Election: Paul D., Cataluña Spain Intergroup. Chair was elected Assistant Treasurer.
162. That CER leave three alternate delegates in place and reconsider the rest of the positions at the next Region meeting. The motion was lost.
163. Election: Richard M. (Berlin Intergroup), Mary Kay F. (Rhein-Neckar Intergroup), Tess B. (South of France Intergroup), and Erik A. (Triborders Intergroup) were elected as Alternate delegates.
164. That CER accept the following dates for its 2008 meetings: March 1st and 2nd, May 31st and 1st, September 6th and 7th, December 6th and 7th. The motion was adopted.

December 2007 Paris, France (Total present: 52)

165. That a committee be formed to examine how we do business as a Region. The motion was adopted. Mary Kay F., John R., Dave A., Tess B., Paul D., Kate M., and Eryan D volunteered to serve.
166. Reinstatement: That the resignation of the Vice Chair be negated and the Vice Chair reinstated. The motion was lost.
167. Reinstatement: That the resignation of the Webmaster be negated and the Webmaster reinstated. The motion was lost.
168. That the reinstatement questions be reopened and the ballots cast again in written form. The motion was adopted.
169. That the Vice chair be reinstated. The motion was lost.
170. That the Webmaster be reinstated. The motion was adopted.
171. That CER accept the invitation of the South of Spain and Gibraltar Intergroup to host the fourth Region meeting in 2008, providing that they are willing to host it on December 6th and 7th, the dates Region had previously approved, and not on the prior weekend of their annual convention. The motion was adopted.
172. That CER hold its March meeting in Cologne. The motion was adopted. (No volunteers to make arrangements for the March 1st and 2nd meeting in Frankfurt had stepped forward. The motion was made by volunteers who

- became the "March Region Meeting Committee".)
173. That CER form a committee to propose a definition of service boards or associations to legally handle AA group, intergroup or Region banking transactions and telephone directory listings, etc. where a legal organization and name is required. The motion was adopted. Volunteers are David N., Tim S., Erik A., Monica C. Greg H., and Kandis D.
 174. That CER form a Committee to draft a Young Peoples Contact job description. The motion was adopted. Volunteers for the Committee are Elizabeth (Paris), Dallas (Rome), Marketa (Barcelona), and Nicola (Dusseldorf).

March 2008 Cologne, Germany

The following eight motions were put forward by the "How we do Business" Committee. The full text of the motions was distributed prior to the meeting and when there was no unanimous decision, in the spirit of matter 180, a minority opinion was elicited:

175. That CER accept the recommendation of the "How We do Business" Committee that the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, PIO, TLO, RECLO, YPC, HNLC, HNLO for Germany, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Trustee, two Region Representatives from each IG, and one GSR from each Group not in an Intergroup area have voting rights. The motion was adopted.
176. That CER accept the recommendation of the "How We do Business" Committee that the outcomes of votes be based on "eligible voters voting", and that abstentions not be counted either as yes or no. In the case of substantial abstentions (20- 25%) the chair may poll the abstentions for clarification and if necessary, reopen the discussion on the motion as appropriate. The motion was adopted.
177. That CER accept the recommendation of the "How We do Business" Committee that a simple majority (that is, 51%) be enough for a motion to pass, but that the Chair can decide before a vote that a given issue should have a substantial (two-thirds) majority. The motion was adopted.
178. That CER accept the recommendation of the "How We do Business" Committee that voting for any personnel-related matter should be by paper ballot, using the Third Legacy Procedure. The motion was adopted.
179. That CER accept the recommendation of the "How We do Business" Committee that each IG can send up to two voting representatives, and that those groups not in an area serviced by an IG can send one voting GSR. (This is the current practice.) The motion was adopted.
180. That CER accept the recommendation of the "How We do Business" Committee that minority opinions, if expressed, will be noted in the minutes and that the following procedure be used when entertaining minority opinions:
 - 1) After a vote on the motion, the minority is given the opportunity to speak, raising only new items not previously covered in discussion of the motion;
 - 2) The majority is asked if anyone wishes to make a motion to reconsider. The motion can be seconded by either the majority or minority;
 - 3) If seconded, the motion to reconsider is debated;
 - 4) Motion to reconsider decided by simple majority vote;
 - 5) If motion to reconsider passes, assembly returns to discussion of original motion;
 - 6) No further reconsideration of the same question in the current meeting. The motion was adopted.
181. That CER accept the recommendation of the "How We do Business" Committee that terms of office be served in full. Resignations have the unfortunate effect of creating a vacancy outside of the normal rotation, but once a resignation is made, the office becomes vacant and elections to fill the office will be held at the next assembly, understanding that there should be sufficient time for notice of the opening to be announced and nominations to be solicited from Intergroups. The motion was adopted.
182. That CER accept the recommendation of the "How We do Business" Committee that meeting participants shall be recognized by the Chair before speaking. The motion was adopted. (Further recommendations were made and are recorded in the handbook. They are included here for quick reference: When speaking for the first time, participants should state their name, along with any service position they may hold. It is also requested that speakers generally try to limit their sharing to less than two minutes, to allow adequate time for full participation by everyone present. Common courtesy should be observed at all times. Conversations when others are talking, interruptions and other similar disruptions are discouraged. When discussion a motion, an attempt should be made to avoid repeating what has already been said, as it provides no new facts to aid in arriving at an informed group conscience. Further, merely voicing agreement or disagreement with the motion is also discouraged, since that is the purpose of the vote which follows.)
183. Election: Monica C (Madrid) was elected Vice Chair.
184. Election: Stephen T (Rhine-Neckar) was elected Secretary.
185. Election: Claudia P (Rome) was Elected RECLO.
186. Election: Evyan D (Rome) was elected Assistant Webmaster.
187. Election: Paul D (Catalunya) was elected Alternate Delegate.
188. Election: PIO. No nominations were forthcoming. The Election was tabled till next meeting.

189. That the Service Boards and Associations Committee go forward and draft of statement of structure, governance, and management of a Service Board for CER with a view to sharing it with service entities within the fellowship. The motion was adopted. (Committee members are David N, Tim S, Erik A, Monica C, and Greg H.) 184. That the Service Boards and Associations Committee go on to contact professionals in the field of incorporating non-profit organizations (NPOs) and report back to the Region assembly the projected costs and details. The motion was adopted.
190. That CER accept the invitation of the Triborders Intergroup Pass It On Group in Brussels to host the June meeting. The motion was adopted. 186. That CER accept the invitation of the Rome groups to host the September meeting. The motion was adopted. June 2008 Brussels, Belgium
191. That the secretary draft a letter to the Board regarding an incident that involved the Board Member and stating that all future CER correspondence will come from the secretary of CER. The motion was adopted. 188. That CER accept the outline submitted by the "How We do Business" Committee as the basic structure of the CER Service Handbook. The motion was adopted.
192. That CER approve the HNLO for Germany's request for € 135.50". This was amended to increase his budget to € 250. It was further amended to include extending the project to British forces in Cyprus and Gibraltar and to stipulate that the HNLO report back on how the money was spent. The motion was adopted.
193. That Joe F be sent to York to represent CER in June at the Prison Liaison meeting there and that he gather information about prisons in CER before attending the meeting. The motion was adopted.
194. Election: Mary Kay F, Tess N, Nicola K and Richard M were elected as Conference Delegates for three years.
195. Election: Dorte T was elected to serve as Public Information Officer for CER for three years.
196. That the election of the Webmaster be postponed CER's next meeting in Rome, September 2008. The motion was lost.
197. That Jeroen S, candidate for Webmaster, be reimbursed for his expenses in attending the meeting, that we endorse his being co-opted by the Web Committee, and that we postpone the election of webmaster. The motion was adopted.
198. That CER accept both Dave A and Tim W-M as nominees for Trustee by acclamation. The motion was adopted.
199. Nomination: Dave A and Tim w-M were nominated as CER's trustees to GSO York.

September 2008 Rome, Italy

200. That the rate at which iCER compensates voting members for automobile travel from .20 to .30 €/k. A two-thirds majority was required for passage. Vote: 24 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions. The motion was adopted.
201. That the Executive Committee be empowered to take action and create the CERES* Service Board. The motion was adopted. Minority Opinion: a member of the minority questioned travel costs and the wisdom of proceeding quickly. He also doubted CER's ability to disband the Board once it was constituted. One member of the majority was willing to reopen discussion, but no one was willing to second his motion. The motion stands. 199.
202. Election: Tim S (Berlin), Patrick L (Franconia), Nicole S (Paris), and Marketa K (Cataluña) were elected Alternate Delegates. (Committee assignments where determined by lot.)
203. That the meeting continues until 6:00 pm. The motion was adopted.
204. That an editorial committee be set up for Arena comprised of the Arena editor, the PIO and one Alternate Delegate. The motion was lost.
205. That CER support the HNLO for Germany for fuel costs going to and from Lubbeck. The motion was adopted. Minority Opinion: The treasurer stated that he had trouble with the process. He favors each position having a budget and thus not having to solicit CER on an ad hoc basis. No one in the majority was willing to reopen discussion. The motion stands.
206. That CER form a Hospitality Committee to organize meetings for central locales. The motion was adopted.
207. That CER hold its March 2009 in Cologne. The motion was adopted. (A request was made for volunteers to the Hospitality Committee.)

December 2008 Costa del Sol, Spain

The following seven items were put forward by the "How We do Business" committee:

208. That the Executive Committee maintains and the Vice-Chair updates the Service handbook. The motion was adopted.
209. That the CER Handbook be updated each year following the CER Group Conscience. The motion was adopted.
210. That Service positions be advertised by the submitting of resumes six months in advance. The motion was lost.
211. That CER accept the substance of this 3rd item with rewording to reflect the sense of the meeting. The motion was adopted.
212. That CER accept the description of the duties of PIO, TLO and Arena editor as written. The motion was adopted.
213. That Officers' reports be submitted no less than 30 days in advance of each CER meeting. The motion was adopted.
214. That all motions for new business and proposed agenda items should be submitted in writing and include background information. New business motions and background material should be submitted no later than 30 days in advance of the Region meeting. The motion was adopted.
215. That during the Region meeting all motions should be submitted in writing to the Secretary before discussion or

- vote by the Region body. The motion failed.
216. That CER accept that the Committee recommends proposals to hold a meeting be made one year in advance of the proposed hosting date. The motion was adopted.
217. That the Electronic Communication Committee (ECC) Guidelines be accepted and posted on the website. The motion was adopted.

(Note: Digest prior to February 2005 prepared by Region Secretary. From February 2005 through June 2007 the Digest was prepared by the Region Secretary and shows elections and votes on motions as reported in the Minutes. Digest from September 2007 prepared by HWDB Committee.)

June 2009 Madrid, Spain

218. That CER accept this document ["Welcome to Region" – An Introduction to Service in the Continental European Region] as a handbook for service. The motion was adopted.
219. That effective 2010 the number of CER's annual meetings be reduced from 4 to 3. The motion was adopted. Minority opinion: The Trustee objected for two reasons: 1) the service handbook recommends 4 meetings a year; 2) he felt the savings were improperly calculated. No one in the majority was willing to reopen discussion. The motion stands.
220. That CER eliminate the reimbursement of ex-delegates, which formerly had extended to one year after they rotated out of service, effective immediately. The motion was adopted.
221. That CER eliminate the HNLO for Germany as a reimbursable CER position. The motion was adopted.
222. That the ArenA editor be empowered to make an editorial committee. The motion was adopted.
223. That CER only reimburse Alternate Delegates when they are not eligible for reimbursement by their Intergroups. The motion was adopted.

September 2009 Milan, Italy

224. That the proposal for CER to start a running file to record experience shared during meetings related to PI/Outreach, Finance, Telephone, and Host Nation liaison/relations, to be kept by a trusted servant who is not travel reimbursed for this specific work and to be available electronically immediately after each meeting and sent with the minutes be passed to ECC and that the ECC report on their deliberations in December. The motion was adopted.
225. That the TLO position be redefined as non-reimbursable. The motion was adopted.
226. That CER meet in Milan on Feb. 13 and 14 and that the Host committee organizes the meeting. The motion was adopted.

December 2009 Stockholm, Sweden

227. That the 2010 EURYPAA convention be listed on the aa-europe website under Events (that is, above the "Courtesy Listings." The motion was adopted.
228. That CER form a Sister City committee and ask Jens V of Copenhagen to lead it. The motion was adopted. Minority Opinion: Why create a position when CER already has a service structure that is meant to take care of the issue? No one in the majority was willing to reopen the discussion. The motion stands.
230. That a First Meeting Support Group be incorporated into the work of the Sister City Committee. The motion was adopted.
231. That CER table the proposal concerning the legitimacy of the Digest of CER Decisions until Feb. 2010 and meanwhile to refer the matter for study to a committee composed of the How We do Business Committee, the Current and Past Secretaries and the Archivist with input from the Franconian Intergroup and to approve the putting of the "Welcome to Region..." document, without the Digest of Decisions back on the aa-europe.org website. The motion was adopted. Minority opinion: given the importance of the matter, it should be resolved immediately No one in the majority was moved to reopen the discussion. The motion stands.
232. That the Electronic Communication's Committee clarify its guidelines for posting and removing content from the aa-europe.org website. The motion was adopted.

Year 2010 records are Missing. (Note: Digest revised and regularized by the Region Secretary Fall 2010.) March 2011 Brussels, Belgium

233. Decision on the use of WebEx for CER meetings in the future. A motion was made That CER use WebEx teleconferencing to replace two meetings a year. The motion was defeated. A further motion was made That CER fund WebEx for one year (in the amount of 452 Euros) to be used for committee meetings and on-line meetings. The motion was adopted.
234. Elections: Secretary: four nominations came forward, Laura S of Madrid, Kip R of Vogelweh Rhineland-Palatinate, Tim S of Berlin and Jay G of Nordic. Following to the third legacy procedure after four votes, the motion was made to go to the hat. Tim S was selected as the next CER secretary. There were two nominees for Vice Chair, Nicola K of Düsseldorf and Jay G of Nordic. Nicola K was elected. There were three nominees for Treasurer, Mark of Triborders, Jay G of Nordic and Kate M of Triborders; once again it was necessary to go to the hat. Kate M was selected as our next treasurer. There were two nominees

for ECLO, Monica C of Madrid and Jay G. Jay threw his support to Monica. Monica C was elected our next ECLO. A proposal had been suggested to dissolve the ECLO position. This proposal was put before the ECC which reported that the position was necessary.

235. Decision on location of subsequent CER meetings. Two intergroups invited CER for the June 2011 meeting, Triborders again offered Brussels and Nordic had already sent an invitation to Stockholm. Stockholm was selected by a simple majority. Home stays will be arranged. A selection of airfares to Stockholm is attached.

June 2011 Stockholm, Sweden

236. "To set the prudent reserve at 12,000€ with any funds in excess of this amount automatically forwarded to GSO York". (Motion carries/unanimous.)
237. "Proposal that the ECC take over the functions of the TLO (Telephone Liaison Officer)". Motion carries by a substantial majority.
238. "Proposal that the sobriety requirement for the position of Arena Editor be set at three years". Motion carries / unanimous.
239. "Proposal that the Webmaster be invited to attend one CER meeting per year. Traveling and accommodations to be reimbursed by CER. The Webmaster will remain a non-voting position. Motion carries by a substantial majority
240. "Proposal that the General Conference Delegates who were unable to attend the 2010 Conference due to the eruption of the Icelandic volcano Eyjafjallajökull be allowed to extend their terms by one year. This would impact three Delegates Nicola K, Mary K and Michelle H. Michelle H. has informed CER that she would not be able to attend Conference for the additional year". Motion carries by a substantial majority
241. "Proposal that the Alt-Treasurer be copied on email correspondence to the CER Steering Committee". Motion carries by a substantial majority.
242. Election of General Service Conference Delegate Committee 3 Marketa K. Elected to full three year position by third legacy procedure.
243. Election of the Electronic Communications Assistant a non-voting/non-reimbursable position, member of ECC.
244. Phil R Elected to the position by third legacy procedure.
245. Motion to hold our next meeting in Brussels on the 10th & 11th of September 2011. Motion carries /unanimous.

September 2011 Brussels, Belgium

Budget Discussion:

246. After discussion the budget was approved by a substantial majority.

Travel Expense Guideline Discussion:

247. After discussion, this issue was referred to a committee composed of the Hospitality Committee and the Treasurer.

Group Conscience: CERES* officers serving as officers of CER

248. The Group Conscience was that there is no problem with CERES officers serving as CER officers with the exception of CER Chair and CER Treasurer.
249. Motion to create a new position of Registrar to help the Region Secretary register IG's with GSO York. The Chair decided to put this aside and revisit at our next CER Meeting.

Discussion about the continued use of WebEx / German Help Line

250. Group Conscience to let our subscription to Web Ex lapse in March 2012 unless a real use for it is found. ECC member Tim S to work on an action plan to increase the help line usage involving the German IG's who contribute personnel and equipment.
251. Motion to start the CER Meeting on Saturday at an earlier time. Motion passed by a substantial majority to start the December Düsseldorf meeting at 11h with no pause for lunch and to re-asses at the following meeting.
252. Approval of the ECC Guidelines. Passed with minor changes by a substantial majority.
253. Motion: Keep the number of Alternate Delegates to Conference at four. Passed. Three Positions for Alternate Delegate to Conference filled: Joe F- 1st position, Rosalind S-G- 2nd position, Nigel P 3rd position.

December 2011 Düsseldorf, Germany

Creation of a Registrar Position discussion:

254. Group Conscience: Not to create a new position but rather to create a one page document explaining how to register groups and inter-groups with GSO in York. This document is to be distributed by the secretary to everyone on the general distribution list and to be posted on our web page.

Discussion about putting Intergroup PI Reports on the web site:

255. Group Conscience: To include under the Service tab on our web page a section for IG Public Information Reports. These reports are to be sent to our Region PI Office and to be reviewed by the ECC for editing and formatting.
256. Election of Alt Delegate to Conference to replace Glen B. Monica C. was elected Alternate Delegate to Conference under the Third Legacy. She will rotate out of this position 12/2014

March 2012 Düsseldorf, Germany

- 257. Approval of the minutes from our December 2011 meeting in Düsseldorf Motion to accept the changes to "Welcome to Region" document Changes were approved by a substantial majority.
- 258. Motion: Should CER as a whole support the Stars & Stripes advertisement? The motion did not pass by a substantial majority and was therefore not accepted.
- 259. Motion: Add Alt-Treasurer as a reimbursed Steering Committee position. The motion was defeated unanimously.

June 2012 Düsseldorf, Germany

- 260. Approval of the minutes from our March 2012 meeting in Düsseldorf.
- 261. Group Conscience Decision: "that each individual attendee will be responsible for paying for their internet access for the weekend".
- 262. Group Conscience Decision: "that the Region Secretary will continue to not distribute flyers for the various Round-Ups and Conventions".
- 263. Motion: CER will take over the payments of the advertisement in Stars & Stripes to be reviewed yearly in December". Passed by a substantial majority.
- 264. Motion: "to keep the Alt-Treasurer position". Passed by a substantial majority.
- 265. Laura W was elected to this non-reimbursable position.
- 266. Group Conscience Decision: to appoint an ad hoc committee of 3 Conference or ex-Conference Delegates to discuss the three issues listed below. 1) Communication between CER and CERES*; 2) Contracting arrangements, authorization and responsibilities; 3) Transitioning contracts/expenses from CER to CERES*. Ad Hoc Committee appointed by Chair Dave A.: Mary Kay F., Erik A., Evyan D., (Dena A to represent CERES*).
- 267. Election: Three new Delegates to Conference: Jeroen S., Patrick L., Dan F.
- 268. Motion: Approval of changes to "Welcome to Region" document. Passed by a substantial majority.
- 269. Motion: To accept the invitation from Nordic IG to hold our December 2012 CER Meeting in Gothenburg Sweden. Passed by a substantial majority.

September 2012 Düsseldorf, Germany

- 270. Approval of the minutes from our June 2012 meeting in Düsseldorf. Unanimous with amended changes
- 271. Motion by Dan F to establish a directory committee to strengthen region's efforts toward its five aims. Group conscience: Data holders Secretary, Treasurer, RECLO and PI to meet and report at December 2012 CER Meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden.
- 272. Discussion to decide whether to continue the Sister City Officer position (currently a non-reimbursable position). Group Conscience: Postpone decision until December CER Meeting.
- 273. Proposal by Kate Mc to purchase a Windows computer for use by the Alt-Treasurer. (Withdrawn.) Nigel P offered an old Windows PC for use by the Alt-Treasurer.
- 274. Election: To fill the RECLO position vacated by Monica C. Nigel P elected by a substantial majority.
- 275. Election: To submit two nominees for an open position on the Board of Trustees Dave A and Erik A were elected by a substantial majority as our nominees to till the vacant Trustee position.
- 276. Meeting Dates for 2013: The Chair proposes 2-3 March/1-2 June/7-8 September and 7-8 December. Meeting dates approved by a substantial majority.

December 2012 Gothenburg, Sweden

- 277. Approval of the minutes from our September 2012 Meeting in Düsseldorf / Unanimous.
- 278. List Keepers Report Proposal by Dan F.: (1) We recommend that no master list be created; that individual officers/committees continue to maintain their own lists: Secretary, RECLO/ECC, PI Officer, Young People Contact, Treasurer, and ARENA Editor. (2) We recommend that any list be pro-actively verified on a regular basis by the list keepers in point 1 above and passed on to their successors in job rotation. (3) We recommend that the Region Vice Chair lead a Committee populated with the Delegates and Alternate Delegates (10 people) who will verify: 1) the flow of communication from Region to our Intergroups and Groups; and, 2) the accuracy of our meeting information on the CER website. This would be in direct furtherance of the first two aims of Region. Vote: Recommendation 1 / Passed by a Substantial Majority.
- 279. Vote: Recommendation 2 / Unanimous.
- 280. Vote: Recommendation 3 / Failed to Pass.
- 281. Motion to Continue Sister City Officer Position. Majority voted to continue.
- 282. The assembly accepted the following recommendations from the ECC: A) The positions of web master and ECA would be replaced by web assistants who could have a service role of anything between 1 & 12 months, but could retain the position for up to 6 years (much as now) and would be elected by the ECC; B) Host nations events to be listed on a separate page; C) Links to non-AA sites with a note that their content is not AA's responsibility; and, D) A meeting database to be assembled.

CERES* Report Erik A Motions:

283. That CER accept this guideline as written and incorporate it into the "Welcome to Region" guideline during the next update.
Motion passed by substantial majority.
284. That CER Chair be the "Originator" for "home" meeting hostel arrangements and billing, as well as the point of contact to assist groups hosting an "away" CER meeting, including explaining the procedure for the host city to get hotel arrangements reimbursed in accordance with this guideline. Motion passed unanimously
285. That CER name "Originators" for the known expenses. The "Originators" should ensure that expenses and billing are in accordance with this guideline. The "Originator" can be a person or a position, if a position that officer will have the latitude to designate another person if prudent (i.e. need a German speaker to figure out the phone bill). Please note: The Originator can never be the Treasurer. Items for which Originators are needed: Phone bill, Internet bill, Stars and Stripes ad (?), Düsseldorf Hostel, Others (?)
286. Decision to revisit in March 2013 CER Meeting Düsseldorf: Elections for Chair, PI Officer, Alt-Archivist. There is no current candidate for Arena Editor and the status of the ECA position to be determined by the ECC.
287. Alt-Archivist: Jerry C elected.
288. PI Officer: Michael K elected.
289. Chair: Jeroen S elected.

March 2013 Düsseldorf, Germany

290. Motion: to renew the Stars & Stripes advertisement until March 2014 and to review every December. The Motion Passed by a Substantial Majority.
291. Motion: to leave the current prudent reserve as it stands at 12,000 Euro. The Motion Passed by a Substantial Majority.
292. The group confirmed our decision made at the December 2012 CER Meeting to name as our originators: Youth Hostel in Düsseldorf / Chair
Internet Expenses / RECLO Stars & Stripes Ad / PI Officer
German Help Line / to be decided later (Region Secretary is temporarily taking care of this).
293. Motion: Approval of the Annual Budget. Approved Unanimously.
294. A motion was made to re-instate the reimbursable position of TLO. After discussion a vote was taken and passed by a simple majority. After the minority opinion was heard, a second vote was taken but did not receive a majority. After further discussion it was decided that the former TLO and current Secretary will disconnect all current responders until the situation can be reorganized and that Dave A, Patrick L and Jerry C will handle answering incoming calls until a new plan is in place. In the meantime, the Steering Committee and any other interested members of CER will develop recommendations for a more permanent plan to present at the Region meeting in June.
295. A motion was made to organize a telephone workshop and to bring in someone from the South of France to explain how they put together a very effective telephone service. Action on the motion to be taken at our next meeting in June 2013.
296. The Welcome to Region Handbook was updated by Vice-Chair Nicola K with the assistance of RECLO Nigel P. The proposed changes were approved with some minor corrections. The updated Welcome to Region Handbook is available for downloading on our Web Page.
297. A motion was made to set the CER meeting hours from 12:00 Saturday to 13:00 Sunday. Passed by a substantial majority.

June 2013 Düsseldorf

298. Motion: "Who thinks the ECC should have more input from CER?" Passed by a substantial majority. Nigel will set up a forum to facilitate that end. Jay wants ECC to list CER meeting times on the events page.
299. Motion: Change the name of the Young Persons Contact Officer to Young Persons Liaison Officer per the Conference Decision of April 2013. Vote: Passed unanimously.
300. Group Conscience: Travel Expenses. The sense of the group is that we will trust the trusted servants, including the Treasurer. When there is a disagreement about an expense item, the Treasurer will make the decision, and if it's still disputed, it will be escalated to the Steering Committee.
301. Sister City Job Description: The job description from Jens V was accepted by a substantial majority with the addition that this is a non-reimbursable and non-voting position.
302. Help-Line Committee Report from Kate Mc. After a lengthy discussion the Five Recommendations were divided into three separate votes: Recommendations 1 through 3: 1) IGs, groups should handle phone line. CER can help by providing training materials, information on meetings and contacts in other areas, putting the phone people at the IG and group level in touch with each other to share best practices and current information. 2) Existing hotline number: Wind down CER operational role and transfer the hotline to IGs in Germany. Re-activate the German phone committee. 3) Promote the website forum as a method of direct communication between phone coordinators in the various groups/IGs. Consider coordinating a phone workshop to kick-start the process. Recommendations 1-3 were passed by a substantial majority.
303. Recommendation 4: 1. Consider helping groups/IGs to set up websites. The recommendation was unanimously accepted and referred to the ECC.

304. Recommendation 5 was amended to add the proviso that the TLO position will be a non-reimbursable and non-voting position. In order to accomplish this, create new Telephone Liaison position for one year, to be re-evaluated at the end of 12 months. To be a non-reimbursable and non-voting position. Recommendation 5 was passed by a substantial majority with the amended language.
305. Chair's Motion: To form a committee to investigate to feasibility of holding a CER Meeting on-line. Passed by a substantial majority.
306. Discussion: Cash Advances. After a lengthy discussion, the motion was made to abolish the ban on cash advances according to requirements and procedures to be worked out in accordance with the statement from CERES*. Passed by a substantial majority.
307. Election: Conference Delegate Committee 2: Rosalind S-G.
308. Election: Conference Delegate Committee 3: Nigel P.
309. Election: Archivist: Evyan D.
310. Election: ArenA Editor: Ron D.
311. Meeting Location Decision: Berlin Invitation was accepted unanimously.
312. Group Conscience: It is our intention in principal to go to Antalya Turkey in December pending an invitation. Passed by a substantial majority.
313. Group Decision: Meeting Dates for 2014:
March 2014: 1 & 2 March
June 2014: 31 May & June 1
September 2014: 6 & 7 – Düsseldorf hostel not available December 2014: 6 & 7 – Düsseldorf hostel not available.

September 2013 Berlin, Germany

314. Approve the minutes from the previous meeting in Düsseldorf / Approved with one minor change.
315. Cash Advance Committee Report Given by Treasurer Kate Mc. (Other members of the Committee: Laura W., Harold R. and Evyan D.) Proposal 1) Find a Friendly Travel Agent. Motion did not pass • Proposal 2) Partial Cash Advance: Motion did not pass as it had no second. No need to retract previous decision banning cash advances.
316. Return to items from Saturday Update to Region Committee: The committee reviewed the document. Minor changes will be reflected on the document resolved by the committee. Finance section revised. Proposed finance section changes to Welcome to Region document were recommended to be passed. Motion 1) to adopt changes proposed and incorporate the previous passed revisions from this body. Passed by a substantial majority. Motion 2) "Revisions to The Welcome to Region Document will be in the future be the responsibility of a newly formed Welcome to Region Document Committee. It is recommended the CER Steering Committee Officers not be members of the newly formed committee." Motion Passed by a substantial majority. Minority opinion was expressed. Revisit vote did not pass.
317. Open Discussion about the financial condition of CER. Motion: CER is to make no new financial commitments except the cost of WebEx until the prudent reserve of 12,000 € is reached. Motion passed. Minority opinion motion and vote to revote defeated.
318. Motion: To Cancel the December 2013 Meeting in Düsseldorf. Motion passes.
319. Motion: CER shall attempt to use WebEx to conduct region business. Motion passes.
320. Motion: CER shall meet monthly initially for 2 hours using WebEx. Motion failed. WebEx meeting will be in December.

December 2013 On-Line on WebEx

321. Election: Treasurer. Laura W was elected by a substantial majority.
322. Election: Alt-Delegate. Joel B was elected after the vote went to the hat.
323. Budget Committee Recommendations that we set our priorities based on the Aims of Region: 1) Conference; 2) PI – to have a budget line item which will include the Stars and Stripes ad if approved; 3) to have one face-to-face meeting (but see Motion); 4) to have three alternate delegates; 5) to fund travel to York for 4 officers (to be approved by the Steering Committee – travel to York for all 7 officers who are invited). Motion: "to have two online meetings and two face to face meeting in 2014. Face to Face Meetings to be held in June and December of 2014 with Web Ex participation and Web Ex Meetings to be held in March and September 2014". Motion passed by a substantial majority.

March 2014, On-line on WebEx

324. Minutes previous meeting accepted.
325. Zurich Invitation for June 2014 CER 31 May/01 June 2014 Meeting. After discussion a motion was made "to accept the Zurich Invitation as presented by Joel B. The maximum reimbursed lodging costs will be those of the Youth Hostel, 56€ per person per night, 31 May thru 01 June". Motion passed by a substantial majority.
326. Motion: "Not to renew our advertisement with Stars and Stripes when it expires in May 2014". Motion passed by a substantial majority.
327. Kate Mc / First 164 RR requests the use of CER's Web Ex Account to meet the rising need for new on-line meetings. Motion: "To allow CER Web EX account to be used for on-line AA meetings if it does not conflict with service use". Motion Passed.

- 328. Election: Secretary. Sophie L was elected by a substantial majority.
- 329. Election: Vice Chair. Nigel P was elected by a substantial majority
- 330. Election: Alt-Treasurer. Harald was elected by a substantial majority
- 331. Election: TLO. Joe F was elected by a substantial majority
- 332. A presentation by Kate Mc who proposed CER purchases a second Web Ex subscription for use as a "Virtual Club House" for on-line meetings. Motion: "To purchase a 2nd Web Ex subscription (200 line) to be used for AA on-line meetings". Motion passed by a substantial majority.
- 333. Discussion: Should EURYPAA flyers be posted on our web site? Motion: "To list EURYPAA flyers on the CER Website". Passed by a substantial majority.

June 2014 Zurich, Switzerland

- 334. Motion: "To change the YPLO Service period from 2 to 3 Years beginning with the next elected Officer." Motion passed by a simple majority.
- 335. Motion: "Alternate Delegates in their last year of Service don't attend Region Meetings following Conference unless they attended Conference that year." Motion defeated.
- 336. Motion: "The Officers of Region when asked by GSO to attend annual Meeting in York are encouraged to do so." Motion defeated. Motion to reopen the discussion. Motion needs to be reworded.
- 337. Motion: "The officers of Region when asked by GSO to attend annual Meeting in York are encouraged to do so as long Region is financially able to." Motion failed by lack of a second.
- 338. Motion: "Trips to York by Officers are approved by the CER Group Conscience." Motion passed.
- 339. Upcoming CER Meetings: Decision. CER has in 2015 two face-to-face Meetings and two online Meetings. Motion: "To reconsider". Motion failed. "Decision to have the Face-to-Face Meetings in June and December 2015."
- 340. Motion: "To reopen the discussion. Requirement simple majority." Votes held on each meeting. Face-to-face meetings for 2015 in March and December pass.
- 341. Motion: "Starting September 2014 Online Meetings are 5 hours in total in one day." Motion passed.
- 342. Face-to-face Meeting December 2014 Decision to meet in Milan. Passed.
- 343. Face-to-face Meeting March 2015 Decision to meet in Eindhoven. Passed.

(Note: Digest from September '14 to September '16 was updated by Chair Erik. Numbering errors from before June '14 and going forward were also corrected, as well as some formatting issues.)

September 2014, On-line on WebEx

- 344. Minutes from June meeting accepted pending changes.
- 345. Due to Sophie's resignation as Secretary, Michael has agreed to be acting Secretary for three months.
- 346. It was reported that CER has voted to participate in European Health Care Conference in Tallinn, Estonia, this fall. Vote does not appear to be recorded in any previous Minutes, and is listed here as a point of information about a decision that was apparently taken.

December 2014, Milan, Italy

- 347. Minutes for the September 2014 meeting were approved.
- 348. Minutes for the June 2014 meeting were accepted (sense of the meeting).
- 349. Election: Trustee nomination. Dan F, Erik A and Nigel P were all approved as nominees to serve as a Trustee to the General Service Board.
- 350. Election: Secretary. Jens V was elected.
- 351. Election: RECLO (Regional Electronic Communications Liaison Officer). Daniel H was elected.
- 352. Election: Alternate Delegate. Kate McN was elected.
- 353. All standing Regional Officers were unanimously confirmed.
- 354. An attempt to establish a spending plan for 2015 did not succeed.
- 355. Motion to conduct the March 2015 meeting online on WebEx. Passed unanimously.

March 2015, On-line on WebEx

- 356. Minutes from December 2014 meeting accepted (sense of the meeting).
- 357. An attempt to establish a budget for 2015 did not succeed. The *provisional budget* that was established by the Steering Committee at the end of December, continued to be in effect, but *only* to be used for decisions that cannot be further delayed.
- 358. Motion: "The prudent reserve be increased to € 15.000 until the next Region meeting when it should be reviewed again." Passed unanimously.

June 2015, Düsseldorf, Germany

- 359. Minutes from March 2015 meeting accepted (sense of the meeting).
- 360. Proposed budget was approved.
- 361. Ad-hoc committee established to present prudent reserve proposal on Sunday morning.

- 362. Proposal: To update website ourselves with option to move to agency to do the work (Option three of three options presented by RECLO). Motion: "Propose to go with option three with a budget of no more than € 2.000 to move the CER-website to a pilot platform that is mobile accessible, within the next three months." Passed unanimously.
- 363. Motion: "The prudent reserve is to remain at € 15.000." Passed unanimously.
- 364. Motion: "The spending plan for any year must be approved at the December meeting."
- 365. Election: Alternate Delegate. Sandra L elected.
- 366. Election: Alternate Delegate. Toby B elected.
- 367. Election: Sole candidate for Vice Chair did not receive the required 2/3 majority.
- 368. Invitation to hold December 2015 face-to-face CER meeting in Zagreb, Croatia, accepted.

September 2015, On-line on WebEx

- 369. Minutes from June meeting presented but not approved, as too many people had not received them in time.
- 370. Proposal to create HLO (Health Liaison Officer) position was presented. Motion to create position passed unanimously.
- 371. Election: Vice Chair. Patrick L was elected.
- 372. Election: PIO (Public Information Officer). Rosalind S-G was elected.
- 373. Election: YPLO (Young Person Liaison Officer). Diana X was elected.

November 2015, Combined CER Aims & Brochure Committee WebEx Meeting*

*Extraordinary meeting in-between assemblies to finalise the new "Aims of Region" and the printing of the new CER brochure. For more details refer to: [UPDATED Aims of Region & CER Brochure \(v0.9\) Proposal for WebEx Meeting 12nov15.pdf](#) and [Gmail - Combined CER Aims & Brochure Committee WebEx Meeting 18 30 Thursday 12th November 2015.pdf](#) in the online files "December2015Zagreb" folder.

- 373a. Motion: To approve the Aims of Region as presented.
Seconded: Patrick
Vote: Unanimous, all in favour
- 373b. Motion: To approve the brochure for printing, with the following modifications:
 - a) Add "Maximum of two..." to Regional Assembly copy
 - b) Correct the Serenity Prayer as per Grapevine link <http://silkworth.net/pdfhistory/TheSerenityPrayerJan1950.pdf>
 - c) Fix up the large spaces between words where possible
 - d) Bill W. quote: the period to be brought inside quotation
 Seconded: Rosalind
Vote: Unanimous, all in favour
- 373c. Motion: Order 1,000 brochures at 299,99 Euro, and bring to CER Assembly in Zagreb for distribution
Seconded: Roger
Vote: Unanimous, all in favour

December 2015, Zagreb, Croatia

- 374. Minutes of June 2015 CER online meeting were accepted (sense of the meeting).
- 375. Minutes of August 2015 online CER meeting concerning the 2014/2015 Inventory were accepted (sense of the meeting).
- 376. Minutes of September 2015 CER meeting were accepted (sense of the meeting).
- 377. Motion: to accept the 2016 spending plan. Passed unanimously.
- 378. Annual General Meeting (AGM) Motion: Confirm all Officers for the next year or until they rotate out, whichever comes first. Passed.
- 379. Election: Chair. Erik A elected.
- 380. Election: Health Liaison Officer (HLO). Toby B elected.
- 381. Election: Delegate. Matt S elected.
- 382. Sense of the meeting to move ahead with requesting a Forum from the General Service Board.
- 383. Sense of the meeting to have the Chair move forward with organising 2016 CER meetings.

March 2016, On-line on WebEx

- 384. Minutes of the December 2015 meeting were approved with corrections.
- 385. Following a report and an initial proposal regarding a new policy for CER email lists, the following motion was made: "To continue the work, presenting a proposal for the next meeting." Motion passed.
- 386. Motion: To approve Health Liaison budget of € 2.900 for 2016. Passed.
- 387. Following a report and an initial proposal regarding online access for face-to-face CER meetings, the following motion was made: The Steering Committee will work on it and try to present it, ready, for the June (2016) meeting. The Steering Committee will come back with a proposal, addressing the concerns raised in this meeting. Passed.

June 2016, Düsseldorf, Germany

- 388. Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

- 389. Motion: Peter from Bavaria asked to acquire CER archives from Delores' family. Passed unanimously.
- 390. Following discussion of revised online access for face-to-face CER meetings, assembly approved proposal in principle, pending formal budget to be presented at next meeting.
- 391. Election: Delegate. Tim S elected.
- 392. Election: Alternate Delegate. Carina elected.
- 393. Election: Archivist. Peter elected.
- 394. Election of ArenA Editor postponed till next meeting.
- 395. After presentation, new email lists policy was proposed as follows:

"1) We create and maintain a **CER General Assembly** list, that includes all the CER Service Officers and all the IG Region Reps and GSRs for Groups without an IG. This list would be managed by the Secretary and would be made available at each and every CER assembly for members to update their details as things change (service rotation etc.). This list would be used only by the Secretary (and Chair/steering committee if required) for official and approved CER announcements and documents, e.g. CER agenda, treasures report, minutes, etc. Emails from official CER addresses should pertain only to AA matters. The table will be published in the minute's appendix after each meeting and displayed/confirmed at each assembly. This ensures, as best we can, that the proper communication channels within the current working group of CER list is always up to date and that the correct members are being properly informed.

2) We create and maintain a **CER Membership** list, that includes all the above emails (updated after every CER assembly), plus any other interested/active members in CER. This list would be managed by the ArenA Editor (& RECLO) via the subscribe and unsubscribe options on our website. This channel could be used by any member or service position (Secretary, PI Officer, Delegates) via the ArenA blog post + email blast system to communicate with the CER fellowship. Any information through this channel would have to be sent to the Arena Editor for sending out, either in a combined monthly post or on an ad-hoc basis."

Passed unanimously.

September 2016, On-line on WebEx

- 396. Minutes of the June meeting were approved.
- 397. Motion: "Legal contracts for CER are to be drafted and signed under the name of CERES*. No CER or AA member is to be placed in a position of legal and/or financial liability in carrying out CER service or business. The Steering Committee, working with CERES*, shall review all current contracts relating to CER to ensure conformity to this operational principle. Legal assistance will be sought if and when required." Passed unanimously.
- 398. Election: ArenA Editor. Casey C elected.

December 2016, Düsseldorf, Germany

- 399. Minutes of the September meeting were approved.
- 400. Election. Secretary (3 years). Matt S. from Munich elected.
- 401. Motion. Accept Spending Plan for 2017, with the following amendments:
 - 1. Reduction of 800 from CERES* travel
 - 2. 26,000 reduced to 25,000 Euros
 - 3. Reduction of officer travel to York from 7 to 3 (Steering Committee to decide). Passed unanimously.
- 402. Motion. Accept 'CER – How It Works' Manual, with the following conditions: December 31st 2016 time-limit for final proof reading edits/suggestions. Passed unanimously.
- 403. Motion. Approve printing of Version 2.0 of the CER Brochure and a postal allowance, with the following conditions: 150 Euro postal costs cap. Passed unanimously.
- 404. Motion. Accept the full current slate of officers. Passed unanimously.

March 2017, Online

- 405. Minutes of the December meeting were approved unanimously (sense of the meeting) with the following changes: Correct Tom W. to Tom H.
- 406. Elections. Sandra L. alternate delegate position vacated due to non-participation at last three region meetings (CER Digest of Decisions #75). Two Alternate Delegate positions available. Levey P. was elected by two thirds majority (3 years) Andre M. was elected by two thirds majority (3 years)

June 2017, Stockholm, Sweden

- 407. Minutes of the previous assembly (DRAFT v0.2 Minutes CER Assembly 5th March 2017 .pdf) were approved

- unanimously.
408. Motion. To proceed with hosting the December 2017 assembly in Budapest. Seconded. Voting was unanimously in favour.
409. Motion. To approve in principle an additional 400 Euros budget for ECMH expenses pending SC review by end of June. Seconded. Unanimously approved.
410. Elections. Levey P. was elected as Treasurer (3 years) by two thirds plus majority.
All three regional trustee candidates were approved as nominations with two-thirds majority: Erik A., Steve R., and Jeroen S.
411. Motion. Create a Regional Armed Services Liaison Officer. Seconded. Vote was unanimous.
412. Motion. CER to fund Officers travel to York for the annual Regional Officer Meetings. Seconded. Vote was unanimous.
413. Motion. Recommend the adoption of the aamail.org email service for use by CER Officers. Seconded. Voting was unanimous.

September 2017, Online, Skype for Business

414. Minutes of the previous assembly (DRAFT v0.3 Minutes CER Assembly 10th -11th June 2017.pdf) were approved (sense of meeting).
415. Motion: It is proposed to increase the number of annual face-to-face meetings from two to three as of 2018. CER will review the number of face-to-face meetings to be held annually at the September 2018 assembly. If a third face-to-face meeting is approved for 2018, CER will raise its prudent reserve by €5.000 (to €20,000). Seconded.
- Vote: 21 Yes, 3 Abstentions, 1 No. Passes by over two-thirds majority. No further minority opinion expressed.
416. Motion: CER to hold its March 2018 CER Assembly in Vienna. Vote: Passes (sense of meeting)
417. Motion: CER to hold its December 2018 CER Assembly in Bratislava. Vote: Yes 24, No 1.
Passes by over two-thirds majority.
Minority opinion: Difficult to fly into Bratislava airport.
418. Election: Alternate Treasurer (3 years). Rafael G. from Berlin was elected by two-thirds plus majority.

December 2017, Budapest, Hungary

419. Motion: To accept the minutes of our previous assembly (DRAFT v0.3 Minutes CER Assembly 10th September 2017.pdf), with the following changes:
1. 10.1. Change "March 2017" to "March 2018"
 2. 8. RECLO Report. Add the text "Daniel to follow up with GSO regarding groups' registering with the GSO" Seconded. Vote: Passed unanimously.
- Final minutes published as FINAL v1.0 Minutes CER Assembly 10th September 2017.pdf in online files.
420. Ad-hoc "Reach-out" Committee created: Patrick L., Rosalind S.G., Matt S., George R., Carina H., Stephen T. and Dan G. volunteered to join the committee. Vice-Chair (Patrick L.) to lead the committee work.
421. Ad-hoc "GDPR" Committee created: Ronald vV., Dena A. and Rafael G. volunteered. Dena to lead the committee.
422. Motion: to accept the Treasurers report "CER Treasurer bi-annual report 2017_12_02" Seconded. Vote: Passed unanimously.
423. Motion: to accept the Treasurers report "CER Treasurer Budget proposal 2018 final" Vote: Yes 26, No 0, Abstention 1. Passes unanimously.
424. Election: RECLO. Yvonne S. from Cologne nominated. Accepted. Seconded. Vote: Yvonne was elected by two-thirds majority plus.
425. Election: RASLO. Stan from Rhineland Pfalz IG nominated. Accepted. Seconded. Vote: Stan was elected by two-thirds majority plus.
426. Motion: CER to hold its June 2018 Assembly in either Budapest or Düsseldorf.
Vote: Budapest 14, Düsseldorf 2, Abstain 6.
NOTE: Following the Assembly, the Steering Committee learned that the Budapest venue was NOT available the weekend of June 9-10, 2018. The Committee has therefore confirmed Düsseldorf, as it was the only concrete option available on those dates. The June 2018 CER Assembly will be held in Düsseldorf.

March 2018, Vienna, Austria

427. Motion: To accept the minutes of our previous assembly (DRAFT v0.3 Minutes CER Assembly 2-3 December 2017.pdf).
Seconded. Vote: Passed unanimously.
Final minutes published as FINAL v1.0 Minutes CER Assembly 2-3 December 2017.pdf in online files.
428. Motion: Literature starter package be sent to AA Lithuania English-speaking costing 467 GBP, with costs to be borne firstly by GSO Literature Development Fund if possible, otherwise by CER.
Vote: 23 Yes, 1 No, 4 Abstentions. Passes by two thirds majority.
Minority opinion expressed that this decision contravenes Tradition 7.
429. Election: YPLO. Thomas H. from Berlin IG was nominated, seconded, and accepted. Vote: Thomas was elected by two-thirds majority plus.

- 430. Motion: To increase the HLO budget 2018 to 4,500 EUR. Seconded. Vote: Passed unanimously.
- 431. Motion: CER to hold its March 2019 Assembly on 2-3 March 2019, in Vilnius Lithuania. Seconded. Vote: Unanimously approved.

June 2018, Duesseldorf, Germany

- 432. Motion: To accept the minutes of our previous assembly (DRAFT v0.2 Minutes CER Assembly 3-4 March 2018.pdf), with the following amendments:
 - 1. Section 19 & 21. Change date to: 2nd – 3rd March 2019, Face-to-face (Vilnius, Lithuania)
 - 2. Add "Minority opinion expressed that this decision contravenes Tradition 7" to Section 4.1 #3.3. Seconded. Vote: Passed unanimously.
 Minutes amended and published as FINAL v1.0 Minutes CER Assembly 3-4 March 2018.pdf in online files.
- 433. Motion: Treasurer to hold off contribution to GSO until proposed audio-visual equipment solution has been approved. Seconded. Vote: Passed unanimously.
- 434. Motion: Steering Committee (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary) to meet in-person together in a central location for the September Online Assembly.
 - Seconded. Vote: Yes 16, No 7, Ab 2. Passes by two-thirds majority.
- 435. Motion: Secretary to request GSO to hold a CER "Regional Forum" at the December 2019 CER Assembly. CER to decide on the topic at the September 2018 Assembly.
 - Seconded. Vote: Passed unanimously.
- 436. Motion: to accept the "CER Treasurer 2nd quarter report updated June 2018". Seconded. Vote: Passed unanimously.
- 437. Motion: Send an invitation to ACA to attend our next assembly as observers. In addition, propose a separate meeting between ACA representatives and an ad-hoc committee of experienced CER members.
 - Seconded. Vote: Yes 27, Ab 1. Carried by two-thirds majority.
 - Laura T., Matt S., Ronald vV., Stephen T. volunteered for the ad-hoc committee.
- 438. Election: Chair. Patrick L. was elected by two-thirds majority.
- 439. Election: Delegates (x3).
 - Carina H. was elected by two-thirds majority.
 - Dena A. was elected by two-thirds majority.
 - Levey P. was elected by the hat.
- 440. Election: RECLO. Matt S. was elected by two-thirds majority.

September 2018, Online, Skype for Business

- 441. Motion: To accept the minutes of our previous assembly (DRAFT v0.2 Minutes CER Assembly 9-10 June 2018.pdf). Seconded. Vote: Passed unanimously.
- 442. Motion: CER to purchase two Jabra Speak 710 Conference Speakers at 400 Euros. Seconded. Vote: Passed unanimously.
- 443. Election:
 - Secretary: Stephen T. was elected by a two thirds majority.
- 444. Election:
 - Vice-Chair: Ronald vV. was elected by two-thirds majority.
- 445. Election:
 - PI Officer: Jacob M. was elected by the hat.
- 446. Elections: Alternate Delegates: (x2)
 - Casey C. was elected by a two-thirds majority.
 - Jonathan P. was elected by a two-thirds majority.
- 447. Motion: That CER hold its June 2019 Assembly in Varna Bulgaria. Seconded. Vote was unanimous.

December 2018, Bratislava, Slovakia

- 448. Motion: To allow both representatives of the Budapest fellowship in attendance to vote, with the proviso that before the March 2019 the Budapest fellowship make a decision whether to define themselves as an intergroup or group, in which latter case they would have but one vote in the future.
 - Seconded Vote: Passed with well over a two thirds majority.
- 449. Motion: To accept the minutes of our previous assembly with the following change: Casey C. group affiliation from Cologne to Dortmund.
 - Seconded. Vote: Passed unanimously.
- 450. Election RASLO. Merrick M. of Rhineland/Pfalz nominated, seconded and elected by a greater two-thirds majority.
- 451. Election HLO. Bruce B. of Varna, Bulgaria nominated, seconded and elected by a greater than 2/3s majority.
- 452. Election YPLO. Irma P. of Vilnius nominated, seconded and elected by a greater than 2/3s majority.
- 453. Election Delegate for Committee 4. Dan G. of Nordic nominated, seconded and elected by a greater than 2/3s majority.
- 454. Motion: that CER revert in 2020 to two on-line and two face-to-face meetings.
 - Seconded. Vote: 19 yes, 4 no, 10 abstentions. The motion was adopted by a simple majority. (The decision will be reviewed at the end of 2020.)

March 2019, Vilnius, Lithuania

- 455. Motion: To accept the minutes of our December 2018 assembly "DRAFT Minutes CER Assembly 1-2 December 2018 Version 0.2.pdf". Seconded. Vote: Passed unanimously.
- 456. Motion: "That CER return the €1000 reserved for equipment upgrades to the operating budget." Seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 457. Motion: "That CER approve an expense of €1240 for the purpose of upgrading the Website, as suggested in the RECLO's report." Seconded. Passed by a two thirds majority.
- 458. A motion was made that "CER shall hold its face-to-face quarterly assemblies in 2020 on March 7 and 8 and September 5 and 6." Seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 459. A motion was made that "CER shall schedule its Dec. 2019 Assembly in Brussels." Seconded. Vote: Passed with a two thirds majority.
- 460. A motion was made that "CER shall hold its on-line meetings in 2020 on the first Sunday of June, the 7th, and of December, the 6th. Seconded. Vote: unanimously approved.
- 461. A vote was held to decide where CER shall hold its March 2020 assembly. The choices were Budapest and Ukraine. Budapest was chosen by a two thirds majority.

June 2019, Varna, Bulgaria

- 462. Election Delegate (x2).
Andre M. from Netherlands IG was nominated; seconded. Vote: Andre M. was elected by two-thirds majority.
Tom H. from Tri-Borders IG was nominated; seconded. Vote: Tom H. was elected by two-thirds majority.
- 463. Motion: For CER to elect a new treasurer 6 months prior to the end of the current treasurer's rotation out of service. Seconded. Motion passed by a greater than 2/3 majority.

September 2019, Online

- 464. Motion: To accept the minutes of the March 2019 assembly (version 4). Seconded. Vote: Passed unanimously.
- 465. Election ArenA Editor.
Adam K. from Berlin IG was nominated; nomination seconded. Vote: Adam K. was elected by two-thirds majority.
- 466. Correction: June 2019 from Vilnius, Lithuania to Varna, Bulgaria.

December 2019, Brussels, Belgium

- 467. Motion: To accept the minutes of the June 2019 and September 2019 assemblies. Both seconded and passed unanimously.
- 468. Motion: Assembly agrees to go to Budapest, Hungary as planned in March 2020 and give the SC the remit to negotiate with the Penta Hotel in Brussels on the March 2021 Assembly. Vote: Passed unanimously.
- 469. Elections Treasurer
Ron D. was nominated, seconded. Vote: Ron D. was elected unanimously. He stepped down as Chair CERES*.
- 470. Elections Delegate
Jan J. was nominated; seconded. Vote: Jan J. was elected with a 2/3 majority.
- 471. Motion proposed to accept the presented budget, provisionally to be reviewed in March. Vote: 26 for, 1 against, 6 abstentions
Minority opinion: We should have had the discussion of raising the prudent reserve before voting, because we are accepting a budget that is negative which is considered unprofessional.
Re-vote based on the minority opinion.
Vote: Passed with a two-thirds majority.

March 2020, Budapest, Hungary

- 472. Motion: To accept the draft minutes of December 2019 Assembly meeting with the amendment that a status on the safeguarding document will be presented at Conference.
Motion accepted unanimously.
- 473. Motion: An advance payment will be made to a CER officer only if there is no outstanding unresolved prior advance.
Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
- 474. Motion: Continue the work of CERES*: To commission the CERES* board to begin drafting of the new CERES Statutes and By-Laws in accordance with the Swiss Civil Code and to hire an attorney, if required by the Assembly, to verify legality, which is the first step in forming an Association under the Swiss Civil Code. The statutes and by-laws will be presented to the CER Assembly for approval at the June 2020 Regional Assembly.
Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
- 475. Motion: The SC proposes to start a working group to address this situation.
Vote: Motion is not carried.
- 476. Motion to have a Face-to-face meeting in Brussels September 5 – 6, providing we wait booking flights and accommodation until our online meeting in June.
Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
- 477. Elections Secretary
Jennifer was nominated; seconded. Vote: Jennifer was elected with a 2/3rd majority.

June 2020, Online

478. Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 2020 Budapest assembly. Vote: Minutes were passed unanimously.
479. Motion: Draft a letter to the former HLO.
Vote: Motion passed unanimously.
480. Motion: To expedited payment of EIMH fee.
Vote: Motion passed unanimously.
481. Motion: Fall Assembly F2F scheduled for Brussels to be conducted online September 6th and alternatively meet F2F on December 5th and 6th
Vote: Motion passed unanimously.
482. Motion: Post Covid-19 lockdown transition discussion and subcommittee formed.
Vote: Motion passed unanimously.
483. Motion: RCLO to summarize and share best practices for off/online and hybrid meeting options.
Vote: Motion passed unanimously.
484. Motion: F2F Winter Assembly 2020 scheduled December 5th and 6th which will fulfill our Penta Hotel obligation in Brussels, Belgium.
Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

September 2020, Online

485. Motion: Approve the minutes of the June 2020 Online assembly.
Vote: Minutes were unanimously passed.
486. Motion: Split position of RECLO into 2 roles: Webmaster & RECLO.
Vote: Motion carried.
487. Motion: Elect a new RECLO with understanding of role split and mentorship into new position.
Vote: Motion was not carried.
488. Motion Approve new legal entity.
Vote: Motion was carried.
489. Motion: Set up CH parallel to German to open bank account and post box.
Vote: Motion was carried.
490. Motion: Hold Winter Assembly Online details left to discretion of Steering Committee.
Vote: Motion was carried.

December 2020, Online

491. Motion: To approve minutes of the June 2020 Online Assembly
Vote: Motion passed unanimously following the edit of Trustee's Report
492. Motion: Approve YTD Data 2020.
Vote: Motion was carried.
493. Motion: Decrease our prudent reserve from 20K to 15K.
Vote: Motion carried unanimously.
494. Motion: Move all funds above prudent reserve to CH account contingent on approval of budget.
Vote: The motion was carried unanimously.
495. Election RECLO.
Julian was nominated; seconded. Julian was elected unanimously.
496. Election Alternate Treasurer.
Alistair was nominated; seconded. Alistair was elected unanimously.
497. Motion: The assembly grants the Steering Committee discretion to depart from agreed 5-hour time limit for online Assemblies as per Motion 341, as needed under extraordinary circumstances. In such cases (global crisis) any departure from the norm will be communicated to CER fellowship no later than 6 weeks before the planned event.
498. Motion: Meet online on March 7, 2021 and look to fulfill our obligation to the Penta Hotel by releasing 60% of funds.
Vote: The motion was carried with a 2/3 majority.
499. Motion: To approve the spending plan for 2021.
Vote: The motion was carried with a 2/3 majority.
500. Motion: Send 13K to York (GSO).
Vote: 21 Yes, 8 No, 4 Abstentions. The motion carried.
Minority Opinion: It is not clear how the amount of 13K was calculated.
Revote: The motion did not carry.

March 2021, Online

501. Motion: Approve the December 2020 Assembly Minutes.
Vote: Motion is carried unanimously.
502. Motion: To allow the treasurer to transfer full amounts over € 100 to new Post Finance CH bank account as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Minority opinions

- a) new ongoing remit – CERES* already empowered to do this as part of banking move
- b) tax implications should be investigated – CERES* reassures tax not an issue, urgency needed.
- c) excess funds would best be passed to GSO, not Post Finance account (CH)
- d) Trusted servants already free to transfer funds as they see fit.

Vote: Motion carried with a 2/3 majority.

503. Elections Health Liaison Officer:

Joel B. was nominated; seconded. Joel was elected with a 2/3 majority.

June 2021, Online

504. Motion to accept CER Treasurer Report

New CERES* Association bank account is active and has been utilized.

Issues with Deutsche Bank have been successfully resolved **Motion accepted unanimously.**

505. Motion to accept Conference Delegates Reports. Motion accepted unanimously.

506. Motion to accept CER Archivist's last will and testament. Motion accepted unanimously.

507. Motion to accept CERES* Chair report. Motion carried

September 2021, Online

508. Motion: Approve the minutes of June 2021 Assembly.

Vote: Motion was carried.

509. Election Trustee

Due to lack of documentation in the minutes it is unclear who the candidates were. The result was, that no candidates were put forward to GSO.

510. Election PIO

Due to lack of documentation in the minutes it is unclear who the candidate was. No PIO was elected.

511. Election Ambassador from CER:

Due to lack of documentation, it is unclear if there were any candidates. No Ambassador elected.

512. Motion: Remaining online for December 4&5th Assembly.

Motion was carried with a 2/3 majority.

Minority opinion:

We benefit from in person meetings and people on the ground would be an extreme benefit. The venue will continue to work with us. We already understand within a framework what restrictions will be so we can move forward from here. We need a 6 month timeline to plan for an event, as per usual.

December 2021, Online

513. Motion: Postpone F2F Assembly until June and potentially September 2022 contingent upon results of discussion (voting) during March 2022 Online Assembly

Vote: Motion carried.

514. Motion to pass Spending Plan 2022 as represented

Motion carried.

515. Motion to send 25K to York, GSO.

Motion carried.

516. Motion to send additional 8K to York, GSO.

Motion carried.

517. Motion to transfer CERES* responsibilities from CERES* Board to SC Steering Committee

Motion carried.

518. Motion to approve the September 2021 Assembly Minutes

Motion carried.

519. Election Nomination for Trustee:

All four nominations were approved. *(Note: Names were omitted in the minutes; it was recollected that two nominations were Levey P. and Matt S.)*

520. Elections YPLO:

New YPLO from the Netherlands elected. *(Note: Name omitted in the minutes; it was recollected that Chiara W. had been elected.)*

March 2022, Online

521. Motion: Secretary will send another description of the 85th Anniversary Speaker to the Email list, put it on the website, mention the people nominated or who are willing from the list generated from today's Assembly on a timeline for nominees to respond.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

522. Motion: To approve December 2021 Online Assembly Minutes

Vote: passed

523. Elections: The assembly elected a new PILO and Alternate Treasurer.

524. Motion: Hold Face-to-Face Assembly with Zoom option for all members who are unable to travel to Brussels for Jun

4&5. This will fulfill our contractual obligation to the Brussels Penta City Center venue.
Vote: The motion passed.

June 2022, Brussels

525. Motion: Approve the monies of March 2022 Assembly.
Vote: Motion carried.
526. Motion: To make Alternate-Treasurer a reimbursable position.
Vote: Motion carried.
527. Election Conference Delegates (3x)
Name of nominees omitted in the minutes. However, all three positions were filled. (*Note: It was later recollected that the person elected were Jan J., Jonathan P. and A.J.*)
but they put it up again.
528. Election Alternate Delegate.
Name of nominee omitted in the minutes. The position was filled. (*Note: It was later recollected that the person elected was Marisa.*)
529. Motion: hold September 3&4 online
Vote: Motion was carried.
530. Motion: hold December 3rd and 4th F2F.
Vote: Motion was carried.
531. Motion to allow the SC to find a venue for December assembly.
Vote: Motion was carried.

September 2022, Online

532. Election Arena Editor
Tenzing B. was nominated; seconded. As Tenzing B. was absent the election was postponed to the next assembly.
533. Election Alternate Delegate
Adam K. was nominated; seconded. Adam K. was voted in as Alternate Delegate.
534. Motion: CER will meet face-to-face in December and from 2023 will recert to meeting twice per year face-to-face in March and September with the fallback of online if necessary.
Vote: Motion was carried unanimously.
535. Motion: Assembly authorizes the CER Steering Committee to select the location for the March 2023 face-to-face Assembly based on bids from Intergroup for notification at the December 2022 meeting at the latest.
Vote: Motion was carried unanimously.
536. Motion: Assembly agrees in the spirit of unity to amend the front page of our CER website and the posted Preamble on the page to change the use of 'men and women' to 'people'
Vote: The motion passed by a simple majority.

December 2022, Budapest

537. Motion: Accept the minutes from September 2022 Assembly.
Vote: The motion was carried.
538. Motion to contribute 2K € to York, GSO.
Vote: The motion did not carry.
539. Motion to approve the 2023 Spending Plan.
Vote: The motion was approved.
540. Elections:
1. Arena Editor – Tenzing P.
2. Election YPLO - Irma
3. RASLO – Ian
4. Alternate Delegate – Gary
All positions were filled. *Names of Nominees and elected candidates were omitted from the minutes and added retrospectively.*

March 2023, Warsaw

541. Motion: to make no donations to York.
Vote: The motion was carried unanimously.
542. Motion: For RECLO to move forward with spearheading our use of Slack.
Vote: The motion was carried.
543. Election Treasurer:
The position was filled. The minutes omitted names of nominees and elected candidates. *Added afterwards: Alistair was elected as Treasurer.*
544. Motion: Approve the minutes of the Winter 2022 Assembly with amendments.
Vote: The motion was carried.
545. Motion: Hold our June 3-4 Assembly Online and Proceed with finding a host location for the September 2-3

Assembly in person with hybrid option.

Vote: The motion was carried.

June 2023, Online

546. Election Delegate to Conference
Marisa was nominated; seconded. Marisa was elected as Delegate to Conference.
547. Election Webmaster
Ed B. was nominated; seconded. Ed B. was elected as Webmaster.
548. Motion: We as Region CER write a letter to the GSB and Conference Chair to express our concerns as Conference Delegates 2023 over the Conference process.
Vote: The motion passed with a 2/3 majority.
549. Motion: To accept the minutes from March 2023 assembly with comments from Geneva.
Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

September 2023, Zagreb, Croatia

550. Election Delegate to Conference
Julia K. was nominated; seconded. Julia K. was elected as Delegate to Conference.
551. Adoption of the following resolutions suggested by the Inventory Working Group *
- The Chair of the Assembly meetings opens the sharing part of the meeting with words to the effect of: *"We would like to kindly ask everyone to keep their contributions brief, courteous, and on topic. In the spirit of tolerance, let's hear people out, thank you."*
 - The steering group considers the possibility of timing shares to ensure the smooth running of assembly meetings.
 - The Secretary distributes the minutes from assembly meetings to those who attended within 2 weeks of the assembly's occurrence, to allow for responses from attendees.
 - The secretary sends out an invitation to the forthcoming assembly, together with the agenda and reviewed minutes from the previous assembly, one month prior to the next assembly.
 - A starter pack is developed to provide orientation material for both new Officers and new Regional Representatives. Orientation material ought to include –
 - CER - How it Works
 - Archive of Minutes
 - Upcoming Agenda
 - Digest of Decisions
 - A section of the website for 'Welcome Pack' / 'Welcome to Region' should be created. This could also be utilised by outgoing regional reps / GSRs to 'Pass the Baton' to incoming Reps.
 - A buddy system be implemented to smooth the way for newcomers and help them get more quickly acclimatised. Additionally, that name badges are used. Newcomers can be identified (with a red dot or a red line or a different colour badge) so that regulars may readily introduce themselves and offer support. Participants could be encouraged to bring a name badge with them to avoid repetitive expense of new name tags.
 - The steering committee should update, maintain, and distribute the standing policy decisions held in the digest of decisions. This list of standing decisions should also be available on the CER website.
 - When giving their reports (at assembly, to ArenA, or on the website) officers should try to include an estimate of value for money in terms of carrying the message. Where a monetary value can't be established the officer might evaluate the project with a mark out of 10 or if they would they recommend a similar project to another region/IG.
 - Officers are encouraged to attend meetings of regional officers at GSO to capitalize on others' experience. This should be part of the officers' job description and budgeted for. Online attendance is an alternative.

*item 551 was added retroactively as the Minutes from the 2023 September Assembly did not record that these suggestions of the working group were adopted. A review in 2024 found that these decisions were omitted from the minutes and the SC decided to add them to the Digest of Decisions.

December 2023

552. Motion: To accept the proposed budget/spending plan for 2024:
Vote: The motion passed.
553. Election Secretary
Carina H. was nominated; seconded. Carina H. was elected as Secretary.
554. Election Alternate Treasurer
Jo was nominated; seconded. Jo was elected as Alternate Treasurer.
555. Election Delegate (x2)
Gillian S. was nominated; seconded. Gillian S was elected as Delegate.
Elizabeth B. was nominated; seconded. Elizabeth B. was elected as Delegate.
556. Motion: To book the venue (Hilton Munich for the March 2024 assembly) to lock in prices.
Vote: The motion passed.

March 2024, Munich

557. Motion: To accept the minutes of the December 2023 assembly with the following amendments:
- Page 2: The 2024 proposed budget of 1,000 EUR for the RECLO was changed to the RASLO.
 - Page 2: The HLO budget was corrected from 40,000 EUR to 4,000 EUR.
 - Page 2: "The Treasurer budgets for two officers to attend CER assemblies per year" was changed to "The Treasurer budgets for CER officers to attend two assemblies per year."
- The motion was seconded.
Vote: Passed unanimously.
558. Election Vice-Chair
Raymond B. was nominated; seconded. Raymond B. was elected as Vice-Chair unanimously.
559. Election HLO.
Sarah V. was nominated; seconded. Sarah V. was elected as HLO unanimously.
560. Election Alternate Delegate.
Markéta K. was nominated; seconded. Markéta K. was elected as Alternate Delegate unanimously.
561. Motion: For CER to revert to using the AA Filestore (AAFiles) for all documents relevant for our quarterly assembly (such as minutes, agendas, IG reports, officer reports, bids for hosting CER, invitations, etc.). The AA Filestore will be maintained by the Secretary and the RECLO, and anyone wishing to upload documents to the filestore can do so by sending them to the Secretary or the RECLO. Instructions on how to gain access to the AA Filestore will be made available to all members by the Secretary. Additionally, email instead of Slack ought to be the primary channel of communication.
The motion was seconded and carried by a 2/3 majority.
Minority Opinion: The originally prepared motion should not have been amended with the last line that email should be the primary channel of communication. The website is also a very important communication tool and officers should have the option of using it for communicating with all CER members, for example via uploading documents, etc.
562. Motion to accept the proposal to hold the September 2024 assembly in Vienna.
Vote: Motion was seconded and carried by over 2/3 majority.

June 2024, Online

563. Motion: To accept the minutes of the March 2024 assembly with the following amendments:
- Page 2: Attendance List: Sarah V. was attending as Region Rep with a vote, instead of an observer with no vote.
 - Page 3: Point 6.4. delete the word 'voted' to read "Markéta K. was elected as Alternate Delegate unanimously".
- The motion was seconded.
Vote: Passed unanimously.
564. Election Chair
Harald R. was nominated; seconded. Harald R. was not elected as Chair as the 2/3 majority was not reached.
Minority Opinion: The candidate was willing and capable of being of service and thus we should revote.
Motion: To re-take the vote.
The motion was seconded.
Vote: The motion was not carried.
565. Election RECLO
Alex H. was nominated; seconded. Alex H. was elected as RECLO unanimously.
566. Motion: To give the steering committee the authority to purchase or rent equipment for up to 2000 Euros for all upcoming face-2-face assemblies to improve the quality of the hybrid meetings.
The motion was seconded.
Vote: The motion was carried unanimously.

September 2024, Vienna

567. Motion: To accept the minutes of the June 2024 assembly with the following amendments:
- Attendance List: Add 'Italy' next to Elisabeth (Conference Delegate)
- The motion was seconded.
Vote: Passed unanimously.
568. Motion: To adopt the reimbursement guidelines presented and discussed at the June 2024 assembly.
The motion was seconded.
Vote: Passed unanimously.
569. Election Chair
Raymond B. was nominated, seconded. Daniel F. was nominated; seconded. Raymond B. was elected as Chair with a 2/3 majority.
570. Election Alternate Delegate (x2)
Sarah V. was nominated; seconded.
Sarah V. was elected as Alternate Delegate with a 2/3 majority.
Karen M. nominated herself; the nomination was seconded.

- Karen M. was elected as Alternate Delegate with a 2/3 majority.
571. Motion: To accept the proposal to meet in Prague for the March 2025 assembly.
The motion was seconded.
Vote: The motion was carried unanimously

December 2024, Online

572. Motion: To accept the minutes of the September 2024 assembly.
The motion was seconded.
Vote: Passed unanimously.
573. Motion: To accept the budget as shown with the provision that the proposed contribution to York is reduced by 500€ to a total of 4500€.
The motion was seconded.
Vote: The motion was approved by a 2/3 majority.
574. Election YPLO:
Christopher S. and Yasmin B. were nominated and seconded.
Christopher S. was elected as YPLO with a 2/3 majority.
575. Election Conference Delegate
Markéta K. and Willy W. were nominated. Only Markéta K. was present.
Markéta K. was elected as Conference Delegate with a 2/3 majority.
576. Election PILO:
Sybil K. was nominated and seconded. Sybil K. gave her service resume.
Sybil K. was elected PILO with a 2/3 majority.
577. Motion: To adopt the following suggestions that came out of the 2024 Group Inventory:
- All Officer reports ought to have a short executive summary at the top.
 - The CER Secretary ought to create an annual report that will contain a short highlights report from all CER officers.
- The motion was seconded.
Vote: The motion was approved by a 2/3 majority.

March 2025, Prague

578. Motion: To accept the minutes of the December 2024 assembly.
The motion was seconded.
Vote: Passed unanimously.
579. Motion: To accept the proposal to hold the September 2025 assembly in Costa Del Sol.
Motion was seconded.
Vote: Motion carried by over 2/3 majority.

June 2025, Online

580. Motion: To accept the minutes of the March 2025 assembly.
The motion was seconded.
Vote: Passed unanimously.
581. Election Nominee for GSB Trustee from CER
Matt S. and Bruce B. were elected as nominee for the Trustee position with a 2/3 majority.
582. Election Conference Delegate:
Ian McD was nominated as Conference Delegate. The nomination was seconded. Ian McD gave his service resume.
Ian was elected as Conference Delegate with a 2/3 majority.
Sarah V. was nominated as Conference Delegate. Sarah V. accepted
Sarah V. was elected as Conference Delegate with a 2/3 majority.
583. Election Alternate Conference Delegate
Yasmin M. was nominated as Alternate Conference Delegate. The nomination was seconded. Yasmin M. gave her service resume.
Yasmin M. was elected as Alternate Conference Delegate with a 2/3 majority.
584. Motion: To accept the Clarification of Voting Procedures.
The motion was seconded.
Vote: The motion was carried.
585. Motion: To accept the Arena Newsletter Guidelines.
The motion was seconded.
Vote: The motion was carried.
586. Motion: That the assembly gives the Steering Committee permission to put forward a question to Conference 2026 about establishing a European Central Service Office.
The motion was seconded.
Vote: The motion was carried.

September 2025, Costa Del Sol (pending approval of the September 2025 minutes)

587. Motion: To accept the minutes of the June 2025 assembly.
The motion was seconded.
Vote: Passed unanimously.
588. Motion: To accept the Treasurers report.
The motion was seconded.
Vote: Passed unanimously.
589. Motion: To accept the guidelines for nominating CER Officers for vacant service positions.
The motion was seconded.
Vote: Passed unanimously.
590. Motion: To approve the "CER – How It Works" update_
The motion was seconded.
Vote: Passed unanimously.
591. Election Alternate Conference Delegate
Sao was nominated as Alternate Conference Delegate. The nomination was seconded. Sao gave her service resume.
Savannah R. from Budapest was nominated from the floor. The nomination was seconded. She gave her service resume.
Cameron from Berlin IG was nominated from the floor. The nomination was seconded. They gave their service resume.
Jim was nominated from the floor. The nomination was seconded. He gave his service resume.
The election went to the hat. Savannah R. was elected as Alternate Delegate.
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Notes:

- From June 2022 updating was done by Carina H. as the CER Secretary. Formatting issues were corrected.
- From September 2019 to March 2022 updating was done by Peter S. CER Archivist and reviewed by the Secretary Carina H.
- From December 2016 updating was done by Matt S. as the CER Secretary and then RECLO.
- Digest from September '14 to September '16 was updated by Chair Erik. Numbering errors from before June '14 and going forward were also corrected, as well as some formatting issues.