

The Malta UNSECO Youth Association
Annual General Meeting, Monday 25th May at 18:30
At KNZ – Kunsill Nazzjonali taz-Zghazagh, Floriana

Minutes of MUYA's AGM 2015

Introduction and appointment of Chairperson

Secretary General Ms. Dorianne Formosa opened the session and introduced the agenda of the meeting. Subsequently, Mr. Anson Aquilina was appointed to chair the AGM by general consent.

Apologies for Absence

The Chairman asked the Secretary General, Ms. Dorianne Formosa, on whether there were any apologies for absence. She read the list of excused members Mr. Bernard Bonello informed the AGM that they had made provisions to vote by proxy.

Approval of MUYA's 2014 AGM Minutes

As the minutes of the AGM of 2014 had been sent to the members following the previous AGM, they were approved unanimously.

MUYA's Annual Report for 2014

Secretary General's Annual Report

The Secretary General presented the report relating to MUYAs activities taking place locally and internationally from April 2013 to April 2014.

➤ **National projects and local activities**

- MUYA Annual General Meeting 2014 - 8th April 2014
- Colombian Night - 29th April 2014
- MUYA Summer Barbecue - 11th July 2014
- Moroccan Night - 28th August 2014
- Culture Fest - 19th October 2014
- Annual General Meeting 2015 - 25th May 2015

➤ **International Projects implemented by MUYA**

- Erasmus+ Training Course: "Laboratory Technology of Involvement" Marsaxlokk, Malta 6th - 13th December 2014
- Erasmus+ Training Course: "Young Entrepreneurs in Action II: Combating Unemployment" Marsaxlokk, Malta 16th - 23rd February 2015

➤ **Participation in the international projects abroad**

- YiA Youth Exchange: "The hip hop construction" Slovenia, 25th April - 5th May 2014
- YiA Youth Exchange: "You Democracy" Spain, 14th - 19th July 2014

- YiA Youth Exchange: “Body & Mind - Inspire Yourself to Inspire Others” Austria, 20th - 27th July 2014
- Erasmus+ Training Course: “The Life Before us” Germany, 25th July - 2nd August 2014
- Erasmus+ “EVS Booster Project” Italy, 15th - 21st September 2014
- YiA Training Course: “Empowering Young Jobseekers” Macedonia, 4th - 12th October 2014
- Erasmus+ Training Course: “FAIR PLAY FOR ALL” Poland, 20th - 28th October 2014
- Erasmus+ Training Course: “ECO Active in the City” Poland, 17th - 24th May 2014
- Erasmus+ Training Course: “Learn through Volunteering - What and How?” Spain, 16th - 23rd May 2014

➤ **Other meetings and collaborations**

- “InterACT Festival” in collaboration with Foundation for Shelter and Support to Migrants Malta, Kunsill Studenti Univesitarji, AIESEC, Green Youth, Youth for Exchange and Understanding, Organisation for Friendship in Diversity, Agenzija Żgħażaġh and University Chaplaincy – 26th April 2014
- “InterACT II” in collaboration with Foundation for Shelter and Support to Migrants Malta, Kunsill Studenti Univesitarji, AIESEC, Green Youth, Youth for Exchange and Understanding, Organisation for Friendship in Diversity, Agenzija Żgħażaġh and Youth For The Environment – 3rd October 2014
- Meeting with the Politician David Agius – 27th January 2015

➤ **Upcoming Projects and Events**

- “Through the Lens” Photography project – October-November 2016
- Upcoming Youth Exchanges & Training Courses

Ms. Desiree D’Amato nominated the report and Mr. David Istanbouli seconded it.

Presentation of Treasurer’s Report 2014

Mr. Daniel Mifsud presented the Treasurer's report for the financial year January to December 2014. The report presented a very healthy financial situation for MUYA.

The chairman of AGM, Mr. Aquilina asked whether, since MUYA has a healthy financial balance, the time would be ripe to start renting a place so that MUYA would have a fixed premises. Ms. Desiree D’Amato suggested that this could be done as 2 training courses were held by MUYA in December 2014 and February 2015.

Ms. Formosa pointed out that MUYA was offered permanent premises in Gozo by the National Commission of UNESCO in Malta. However, everyone agreed that this is not a feasible location for meetings to take place in. The committee agreed to look for this possibility.

The report was nominated by Ms. Birgit Oidram and seconded by Ms. D’Amato.

Motions proposing amendments to the statute of MUYA

New motion was presented by Ms. Bonello to amend the following articles

1) Motion to the clause:

4.9. Payment of membership fee is mandatory for continuation of membership from one year to the next. Such membership fee becomes due on the 1st January of each year. Non-payment by 31st January of same year automatically constitutes cancellation of membership.

To:

4.9. Payment of membership fee is mandatory for continuation of membership from one year to the next. Such membership fee becomes due twenty four (24) months after the commencement / renewal of the membership. Non-payment after 30 calendar days after renewal due date automatically constitutes cancellation of membership.

A vote by show of votes was carried out, showing 1 in favour , 12 against and 1 abstention.

As a result of discussion, a motion was put forward. A vote by show of votes approved the motion unanimously by 14 votes. The Amendment is approved and the Article 4.9 reads as follows:

4.9. Payment of membership fee is mandatory for continuation of membership from one year to the next. Such membership fee becomes due on the 1st January of each year. Non-payment by the following AGM automatically constitutes cancellation of membership.

2) Motion to the clause:

5.8.2 Any applications for a post shall reach the President and the Secretary General at least ten (10) calendar days before the General Meeting.

To:

5.8.2 Any applications for a post shall reach the President and the Secretary General at least five (5) calendar days before the General Meeting.

A vote by show of votes was carried out, showing 2 in favour, 5 against and 7 abstentions. Amendment was rejected.

3) Motion to the clause:

5.8.6 The members who get the highest number of votes are elected.

To:

5.8.6 For each post, the members who get the highest number of votes are elected.

A vote by show of votes was carried out, showing 4 in favour , 5 against and 5 abstentions.

As a result of discussion, a motion was put forward. A vote by show of votes approved the motion unanimously by 14 votes. The Amendment is approved and the Article 5.8.6 reads as follows:

5.8.6 For each vacant post, the member who gets the highest number of votes is elected.

4) Motion to the clause:

5.8.10 The successful candidates will be assigned roles by the Committee.

To

5.8.10 Successful candidates contesting for Committee Members will be assigned roles by the Committee.

A vote by show of votes was carried out, showing 2 in favour, 12 against. Amendment was rejected.

Elections for the new MUYA Committee

Chairman of AGM explained the concept of continuity of the association's Committee with reference to elections.

Chairman listed the vacant posts up for elections this AGM: Secretary General, Treasurer and 2 Committee Member posts, he also listed the names of persons and the posts they wished to take up:

Secretary General: Daniela Frendo

Secretary General: Fabio Scicluna

Treasurer: Bernard Bonello

Committee Member: Rodianne Cassar

Committee Member: Mariano Galea

Committee Member: Simona Ricci

Chairman of the AGM gave a chance to every contestant to present themselves and their proposals for MUYA should they be elected.

Mr. Bonello was confirmed as Treasurer since he was the only contestant for the position of treasurer.

An election took place with regard to Committee Member positions to elect 2 out of 3 contestants. The votes were counted by the counting officials. The results were as follows:

Ms. Frendo: 7 votes

Mr. Scicluna: 7 votes

Ms. Cassar: 10 votes

Mr. Galea: 9 votes

Ms: Ricci: 9 votes

Mr. Cassar and Mr. Galea were elected. Due to a tie between the Ms. Frendo and Mr. Scicluna contesting both for Secretary General and due to an equal amount of voters present in the meeting a discussion between the President, Ms. D'Amato and Chairperson, Mr. Aquilina. It was suggested to waive (for this year) clause 5.8.9 in MUYA statute stating that a re-election shall be held in the case of an equal amount of votes.

A vote by show of votes was carried out, showing 7 in favour, 4 against and 3 abstentions.

This proposal was approved and the committee was expanded to accept two additional members. Therefore the committee following AGM 2015 is composed of 9 committee members. The roles of additional members were defined during the first Committee Meeting and are as follows:

Vice-President: Mr. Scicluna

Secretary General: Ms. Frendo

Election of new Board of Vigilance

Ms Christianne Caruana and Mr. Anson Aquilina were renominated on the Board of Vigilance. There were no further nominations and therefore Ms Caruana and Mr Aquilina were reconfirmed as the new Board of Vigilance for the coming year.

Conclusion

The President, Ms. Damato thanked all the members for participating in the AGM and in conclusion informed everyone about the upcoming meetings and projects.

Adjournment

The chairman adjourned the meeting *sine die*.