

## **Minutes of the SIEF Assembly General Meeting in Lisbon, April 19, 2011**

121 members present at the opening of the GA

### *1 Opening*

Ullrich Kockel welcomes at 18:35 hrs the members present for the General Assembly.

Peter Jan Margry informs new SIEF members on the GA authority.

Ulrich Kockel gives his opening address.

### *2 Chair and Secretary*

Ulrich Marzolph is chosen as Acting Chair.

Arne Bugge Amundsen is chosen as Secretary of the GA.

### *3 Approval of the agenda*

The agenda is approved.

### *4 Minutes of the 2008 GA*

The minutes of SIEF's GA in Derry, June 18, 2008, are not presented to the GA. Approval will be given on-line after the GA.

### *5 Presidential Report 2008-2011*

Ullrich Kockel presents the Presidential report with detailed information on the growth of SIEF members, the SIEF publication program, the agreement with NomadIT, the establishment of SIEF as a corporation as accepted by Dutch law, the SIEF Young Scholars' prize. The last issue, the new format of the prize in 2013 is explained by Birgitta Svensson.

Also brought up was the necessity of setting up a commission chaired by an Executive Board member to evaluate the options of re-naming SIEF's name; SIEF historian Bjarne Rogan, who brought up the issue of re-naming, should preferably be in it; he will be asked.

### *6 Report of the Vice President on the Secretariat and the finances 2008-2011*

Peter Jan Margry presents the Vice President report with detailed information on the growth of SIEF member, the positive collaboration with NomadIT, newly found SIEF archive material from the period 1954-1965, and the increased financial position of SIEF.

No final financial report is presented to the GA. The GA accepts that the report is presented on-line after the GA.

### *7 Reports of the chairs of the Working Groups*

Ethnology of religion – Peter Jan Margry reports on panel in Derry 2008, conferences in Warsaw 2010 and Szeged 2012, publications and publication plans.

Bildlore – no report presented to the GA.

Ethnocartography – Gábor Barna reports on sessions and meetings within the SIEF main congresses and the conference in Szeged 2009.

Ballad commission – Thomas KcKean reports on annual conferences Faroe Islands 2011, Antalya 2012, Stellenbosch 2013 and panels within the SIEF main conferences.

Food research – reads a written report from Patricia Lysaght (not present) on conferences in Åbo 2010 and Lund 2012 and planned publication.

Ritual year – Irina Sedakova reports on conferences in Cork 2008, Kaunas 2009, Tallinn 2010, Ljubljana 2011, Bulgaria 2012 and Szeged 2013, on panels within the SIEF main conferences and on printed and planned publications.

Cultural heritage and property – Kristin Kuutma reports on conferences in Tartu 2009, Lisbon 2010, 2011 Pori, 2013 Bergen, on panel within SIEF main conference 2011 and on publication in Journal of Ethnology and Folklore.

Historical approaches in cultural analysis – Herman Roodenburg reports on the conference in Göttingen 2012.

Place wisdom – Ullrich Kockel reports on meetings in Derry 2009, Bristol 2010, Lithuania 2012 and panel within the SIEF main conference 2011.

Student affairs – (WG established in 2011) Christoph Bock (Göttingen) presents the network and on-line resources for students.

The GA has no comments or questions to the reports.

### *8 Frequency of the International Congress*

The President presents the suggestion of the Executive Board on biennial congresses (instead of every three or four years) as starting from 2011 (then the upcoming congress in 2013)

5 no's, 7 abstentions, majority approves.

### *9 Publication*

Executive Board member Birgitta Svensson proposes a publication on Ethnological keywords. She will recruit 3-5 SIEF members to work on this project.

### *10 Raise of SIEF membership fee from 20 to 30 Euro pro anno (78 Euros for 3 years)*

Peter Jan Margry presents the suggestion of the Executive Board on the raise of SIEF's membership fee from 20 to 30 Euro pro anno (78 Euros for 3 years).

After a short discussion the GA agrees that this issue can not be finally decided upon until the financial report is presented. The Executive Board will reconsider the proposal and have a decision by on-line voting.

### *11 Proposals for a Bylaw change*

Peter Jan Margry presents the suggestion of the Executive Board on the change of article 10 in the Bylaws:

Due to the increase of members and the problematic logistics of secret voting during the GA the board proposes the following changes (in bold) in article 10, from:

**Art 10:** Elections at the General Assembly will be held by show of hands, **except as indicated below**. Nominations for **any office-holders** of the Society, proposed and seconded by members of the Society and with the consent of the person nominated, should be received in written form by the Presidency at least 48 hours before the General Assembly convenes. **Nominations for the other members of the Executive Board, proposed and seconded by members and with confirmed consent of the person nominated, may also be made from the floor. The voting for the Presidency and the Vice-Presidency shall be by secret ballot.**

Into:

**Art 10:** Elections at the General Assembly will be held by show of hands. Nominations for the Executive Board of the Society, proposed and seconded by members of the Society and with the consent of the person nominated, should be received in written form by the Presidency at least 48 hours before the General Assembly convenes. The President and the Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the Executive Board from among their number.

0 no's, 17 abstentions, majority approves.

Because of privacy and efficiency reasons future board elections will be done by on-line voting.

#### *12 (Re)election of members and presidency of the SIEX Executive Board*

Ullrich Kockel thanks the departing board member Marjetka Golež Kaučič.

The results of the election is re-election of President Ullrich Kockel, Vice Presidents Peter Jan Margry, Birgitta Svensson, board members Arne Bugge Amundsen, Valdimar Hafstein, Kristin Kuutma, Dorothy Noyes, Cristina Sánchez-Carretero, Clara Saraiva, Bernhard Tschofen, and election of new board member Jasna Čapo Žmegač (Croatia).

0 no's, 1 abstention, majority approves.

#### *13 Next SIEF congress*

Prof. Kristin Kuutma, Tartu, proposes next SIEF congress to be held in Tartu, Estonia, in June 2013.

The proposal is endorsed by the GA.

#### *14 Closing*

The GA closes at 20:35 hrs. (minutes submitted by Arne Bugge Amundsen, 31 May, 2011)