

Minutes of the Annual General meeting of the European Suiseki Association (ESA) at EBA ESA Convention in Genk, Belgium

Venue: Limburghal
Date: 5th February 2017
Time: 14:00 -15:00
Participants: Vito Di Venere (vice president), Gudrun Benz (deputy secretary), Christoph Daim (board member), Milan Klicka, Vladislava Kuratkova, Holger Göbel
Language: English
Chairman: Vito Di Venere
Appendix: list of participants

Proceeding of the meeting

Point 1

1. Welcome by the vice-president Vito Di Venere, thanks for coming to those who were present and thanks to exhibitors.
2. Next year's European Convention:
Will be held at 4-5 May 2018 in Arco, Italy hosted by the UBI (Unione *Bonsaisti* Italiani) and Arcobonsai. Vito Di Venere emphasizes the special attractiveness of this location at this special time of year. (See point 6)
3. European Convention 2019 may possibly (!?) take place in Slovakia.
4. Vice-president noted that articles for the Suiseki Journal are always welcome.

Point 2

Unanimous approval by the assembly of the last year's minutes during the EBA / ESA Convention 2016 in Szekesfehervar, Hungary.

Point 3

Financial report of the treasurer Jesus Quintas was not delivered. Jesus explained some time ago, that he, for personal reasons, will not continue being treasurer of ESA. He told Gudrun Benz that he wanted to deliver the missing reports latest to ESA convention in Genk, but he did not. Maybe Igor Barta, as ESA president could send him again an "official request" for the missing reports and documents, as they will be needed for the new treasurer.

In this context Christoph suggested that the payment-option "via paypal" to the account of Jesus Quintas, which we publish in every suiseki journal, should not be promoted any more.

And last but not least a new treasurer must be found as soon as possible. Vito Di Venere will ask some Italian members, if they are interested, but up to now we do not have a candidate.

Point 4

Report of the auditor Mr. Marino Nikpal was not delivered (see above).

Point 5: Election of board members

The term of office has run out for Martin Krivosik. He was re-elected as board member and webmaster by the assembly unanimously.

Point 6: Miscellaneous matters

ESA Exhibition 2018 in Arco: Vito Di Venere explained that ESA members could make an inscription for max. 2 stones for Arco. But as space may become too short, each participant must be warned, that possibly only ONE stone will be taken. Every participant should therefore name the stone, which he will prefer as No.1.

Vito will ask the organizers for the inscriptions deadline, the exact meters of space for ESA exhibition and send it together with more information about this exhibition to Igor to be published in our ESA journal.

He should also ask the organizers, if there is a location, where a (public) lecture on suiseki can be held by Gudrun Benz.

Due to logistical problems this year the “ESA award for the most beautiful stone of the exhibition” was not awarded. Vice president Vito Di Venere pointed out, that this award is a highlight of the annual exhibition and therefore should be given every year without fail.

Chairman: Vito Di Venere

President of ESA

Minutes reported by:

Christoph Daim

(As substitute)

Michal Šebo, Secretary