

## Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting of the European Suiseki Association (ESA) at ESA/EBA Convention in Arco, Italy 2018

Venue: Palace Hotel City, Arco  
Date: 5th May 2018  
Time: 15:00 -16:00  
Participants: 17 members from Italy, Germany, Austria, England, Czech Republic, and Slovakia took part  
Language: English, Italian, Czech, Slovak  
Chairman: Igor Barta  
Appendix: list of participants

Proceeding of the meeting

### Point 1:

**Welcome** by the ESA-president Igor Barta and thanks for coming to those who were present and thanks to exhibitors.

### Point 2:

**Board members elections:** the term of office of three years has run out for Igor Barta, Vito Di Venere and Christoph Daim. All three were re-elected as board members by the assembly.

### Point 3:

**Proposals for new board members** - treasurer and secretary were needed because Jesus Quintas announced his will to quit as treasurer and Michal Sebo passed away in 2017.

Vito made a proposal for Mr. Marco Petruzelli, Italy as new treasurer and board member. He was elected by the assembly unanimously.

Igor suggested Elle Görnerova as new secretary. She was also elected by the assembly unanimously. The new treasurer and the new secretary were welcomed by the assembly.

### Point 4:

**Financial report of the treasurer:** Jesus Quintas delivered complete accounts for 2015 and 2016 and for 2017 nearly complete, as only few data were still missing. He sent the accounts to all board members and to the auditor Marino Nikpal.

### Point 5:

**Report of the auditor:** Mr. Marino Nikpal checked the accounts delivered from Jesus Quintas and gave his approval. After his approval of the accounts and the election of Marco Petruzelli as new treasurer, Jesus Quintas can now transfer all account-data to the new treasurer. The assembly thanked Jesus for the job he did the last years and would be happy to meet him on one of the next conventions.

The new treasurer Marco Petruzelli should create a new account for ESA as soon as possible. The German ESA-bank account of Gudrun Benz should be closed. In the future there should be only one account for all ESA members, held by the treasurer.

Marino Nikpal was reconfirmed as auditor unanimously by the assembly.

**Point 6:**

**Membership fees:** In his Email to the board members Jesus recommended again to lower the fees for members who get only the electronic copy of the Suiseki Journal. This question was put to the vote to the assembly. The concordant result of the assembly was to leave the fees unaltered: 30,- EUR for electronic copy and 45,- EUR for those who want to receive a printed copy of the Suiseki Journal.

**Point 7:**

**Suiseki Journal:** Igor invites the assembly again to provide him with more articles for the journal. Ammon Paldi from England promises to deliver one.

**Point 8:**

**Certificate of participation** was given to all exhibitors by President Igor Barta

**Point 9:**

**GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation):** The assembly was informed, that, to fulfill the new European data protection regulations

a) The application form for new members should be adopted

b) An email will be sent by Gudrun to all members, to get their agreement to the use of their data on the ESA homepage. The data of all members who will not formally agree will be deleted.

**Point 10:**

**Next ESA/EBA conventions:** 2019 the convention will be held in Albi, France (near Toulouse). The convention 2020 will be held in Kroměříž, Czech Republik.

Chairman: Igor Barta

President of ESA

Minutes reported by:

Christoph Daim  
(As temporary substitute for the  
Secretary)