

# Annual General Meeting 2023

## 25 – 28 April 2023

### Helsinki



#### **DRAFT Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting Business Session held in Helsinki, Finland on the 28 April 2023.**

1) Welcome and Adoption of the Agenda	Olli Holström (OH) welcomed all to the meeting and presented the agenda. No additional items were proposed for the agenda and it was adopted.
2) Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 AGM	The minutes of the 2022 AGM Business Session were adopted with no questions or changes.
3) Election of Tellers and Roll Call	Heather Roy (HR) carried out the Roll Call and the meeting was declared quorate. Dieter Kûmpers and Janka Ademova were approved by the meeting as tellers
4) Election of the Supervisory Board	Candidates for the Supervisory Board presented themselves as per the information in Document 3. Following a secret ballot, the following were elected to the Supervisory Board:  Alfredo Abad  Alessandro Esposito  Malte Lindenthal  Agnieszka Jelinek  Olli Holmström  All candidates were thanked for their willingness to stand for election and that they would continue to be of service to Diaconia.

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<p>5) Review of 2022 and discharge of the Supervisory Board and Secretary General</p>	<p>Annual Report Document 4 Document 4a Document 4b</p> <p>HR and outgoing Treasurer Vasileios Meichanetsidis presented the Annual Report and finances for 2022. 2022 had seen the organisation return to making a small surplus on the year after a few losses under Covid. The grant from the European Commission remained steady and a new project had started focusing on providing more assistance to members in access EU funds.</p> <p>No members raised any questions on the report.</p> <p>The meeting then approved the following 2 decisions unanimously:</p> <p>That the AGM approves the activity and financial report for 2022 including approval of the 2022 audited accounts, noting the final balance sheet total of € 1.280.622 and a surplus for the year of €33 656 Euros.</p> <p>That the AGM grants discharge to the Supervisory Board and Secretary General with regards to the operations, both activity and financial, in the year 2022 as required by Chapter IV of the Eurodiaconia Statutes.</p>
<p>6) Strategic Plan 2023 - 2026</p>	<p>HR presented and explained the rational behind the new strategic orientation. It consisted of a True North that encompassed our vision and mission and breakthrough goals that would show us how we are making progress. Its purpose is to give shape to our work over the coming 5 years and to ensure that the work the organisation undertakes is in line with members needs and expectations. A key addition to previous plans are the core values of the organisation</p>

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	<p>and the alignment with the internal operational plans used by the staff team.</p> <p>Members were invited to comment on the presentation but no comments were received. Members then voted unanimously to approve the new Strategic Direction.</p>
<p>7) Looking forward in 2023 and 2024</p>	<p>Based on the information provided in Document 6 and Document 6a HR presented the forthcoming activities and VM the revised budget for 2024, the proposed membership fees for 2024 and the proposed budget for 2024.</p> <p>The following decisions were taken unanimously:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) That the AGM takes note of the revised budget for 2023 following its original adoption at the 2022 Annual General Meeting.</li> <li>2) For the year 2024 the Annual General Meeting agrees the following: That the basic membership fee be 1600 € per member. That the basic membership fee will be adjusted by GDP based on the latest figures available (December 2022). That the levy for the multiple members of umbrella organisations be 100 € per component organisation as in 2023. That the membership fees, levies and anticipated solidarity fees payable are as presented in Documents 6 and 6a.</li> <li>3) That the proposed budget for 2025 as presented is adopted.</li> </ol>

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8) Closing of the Annual General Meeting including speeches from the outgoing and incoming chairperson.

During this session it was announced the next AGM would take place from the 14 – 17 May 2024 in Bucharest, Romania. It was also announced that Olli Holmström has been (re) elected chair of the Supervisory Board.

Many thanks were given to all that made the AGM happen including the hosts in Helsinki and other members from Finland who had contributed. Thanks were given to the civic authorities and to all who hosted study visits. Thanks were given to the outgoing Board members – Vasiliou and Iwona – and to all the members of the Supervisory Board for their work between meetings. Finally thanks were given to the secretariat for all their hard work and to the participants for being so active.

OH then wished everyone safe travels and many blessings for the road.