

WYSE Travel Confederation

General meeting

Minutes

Date: Saturday 16 March 2019

Location: Wiltz Suite, Alvisse Parc Hotel, Route d'Echternach, L-1453. Luxembourg

Provisional Agenda:

1. Call to Order.
2. Appointment of Chairman and Secretary of the General Meeting
3. Acceptance of agenda
4. Approval of minutes of the previous Annual General meeting
5. Ratify changes to Rules and Regulations
6. Election of new Chairperson to the Management Board
7. Any other business
8. Close of meeting

Attendees:

Alliance Abroad	American Institute for Foreign Study Ltd (UK)	Au Pair International
AuPairWorld GmbH	BUNAC	Council on International Educational Exchange
INTEJ	Cultural Exchange Network	Troy International
DR-WALTER Insurance Brokers	HI USA	Hostelling International - Canada
InterExchange	Invasion Corp Ltd.	Merit Travel Group
Secutive, LLC	Smaller Earth Ltd	STS Education
USIT Ireland	WISE Foundation	International Exchange of North America
A&O Hostels (proxy voted)		

Proxy votes assigned to the Chairman:

a&o Hostels	Abraham Hostels	ACE PERU
AEP - Centre of Coordination and Services	African Impact	Agora BCN
An Óige- Irish Youth Hostel Association	Camping Vliegenbos	Clink Hostels
Conservation Volunteers Australia	Cultural Homestay International	EBI Educational Group Inc
EDU Africa	Egyptian Student Travel services	El Viajero Hostels
Experiment e.V.	FIAP "Jean Monnet"	HEROLE Reisen GmbH
I dex Volunteer and Travel	Infinity Abroad	International Education Exchange
JO&JOE	Les Auberges de Jeunesse	Lithuanian World Center for WE and SA
Livstudent	Mundo Joven	Praktikawelten
Sindbad Travel International	STAR TRAVEL	Student Travel Romania
StudentUniverse	TrekAmerica	University of Bath
UTP Beyond Borders	YSJ Travel Service	

Proxy votes assigned to other members:

INTEJ to CIEE

Hostelling International Canada to Hostelling International USA

International Exchange of North America to WISE Foundation

Troy International to Cultural Exchange Network

Management Board attendees:

Jason Merrithew (JM)

Carye Duffin (CD)

Russ Hedge (RH)

John Cedegardh (JC)

Jochen Ostermann (JO)

Dave Dahl (DD)

Apologies: Pieter van der Zeeuw

David Chapman (DC) – Director General, WYSE Travel Confederation

Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order
2. JM was appointed as Chairman of the meeting and DC was appointed as secretary. JM introduced the Management Board to the members present
3. The agenda was approved. Proposed by Vicki Cunningham, BUNAC and Reinhard Bellinghausen, Dr. Walter Insurance
4. As this meeting was a General Meeting and not the Annual General Meeting, JM motioned that the approval of minutes from the last AGM would be carried forward to the AGM in October. This was proposed by Bastian Weinburger, Smaller Earth and seconded by Ann-Kristin Cohrs, AuPairWorld GmbH
5. DC introduced and explained the background and reasons behind the changes to the board and panel member recruitment process through an amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

The changes to the Rules and Regulations were:

- a. Renumbering the document
- b. Clarification of various membership items including membership panel categorization, membership renewal, late payment fee,
- c. The formation of a nominations committee
- d. Changing Appendix A of the Rules and Regulations so that it is included within the main body of the Rules and Regulations

The floor was opened for questions from the Assembly, there were none.

JM presented the proxy votes. There were 35 votes assigned to the Chairman, 34 votes cast as yes and one vote cast as no.

Members were asked to cast their vote in favour, 21 votes in favour.

Members were asked to cast their votes against, there were none.

The motion was carried 56 for to one against.

6. Election of the Management Board Chair
 - JM tendered his official resignation as Chairman of the Management Board.
 - DC offered thanks to JM for his input and support over the years both as a Board member and also as the Board Chairman. Appreciation was shown by the members present.
 - There was one candidate from the Management Board who was standing for Chairman, Mr. Russ Hedge of Hosteling International USA.
 - Russ Hedge addressed the assembly thanking the Board and WYSE staff for the achievements thus far.
 - The assembly was informed that the Chairman had received 35 proxy votes approving Russ Hedge as Chairman and no votes against.
 - The Chairman nomination was put to the vote and was approved by 20 votes, with one abstention. The motion was carried.
7. There was no other business
8. The meeting was closed.