Minutes of the
General Assembly, Pula, 5 September 2006

Presence

Members:
Belgrade (Serbia)
Berlin (Germany)
Helsinki (Finland)
Nijmegen (Netherlands)
Pula (Croatia)
Turku (Finland)
Zagreb (Croatia)
Zürich (Switzerland)

Observers:
Eindhoven (Netherlands)
Ljubljana (Slovenia)

International Board
Branimir Bekavac (President)
Jasmina Skočilić (Secretary)
Iva Žutić (Treasurer)

Council
Jeroen Merks

Carnival
Mladen Majušević

Agenda

1) Opening
2) Appointment of minute-taker
3) Election of speaker
4) Taking down of attendance
5) Reading of the agenda
6) Approval of minutes of the last GA in Utrecht
7) Upcoming events
8) State of affairs (Sections, Carnival, Council, IB)
9) Final report of former IB and discharging
10) IB meeting on Brač, Croatia (July 2006)
11) Cooperation with other organisations
12) Tasks for ISHA officials and other individuals
13) Altering the Statutes & Standing Orders
14) Questions & closing
1) Opening

The new president, Branimir Bekavac, welcomes everybody and opens the GA at 16:50 h.

2-3) Minute-taker, Speaker

Shortly after, Secretary Jasmina Skočilić is appointed minute-taker and Branimir Bekavac elected speaker.

4-5) Attendance, Agenda,

The quorum is established, the speaker reads the agenda and everyone agrees with it.

6) Minutes

Minutes of the GA in Utrecht approved unanimously.

7) Upcoming events

*New Year’s Seminar in Belgrade, Serbia, 28/12/2006-02/01/2007*

“Art and Politics: Between Muses and Utilitarianism”

Comment: Most likely, the organizers will ensure sufficient funding. Further information will be available soon on the ISHA web site. Maximum capacity about 40 participants.

*18th Annual Conference in Turku, Finland, 16-21 April 2007*

(Working title:) “Popular Culture in History”

*Summer Seminar 2007*

No venue yet

*Autumn Seminar 2007*

Comment: Both Berlin and Alba Iulia section applied to host it. Agreement will probably be reached in couple of weeks.

8) State of affairs

*Sections*

- Beograd (Member) preparing New Year’s Seminar, contacted Historical Society “Despot Stefan” from Niš and Novi Sad;
- Berlin (Member) trying to attract more people;
- Eindhoven (Observer) Things are the same as always. Dominic is trying to make some contacts abroad;
- Helsinki (Member) managed to increase number of members, the biggest membership so far. They are trying to influence exchange students.
- Ljubljana (Observer) still awaiting local student elections. Attempts to influence Koper failed, but they are also trying to collaborate with art history students;
- **Nijmegen** (Member) Congratz! - A lot of fresh new members;
- **Pula** (Member) published their journal 'Epulon' and were busy with Summer/Autumn Seminar organisation;
- **Turku** (Member) working on the Annual Conference 2007. Managed to gather about 20 volunteers for the conference;
- **Zagreb** (Member) had a quite successful seminar in May (the best one so far) preparing to publish the new issue of their magazine, got some new members this year
- **Zürich** (Member) still having problems with member recruitment. Things are at a standstill.

**Council:**
Meeting of the Council members will be held in September or October. Waiting for the IB to give them assignments.

**Carnival:**
- Maartje published her issue, of which Astrid brought 30 copies
- Ivan’s edition should soon be published as well (everyone holding their breath)

9) **Final report of former IB and discharging**
Marc Lutz read the financial report and report from Alan (‘What have we done with ISHA?”, downloadable from the ISHA website).

10) **IB meeting on Brač, Croatia (July 2006)**
Alan wrote a report and the minutes will follow soon. The IB Policy paper will be posted on the ISHA site soon.

Branimir stressed goals of the new IB:
   a) Publishing both issues of Carnival
   b) Finding other sources of income besides the membership fee
   c) Reviving and fortifying already existing but deceased sections
   d) Improving our means of communications: website, forum, ISHA List
   e) Getting a degree of continuity into the organisation, preventing information getting lost or forgotten, making it easier for officials to follow on from one another
   f) Cooperation with other student organisations

11) **Cooperation with other organisations**
- continue with IFISO collaboration
- contact CLIOHnet again
- intensify co-operation with ESSA
12) Tasks for ISHA officials and other individuals

Each Council member will be assigned with a specific task. In the mean time, every member has a duty to promote ISHA

13) Altering the Statutes & Standing Orders

Proposals:

**Statutes**

**Article 26 a) – missing word**

Present:
Members are corporate bodies who represent students and recent graduates of history or those with evident affinity with the scientific research of history at a university or group of universities within one city and are established conform the laws and customs of their countries of origin.

Proposal:
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**Article 33 a) – missing word**

Present:
Any individual who supports the aims and activities of ISHA can become a Friend of ISHA. A friend of ISHA supports ISHA by a donation at least €20 annually.

Proposal:
Any individual who supports the aims and activities of ISHA can become a Friend of ISHA. A friend of ISHA supports ISHA by a donation of at least €20 annually.

**Article 45 a) – non-existing reference**

Present:
To change the statutes bearing the exception stated in Chapter 12, art. 43 b., a 2/3 majority is needed of all the members present at the GA. The IB should inform all members at least 3 months before the opening of the GA that there would be a proposal to alter the statutes.

Proposal:
To change the statutes bearing the exception stated in Chapter 12, art. 43 b., a 2/3 majority is needed of all the members present at the GA. The IB should inform all members at least 3 months before the opening of the GA that there will be a proposal to alter the statutes.
Standing Orders

Article 1 a) – inopportune dates

Proposal:
The Annual Conference is to be held between 15 March and 15 April.

Article 2 a) – inopportune dates

Proposal:
Seminars are to be held in summer and autumn on dates which would allow most potential participants to attend, preferably early August and early October, respectively. The Winter Seminar is to be held in the week before or after New Year. This applies regardless of additional or regional seminars.

Article 5 – missing legal procedure to withhold participation in case of known misbehaviour.

Proposal:
Participation
The member or observer organising an activity sets the participation fee of that activity. In cases of behaviour incompatible with the aims of ISHA, organisers have the right to withhold participation, after careful consultation with the IB. Rejected applicants have the right to be heard by the IB and to ask the IB to intervene on their behalf.

Article 18 – wrong word

Proposal:
Election of functionaries
Votes will be cast per function. If two or more persons are proposed for one function, all candidatures will be put to the vote at the same time. Each member can vote for only one of the candidates or against all. When if none of the candidates obtains a majority, the two candidates who gained the highest result are put to the vote again. If after the second ballot the votes are equally divided the matter should be decided by lot.

All alterations were approved unanimously.

14) Questions & closing

As there were no questions, the General Assembly was closed at 18:00 hours.