

Minutes of the 3rd General Meeting of the Cryogenics Society of Europe
held: 13 September 2017, 9.15 – 10.55
in **Karlsruhe**, Tulla Building, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Agenda of this meeting
3. Minutes of the 2nd GM (2016)
4. Annual report
 - a) membership
 - b) board meetings
 - c) CSE promoter
 - d) logo
 - e) website
 - f) editorial committee/newsletters
5. Finances:
 - a) Accounts 2016 plus audit report
 - b) Accounts 2017
 - c) Budget 2018
6. Audit committee
7. Bye-laws
8. CSE events in 2018
9. Next GM
10. AOB
11. Closure

1) Chairman of CSE, Marcel ter Brake, (MTB) opens the meeting and welcomes the attendees. CSE members have voting rights. Non-CSE members are welcomed as observers.

2) The agenda is presented.

3) The minutes of the 2nd GM (2016) are approved

4) The secretary Andrea Raccanelli (AR) reports on the activities (slides attached). AR and MTB encourage contributions from the members: the society is not just the board or the promoter and members should actively contribute.

5) The treasurer Ronald Dekker (RD) reports on the finances (slides attached). RD states that we need to increase the number of members and encourages to advertise membership in our working environment.

The audit committee has approved the financial statement. MTB asks whether any member would like to vote or raise a question on the budget. No questions are posed and the GM approves unanimously the budget for year 2018.

The GM discharges the board for the financial management of the current year

6) Agnieszka Piotrowska and and Marion Kauschke volunteer again for the audit committee. There are no additional volunteers.

The board thanks them for making themselves available again and they are confirmed in their duties.

7) The following modifications to the bye-laws are presented for approval:

A) Art. 3 of the bye-laws, "Members", states that:

"Members can be individual or corporate, from university or non-university but in any case need to be Europe-based or demonstrate strong connections with Europe. (...)"

The board proposes to remove the sentence "but in any case need to be Europe-based or demonstrate strong connections with Europe."

The modification A is approved with 47 votes in favor out of 47.

B) The board proposes the introduction of a honorary membership, for individuals who have distinguished themselves in the field of cryogenics or in support of the CSE.

The following text would shall be inserted into the bye-laws, after

"The Board can grant relief from the obligation to pay a contribution fully or partially to members in special situations."

"Individuals who have distinguished themselves in the field of cryogenics or in support of the CSE may be nominated as honorary members.

Honorary members of the CSE are exempted from the payment of the membership fee.

Nominations for honorary membership could be either proposed by the board, or by a member with the support of at least 10 members. The nominations then require approval by the GM."

The modification B is approved with 47 votes in favor out of 47.

C) The following modification was proposed at the GM in 2016 but not discussed due to lack of time. The following paragraphs should be added in Art. 3 (Members) of the Bye-laws.

Text to add:

*“**Nonprofit organizations**, as well as public research and educational institutions can benefit of a reduced fee, which amounts to 300 euro per year as indicated above. In case that the applying corporate member is governmentally own but not formally nonprofit by statute, the board decides whether the access to the reduced fee can be granted. This decision is based on the analysis of the information provided (e.g. deed of incorporation, annual financial accounts , structure of the revenues, etc.).*

*The membership fee for **federations** and other special cases will have to be evaluated by the board on a case by case basis.*

The membership of a legal entity does not automatically extend to all its subsidiaries. E.g. if an industrial group becomes member of the CSE, the companies that are part of the industrial group are not automatically members but would need to apply for membership themselves.“

Text to add:

“Example of questions to be addressed to decide whether an applicant member may fall into the category of "nonprofit":

- Is the nonprofit scope explicitly mentioned in the statute?*
- Is the applicant member governmentally own?*
- Does the applicant member have a nature of public service?*
- Does the majority of the revenue come from government aid/public sources?*
- Do contracts have to obey EU regulation (e.g. public call for tenders etc.)?*
- How is hiring handled?*

- *What is the structure of the yearly financial statement? (public or firm -like)*
- *Does the yearly financial statement have to obey transparency rules? Does it undergo an examination by the government/by a governmentally own organization?*
- *Are there any constraints on the financial activities (e.g. about obtaining credit)?”*

The modification C is approved with 47 votes in favor out of 47.

D) The board proposes Prof. Fons de Waele for honorary membership. In 2015 he enabled the start of CSE with a generous support from his foundation Science Meetings Eindhoven (15.000 €). He is currently member of the CSE Advisory Council.

Proposal D is approved with 46 votes in favor and 1 abstained.

8-9) There will be no European Cryogenics Days in 2018 due to the overlap with the ICEC. Also a combination of ECD with ICEC does not make sense (same attendance, same topics in plenary talks).

GM could be on Monday September 3rd, at the start of ICEC in Oxford

The proposal is to follow this approach every four years when the ICEC is in Europe

Other events that we will be exploring/stimulating are a Cryogenic Careers Day, Workshops on specific topics (e.g. Vacuum), Courses

Agnieszka Piotrowska presents the candidacy of Wroclaw for hosting the ECD 2019

The law (and therefore the statutes) prescribe that the annual General Meeting should be held in the first half of the next year. This may be extended if the GM approves (Art 12.2)

The Board asks the approval of the GM for extending the period to the full next year. The aim is to organize the GM in September at the start of ICEC.

The request of extending the deadline for holding the GM is approved with 47 votes in favor.

10) Other business: The Board members are appointed for a period of 4 years (and can be re-elected). We'd like to have new members in the Board and with more or less yearly “refreshment”. In the coming years we will need to select and appoint new Board members. To have good continuity, one new member per year as a minimum would be nice.

11) No other business is brought to the attention of the assembly and the meeting is adjourned.