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eceee General Assembly Minutes 23 April 2025 (online 15:00–16:00)

Participants

- Andrea Roscetti, (eceee President and meeting chair)
- Anna Ackerman
- Marina Alves
- Peter Bach
- Kurt Bisang
- Nils Borg, Executive Director and member
- Erwin Cornelis
- Kirsten Dyhr-Mikkelsen
- Nick Eyre
- Rod Janssen
- Adrian Joyce
- Stew Horne
- Michael Hörner
- Judit Kockat
- Juraj Krivošík
- Nelson Lage
- Jens Laustsen
- Lorenzo Pagliano
- Giulia Pizzini
- Oliver Rapf
- Clemens Rohde
- Joanne Wade

Minutes

1. Opening of meeting

   eceee's President Andre Roscetti welcomed the participants and opened the meeting

2. Approval of agenda

   The Assembly approved the agenda as circulated.

3. Short introduction on current activities

   Nils Borg gave a short overview of the activities from the past fiscal year. The notable events were the Summer Study held at Center Pars Lac d'Ailette in France and the Zero Carbon Industry event held in Antwerpen Belgium. During the year, eceee also started exploring using AI support to synthesise material from the conference proceedings. A few comments were given and questions asked:

   - Several eceee Board members present at the GA expressed the ambition to engage more with eceee members in various areas, for instance through consultations.

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- It was suggested that more outreach and interaction in the area of EPBD/EED would be of interest to members.
- More webinars and in-kind meetings would be of interest to many of the participants.
- The possibility of services offered for free to members vs paid services for others was discussed. Nils explained that this is a difficult issue since some funders request that material produced by eceee is made available to the public.
- eceee is, for instance, cooperating with members by helping to disseminate news and information from member organisations. Reports from BPIE are frequently featured in news articles produced by eceee.

4. Approval of financial report

   The financial report was presented by Nils Borg. A number of questions were asked and suggestions given:

   - An English translation of the audit report should be provided (with the understanding that would not be an official and binding translation).
   - The external costs were substantially higher than in the previous year. Nils explained that this is due to the increased volume of work linked to the Summer Study.
   - The Summer Study cost more to set up then expected due to the change of venue.
   - The General Assembly *approved* the financial report.

5. Election of new Board members

   Joanne Wade, Chair of the Nomination Committee, presented the thinking behind the proposal of the Committee:

   - An increased number of energy agencies in the Board is hoped to create stronger links to national energy policy making in Europe as well as adding to increased institutional stability.
   - The recommended nominations seek to secure a good geographical spread as well as to increase the age and gender distribution in the Board.
   - The transportation competence in the Board is still weak.

   A discussion took place:

   - One participant questioned the need to have a predefined proposal that could be accepted. Could there be more transparency in the nomination process? The current process raises the bar for members to propose and elect other candidates.
   - The Director and some Board members explained that this has been discussed many times in the past and that this method probably is linked to the strong Scandinavian roots of eceee, where nomination committees are the norm. The Nomination Committee further tries to look at the needs of the organisation (representativity, resources, distribution of individuals and organisations). The member vote is still important since it approves the proposal but also serves as a safeguard against very bad proposals. The discussion lead also to the proposal of increasing the number of Board members and/or having alternates that can attend the Board meetings on a rotating basis (to be discussed by the Board).

   The nominated candidates presented themselves.

   The General Assembly unanimously *approved* the Nomination Committee proposal. Thus the following board members were elected by the General Assembly:

   - Simon Minett, Challoch Energy (BE). Re-election.

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- Giulia Pizzini, IEECP (NL/IT) (currently alternate, elected to replace Faye Wade as individual member for the remaining two years of her term)
- Nelson Lage, Adene (PT). New organisational board member.
- Ademe, re-election as organisational member (Note: individual to represent Ademe is yet to be appointed)
- Stew Horne, EST (UK). New organisational board member.

And, as alternate for individual members:

- Anna Ackermann, from Eco-Action Ukraine and International Institute for Sustainable Development was elected.

The General Assembly *welcomed* the new Board members and thanked again the Nomination Committee members for their valuable and indispensable work

6. Election of auditor and his/her alternate

   eceee has traditionally used an auditor from an international auditing company (BDO for the last years and Grant Thornton before that). The auditor hired until now has left BDO and will now only work with corporate auditing and the Nomination Committee together with the Board has not been able to find a new auditor from an internationally recognised firm who has the time to take on eceee as a client.

   The General Assembly *decided* that

   - eceee can use an auditor from a local firm since the legal requirements are the same.
   - the work to find and appoint an auditor is delegated to the eceee Board.

7. Any other business

   No other business was raised.

8. Thanks to outgoing Board members

   All outgoing Board members were warmly *thanked* by the participants of the General Assembly, acknowledging that their services are provided to eceee outside their normal work.

9. Close of meeting

   The meeting was held from CET 15.00–16.00. The chair *thanked* the participants for their participation and engagement.

Appendix. Nomination committee proposal.

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President, Chair of meeting

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Proposed eceee board candidates for the 2025 election: Report from the nomination committee

Dear eceee member,

This is the report from the nomination committee for the 2025 eceee Board election.

The eceee annual General Assembly will be held **23 April 2025**, **15.00 CET**, as an online event. You are heartily welcome to attend. See https://www.eceee.org/about-eceee/governance/general-assembly/ for agenda and other materials

You may join the meeting by accessing this zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89101453530?pwd=rksoX4HvVGgwhc5aJxEVaa5XGsv1kv.1

Formal requirements and considerations

The bylaws require that each year one third of the board retires. In total a board member may serve for two consecutive three-year terms. A President or vice-President may be re-elected for a third term.

The alternate for individual members is elected every year for a one-year term. The bylaws further stipulate that 50% of the board must represent organisational members.

As a rule, we suggest that existing board members who wish to serve for a second term are endorsed by the nomination committee unless there is a pressing need to change the composition of the board (e.g. to bring in new competences; or to adjust the geographical, gender or age balance to better reflect the composition of eceee's membership). In this way, the organisation will benefit from the understanding of eceee affairs that these board members have developed during their first term of office.

We believe that at present we have a strong board. However, we are aware that there are some imbalances, including too few women and younger people (something we started to address in 2024) and little transport expertise. There are not enough seats to address all imbalances at once, and the board itself will have to execute its governance so those and other issues are taken into consideration.

We propose to keep the board at the size of 12 members, the maximum allowed by the bylaws, and the proposal will retain these strengths:

- Extensive experience, expertise and active commitment;
- Networks in most of the areas in which eceee operates;
- An intimate knowledge of eceee as an organisation;
- A broad mix of country and regional representation;
- A mix of individual members and organisational members;
- A good mix of continuity and new perspectives through new board members.

Seats up for re-election and remaining board members

There are five (5) positions that stand open, four ordinary board members and one alternate. Presently these positions are held by:

Eligible for re-election

- **Simon Minett**, Challoch Energy, BE. Simon has served for one term as board member
- The alternate for individuals, **Giulia Pizzini**, IECCP, NL/IT, is eligible for re-election either as ordinary member or as alternate.

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Not eligible for re-election

- **Jan Rosenow**, RAP. Jan has served two terms.
- **Didier Bosseboeuf**, Ademe. Didier has served two terms and is not eligible for re-election, however, Ademe is eligible with another representative.

Board member who has stepped down early

- **Faye Wade,** individual board member from the UK has decided to step down after one year because of increasing work obligations. Her seat can be filled for the remaining two years of her term.

According to the by-laws half the board must consist of organisational members. We currently have five organisations represented on the board that are not up for re-election, so one of the members elected this year must represent an organisation.

Remaining on the board (not up for re-election) this year are:

- Andrea Roscetti, Kyoto Club Italy (organisational)
- Clemens Rohde, Fraunhofer ISI, (organisational)
- Rod Janssen, France, (individual)
- Adrian Joyce, Efficient Buildings Europe
- Sibylle Braungardt, Öko-Institut (organisational)
- Jens Laustsen, Danish Energy Agency (organisational)
- Kurt Bisang, Swiss Federal Office of Energy (organisational)

Nominations

In addition to the current board members eligible and available for re-election, the nomination committee is grateful for the following nominations. All are very strong candidates:

- Simon Minett, Challoch Energy (BE). Currently on the board.
- Giulia Pizzini, IEECP (NL/IT). Currently on the board as alternate
- Judit Kockat, BPIE (BE)
- Nelson Lage, Adene (PT)
- Ademe (but individual to represent Ademe is yet to be appointed)
- Stew Horne, EST (UK)
- Anna Ackermann, from Eco-Action Ukraine and International Institute for Sustainable Development (nominated as an individual member, not representing any organisation)

Our proposal

The nomination committee recommends that this year, the following people are elected to the board:

- Simon Minett, Challoch Energy (BE). Currently on the board.
- Giulia Pizzini, IEECP (NL/IT) (to replace Faye Wade for the remaining two years of her term)
- Nelson Lage, Adene (PT)
- Ademe (Note: individual to represent Ademe is yet to be appointed)
- Stew Horne, EST (UK)

And, as alternate for individual members we recommend:

- Anna Ackermann, from Eco-Action Ukraine and International Institute for Sustainable Development (nominated as an individual member, not representing any organisation)

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Motivation for our proposal

After last year's inclusion of another two energy agencies and by bringing in Giulia Pizzini and Faye Wade we managed to increase the geographical spread somewhat, improve the gender balance, and increase the spread of competences. However, with Faye Wade stepping down we feel that it is important to find a way to maintain the geographical balance, and preferably increasing it.

The current proposal further improves geographical spread, gender. Also, by adding to further national energy agencies, we strengthen the links to national energy policy.

We are sorry not to be able to accept all proposed candidates at this point. We are grateful for the interest, and recommend that eceee involve them in other activities such as the summer study.

We recommend that the Board continues to its work to establishment an advisory group where more experienced and formerly active board members could continue to contribute, and have their importance to eceee recognised, once they leave the Board.

We did not receive any nominations for people with transport energy expertise and hence this still remains a gap in the Board's skills. Once again, we encourage eceee members with transport expertise to put themselves forward next year for election to the Board.

The eceee nomination committee, 15 April 2025

Kirsten Dyhr-Mikkelsen
Juraj Krivosik
Joanne Wade

Organisational members
Individual members
Alternate for individual members

2022				2023				2024				2025				2026			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4												
Vesna Kolega 2nd term												Stew Horne, UK Energy Saving Trust, Organisational member **(New)**							
Erwin Cornelis elected (ind) 2nd term								Faye Wade (ind), **1st term**				Giulia Pizzini, IECCP, individual member **(changed from alternate)**							
Simon Minett, Chaloch Energy (org) **1st term**												Simon Minett, Challoch Energy, organisational member. **(Reelection)**							
Didier Bousseboeuf, Ademe (org) **2nd term**												Ademe, to be represented by new individual, TBD. **(Relection as organisation)**							
Andrea Roscetti, Kyoto Club (Org)				Andrea Roscetti, Kyoto Club (Org) **3rd term**															
Clemens Rohde (org) 2nd term (vice President)								Clemens Rohde, vice President (org). **3rd term**											
Jan Rosenow/RAP eleected , 2nd term												Nelson Lage, Adene, PT, Organisational member **(New)**							
Adrian Joyce, Efficient Buildings Europe (org), 1st term								Adrian Joyce, Efficient Buildings Europe (org). **2nd term**											
Rod Janssen (ind)				Rod Janssen (ind), **2nd term**															
Sibylle Braungardt, Öko.Institut (org) 1st term								Sibylle Braungardt, vice President, Öko.Institut (org) **2nd term**											
Paula Fonseca, ISR (@univ. of Coimbra - has decided to step down.				Jens Laustsen, Danish Energy Agency (org) **1st term**															
Cédric Jeanneret, SIG (Org)				Kurt Bisang, Swiss Federal Office of Energy (org) **1st term**															
Jens Lausten alternate				Faye Wade, Univ Edinburgh				Giulia Pizzini IECCEP				Anna Ackermann (New)							
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VOTE BALLOT FORM, eceee board election 2025

Deadline for receipt of ballots is 10:00 (CET) Wednesday 23 April 2025.

Send to: eceee@eceee.org

Members may also cast their vote during the digital General Assembly at Wednesday 23 October 15.00 (CET). See https://www.eceee.org/about-eceee/governance/general-assembly/ for more details

My name: _____

If representing an organisational member, its name:

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Note: Each organisation may cast one vote. That organisation's vote is weighted three times that of an individual.

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RECOMMENDED NEW BOARD MEMBERS – Board Election 2024

Note: The bylaws stipulate that a third of the board will be replaced annually. Elected board members will be elected for a three-year period. See the nomination committee proposal for further details available at the General Assembly page.

- **Simon Minett**, Challoch Energy (BE). Currently on the board, proposed re-election, organisational member.
- **Giulia Pizzini,** IEECP (NL/IT) (currently and alternate, proposed to replace Faye Wade as ordinary individual member for the remaining two years of her term)
- **Nelson Lage**, Adene (PT) proposed new organisational member
- **Ademe,** (FR), proposed organisational member (Note: individual to represent Ademe is yet to be appointed)
- **Stew Horne,** EST (UK), proposed as new organisational member.

And, as alternate for individual members we recommend:

- **Anna Ackermann**, from Eco-Action Ukraine and International Institute for Sustainable Development (Proposed as an individual member, not representing any organisation)

☐ I agree with the above recommendation for board members.

☐ I have drawn a line through (struck out) the name of one or more organisational or individual members above and want to replace them with the following:

Candidate name(s):

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