

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Sunday 30 October 2016, Madrid

Present Board Members	Apologies
Viorica Cursaru (VC)	Yacob Yacobovitch (YY)
Sarper Diler (SD)	
Eric Low (EL)	
Mika Peltovaara (MP)	

Present MPE members and correspondent delegates	Apologies
Amen Israeli Myeloma Patient Foundation	Foundation for the Advancement of Bone Marrow Transplantation Switzerland (SFK)
Association of myeloma patients of Serbia (AMPS)	MyMu Wallonie-Bruxelles (MyMu)
Cancer and Stemcell Organization - Coordination Association (KOKDER)	Society for Assistance to Patients with Oncohaematological Diseases
Udruga Za Podršku Oboljelima Od Multiplog Mijeloma (Mijelom CRO)	Klub pacientů mnohočetný myelom (KPMM)
Myeloma UK	Myelom Kontaktgruppe Schweiz (MKgS)
Associação Portuguesa Leucemias e Linfomas (APLL)	Individual member Philip Bloom
Myeloma Euronet Romania (MER)	Myelom Deutschland E.v
Hematon	Deutsche Leukämie- & Lymphom-Hilfe e.V. (DLH)
Slovak Myeloma Society (SMYS-KP)	Ege Uni tıp fak

Suomen syöpäpotilaat-myelooma potilasverkosto	Multiples Myelom Selbsthilfe Oesterreich (MMSOe)
Centro de Histocompatibilidade do Norte (CHN)	
Carita-Living with Myeloma	
Association Française des Malades du Myélome Multiple (AF3M)	
Comunidad Española de Pacientes con Mieloma Múltiple (CEPMM)	
SOS mielom	
Eesti Müeloomiliit	
Drustvo bolnikov z limfomom (DBL)	
MOHA- Foundation for Hungarian Oncohaematological Patients	
Polish Myeloma Patient Help Association	
Slovensko Združenje Bolnikov Z Limfomom In Levkemijo L&L	
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Present MPE Staff
Alfonso Aguarón (AA)
Ananda Plate (AP)
Anna Rovira (AR)
Ana Vallejo (AV)

Summary of actions

Action	Who
Produce more detailed financial policies	Board
Send members by email more details on budget for 2017	Executive Office
Present a more detailed budget to be approved earlier in the year	Executive Office
Send background documentation for the AGM in a timely manner (at least 15 days before)	Executive Office
Update members on a regular basis about the ongoing activities of MPE	Executive Office
Choose board member roles: treasurer, secretary, vice-president	Board
Create a constitution committee and draft a new constitution, which includes the amendments approved at the AGM 2016. Choose further committee members	Board

Minutes

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
1.	<p>Welcome and opening remarks</p> <p>SD officially opened the AGM. All present members were welcomed and apologies were received from YY.</p> <p>A minute of silence was held for MPE board member and secretary Christa Kolbe-Geipert, who had recently passed away. Kathy Redmond was introduced as the moderator of the day. The ground rules of the meeting were explained by her.</p>	
2	<p>Financial update, approval of 2017 budget, update on legal case</p> <p>A financial update was given to members, as well as the presentation of the budget estimation 2017 and the budget 2016. Also, an update on the legal case against Begoña Barragán was given.</p> <p>The need was expressed for having more defined Financial Policies</p>	

	<p>It was noted that approving the budget of 2016 on 30 October when the year is already over is not ideal. The budget 2016 should have been approved in 2015. It was explained that this was due to the postponing of the AGM from April to October.</p> <p>Also, the need for a more detailed budget was expressed, in order to facilitate the decision to members. It was agreed that the budget presented at the next AGM would be more detailed.</p> <p>The budget 2016 was approved by 22 in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions.</p> <p>The budget estimation 2017 was approved by 15 votes in favour, 6 against and 5 abstentions.</p> <p>It was requested that documents should be sent in a timely manner to members to ensure that these can prepare in advance</p> <p>Mira Armour requested that her resignation as a Treasurer should be minuted.</p> <p>Mira Armour noted that the accounts had not been audited</p> <p>Mira Armour stated that MPE should get a business plan</p>	
3.	<p>2016 Activity Report and 2017 Activity Plan</p> <p>Members were given an overview of the activities undertaken in 2016 and the ones planned for 2017.</p> <p>It was noted that the communication between the board and members should be more fluent. It was acknowledged that there was lack of clarity of what board members can and cannot do. However, it was acknowledged that the decision-making rights of the board are important for the organisation to function without having to go back to members at every step</p> <p>It was requested that members should get an update on all activities going on by email. MPE should consider focusing more on EU activities and lobbying at EU level.</p> <p>The need to refocus on patients and give a vote of trust to the MPE board was expressed</p>	
4.	<p>It was agreed by all members to invert the order of the agenda items "election" and "constitution amendments". The elections would be done before the amendments of the constitutions</p>	

5.	<p>Elections: candidate presentations, voting, presentation of the new Board and its Officers</p> <p>The quorum for the election was established to proceed to the elections of the new board</p> <p>A short presentation on personal background and objectives was given by candidates standing for elections to the MPE Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viorica Cursaru • Johannes Brenner (video message) • Hans Scheurer • Ibolya Kéri • Kristina Modic (represented by Milena Remic) • Mika Peltovaara • Mait Raava <p>All seven members were elected by the AGM unanimously.</p> <p>Members agreed that the board should approve among themselves the roles each board members should have on the board. It was decided by the new Board and ratified by members, that HS would be the President. It was decided by the Board and members that all other Board roles would be decided at the first Board meeting.</p> <p>The newly elected Board is formed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viorica Cursaru 15 votes • Johannes Brenner 17 votes • Hans Scheurer (President) 22 votes • Ibolya Kéri 15 votes • Kristina Modic 17 votes • Mika Peltovaara 21 votes • Mait Raava 19 votes 	
6.	<p>Constitution amendments: board proposal, discussion and voting</p> <p>It was agreed that there should be more inclusion of members in the amendment process of the constitution. It was agreed to postpone the voting of the board proposal and that only key</p>	

	<p>amendments would be voted today.</p> <p>The following amendments for the Constitution were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address change to Avenue Louise 149/24 in 1050 Brussels was approved by 22 in favour and 3 against • The inclusion of amyloidosis in the activities and membership of MPE was approved by 27 in favour • The power of the Board to call for an extraordinary AGM was approved by 28 votes in favour <p>The suspension of a Board members by simple majority of the Board was rejected (10 vote in favour, 15 votes against, 2 abstentions)</p> <p>A committee to draft a new constitution, that would include the approved amendments listed above, was created. The members of this committee would be Roman Sadzuga, Katarina Federova, Roy, Jelle Palsma, Lisa Kotschi. Further members of this committee would be selected by the Board after the AGM</p>	
7.	No AOB	
8.	AGM was closed at 12:00 CET	