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JN Jack Nassri (President) TLThomas Ljung (Teacher Representative) ET Eric Thörnborg (Board Member) LP Leo Pettersson (Board Member) MNMaya Natarajan (Board Member) JS Johanna Stéen (Board Member)

Other Attendees:

Signatures:

Secretary: Eric Thörnborg

President: Jack Nassri

Meeting Auditor: Johanna Stéen

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### §1. Meeting opens

JN opens meeting at 10:50

# §2.Electing the meeting president

JN proposes himself as meeting president

The meeting decides to

elect JN as meeting president

## §3.Electing the meeting secretary

ET proposes himself as meeting secretary

The meeting decides to

elect ET as meeting secretary

## §4. Electing the meeting auditor

JN proposes JS as meeting auditor

The meeting decides to

elect JS as meeting president

## §5. Setting the voting count

Vote count is set to 6 at 10:52

Vote count is adjusted to 5 at 11:23

## §6. Setting the agenda

Point §21. Events was changed to §21. Teachers' update. The agenda was set.

## §7 Decisions made between meetings

A decision proposal to *go forward with the cooperation proposal by the IO and apply to the SI Baltic Sea Neighbourhood Programme* was sent to the board on January 28th via email and was voted on with the majority in favour of accepting it.

With the majority in favour, the proposal was declared as accepted

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PM selection: what was discussed last meeting was voted through.

JN will discuss with teachers from Sundsvall.

#### §8.Styrelserond

An internal discussion took place

## §9. External representation

ET brought up Europa Direkt's event in Trelleborg. Since he cannot attend the event, JN will be going in his place. ET will also check with the southern Regional Board if any of them would be interested in joining JN at the event to represent EYP.

### §10. Administrative Updates

JN gave administrative updates. He went through the bills that were paid since the last board meeting. He also brought up the fact that we no longer have the office on Slottsbacken 8.

### §11. Decentralisation Updates

ET brought up AgoraEU. It is a new programme that EYP Sweden will try to implement this spring. The idea is to start in-school debate clubs for high school students. The debate topics (similar to topic overviews written at sessions, but with an adapted format) would be written by EYP Sweden members once a year and then sent out throughout the year to the local debate clubs such that a debate can be organised once or twice a month. Since this year is the first time we try it, we will start by organising three regional debate night events (one in South, one in East, and one in West). ET said that he will soon organise the national topic writing and send out a Google Form to delegates to get the name, email, region, interest, and other relevant information for the event. ET will send a more detailed explanation of AgoraEU over slack.

ET presents a new strategy for Regional Boards. JN proposes to also add that Regional Board members should have a speech at the Regional Sessions and that the strategy should be tied more to the NSP calendar.

## §12. Regional Boards updates

ET presents what was done at the Regional Board workshop: AgoraEU was presented, the draft new strategy for Regional Boards was presented, and the Regional Board members received a chance to develop a plan for the spring and for when events would be organised.

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#### §13. Activities and projects Updates

LP says that he does not have many updates. He presents an idea about a podcast and explains that he has started mapping the school events.

JN says he has asked teachers for what activities they have in their schools but he hasn't received anything yet. JN, possibly together with TL, will create a WhatsApp group where teachers can announce events that they have in their school so there can be EYP representation at the event.

LP explains the "Vote It" app that he thinks would be great to use for the annual meeting.

TL brings up that he wanted EYP to attend Europahuset meetings during the spring, but unfortunately they do not have any meetings in the spring. They have an annual meeting in October, and TL will attend it. However, we have the possibility to send out information about EYP to the Skolambassadörer för EU in their newsletter which is sent out to all their school ambassadors. We have about a paragraph of text that we can write and there are about 100-200 schools that have this program. TL wants to add a link to eup.se but the website is unfortunately still down. We will add the link with a comment that the website is currently being renovated.

#### §14 Communications update

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## §15. International Update

ET presents that a new GB member was voted for.

ET presents his concerns about the IO using our photos for instagram posts without explicitly asking us first. JN explains that there should not be an issue, but he will talk to someone who knows more about it.

### §16 Budget Update

JN presents budget updates. All the schools except for Amerikanska Gymnasiet paid their participation fees for Uppsala NS and some wildcards have still not paid their participation fee.

JN gave other more specific updates too: Skatteverket charged us for salary expenses; we will change Adobe plan because we don't need the one we have right now; JN will contact Skatteverket and Grant Thorton about changing the organisation's address.

TL also proposed to set up a letterbox where we can get all our mail sent. This would then be our address. In the future, when we have an employee we can upgrade to an office.

#### §17. Reporting for grants update

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JN says that we need to write an Erasmus+ report for Uppsala NS. Unlike the Erasmus+ report for the Regional Sessions, we will involve organisers and the whole board in this process.

JN also announced that we will receive EUR 24 000 for the Regional Sessions and the National Session from Erasmus+.

JN gave a related budget update, where he explained that we currently have a little more than SEK 1 000 000 but we still have expenses from the session to pay, so we still need to be careful with our expenses.

JN announces that the Swedish Institute grant proposal has been submitted by IO and will probably get approved. This is good news, because if we get approved we can use more MUCF money for members only since GT will be partly covered by the Swedish Institute.

#### §18. NSP 25/26

JN says we need to plan a PM summit and decide which board members will be responsible for what section. JN will talk to Sundsvall teachers about organising Regional Session, otherwise we will accept the Skellefteå session proposal.

LP proposes to have a PM summit in Västerås.

The meeting decides to

Have the PM summit in Västerås.

JN proposes to have the PM summit on March 29-30.

The meeting decides to

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LP is proposed to be the main contact person for Göteborg NS with support from ET.

ET is proposed to be the main contact person for Varberg RS with support from LP.

JN is proposed to be the main contact person for the EYP Sweden gala.

JS and MN are proposed to be the main contact persons for the Northern Session.

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JN proposes to add Doris Herling as PM to Varberg RS together with Johanna Melin.

The meeting decides to

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JN says to start contacting HOs to tell them to write the visions, etc. Give past visions as examples and check that they look good. He further tells JS and MN to not do this yet with the Northern Session. JN says that we should explain the importance of expectations and professionalism to them. The PMs need to finish their visions before fundraising so they need to do that as soon as possible.

JN proposes to revise the disqualification guidelines for schools in order to make allow for more schools to participate.

### §19. Travel grant update

ET gives an update on the travel grant and who has been awarded money.

JN thinks that we should give funding to Andreas Gruia for Uppsala if he applies because he was unaware of the grant.

ET also explains that there is no official rule in the policy that you can't apply for money after a session has already taken place. This should be adjusted at the annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32.

Meeting continues at 12:51

#### §20. BNCM

JN says that the Nordic cluster is doing a cluster workshop.

ET brought up the fact that we discussed making an official proposal to bring down the number of ISs to 2. There was not enough will nor time to write up this proposal for the BNCM.

## §21. Teachers' update

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JN says the teachers' dinner during the session was nice.

JN spoke about cooperation: teachers should get all the information that the delegates get so that they know what they know. Also good to create a WhatsApp group for teachers where they can quickly ask questions. TL says he is not very familiar with WhatsApp but he likes the idea.

JN spoke about booklets: information on for example what to pack should be in the travel booklet and not in an email. It should be included in the travel booklet and in an email. TL clarified that the main issue is that the information is not complete in booklets and sometimes not up to date; essentially, more details are needed. JN continues explaining that information to schools about EYP should be made simpler because it is currently quite complicated and explains things in too much detail.

JN spoke about in class debates: teachers wanted a possibility to create debates during class time. ET pointed out that the idea is very similar to the AgoraEU idea that he and LP had been developing. TL explains further that the debate subjects (explained in adapted topic overviews) should be simple enough to understand quickly but also allow for the possibility to develop the debate subject with further research.

JN spoke about a video guide: this guide would explain how sessions work so that both teachers and new students can get a better understanding of what exactly EYP is without having to put too much time and effort into grasping it. It should be something similar to the Malmö 2024 session video.

#### §22. Annual meeting

1. Place

JN proposes to have the annual meeting in Uppsala. The board approves.

2. Policies

ET proposes to change the travel grant policy so it includes a maximum amount per term that someone can receive.

LP proposes to update old policies so that they are correct. JN and LP will do this at the PM summit.

ET wants there to be an official statement at the annual meeting, clarifying that a regular board member can take on the responsibility (without becoming firmatecknare) of for example a treasurer or VP in case they are not active.

JN reminds that the change from the extraordinary annual meeting needs to be affirmed. We acted on what was proposed at the annual meeting and not what the actual protocol said.

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ET proposes to improve the annual meeting procedure to record the annual meeting on zoom.

LP proposes that in order for online attendees of the annual meeting to have voting rights, they need to have a camera on, be present the whole time, and mention verbally when leaving in order to keep track of the vote count.

ET proposes to change the bylaws such that for a proposal to pass, a minimum number of present members need to vote in favour beyond the current conditions.

JN proposes to change the National Session practices to clarify that it should not take place during a sports break, easter break, other break, or during exams.

ET reminds the board of Charlie Anderson's idea to update the ESP policy, taking inspiration from EYP Finland's ESP policy.

It is decided that the NC strategy for Regional Boards needs to be presented at the annual meeting.

ET proposes to revise the strategy for NC so that it better reflects the direction the organisation is going.

JN proposes to revise PR guidelines.

JN proposes to extend privacy policy to keep information for two years instead of one year.

JN proposes to change the policy for selection of wildcards from Regional Sessions to the National Session.

### 3. Presidiet ideas

LP proposes to have Ella Hagberg as meeting president.

JN proposes to have the annual meeting on May 29th, 30th, and 31st. There will be a training on the 29th and 30th, and policies will be discussed on the 30th and 31st.

The meeting decides to

Have the annual meeting on May 29th, 30th, and 31st.

§23. Other

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ET presents how many members have been recruited so far this year. 96 members have been recruited, which is 130 less than the target set at the beginning of the year for 100 new recruits per month.

JN shortly discusses the merch developed by MN.

JN presents an update on EYP Denmark. JN has spoken to the old president of EYP Denmark and said that EYP Sweden could partly take over what is left of EYP Denmark.

ET proposed to incorporate EYP Denmark in the southern board due to low participation in the South anyway.

LP proposed to add an unofficial Danish coordinator to the NC board. ET and JN agreed that this was a reasonable idea.

LP presents possible accommodation for the PM summit, called Björnö camping.

§24. Meeting ends

Meeting ends at 14:35