

Minute of 51th KI-EF Convention

Baveno May 26th 2018

1. At 9:00 the president opened the convention.

President address: Good morning, it is my honor and pleasure to open the works of the House of Delegates of the 51st European Convention. Before all I want thank all of you to be here and I want to wish you a good Convention. But during this year, we miss some friends; so, I want, with all of you, commemorate them and I pray you to stand up for a minute of silence.

Today we have the high honor to have some very important guest:

- A. The first is the International President Jim Rochford. I pray him to come to the podium for a short address. Please, we give a warm applause to the International President. President gave to all his greetings remarking the great success in opening club this year.

Thank you, Jim,

- B. The second is the Executive Director Stan Soderstrom. I pray him to come to the podium for a short address. Please, we give a warm applause to the Executive Director. ED greeted and thanked KI-EF for the invitation and wished a great convention.

Thank you, Stan.

- C. The third is the Kiwanis Children's Found President Chia Sing Hwang. I pray him to come to the podium for a short address. Please, we give a warm applause to the President Chia Sing. KCF president greeted and thanked for the invitation.

Thank you Chia.

- D. But the very important guests there are not finished. The International President elect Poly Lat is here and I pray him to join me to the podium for a brief greeting. Poly greeted and thanked for the invitation he wished to have a very successful convention.

Thank you, Poly.

- E. We also have the pleasure to have among us the ASPAC Chair elect Peter Zander. Please Peter come here for a brief greeting to the KI-EF Delegates. Peter thanked and greeted the assemble.

Thank you, Peter.

- F. You must know that Peter and I – as leaders of ASPAC and KIEF – had a challenge. To discover who – ASPAC or KIEF – would be arrived before to the finish line of 30.000

members. Unfortunately for us, ASPAC won! So, I give to my friend Peter my congratulations.

G. Now I want to call to the podium another International guest. He is one of my special friends. I knew him in Indianapolis in the far 2002 and, up to now, we are very friends, in Kiwanis and in the life. I am speaking about the International Vice President Daniel Vigneron. Please, Daniel, join me to the podium. Daniel thanked, he was very happy to be with us and wish a very successful convention. Thank you, Daniel my best wishes, for your commitments in Kiwanis in the next years.

From the other side of Atlantic Ocean, came here four important people; among them there will be the next Vice International President because all of them are candidates in Las Vegas during the International Convention. They asked me to have possibility to introduce themselves to the KI-EF Delegates and I accepted their request.

They are, in alphabetic order:

- John E. DeVilbiss, from West Alexandria club, Ohio, USA
- Gary Levine, from Owen Sound club, Ontario, Canada
- Arthur N. Riley, from Westminster club, Maryland, USA
- Terry White, from Evansville club, Indiana, USA

Dear friends you have 3 minutes each to speak. Please. They all greeted and thanked KI-EF for the invitation.

Thank you to you all and I give to all of you my warm wishes.

Dear Friends, now we go in the really work of the General Assembly, so begin!

2. Administrative Decision

A. Nomination of members and chairs of Committee on Credentials & Elections

Upon my proposal the Board has approved the following members:

- Committee on credential:
Chair Nicolò Russo from Italy-San Marino, Members: Burkhard Kemmann from Germany, Konrad Konráðsson from Iceland-Faroes, Josy Glatinity from Belgium-Luxembourg, and Roger Pralong from Switzerland-Liechtenstein
- Committee on election:
Chair: Ernst von der Weppen from Germany, Members: Kurth Breth from Austria, Winsome Lee form UK, Heidie Ringsby from Norden, Joseph Maticot from France-Monaco.

You will find in your delegate's package a ballot book with green, white and red cards. Please detach these cards from the book and we go to vote. All those in favor to accept the members of those committee show your green card; Thank you. Opposed red card. Thank you! Abstention white card. Thank you. The general Assembly approved.

B. Approval of the standing rules of the general assembly

The Rules of the General Assembly as reported on page 6 of the Convention brochure.

All those in favor to accept the standing rules show your green card; Thank you. Opposed red card. Thank you! Abstention white card. Thank you. The general Assembly approved.

C. Approval of the final order of the day.

In the brochure on page 5 you have the agenda for this meeting, if there are no remarks I ask you for the approval of final order of the day. All those in favor to accept the agenda show your green card; Thank you. Opposed red card. Thank you! Abstention white card. Thank you. The general Assembly approved.

D. Report and voting procedures

Now I call the Committee on Election Chair, Ernst van der Weppen to explain the Voting procedures.

Chair Ernst explained the voting procedures:

The role of the committee is determined by Article VII, section 7 b. of the KIEF Bylaws. We are responsible for the distributing, the collecting and the counting of the ballots and the reporting of the results of the elections. May I remind you that each delegate and delegate at large has received one numbered ballot booklet, containing 2 ballot cards (green and red), which you can detach from the booklet. Included in the booklet are also ballot tickets. Please do not detach these tickets from the booklet, unless asked so by the President. If you use the wrong ticket your vote will be invalidated. We have in each side of the room also two microphones for who want speak about any point in the agenda. Thank you.

E. Report and determination of the existing quorum

Now I call the Committee on Credential Chair, Nicolò Russo to read the report of the committee.

Chair Nicolò: The role of committee on credential is determined by article VII, section 7a of KIEF Bylaws. These Bylaws also stipulate that each club in good standing is entitled to designate three delegates for this convention. Federation officers, Past Presidents of the

Federation and Past Governors of European districts are delegates at large. As at of 9:30 o'clock this morning we have registered for this convention: 440 delegates totally.

The quorum at any convention of the Federation shall consist of not less than 150 delegates and delegates at large. We have reached that quorum. This concludes the report of the committee on credentials. May I ask for the acceptance of this report?

President: You have heard the committee's report and we need your approval.

All those in favor to accept the report show your green card; Thank you. Opposed red card.

Thank you! Abstention white card. Thank you

The general Assembly approved.

F. Approval of minutes of the 50th convention in Paris, France.

There are any remarks or question concerning the minutes of 50th KI-EF Convention in Paris? May I ask you to approve this minutes? All those in favor to accept the 50th KI-EF Convention minutes show your green card; Thank you. Opposed red card. Thank you! Abstention white card. Thank you. The general Assembly approved.

3. Report on the KI-EF activities

a. Report of the KI-EF activities for 2017 – 18 by KI-EF President.

Dear Friends, first of all I wanted to thank you all for the great success of this Convention: one of the most popular in recent years. A bit 'of numbers: about 650 people present here in Baveno; about 400 presences yesterday afternoon at the Opening ceremony; more than 420 people at last night's Gala Dinner; more than 480 people present here today, and about 330 people will be present tonight at the friendship dinner. To say that this is, and will be, a great convention seems to me the least! And for this, thank you all.

Special thanks, let me say it, to Swiss, Icelandic and Italian friends (but they play at home) who are really a crowd.

Now a brief summary of the activities carried out this year.

The Committees have worked, and they are still working, of course, very hard. We have increased communications with the Newsletter that reaches all of you regularly, even if, unfortunately - and due to errors in the database relating to email addresses that, however, are being corrected - many emails are coming back.

I urge the Governors to correct as much as possible, so one day, all the approximately 30,000 members of the European Federation can get a valid email address.

About growth, I consider myself moderately satisfied: several new clubs were born - I believe 14 at the present time - and we have a significant increase in members: about 450 more than from 1 October. I want to congratulate Romania first and then with France-Monaco, like the Districts that, until now, have grown more. In any case there are still 4 months of time and I know that there are many clubs ready in the pipe line.

Go on Governors!

I have already visited several districts and several clubs, especially some of those who have completed 50 years of service. I felt a great emotion visiting the Club of Milano - first in Italy; I was then in France to pay tribute to the members of the Mulhouse Doyen club and in Norway to bring the active presence of the Federation to the Risor Club. I must sincerely tell you that, in these clubs - which have written and are still writing the history of the European Federation - I found an exceptional activism and, in some cases, much more enthusiasm than in some younger clubs: evidently, the mature age brings wisdom!

I visited also ASPAC Convention where I was very well received. ASPAC is growing very fast and, they are already arrived to the target of 30.000 members. So, we lost the challenge. Negotiations to get to the creation of the new legal entity, the K.I.E. are proceeding and later this morning Manfred Puchner - Federation Legal Advisor - will explain the details and tell you where we are. However, the Task Force, set up for this goal, is actively working and, very soon, I believe, we can have a first shared document.

About the Service Happy Child - our Common Service - I am very satisfied.

The committee has worked and is working very well and many Districts are ahead in organizing this service.

The most active at the moment are Belgium-Luxembourg, Italy-San Marino and Romania, but others have started and are starting to work: Switzerland-Liechtenstein, France-Monaco, Norden and Iceland-Faroes.

Austria, The Netherlands and Germany are still finishing the Eliminate Service and, once this will be over, they will dedicate themselves to Happy Child.

The finances, firmly in hand and under control of our treasurer Jan, enjoy excellent health and we are also trying to make savings. The secretariat is absolutely in order, and all communications, and especially the minutes of the meetings (Executive Committee and

Board) arrive immediately so we are always informed in real time of all that has been decided. This thanks to the Secretary Francesco.

For all this I have to thank a great team of men and women, who have been near me, and I hope they will still be next to me until next September 30th.

Of course, not everything went very well, certainly something could have been better! But one thing is fair to say: what went well - and also very well - is thanks to the whole team that, as I said, has always worked very well!

On the other hand, that which didn't go well, or that could have been better, is only my fault and I ask everyone to deeply apologize.

I will try, in the coming months, to remedy where it will be possible. If I cannot, I am sure that Oskar, my successor, seeing my mistakes, will do better. To him all my wishes and my promise to always be of help.

I finish with a note of slight sadness because, this evening, most of the Italian delegates will not be with us to the friendship dinner as they are engaged in another Kiwanian activity.

I'm very sorry but I offer them my best wishes for a good job, because, anyway, we all work for children, even if, sometimes, in different locations. Today, however, we are all working together to make our Federation ever greater and we will succeed because

Together we can! Thank you.

B. Report of international KI Trustees Marcel Kreienbühl, Paul Inge Paulsen and Ernest Schmid

Now I ask the International European Trustees to give to us their report.

The first is Marcel Kreienbul.

Please, Marcel join me to the podium.

Buon Giorno a tutti, Dear Piero I surely want to greet you. But, allow me first to address the others present. My special greetings go to the highly esteemed Leader Team of KI and KI-EF to my dear Kiwanians to the equally dear guests and with that done, back to you, Piero! First if all I want to express my thanks to you, Piero Gras so as our President Europe for your kind Invitation to this year's Convention. But my word if thanks includes not only you, but also the European Board as such. I am so pleased: With great satisfaction I again took note of the great measure of co-operation, of working together achieved by all this year. As an International Trustee I had the honor to attend many board meetings in the last four years. Most board meetings were held in Indianapolis, the Headquarter of Kiwanis

International. To save money, some of these board meetings were held by using Skype. Many most important decisions were made. As usual, all of these decisions can be found in the minutes on internet. Unnecessary to add, these meetings were all held in a friendly and kind atmosphere. This is why I also want to thank my friends of the International Board and all the engaged staff member of Kiwanis international. They succeeded in their effort to work in the interests of our organization. As the CEO representing them all I would like to greet and heartily thank Stan Soderström for the magnificent work done by him and the International Board. With some happiness but also with a tear in the eye and quite a measure of sadness I now leave the International Board by September 30th after four eventful und very fruitful years. I will from that time on be a very normal Kiwanian in my club. But, indeed, in these four years I really gained an enormous insight into the working of Kiwanis worldwide. The knowledge and the experience I gained are my most valuable assets. As I promised after my election in Berlin in 2013, I tried to do my work with great enthusiasm, ambition and effort. If I succeeded in meeting some of your expectations and wishes, I would be quite pleased indeed. I want to close with the wish that this year's Convention will also meet all expectations and that the high measure of co-operation and working together as a team and with me will continue on all levels! Thanks again for your kind attention.

Thank you, Marcel.

Dear all, for Marcel this is the last one year to serve inside the International Board so I ask to all of you to thank Marcel for the Service done inside the Board with a warm applause.

Then I ask Paul Inge Poulsen to join me to the podium for his report.

Paul Inge Paulsen Report: International President Jim, KIEF President Piero, honored Delegates, dear Kiwanis friends and friends of Kiwanis.

It is with great pleasure I present to you my report for my activities as International Trustee for the current year.

First - I am pretty certain that many of you are wondering what I bear around my neck. According to the Policies and Procedures of KIEF – article XI (eleven) officers collars may be established for KIEF.

During my years in the KIEF presidency it was decided that a memory collar should be made and I wear it now. The collar has small brass bars fitted on it – each with the names of the 45 first presidents of the European Federation. I find it right to commemorate our

former leaders, especially now when we are moving into another form of organization in Kiwanis. Without the extensive foundation work performed by these leaders, the KIEF would maybe look otherwise now. Let us now move to today's situation.

I will soon end my second year as your representative at Kiwanis International Board. I am holding one of the two seats reserved for KIEF. You have just heard my friend and colleague Marcel describing how his third year as Trustee has been.

Next year it will be myself, my friend Ernest and the Trustee we will elect later today, representing you in Indianapolis.

My second year as your Trustee has been very busy. I have served in the Membership/Convention Board Comm. Quite naturally we have spent much time on planning for this year ICON – International Convention that will take place in Las Vegas USA in just 4- 5 weeks. That will be a fantastic event and I hope that many of you will participate.

I have also worked in the Service and Partnership Comm. where I have learnt a lot about the many interesting partner-organizations that we have in the world.

As a Trustee you are not only working in committees in our office building in Indianapolis, you are also serving as a counselor or district advisor for some of the Kiwanis districts of the world. The current year I have been a counselor for the districts of Austria, Belgium-Luxemburg, and Italy-San Marino. The district that we work with changes every year, and I have received a message that I will counsel Kentucky-Tennessee, West-Virginia and Netherland District next year.

Working with the districts enable us to visit different countries and areas of the world and believe me – we learn a lot about the Kiwanis world and of course – we make many new friends.

Another exciting advantage with being an International Trustee is the fact that you can travel to many interesting meetings and convention.

So, ladies and gentlemen, if you have found that the position as Trustee can be the answer to your ultimate Kiwanis life – then go for it.

Normal service period on the Board is 3 year and we need new Trustees almost every year.

I can recommend it!

Thank you for your attention.

Thank you, Paul Inge,

Last but not least Ernest Schmid, the new entry! Ernest, please, join me to the podium for your report.

We Trustees from Europa (I hope, I could speak also for Paul Inge and for Marcel) say: Thank you for the 7 and ½ Month. Perhaps this is somewhat unusual „Thank you “to say right at the Start of my Speech. But it is very very important to me.

AND thank you to my Districts as I counsel, Governor Heide (District Norden), Gov. Konrad (District Iceland/Färör) and Gov. Burkhard (District Germany) for your support and for a really hard work in your districts. President Piero, you could very proud of your Governors and your whole Team.

The friendship between KIEF and KI is exceptionally good. I hope that we - KIEF and KI - can continue to work on this basis.

Please do not forget that the Kiwanis year is not over yet. I or We will continue to work hard on our goals for this year – open new clubs in the whole Kiwanis world.

I HAVE A DREAM that one day ...

- Kiwanians are present in all countries worldwide.
- I have a dream that every child around the world will have a bright future, according to our motto: serving the children often the world.
- Kiwanis will be the number 1 of all service organizations worldwide.

I see so many distinguished guests, I would greet each by name, would renew my farewell speech to a few hours!

Thank you, Ernest.

Report of KCF Trustees Filip Delanote

Now is the turn of the K.C.F trustees, Filip Delanote because Karl Heinz Berger is not here. Filip, please, join me to the podium for your report. My Kiwanis family I am very happy to be here. KCF is part of KI they are one Kiwanis. We are all part of KI and KCF. We all together serve the children of the world and we need your commitment to do better and more. All club served children locally but we do not have to forget that we are global, we are an international organization. We should not forget this. KCF needs of our support.

Thank you, Filip.

4. Amendments – no amendments

5. Presentation of progress on KIE

After the extraordinary KI-EF Convention of Luxemburg last year, all of you know that we are moving the Federation to the new legal entity: the Kiwanis International Europe. There is a Task Force who is working to reach this goal and one of the most important member of this Task Force from the European side is the Federation Legal Advisor Manfred Puchner.

I pray Manfred to join me to the podium to tell to all of you where we are in this road.

Please, Manfred and update us also about data protection.

I would like to inform the board about the new legislation, about the GDPR, with some basic information:

According to the GDPR the “data subject” (=member of a club) has a fundamental right to the protection of his personal data.

In order to ensure this fundamental right, the GDPR requires that the data subject (=member) has actively provided his or her consent, when data is stored.

1. Data controller:

The organization, that stores the data is referred to or known as the “Data controller” in the GDPR.

The data controller must have received the required declaration of consent, when storing data.

If the data controller shares the data with a third party, which then processes this data, the data subject must first be informed in the active consent form that his or her data will be shared with a third party. The data subject must be in agreement.

Data processor:

If the data subject agrees that the data is to be disclosed, the data controller must conclude a written “order processing agreement” with the third party (referred to in the GDPR as Processor”).

Order processing agreement:

The order agreement shall specify exactly which data and the reasons for which the processor may store them and the duration thereof and further that he guarantees the technical safety and confidentiality of such stored data.

In our case, this means that each club, represented by the president or his/her database manager with the district, represented by the governor or its database manager must conclude such an order processing agreement in writing.

However, before this type of order processing agreement is reached, the database manager has to enter the data in a “data processing directory! On the basis of the data subject`s consent (member).

Data processing directory:

This data processing directory will list

- the data of the data controller (or his representative)
- the purposes of the data processing
- the details, such as the categories of the data subjects, i.e. club members, the legal basis, that refers specifically to membership in this case or if the club has already amended the statutes accordingly to include consent in the club statutes.

The district, which has stored the data subject`s data, wishes to share them with the “MyKiwanis” database, the district also has to conclude an order processing agreement with the operator of the “MyKiwanis” server in the same manner as between the club and the district. Likewise, such an order processing agreement is to be concluded when the district agrees to a data transfer with KIEF.

Data transfer to KI:

If, however, the data is to be forwarded to Kiwanis International, i.e. to the US, the district or, provided it has been agreed, KIEF has to conclude a special US data transfer agreement with the US based on the standard clauses approved by the EU Commission. This is because the US is considered a non-secure third country in terms of data protection. If such agreements are not concluded according to the standard clauses laid down by the EU, these agreements shall be deemed void.

Through the secretary I have sent some formulas to all the governors of the districts of KIEF.

I kindly ask all governors to send this formula to their clubs to inform the members so they can work with the new legislation.

Thank you, Manfred,

6. Report on the financial situation 2016 – 2017

- a. **Summary of the result & remark by Sjoerd Timmermans, KI-EF Immediate Past president, with detailed explanations of the report by Jan De Jonge, KI-EF Treasurer 2016 – 2017.**

Dear fellow Kiwanians,

Today we present the financial report over the year 2016-2017.

A year, historical because we celebrated our 50th European Convention and also the 102nd International convention. Historical in many ways:

We organized an extra convention in Luxembourg in January 2017 in order to grant free entrance for all European Kiwanians to the International Convention and inform the membership about the steps into a legal entity and license driven organization. This by paying registration fee for 250 members partly out of our convention reserves.

During the General Assemblée of the Federation were over **800** European Kiwanians present! They all were also present at the Business Session of the KI convention in made it possible that Daniel Vigneron was elected as VP for KI.

Over 1.000 Kiwanians attended the Gala Night at the Meridien Hotel with a great performance of the Love Beatles and 2 other orchestra's.

During the year 37 new clubs were founded and until the beginning of September we had the hope that we should reach the 30.000 European Kiwanians again. But as in many of the last years, September was a disaster. Not only in Europe, worldwide, this month is used to quit Kiwanis and close clubs in order to refrain from paying dues in the year following. I hope that my successors will be in the position to turn this negative effect into a positive.

These successes had of course influence on the convention budget. Success is great, but costs will also increase. As an example, think of the numerous extra headsets for the translation during the KI-EF business session.

Nevertheless, we think that due to a strict budgeting by the Host Committee and KI-EF leadership that a good balance is achieved.

My compliments for all who have been working on this and also a great compliment to our treasurer Jan de Jonge for his great work and cooperation during the administrative year 2016-2017.

Further I like to thank the European team 2016-2017 (Team 102) for their great support and I'm proud to have been serving on that team as your President.

Bedankt, Mille grazie, Merci bien, Magne Tak, Danke Schön, Thank you very much.

b. Auditors report and acceptance of the report

I ask Luc Joos to join me to the podium.

You have heard the reports and we need your approval.

All those in favor to accept the reports show your green card; Thank you. Opposed red card. Thank you! Abstention white card. Thank you. The general Assembly approved.

7. Election of KI trustee

Today we have two candidates for the election to the K.I. Board.

They are, in alphabetic order:

- Elio Garozzo from Italy San Marino district
- Henk Oostdam from The Netherlands Distric.

According the KI-EF Bylaws – art. XI section 2 – both candidates can be considered as qualified candidates for international Trustee because they:

Are active members in good standing of a club in good standing;

have given written consent to be a candidate;

have completed a full term as a district governor prior to announcing their candidacy to Kiwanis International;

have secured prior endorsement from their district house of delegates;

have and maintain a clear criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International;

Following the Rule 12 of the Standing rules of the house of delegates, the Candidates for the office of International Trustee shall have a nomination speech not to exceed one (1) minute and shall personally address the House of Delegates for no more than three (3) minutes.

So, I ask Giancarlo Bellina to have a nomination speech for Elio Garozzo.

Thank Giancarlo you have one minute.

Authorities, officers, members and friends of Kiwanis International and European Federation, I have the pleasure to present the Italian trustee candidate, Elio Garozzo.

I will focus my one-minute speech on his skills for which you should support him.

Elio has spent 70% of his life for and with Kiwanis: his consolidated, qualified and proven experience can steer the step change of Kiwanis towards the Third Millennium challenges; his recognized leadership makes the difference in team building and in reinforcing the sense of belongingness, which are essential ingredients in building the Kiwanis of tomorrow; Elio's motivation, goal-oriented determination, emphatic communication and, above all, ever green energy can inspire a shared Kiwanis vision that will empower all of us to achieve demanding goals.

Allow me to close my speech by saying that if you are looking for a TRUSTEE with a strong potential to bring Kiwanis to the cutting-edge of its noble mission in building a better future for humanity, look no further. Elio Garozzo is your man, Elio Garozzo is our right international trustee.

Now I ask Elio Garozzo to come to the podium. Thank Elio you have three minutes.

Dear Fellow Kiwanians, dear friends,

I am extremely honored to be here with you today.

I joined Kiwanis about 35 years ago and I feel ready to put all my experience, passion and enthusiasm into service. Our organization is not in the best condition. We are losing members every year and this trend is unfortunately continuing. For me this is currently our biggest challenge. Because with less members there will be less Kiwanis and less service! So, before anything else, we have to face this emergency.

I hope to be able to contribute to finding a solution to reverse this trend. We have to make our members ever more aware of the importance of our service activities at every level. All too often I have noticed that many of our members don't feel part of an international service organization: this is a shame, considering we are living in a global network and a digital society. Members mostly see only their clubs and at best, their districts, but Kiwanis is much more.

Kiwanis International invests and distributes millions of dollars every year and the board members must choose the priorities, which means a huge responsibility.

I believe we really need a change to find new strategies and update current plans. Change is necessary in order to go forward and look to the future with confidence and optimism.

I'm very proud to be Kiwanian like you and I hope to be able to do more for our Kiwanis Family serving as Kiwanis International Trustee.

I will commit to making Kiwanis stronger. I promise, I won't let you down!

Thank you. Viva Kiwanis

Now I ask Tony Schappli to have a nomination speech for Henk Oostdam. Thank Tony you have one minute.

Dear Kiwanis Friends,

I stand here today to introduce to you my good Kiwanis friend Henk Oostdam. His club president was not able make the introduction and asked me to step in. I feel honored to do so. Henk I well known in the Kiwanis Family and has fulfilled many roles. I met Henk during

one of many conventions we visited and his commitment and dedication toward rejuvenation of Kiwanis is very strong. Henk is open minded, he sees opportunities for the benefits of Kiwanis and acts upon them.

He motivates others to make it happen. As Mare Dullaert Founder and Chair of KidsRights Foundation said in his endorsement, Henk has portrayed a strong commitment to the rights and wellbeing of children. He is gifted with the ability to make connections that can accelerate the work of both Kiwanis and KidsRights. I am very gladly introduce to you, Ich stelle Ihnen gerne vor, C'est avec plaisir que je vous présente, Io voglio volentieri introdurre a voi, As candidate Trustee for Kiwanis International: Henk Oostdam.

Now I ask Henk Oostdam to come to the podium. Thank Henk you have three minutes.

Thank you, Tony for your kind words. The question ladies and gentlemen is what shall I go to do as trustee? I will represent you at board of Kiwanis international. As trustee from Europe I will represent the interest of KI-EF in the international board. Ladies and gentlemen this is the point, the world is changing, this is a challenge for Kiwanis. I think as trustee I can help Kiwanis to find a solution and win the challenge. We serve Kiwanis in challenging time and to serve the children of the world and this is a great responsibility. I have a dream that we will win the challenge and we realize a better future for the children. As servant leader I want help you and represent the European district the best I can. Dear Kiwanians I want help you because I can, I want serve you because I can, I want to support you because I can, and I ask you vote to help Kiwanis, to represent Europe. Together we can realize the dream. Thank you very much.

President: There are others candidates from the floor?

No! OK!

Now let's proceed with the voting operations.

Included in the booklet there are the ballot ticket where are been printed the names of the candidates.

Please unplug the ticket; mark the name of the candidate you want to vote for; fold the ticket and insert it into the box that the members of the Election Committee will run across the room.

Ladies and Gentlemen, is my pleasure to announce the next International Trustee is Elio Garozzo, I ask Elio to join the podium for a short thankful speech.

Elio thanked the assembly

8. Election/ confirmation of KI-EF officers

KI-EF secretary Francesco Valenti announced the candidates.

Following the dispositions of our Bylaws the Secretary submits to the House of Delegates, the names of the candidates for President, President Elect and Vice President of the European Federation:

In compliance with Article IX, section 4 of the Federation Bylaws, the president elect shall be the sole candidate for the office of president, and the vice president the sole candidate for the office of president elect. The following individuals have submitted notice of candidacy:

- for the office of president, **Oskar Guodjonsson** of the Iceland-Faroes district;
- for the office of President elect, **Chris Decorte** of the Belgium-Luxemborg district; Up to this moment no further nominations were received from the floor.

Also, according to section 3 of that same article the following European district have submitted the name of a candidate for the office of vice president and the individual has given the assurances required by section 2 of article IX.

-For the office of Vice President, we have one candidate: **Jon Fadri Huder** from Switzerland-Liechtenstein District.

For the offices of President, President elect and Vice President the procedures of the standing rules (rule 13) are as follows: one nomination speech not to exceed one minute, followed by a presentation speech of two minutes.

President Piero, these are the candidates for consideration this morning.

a. Confirmation of KI-EF president & KI-EF president Elect.

Nomination is now in order for the office of President of the Federation.

Before all I ask the general Assembly if there are some others candidates from the floor.

No! OK!

For the nomination of **Oskar Guodjonsson** may I ask Guðlaugur Kristjánsson to come on stage.

Federal President and fellow Kiwanians

It's with great pleasure and great honor that I present to you a very good friend and a true Kiwanian Óskar Guðjónsson. He is a Library Director. Married to Konný R. Hjaltadóttir and they have 2 beautiful children. Óskar is a member of the Kiwanis club Eldey, Distr. Iceland -

Faroe Islands. Twenty five years ago Oskar joined the Kiwanian family and became a member in a Kiwanis club at the US naval station at Kelfvik airport.

Oskar is very dedicated in what he does and he always gives all he has into his work. Oskar has a big. **No really big Kiwanian heart.** In the year 1997 there were 10 committees in his club. Oskar was on 7 of them as a member or chair. He loves changes, he loves being a Kiwanian and to share, he loves making the world a better place for children.

He is what I call a true Kiwanian.

Through the years Oskar has achieved many honors. He is a Hixson fellow, Zeller Charter member, Canadian Mel Osborne Fellow and Gold star recipient all these honors fully deserved. The list of duties he has done for Kiwanis is very long. He has been thru most all duties as a club officer and committee member and chair positions in his club.

In 2000 he was contacted by the Icelandic Distr. there he grew fast in the Kiwanian Community. He has been on most all committees and the only Icelander to be Distr. Governor for 2 running terms. In Europe he has been on the KI-EF Board and Committees for a many years Kiwanis International board member for three years and been in many committees. Iceland has had 6 KIEF presidents so Oskar will be nr. 7. Seven is a heavenly number and fits well to Oscars character. Thru the years Oskar has earned a lot of respect from his fellow members in Iceland and we are extremely proud that he will be KI-EF president next term. Therefore, we are close to eighty Icelanders here in Baveno to show him our support.

Oskar likes challenges and it is not difficult to get Oskar help if it is in any way regarding Kiwanis. He is a very loyal friend and easy to work with. He is always cheerful and easy going. He is very good in finding solutions.

Oskar loves changes. Especially if he sees that the changes are for the good of Children of the world and Kiwanis. So, I can't say that it is strange that his MOTTO for his term as Kiwanis European President 2018-2019 is „Embrace change“.

Let's all work with Oskar and his MOTTO „Embrace change“

Let's all help Oskar in his work to increase members in Europe

Let's all stand up and embrace my good friend Oskar Guðjónsson and wish him our best, by giving him a good clap of hands Thank you.

President: Any candidate who is unopposed for office may be elected by applause (rule 15) so I invite all of you to confirm by a warm applause Oskar as KI-EF President 2018 / 2019.

Please Oskar you can speak.

Fellow Kiwanians –dear friends I applaud you being here in the name of Kiwanis and the children of the world, celebrating our successes and embracing our vision for the future. I humbly thank you for your nomination which I respectfully accept.

Life is full of coincidences. In my Kiwanis life, several of them have led me to stand on this stage today. One of them gave me a chance to work with veteran Kiwanians that became my mentors and close friends. I was given an opportunity to serve, and if it was not for them I probably would be in a different place today – who knows.

In Kiwanis, my philosophy has always been **to serve - and serve first** – As a person, and As a **Kiwanis servant leader** my goals have always been to cultivate trust, listen to and value others opinions, encourage Kiwanians to go from good to great **and last but not least - act in humility! For this, I still and will stand!**

This year positive steps have been taken to forge a new future for our Federation. The future that we visioned for so long, is finally within grasp. Autonomy to manage our own affairs the best way we know, based on over 5 decades of a Kiwanis presence in Europe.

Yet we ask ourselves, are we ready, willing, and fully prepared and able to embrace this changed future? In my opinion, we need to carefully evaluate every step we take forward. There is no need for urgency! I fully realize that **many** questions are still unasked, **many** obstacles and pathways are still not cleared, and **many** stones still unturned. Yet, if we want to forge a new and better future for our organization, **together we must** face the inevitable and tackle the unavoidable.

There is an ancient Chinese proverb that goes: “When the winds of change blow, some people build walls, others build windmills.”

John F Kennedy also said: Change is the law of life, those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future. Change is coming–let us embrace it, **not fight it, and together we can build windmills!**

Fellow Kiwanians, as you move forward in the years to come I assure you that you have the support of the Federation. Personally, **I stand here, ready to serve and serve first, you, our Federation and the Children of the world. Thank you for everything you have, are and will be doing in the name of Kiwanis.**

Thank you, Oskar,

For the nomination of **Chris Decorte** may I ask Marie-Jeanne to come on stage?

Mister President,

Dear friends,

It's my great pleasure to introduce my friend Chris Decorte for the office of President elect of KI-EF. Chris was elected vice president last year at the European convention in Paris. From that time, he fulfilled his mission towards the Federation with diligence and skill. To day, he asks you to confirm him president elect 2018-19. He deserves it. It is why I ask you to give him this confirmation and I thank you in advance. Grazie mille.

President: Any candidate who is unopposed for office may be elected by applause (rule 15) so I invite all of you to confirm by a warm applause Chris Decorte as KI-EF President Elect 2018/2019.

Please Chris you can speak.

Dear Friends, Thanks to Marie Jeanne for those kind words.

For those who do not know me, you can find all about me, my family and my Kiwanis career, in the booklet of the convention.

As you all know, I served this year as Vice President of the Federation, in this function, I visited different clubs, in several districts, attended several conventions, listened to the officers and members, to know what they and you really expect from the Federation.

Just like Albert Einstein explained us, is being an example to others not the most important way to have impact on others, but strictly the one and only way.

In order to give to all the children what they deserve, we have to convince anyone that the children are the future, and just in that way we will be able to make the world better by changing.

Together with you, I want to lead by example, in order to reach this goal and care for a better world, child by child, and community by community.

I trust on you, you can trust on me as your president elect

Thanks for your attention

Thank you, Chris.

b. Election of KI-EF vice president

For the nomination of **Jon Fadri Huder** may I ask Ilonka Christina Lohemer to come on stage?

Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Kiwanians

I want to introduce a gentleman to you who prefers to be in the midst of things instead of just being part of it. Who is this Gentleman?

For several years Jon has been working in regional politics to promote the Wellbeing of his community. But his engagement of taking care of others starts long before he became politician. He was engaged in many different clubs with volunteer work, so with Kiwanis in the age of 31. The district came to know him as a reliable Governor, a good organizer, always with fast reaction and joining as much events of all clubs as possible – and as a team player.

I came to know Jon when he was elected Vice Governor at the age of 48 and my first thought was: finally, a younger Governor!

With his commitment, his passion, his reliability and his enthusiasm, he wants to make children's eyes shine with a long-lasting effect as KI-EF President.

And, finally he is as well prepared as one could possibly be for hosting a KI EF Convention! His Convention as Governor of Switzerland/Liechtenstein is to be remembered as outstanding. What a piece of recommendation!

Summing it all up, Jon stands for three letters J... O... N...

J for his Joy to serve

O for his Optimism and

N for his Never ending faith in the Kiwanis idea.

With your help and all our passion, he will surely succeed in Kiwanis. THANK YOU

President: Any candidate who is unopposed for office may be elected by applause (rule 15) so I invite all of you to confirm by a warm applause Jon Fadri Huder as KI-EF Vice President 2018 / 2019.

Please Jon Fadri you can speak.

Dear KIWANIS friends

I would be extremely pleased to assume the role of vice President and I am confident and motivated that together we could bring about changes in Europe during my potential term. My role as the Governor of the largest KI-EF district has taught me a lot and I have realized that one can achieve much with lots of passion, motivation and a happy disposition. With this positive outlook, I would like to make my own personal contribution. After all, a person who is content in themselves is more likely to show a willingness to show commitment according to KIWANIS motto “serving the children”.

I would like to thank everyone - especially the Kiwanians from Switzerland - for coming to the convention to Baveno. I would also like to thank all friends from all over Europe, who will hopefully vote for my person.

Thank you, Jon Fadri,

c. Presentation of KI-EF secretary and treasurer 2018/19.

Please Oskar, as KI-EF President 2018 / 19 can you introduce to the General Assembly the Secretary and the Treasurer for the next year?

Please, I kind ask all of you to confirm Francesco and Jan as KI-EF Secretary and Treasurer 2018 / 19. A warm applause, please.

d. Nomination of two auditors

Oskar, please, may I ask you to introduce to General Assembly the two Auditors for the next year. For next year the auditors will be Karl Heinz Berger and Luc Joos.

Please, I kind ask all of you to confirm Karl Heinz and Luc Joos as KI-EF Auditors 2018 / 19.

A warm applause, please.

9. Presentation and thanks of KI-EF 2017/18 board

As President of the European Federation, you are not able to fulfil all the obligations and duties you have, to provide during one year without a great team.

So, I want to thank all the Governors, the representatives from the Kiwanis Nations, the members of the Executive Committee and all other members for their support and understanding during this Kiwanis year.

I call to join me on the stage:

Sjoerd Timmermand (Imm. Past President), Oskar Guodjonsson (President Elect), Chris Decorte (Vice President), Jan de Jonge (Treasurer), Francesco Valenti (Secretary), Burkhard Kemmann (Germany), Kurt Breth (Austria), Giuseppe Cristaldi (Italy-San Marino), Jo Maticot (France-Monaco), Josy Glatigny (Belgium-Luxemborg), Heidie Ringsby (Norden), Det Verhoeven (The Netherlands), Konrad Konradsson (Island-Faroes), Roger Pralong (Switzerland-Liechtenstein), Ladislav Hrivko (Czech Republic and Slovakia).

Many, many, many thanks to all of you.

I wish to thanks also all the host committee and MSC staff.

10. The year 2018/19

Now I want ask Oskar to speak about the next year.

Please, Oskar.

Oskar made the presentation.

- a. Presentation of the goals and objectives
 - b. Presentation and approval of the budget
 - c. Presentation of the European Board. Oskar called on the stage his board.
 - d. Presentation of the city for the 2019 European convention. Small video clip of Iceland
11. Delegate remarks and questions. Ilonka Christina Lohemer gave to the assemble some information about the youth camp.

Once again me.

This time I will talk to you about the Kiwanis Youth Camps we do have in KI EF and some of you already know about the Kiwanis Youth Camps.

The Youth Camps takes place in our organization in the Service Leadership Programs and do exist in KI EF since several years and I a part in SLP like Young Professional or Student Exchange Programs.

What is a Kiwanis Youth Camp?

It is a week, organized by one District in KI EF, where youngsters from all over Europe, aged between 16 and 21, can participate and will be involved in their one development for their future.

But what happens in such a Youth Camp?

The participants were not just having a week of holiday and fun. For sure there is also a lot of fun in the camp. But first of all it is a week, composed on seven parts:

1. Mutual understanding - *To break down prejudices in the mind and build bridges of understanding*
2. Education and Trainings - *To expand the school education with elements of leadership and team building that are not embedded in everyday school life*
3. Cultural Program - *To broaden their own horizons and get to know the region of the host better*
4. Charity - *Youngsters work together in charity project from an organization involved KC around the YC*
5. Find Friends - *All over Europe*
6. Games, Sport and Fun - *Should not be missed*

7. Meet Kiwanis - *To implement the idea of Kiwanis in their hearts, go out into the world and tell others about this Kiwanis week with enthusiasm*

In the end of the week the youngsters do get an official Kiwanis certificate of participation for their personal CV to increase her chances in a job applying for her involvement in Kiwanis.

For sure in such a week we do need rules and they have to sign the camp rules in advance. The main rule is that the youth camp is alcohol and drug free. If they do not stick to the top rule, we'll send them home immediately.

Participate can every European teenager between 16 and 21 years, over 18 they have to bring a criminal background check and have to be able to talk at least basic English.

Ideally, interested participants should have no connection to Kiwanis and come from socially deprived backgrounds in order to give these youngsters the best possible benefit. Of course, children, benefactors and acquaintances of Kiwanians are also welcome participants.

At the end of this little outline on the Kiwanis Youth Camps, may I invite you to add the idea and information about this great opportunity for young people to your Kiwanis districts and Nations. Encourages young people in your area to apply.

And this year too, there will be a youth camp in the District of Austria in Ebnit, Dornbirn, from the 5th to the 8th of August. There are still places left and an application is still possible. Relevant flyers and registration form can be found on Facebook or at <http://www.kiwanis.ch/index.cfm?SID=28&Lang=L1>

And I can invite you to visit us for some hours during a camp to see how the teenagers grow together this week and work, play and laugh together.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTENTION. I WILL MEET YOU OR YOUR YOUNGSTERS IN THE CAMP!

12. Miscellaneous.

13. Closing remarks.

14. End of the meeting. At 13:05 president closed the meeting thanked all.