

ELACTA General Assembly

Date: 17th of May, 2024

Time: 17:30 pm – 19:30 pm (CET)

Place: Palais des Congres, Liege, Belgium

Attendees: 6 members of ELACTA Board and 97 voting members

Minutes: Livia Bratu

Minutes:

1. **Approving the secretary Livia Bratu** – approved by majority raise of hands
2. **Approving the agenda** – approved by majority raise of hands
3. **Approving the minutes from the 2022 General Assembly** – 1 does not approve, 16 abstain, 80 approve
4. **Volunteers to count votes:** Sandra Lase, Helen Weerheim
5. **Operational matters**
6. **[Report of Activities](#)**

President Mihaela Nita made a summary of the report of activities, which was also available online prior to the GA according to the Statutes.

Journal editorial team leader Eva Bogensperger-Hezel presented the activity and financial report for the ELACTA Journal.

7. **[Financial report \(see documents here\)](#)**

First Treasurer Micaela Notarangelo presented the conclusions of the Financial Report for the past term (2022-2023). 8k euro deficit from the Bremen Conference in 2022. Travelling costs have been increasing after the Pandemic.

Income: EISL and member fees.

We use the income for educational events, administrative maintenance (website, accountant etc.), board meetings in person (decreased to save money).

ELACTA is in a very sound economical position.

12k from reserves, but only 4k deficit.

Representative of the auditors Ulla Junghanel presented the auditor's report. Appreciated the good financial management of ELACTA. ELACTA Books were found to be impeccable. Some allocated budgets were not entirely exhausted. Books from Lactation and Breastfeeding – impressed by the very stable financial situation, everything booked correctly.

Questions:

Maryse Arendt: Asked for a forecast for the 2024 Conference.

Mihaela Nita: We expected more participants from the French speaking IBCLCs. Even if there will be a deficit, it is not something to put ELACTA in any financial danger or instability.

Micaela Notarangelo: We made a conscious decision to keep costs affordable, even assuming a deficit.

Anja Bier (EISL): A lot of work to do this every 2 years, suggested to consider to increase the time between the conferences

Micaela Notarangelo: The huge value of meeting face to face from different countries is very important.

8. Discharge Board of Directors

Agree 35+49+5= 89.

Against 0

Abstain 2

9. Discharge Auditors

49+42=91

Against 0

Abstain 2

10. Voting & transition Board

[Amendment of ELACTA Statute \(find explanation and link to the new Statutes here\)](#)

Discussions:

Daiva Sniukaite presented the voting ballots

Thanked ALCI and BDL for their comments

Questions:

Helen (from counting committee): Why is there a term of 4 years?

Daiva Sniukaite: to have more continuity

Mihaela Nita: Commitment is bigger from the beginning

Tove Ebbesen: What about the GA?

Mihaela Nita: General Assembly will take place every 2 years.

Anja Bier: It is more modern and professional Statutes. It is more helpful. Complimented the Board for this work for moving forward.

[ELACTA membership fee change \(see here for the proposal\)](#)

Discussions:

Mihaela Nita presented the basis for the membership fee change.

Anja Bier: Appreciated the volunteer work. Given the inflation rates and the services that ELACTA provides for its members, she encouraged ELACTA to increase more and regularly.

Ireland: it applies from 2025?

Micaela Nottarangelo: Yes

Looking forward

Discussions:

Mihaela Nita thanked for Board Members finishing their term and not continuing in the next Board: Micaela Notarangelo, Joke Muyldermans, Anne Christine Manawa

Introduced new candidates, who did short presentations: Helen Borg, Asta Vilpisauskiene, Renata Vettorazzi.

Introduced the candidates for Auditors. Ulla mentioned she hopes to do the work with Margherita Zocca.

Irish: Can we allow the 2 auditors who want to work together to share the job?

Micaela: Unnecessary complication.

11. Resolutions

- [Amendment of ELACTA Statute \(find explanation and link to the new Statutes here\)](#)

To the question “Do you accept the resolution of the amendment of the ELACTA Statutes for all articles in general?”

Vote result: 89 YES, 0 NO, 10 ABSTAIN

The resolution passed.

- [ELACTA membership fee change \(see here for the proposal\)](#)

To the question “Do you agree with the membership fee per person based on the information from the World Bank in 2022 regarding the classification of countries by income and region?”

Group 1 countries

IBCLCs – 13 euro pp/py

Non-IBCLCs – 8,5 euro pp/py

Group 2 countries

IBCLCs – 8,5 euro pp/py

Non-IBCLCs – 5,5 euro pp/py

Individual members

25 euro pp/py”

Vote result: 91 YES, 2 NO, 5 ABSTAIN, 1 INVALID VOTE

The resolution passed

- [Board of Directors for the Term 2024-2028](#)

To the question “Do you agree with the candidacy of below listed persons to work in the ELACTA office for the term 2024-2028?”

Vote result:

Asta Vilpisauskiene – 92 YES, 1 NO, 6 ABSTAIN

Daiva Sniukaite – 77 YES, 13 NO, 9 ABSTAIN

Dinka Baric – 92 YES, 3 NO, 4 ABSTAIN

Helen Borg – 95 YES, 0 NO, 4 ABSTAIN

Livia Bratu – 91 YES, 1 NO, 7 ABSTAIN

Mihaela Nita – 87 YES, 2 NO, 10 ABSTAIN

Renata Vettorazzi – 94 YES, 1 NO, 4 ABSTAIN

The resolution passed

- **Auditors for the Term 2024-2028**

To the question “Do you agree with the candidacy of below listed persons to work as ELACTA auditors for the term 2024-2028?”

Vote result:

Egle Gurcine – 57 YES, 16 NO, 26 ABSTAIN

Ulla Junghanel – 79 YES, 6 NO, 14 ABSTAIN

Margherita Zocca – 81 YES, 8 NO, 10 ABSTAIN

The resolution:

Ulla Junghanel and Margherita Zocca are appointed auditors.

9. Next events:

CERPS International 2025 – Portugal (proposal announced)

Conference 2026 – Romania (already voted for in Bremen in 2022). Ilinca Tranulis did a presentation

Conference 2028 – 2 proposals: Lithuania and Malta

Vote result: Conference 2028 will take place in Vilnius, Lithuania.

10. Closing