

MINUTES

19th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Held at Hotel Meridien Etoile,
Paris, France

Wednesday 19 November 2014

PRESENT:

William Street (Chairman)
Sheam Satkuru Granzella (1st Vice Chairman)
Natalie Hufnagl-Jovy (2nd Vice Chairman)

Members**National Governing Bodies from:**

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Belarus, Brazil,
Canada, Chile, China, Czech Republic,
Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy,
Indonesia, Latvia, Malaysia, Netherlands,
Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic,
Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, UK, USA

International Stakeholders:

Asia Pulp and Paper produces Indonesia,
Association Technique Internationale des Bois
Tropicaux (ATIBT), Confédération Européenne
des Propriétaires Forestiers (CEPF),
International Council of Forest and Paper
Association (ICFPA), IFFA, Fibria, MetsäGroup,
The Center for People and Forests (RECOFTC),
StoraEnso, Smurfit Kappa, Suzano Pulp and
Paper.

(99 votes out of possible 114).

Observers

Official observers from member organisations,
members of the PEFC Council Board of
Directors (Joe Lawson, Peter Latham, Olivier
Bertrand, Sebastien Genest, Hans Drielsma,
Genevieve Chua, Pedro Albizu, Michael
Proschek-Hauptmann, Julian Walker-Palin); Mr
Clifford Schneider (*Chairman of PEFC
Nominations Committee*); candidates for PEFC
membership, and invited guests from Ghana
(Mustapha Seidu), Macedonia (Saho Petrovski),
New Zealand (Andrew Mc Ewen), Peru (Norka

Moya Solis- INDESPE), Surinam (Josien Tokoe -
COICA), Vietnam (Ngo Sy Hoai -VICFORES),
Congo (Gregoire NKéoua) Republic of Congo
with an interest in the PEFC Council.

APOLOGIES:**Members**

Argentina, Cameroon, Estonia, Ireland –
(Designated UK as Proxy) and Uruguay.
Asian Panel Product Timber (APP Timber),
Building and Wood Workers' International,
Confederation of European Paper Industries
(CEPI), Earth Focus Foundation, European
Network of Forest Entrepreneurs (ENFE),
European Timber Trades Federation (ETTF),
European Tissue Symposium (ETS),
International Paper, MeadWestvaco (MWV)
USSE, Weyerhaeuser.

Extraordinary Members:

CEI-Bois, ELO, FECOF, MECSEA, and UEF

Board members

Juan-Carlos Jintiach

Nominations Committee

Mr Christopher (Kit) Prins, Dr Bin Che Yeom
(Dato) Freezailah

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ben Gunneberg - Secretary General and PEFC
Council Staff.

*Stéphane Le Foll, Minister of Agriculture,
Agrifood and Forestry joined the General
Assembly with staff advisors and press to give
the opening address to the PEFC 19th General
Assembly along with PEFC Council Chairman*

Mr William V. Street and the Chairman of PEFC France, Mr. Marc Antoine de Seze.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Unanimously agreed to adopt the agenda.

2. MINUTES OF 18TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER 2013 IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

Unanimously agreed to approve the Minutes of the 18th General Assembly held on Wednesday 13 November 2013 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. PEFC REPORT UPDATE

The Secretary General reported on the work of the organisation since the last General Assembly and set out the priorities for the coming year. (*Slides available on request*).

4. CHANGES TO STATUTES

The Secretary General presented the proposed changes to Article 6,2 to increase the maximum number of Members of the Board by 2, from 10 to 12 members.

Text to read:

Article 6: Board

"2. *The Board comprises the Chairman of the PEFC Council, the two Vice-Chairmen and 2 - 12 members who are elected by the General Assembly for an election period of three years. ...*"

Unanimously agreed to approve a change to the Statutes Article 6,2 to allow 2 additional Members of the Board.

5. FINANCE

5.1. Accounts for the year end 31st December 2013

The Secretary General presented the year end accounts for the year end 31st December 2013.

Unanimously agreed to approve the year end accounts (as at 31 December 2013) including Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Account

5.2. Budget and Membership Fees 2015

Agreed to approve the budget and membership fees for 2015 as proposed by the Board

For 92, Against 6 (USA), Abstentions 1 (Russia) votes out of possible 99.

5.3. Appointment of Auditor

Unanimously agreed to approve the appointment of "Interexperts sa" as the PEFC Council Auditor for the year end accounts (as at 31 December 2014), in accordance with the PEFC Council Statutes, Article 5, Chapter 10, section V.

6. ELECTIONS

6.1. 1st Vice Chairman and Members of the Board of Directors

Mr Clifford Schneider presented the Nominations Committee's report and presented the candidates to the members.

It was noted that Mr Sebastien Genest, who had been a Member of the Board of Directors since 2001, was not standing for re-election to the Board. (A presentation followed the formal business of the meeting).

Unanimously agreed:

To re-appoint Mrs Sheam Satkuru-Granzella as Vice-Chairman of the PEFC Council for a three-year period (2014-2017).

To appoint Mr Hervé Le Bouler, Mrs Riikka Joukio, as new members of the Board of Directors for a three-year period (2014-2017).

To reappoint Mr Peter Latham, and Mr Joseph Lawson as members of the PEFC Council Board of Directors for a further three-year period (2014-2017).

6.2. Election of Nominations Committee 2014

Unanimously agreed:

To appoint Dr. Bin Che Yeom (Dato) Freezailah, Mr. Kit Prins and Dr. Christopher Davidson as the PEFC Nominations Committee 2015.

7. PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES

A presentation was made by SFI on fibre sourcing.

7.1. New members elected over the year

Presentations were made by new members elected throughout the year:
SGEC (Japan) – Makiko Horio;
PT Ekapersada (APP) - Mrs Ragita Wirastrri;
The Center for People and Forests (RECOFTC)
- Martin Greijmans;
Suzano Pulp & Paper, Jorge Cajazeira.

7.2. Potential new member

Presentations were made by potential members including:

New Zealand Forest Certification Association (NZFCA) - Andrew Mc Ewen;
PAFC Congo (Gregoire NKéoua) on behalf of His Excellency Henri Djombo, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and Forestry, Republic of Congo;
Forest Certification Council of India (FICC) - Suneel Pandey;
Macedonia - Connecting National Values and Peoples (CNVP) - Sasho Petrovski;
Ghana - National Working Group on Forest Certification; Mustapha Seidu;
Peru - Norka Solis Moya;
Surinam Indigenous Peoples (COICA) - Josien Tokoe;
Vietnam - Ngo Sy Hoai - Vietnam Wood & Forest Product Association (VIFORES)

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were none

9. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING:

The 19th General Assembly is to be held on Thursday, 10th December 2015 at a venue to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 15:30

Signed by:

William V. Street, Chairman

Ben Gunneberg, CEO and Secretary General

After the meeting, Certificates were awarded to outgoing member of the Board, Mr. Sebastien Genest, and outgoing Chairman of the PEFC Nominations Committee, Mr Clifford Schneider for their contributions to PEFC and to the members in first second and third place for chain of custody and area growth in the last year. In addition endorsement and re-endorsement certificates were issued to ten national forest certification systems.