



General Assembly Minutes

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22nd General Assembly

PRESENT:

- Peter Latham Chair
- Sheam Satkuru-Granzella 2nd Vice Chair
- Natalie Hufnagl-Jovy 1st Vice Chair

National Governing Bodies from:

Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, Macedonia, Netherlands, Portugal, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Korea, Republic of Congo, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States

By proxy:

Austria, New Zealand, and Switzerland

International Stakeholder Members:

April Group, APP Timber, International Family Forestry Alliance, Metsa Group, PT Purinusa Ekapersada, Smurfit Kappa, StoraEnso, Suzano

By proxy:

CEPF, Connecting Natural Values and People Foundation "CNVP"

Members of the Board

Genevieve Chua, Peter Crook, David Ford, Riikka Joukio, Brian Kernohan, Joe Lawson, Hervé Le Boulter, Fermin Olabe-Velasco and Eduardo Rojas-Briaies.

APOLOGIES:

- ***National Governing Bodies***
Brazil, Cameroon, Gabon, Hungary, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Uruguay,
- ***International Stakeholder Members***

APRIL, CEPF, AEBIOM, Confédération Européenne des Entrepreneurs de Travaux Techniques Agricoles, Ruraux et Forestiers « CEETTAR », European Timber Trade federation "ETTF", European Tissue Symposium (ETS), Fibria, The International Council of Forest and Paper Associations (ICFPA), International Paper, International Paper, RECOFTC, USSE, West Rock, Weyerhaeuser

- ***Extra-ordinary members:***

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

- ***Members of the Board***

Juan Carlos Jintiach, Mike Rose

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Ben Gunneberg - Secretary General and CEO- PEFC International
- Jari Leppä - Minister of Agriculture and Forestry
- Madame Rosalie Matondo – Ministre de l’Economie Forestière
- Mohd Nurudeen Iddrisu - (Tropical Forestry) Board Candidate
- European Pulp Industry Sector Association AISBL - Anna Maija Wessman
- European Panel Federation - Clive Pinnington
- Mondi - Denis Popov
- Cambodia - GERES - Yann Francois
- Croatia - Croatian Forest Research Institute - Miljenko Zupanic
- México - A.C. - Lesly Andrea Ortega
- Myanmar - Myanmar Forest Cert. Committee - Barber Cho
- Philippines -University of the Philippines - Priscila Dolom
- Tanzania - Forest Producer Org APEX - Kastory Timbula
- Vietnam - Vietnamese Acad. of Forest Sciences - Lam Dong Tran
- Kenya - FFSPAK - Geoffrey Wanyama
- PEFC Council Staff.

Of a total of 127 eligible votes, 106 votes were present (83%)

1. AGENDA

Unanimously agreed:

To approve the Agenda of the 22nd General Assembly

2. MINUTES OF THE 21ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Unanimously agreed:

To approve the minutes of the 21st General Assembly held Wednesday 16 November 2016 at the Sheraton Kuta Bali, Indonesia as true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. PEFC UPDATE VERBAL

The Chairman and Secretary General presented a summary of the work of the PEFC and focussed issues such as governance, the role of the Board and enhancing overall success through enhanced interdependency.

4.1 INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ARAUCO, EPF, EPIS

Unanimously agreed:

To approve the applications for PEFC International Stakeholder Membership from:

- Arauco,
- European Panel Federation (EPF), and
- European Pulp Industry Sector Association, AISBL (EPIS).

Presentations were made by elected new members.

5.1 YEAR-END ACCOUNTS 2016

The Secretary General presented, and the PEFC Accountant was on hand to answer questions on the audited accounts for the year 2016.

Unanimously agreed:

To approve the audited accounts for the period 1 January to 31 December 2016, as prepared by Interexperts.

5.2 BUDGET AND MEMBERSHIP FEES 2018

Agreed:

To approve the Budget and Membership Fees for 2018.

Out of 106 possible votes

0 against

4 abstain (Russia, Indonesia)

102 in favour

5.3 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Unanimously agreed:

To appoint "Interexperts sa" as the PEFC Council Auditor for the year end accounts (as at 31 December 2017), in accordance with the PEFC Council Statutes, Article 5, Chapter 10, section V.

6.1 ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Mr William V. Street presented the Nominations Committee report 2017 on behalf of Dato Freezailah Chairman of the PEFC Council 2017 Nominations Committee.

Unanimously agreed:

to elect:

- Mrs Riikka Joukio - Forest Industry / processor 2017-2020
- Mr. Herve Le Bouler - ENGO (Conservation) 2017-2020
- Mr. Gerald Pfiffinger - ENGO (Conservation) 2017-2018
- Mr. Mohd Nurudeen Iddrisu - (Tropical Forestry) 2017-2020.

Following the election, the new Board Members introduced themselves.

It was noted that Mr Michael Rose, had tendered his resignations and that Mrs Sheam Satkuru Granzella and Mr Joeseph Lawson would be stepping down as Board members effective as of this General Assembly.

6.2 ELECTION OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE 2018

Unanimously agreed:

To appoint

- Dr Bin Che Yeom (Dato) Freezailah,
- Mr William V. Street, Jr. and
- Mr. Esa Härmälä

as the PEFC Nominations Committee 2018.

It was noted that the Board was looking to propose a procedure whereby one member of the committee would be elected for a three-year term on an annual basis to ensure the maintenance of institutional knowledge.

7.1 TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION: STANDARD-SETTING REQUIREMENTS

Unanimously agreed:

To approve the revised PEFC ST 1001:2017, *Standard-setting – Requirements*.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Potential and New Members presentation:

- Croatia - Croatian Forest Res. Inst. Miljenko Zupanic
- Kenya, Geoffrey Wanyama
- Myanmar, Barber Cho
- Philippines, University of the Philippines Priscila Dolom
- Vietnam, Lam Dong Tran from Vietnam Academy of Forest Sciences
- Bulgaria Council for Sustainable Forest Management and Certification in Bulgaria
- Republic of Congo -PAFC-Congo
- South Africa -South African Assurance Scheme

9. PEFC COUNCIL MEETING DATES & SUBMISSION DEADLINES 2018

The General Assembly noted the PEFC Council Board of Directors agreed meeting dates and submission deadlines for 2018.

- Date and venue of 23rd PEFC General Assembly - Wednesday 14th November 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland.

REPORT ON RESULTS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY POSTAL BALLOT VOTES HELD IN PERIOD BETWEEN 22nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY (15TH NOVEMBER 2017) AND 17TH OCTOBER 2018

GA Postal Ballot 5/2017 (15th December 2017)

Motion 1: To endorse the revised American Tree Farm System, subject to the condition that:

a) the ATFS clearly prohibits the use of GMO trees in forests under its certification system within six months of its endorsement by the General Assembly, and

b) the nine comments made by Indufor in the final assessment report are considered in the next scheme revision, and how they were considered is demonstrated by AFF, when the next revised ATFS is submitted for a PEFC assessment and endorsement"

In accordance with the Statutes (art. 5, para.12): Quorum was reached with 63 in favour, 0 abstain, 0 against

Motion 2: To endorse the revised forest certification system of PEFC Czech Republic.

In accordance with the Statutes (art. 5, para.12): Quorum was reached with 61 in favour, 2 abstain, 0 against

Motion 3: To approve the PEFC International Stakeholder application of Mondi

In accordance with the Statutes (art. 5, para.12): Quorum was reached with 63 in favour, 0 abstain, 0 against

Motion 4: To approve the PEFC International Stakeholder application of Olam

In accordance with the Statutes (art. 5, para.12): Quorum was reached with 63 in favour, 0 abstain, 0 against

GA Postal Ballot 1/2018 (29th March 2018)

Motion 1: To endorse the revised forest certification system of PEFC Austria

In accordance with the Statutes (art. 5, para.12): Quorum was reached with 55 in favour, 0 abstain, 0 against

Motion 2: To endorse the revised forest certification system of PEFC Canada

In accordance with the Statutes (art. 5, para.12): Quorum was reached with 55 in favour, 0 abstain, 0 against

Motion 3: To endorse the revised forest certification system of PEFC United Kingdom

In accordance with the Statutes (art. 5, para.12): Quorum was reached with 55 in favour, 0 abstain, 0 against

Motion 4: To endorse the revised forest certification system of PEFC Uruguay, subject to the resolution of identified minor non-conformities in the scheme's requirements for standard setting, sustainable forest management and group forest management, within six months after endorsement.

In accordance with the Statutes (art. 5, para.12): Quorum was reached with 55 in favour, 0 abstain, 0 against.

GA Postal Ballot 2/2018 (4th June 2018)

Motion 1: To endorse the scheme of the Council for Sustainable Forest Management in the Republic of Macedonia, on the condition that the five non-conformities identified by the assessor are resolved by the Macedonian NGB and verified as such by the PEFC Secretariat within six months after endorsement.

In accordance with the Statutes (art. 5, para.12): Quorum was reached with 69 in favour, 0 abstain, 0 against.

Motion 2: To endorse the scheme of PEFC Romania, on the condition that the five minor non-conformities identified by the assessor are resolved by PEFC Romania and verified as such by the PEFC Secretariat within six months after endorsement

In accordance with the Statutes (art. 5, para.12): Quorum was reached with 69 in favour, 0 abstain, 0 against.

General Assembly Postal Ballot 3/2018 (29th June 2018)

Motion 1: To approve the PEFC Strategy 2018-2022.

In accordance with the Statutes (art. 5, para.12): Quorum was reached with 53 in favour, 3 abstain, 1 against.

Motion 2: To endorse the KFCC Scheme for Sustainable Forest Management, on the condition that the four minor non-conformities identified by the assessor are resolved by KoFPI and verified as such by the Secretariat within six months after endorsement.

In accordance with the Statutes (art. 5, para.12): Quorum was reached with 53 in favour, 0 abstain, 0 against.

Signed 14th November 2018:

Peter Latham, Chairman

Ben Gunneberg, Secretary General