PEFC Council Board Meeting

Present:
- Natalie Hufnagl-Jovy (1st Vice Chairman),
- Sheam Satkuru-Granzella (2nd Vice Chairman), Chair for meeting
- Brian Kernohan
- Geneviève Chua,
- Joseph Lawson,
- Olivier Bertrand,
- Peter Latham,
- Riikka Joukio
- Pedro Albizu

Apologies:
- Dieter Koinig-Woehl
- Hervé LeBouler,
- Michael Proschek-Hauptmann
- Juan-Carlos Jintiach
- Julian Walker Palin

In attendance:
- Ben Gunneberg, PEFC CEO and Secretary General
- Michael Berger, PEFC Deputy Secretary General
- Ms Gill Parker (By Skype for agenda item 10.3)
1. **AGENDA**

**BOD/27/2015** Unanimously agreed:
- To approve the Agenda

2. **MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING**

**BOD/28/2015** Unanimously agreed:
- To approve the minutes of the October 2016 Board meeting.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

It was noted the Dieter Koinig-Woehl was stepping down as a board member due to a new position at his company.

Ms Joukio and Mr Gunneberg would be visiting PEFC and supporters in Russia in January 2017

4. **STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS**

4.1 Standards Revision Update and related issues (High Level Standards)

Not dealt with due to time restraint and rescheduled for April Board /Members meeting

5. **OPERATIONAL ITEMS**

5.1 Secretariat Progress Report 3rd Quarter

**BOD/29/2015** Unanimously agreed:
- To note the 3rd quarter report (1st July - 30th September 2016).

6. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2016**

6.1 Review of PEFC week

Board members were presented with an overview of the PEFC Forest Certification Week including the stakeholder dialogue based on the theme “Sustainable Landscapes for Sustainable Livelihoods”.

The Board also reviewed the “Members meeting” agenda including the strategy process, branding, membership fees, chain of custody growth overview and other matters as raised by members.

7. **MEMBERSHIP**

7.1 Application for International Stakeholder Membership - DoubleA

It was noted that the application by Double A had been reviewed and found to meet the membership requirements

**BOD/30/2015** Unanimously agreed:
- To recommend to the General Assembly (GA) the approval of Double A’s application for PEFC International Stakeholder membership.

7.2 Membership Fee Reduction Requests Macedonia, Romania, Thailand

**BOD/31/2015**
- To approve a 75% fee reduction for each of the new member applicants (Macedonia, Thailand and Romania) for 2017 with the condition that a business plan is submitted by 3rd April 2017 along with a membership fee reduction request for 2018 if necessary.

8. **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

8.1 PEFC Germany Endorsement

The Board noted a letter from PEFC German reporting on the fulfilment of the two endorsement conditions, along with the request for the assessment procedure to be reviewed in general. The Board agreed a response to be provided by the Secretariat on both issues.

8.2 Endorsement extension- Revised Belarussian Forest Certification System
BOD/32/2015 Unanimously agreed:

- To extend the endorsement validity of the Belarusian Forest Certification System until 31 July 2017.

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES

There were none.

10. AOB

10.1 PEFC Presentation for members meetings

Two papers were tabled covering statistics on PEFC chain of custody and SFM certification which would form the basis of a presentation at the members meeting.

10.2 Board self-evaluation exercise

Ms Satkuru Granzella led the discussion on this item handing out self-evaluation forms to be returned to her for a report to be considered at the April Board meeting.

10.3 3rd Quarter management accounts

The third quarter management accounts were tabled in advance of their normal distribution to the Board, and Ms Parker skype called in to present and answer questions

BOD/33/2015 Unanimously agreed:

- To note the 3rd quarter management accounts.

11. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

11.1. Proposed Meeting Dates and Deadlines for 2017

BOD/34/2015 Unanimously agreed:

- To approve the proposed dates and present to the members at the General Assembly.

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Natalie Hufnagl-Jovy, 1st Vice-Chair

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Sheam Satkuru-Granzella, 2nd Vice-Chair

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Ben Gunneberg, CEO & Secretary General