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Board Minutes

Geneva, Switzerland
Monday 12 November 2018

PEFC Council Board Minutes

Present:

- Peter Latham (Chair)
- Natalie Hufnagl-Jovy (1st Vice Chair)
- Eduardo Rojas y Briales
- Geneviève Chua
- Peter Crook
- David Ford
- Nurudeen Iddrisu
- Riikka Joukio
- Brian Kernohan
- Hervé LeBouler
- Gerald Pfiffinger

Apologies:

- Juan-Carlos Jintiach

In attendance:

- Ben Gunneberg (CEO / Secretary General)
- Christian Kämmer (Technical Unit) for item 6

1. AGENDA

BOD/31/2018 Unanimously agreed:

- To approve the agenda.

Both Messrs Ford and Kernohan confirmed that they might be conflicted under item 6.1.1 as they came from the country in question, and so in keeping with good governance practices, absented themselves from that agenda item discussion and vote.

2. MINUTES

BOD/32/2018 Unanimously agreed:

To approve the minutes of last Board meeting held on October 4/5 2018 in Geneva Switzerland.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Follow up last board meeting and Progress report Q3

Board members noted the reports.

4. OPERATIONALS

4.1 Secretariat Progress report Q3

Mr Gunneberg provided a short update and following some short questions and answers, the report was noted.

4.2 Management Accounts 2018 Q3

The Chair of the Management Accounts Committee, Ms Chua, reported on this agenda item at the Board induction session after the General Assembly. It was noted that the accounts were in order and a set of the third quarter accounts would be distributed shortly.

5. GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018

5.1 Review of PEFC Week

Mr Gunneberg provided a detailed run through of the PEFC week, the General Assembly and its numerous sessions.

5.2 Strategy Session

Board members volunteered to run the various breakout sessions based on

geographic regions and staff would be on hand to make notes for reporting to plenary. The aim was to establish what challenges were facing the members in implementing the strategy, to consider areas of co-operation and to establish the support requirements for implementation.

5.3 Members Meeting

The Board reviewed the possible questions which had arisen since the papers for the GA had been distributed.

6. TECHNICAL

6.1.1 SFI small lands group certification module

Messrs Ford and Kernohan provided some clarifying answers to questions from the board and then absented themselves from the discussion and vote.

BOD/33/2018 Unanimously agreed:

- The board noted the progress that had been made on the SFI small lands group certification module and noted that it would be considering a final report at an upcoming board meeting

6.1.2 Indonesia group certification module

Mr Kämmer from the Technical unit was on hand to answer questions. Following short discussion, the Board noted that there were no non-conformities with respect to the Indonesian Forestry Certification Co-operation (IFCC) procedures for group forest management

BOD/34/2018 Unanimously agreed:

- To recommend the endorsement of IFCC's Procedures for Group Forest Management, IFCC PD 1005, to the PEFC General Assembly by postal ballot

6.2 Project proposal for establishment of standing SFM WG

The Board noted the proposal to establish a standing sustainable forest management-working group and agreed that a board member should chair this. This would allow

the Secretary General to make determinations as authorised by the board in the terms of reference once approved. The draft terms were considered and therefore members of the working group could, in the meantime be recruited to ensure that the working group could start its work as soon as possible.

BOD/35/2018 Unanimously agreed:

- To approve the establishment of a standing “Sustainable Forest Management Working Group” by the PEFC Secretariat, with terms of reference to be agreed by the Board.

7. COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Chairman reported that the Financing PEFC Working group would meet during the week, and Mr Ford reported on a short meeting of the Strategic Funding Working Group meeting following the last meeting a month earlier. The Management Accounts committee reported its work during the finance session (item 4.2)

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

9. DATES OF NEXT MEETING –

Tuesday 9 / Wednesday 10 April 2019 in Geneva

Signed:

Peter Latham - PEFC Council Chairman

Ben Gunneberg - PEFC Council Secretary General

Board Conference Call - Presentation of SFI Small Woods Module

Wednesday 27th February 2019 (13:30-15:30hrs)

Present:

- Peter Latham (Chair)
- Eduardo Rojas y Briales
- Geneviève Chua
- Peter Crook
- Nurudeen Iddrisu
- Riikka Joukio
- Brian Kernohan
- Gerald Pfiffinger
- Suzette Weeding

In attendance:

Ben Gunneberg (Secretary General) and presenters and staff from SFI (Jason Metnick presenting; Kathy Abusow; Paul Trianosky) and AFF (Sarah Crow presenting; Tom Martin)

Jason Metnick and Sarah Crow referred Board members to the three documents previously circulated papers circulated (1. SFI Small Scale Forest Management Module for Indigenous Peoples, Families and Communities 2. SFI Fiber Sourcing Standard 3. SFI Small Land Group Certification Module (as of the latest SFI/ATFS Task Group meeting to discuss comments). The presentation (subsequently shared with all board members) covered all three elements and following presentation staff were on hand to answer any questions.

Signed:

Peter Latham - PEFC Council Chairman

Ben Gunneberg - PEFC Council Secretary General