



PEFC Council Board

Conference Call
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14:00-15:30hrs

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Minutes

Present:

- Peter Latham (Chair)
- David Ford (1st Vice Chair)
- Geneviève Chua (2nd Vice Chair)
- Eduardo Rojas y Briales
- Peter Crook
- Nurudeen Iddrisu
- Brian Kernohan
- Gerald Pfiffinger
- Suzette Weeding
- Kurt Ramskogler
- Riikka Joukio

Apologies:

- Josien Tokoe
- Jin Sook Lee
- Dradjad Wibowo
- Hervé LeBouler

In attendance:

- Ben Gunneberg (Secretary General)
- Michael Berger (Deputy Secretary General)

1. AGENDA

- Declarations of potential conflicts of interest with agenda – there were none
- Affiliations update were noted and would be amended

BOD/1/2020 Unanimously agreed:

- To approve the Agenda

2. MINUTES

- 2.1. Nov 2019 Board
- 2.2. 24th PEFC General Assembly

BOD/2/2020 Unanimously agreed:

- To approve the minutes of the last board meeting held at the Marienberg Fortress in Wurzburg, Germany on Monday 11 November 2019.
- To recommend the minutes of the PEFC Council 24th General Assembly held on 13 November 2019 to the members for approval at the 25th General Assembly in November in Ireland

3. MATTERS ARISING

The Chair and Secretary General updated Board members on several issues including the salary review, recent meetings with Ibá and Suzano representatives on sustainable intensification amongst other meetings.

The Board also considered the impact of the Covid 19 virus on various PEFC meetings and it was noted that PEFC was using the services of SoS International to keep updated on recommendations. It was expected that attendance at the Members week would be reduced especially from areas affected by the virus and that provisions were being made for some of the working groups which had planned to meet in Asia to hold meetings in

Geneva if necessary. A watching brief would be maintained.

4. OPERATIONAL ITEMS

4.1. Update on GA matters (MCA; Standards etc.)

The chairman reported on discussions held with representatives of Finland and Italy after the last board meeting and during the PEFC Week with respect to the minutes and the accounting periods.

Ms Riikka Joukio, as the chair of the Marketing Communications & Advocacy Working Group (MCA WG) reported on the appointment of members of the WG and that preparatory work had already been carried out by the members in advance of its first meeting in London in March.

The Secretary General reported on the state of play re PEFC Week and the General Assembly in 2021. Unfortunately, it would not be possible to hold PEFC week in South Africa and Italy would prefer to delay by one year due to national standards revision processes. It was therefore noted that PEFC Week would be held in Switzerland for 2021 in line with the three yearly rotations.

Planning for the PEFC Week in Ireland was well underway with staff having met with PEFC Ireland and PEFC UK representatives in Dublin recently.

4.2. Update of Risks Register summary consultation with members

The Secretary General reported that 7 members had provided responses to the summary of the Risk Register circulated to members and that the input would be integrated as appropriate into the revised risk register to be considered by the Board at the next meeting in March.

4.3. Project proposal for revised Registration System

The Deputy Secretary General presented the paper on the project proposal for the revision of the PEFC Information and Registration System and answered questions by Board members. It was also noted that a budget for the proposal could only be finalized once quotes had been received.

BOD/3/2020 Unanimously agreed:

- To approve the project proposal for the revision of the PEFC Information and Registration System

Signed:

Peter Latham

Ben Gunneberg

5. COMMITTEE UPDATES

5.1 Strategic Funding Task Force

Mr David Ford updated Board members on a recent meeting of the Strategic Funding Task Force in Madrid and it was noted that the Board would soon need to meet for an extraordinary meeting to consider the work of the task force. The Secretary General was tasked to find workable dates.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 31st March / Wednesday, 1st April, 2020 Switzerland.