

Council Discussion

Lions Europa Forum 2015 Augsburg Minutes

Saturday, 10 October 2015

14:30

Dialog Hall

Chairperson	PID Dr. Manfred Westhoff	MD 111 Germany
IP Delegate	ID Svein Berntsen	MD 104 Norway
Vice chairperson	PID Phil Nathan	MD 105 British Isles & Ireland
Vice chairperson	PDG Petar Malamov	MD 130 Bulgaria
Archivist and consultant	ID Jouko Ruissalo	MD 107 Finland
International director	ID Pierre H. Chatel	MD 105 France
International director	ID George Th. Papas	MD 117 Greece & Cyprus
International director	ID Helmut Marhauer	MD 111 Germany
International director	ID Gabriele Sabatosanti Scarpelli	MD 108 Italy
Auditor	PCC Peter Brandenburg	MD 110 Netherlands
General secretary	PDG Prof. Dr. Klaus Letzgus	MD 111 Germany

Language: Simultaneous interpretation into/from all forum languages

Participants: Lions from all member countries

1. PID Dr. Manfred Westhoff, chairman of the Forum, welcomes all participants and reminds them that this discussion meeting schedule between the two council meetings is intended to allow for discussion of the motions submitted at the 1st council meeting, in preparation for the vote during the 2nd council meeting. Delegates also have the opportunity to talk about issues concerning the Europa Forum.
2. The CC of MD 105 British Isles & Ireland is unhappy that, at the last election of the International President 2015/2016, the 19 endorsements of PID Phil Nathan from European countries were not properly considered, and that this approach is incomprehensible.
3. Eberhard Wirfs, International President 2009/10, reads the resolution on the policy regarding refugees, which is to be approved at the 2nd council meeting.
4. ID Svein Berntsen, delegate of the International President, explains that the refugee aid that is required right now is two-pronged: on the one hand, aid should be given to people in the countries where they are under threat. On the other, funds must be made available for integration in host countries.
5. PID Phil Nathan talks about the situation in Serbia, which, apart from Syria, is now the most unstable region. IPIP Joe Preston agrees to make 10,000 Euro available for Serbian refugees as an urgent measure.

6. PDG Mario Castellaneta MD 108, Italy, shows photographs regarding the International Convention 2019 in Milan and closes his contribution with a quote from Emanuel Kant.
- 7 ID George Th. Papas criticises the flag display at the Forum in Augsburg, where the flags of MD 117 Greece & Cyprus had been missing and the names of some countries had been written incorrectly. He suggests to draw up a check list for the flag parade.
8. To facilitate long-term planning, Phil Nathan makes a number of proposals for the amendment of the Rules of Procedure of the Europa Forum, including the merging of the Advisory Committee with the Long Range Planning Committee in order to have a tighter control on the budget.
9. PID Dr. Manfred Westhoff closes the meeting and thanks all present for their contributions. He reminds the participants that the 2nd council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 11 October 2015 at 10:45 o'clock.

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PDG Prof. Dr. Klaus Letzgus
General secretary of the Europa Forum 2015