



EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT DENMARK

Minutes

4th General Assembly of EYPDK

17th of February 2019



The 4th General Assembly of European Youth Parliament Denmark took place at Tornbjerg Gymnasium, in Odense, Denmark, at the 17th of February 2019.

The following was the agenda of the GA:

1. Election of the chairman of the meeting, minute taker and two vote counters.
2. Approval of the Agenda for the General Assembly
3. Annual Report from the President, and discussion about the matters of the organization
 1. Board structure & goals
 2. Online presence:
 3. BNC & International:
 4. Events:
 5. Partnerships:
 6. Other Activity:
4. The treasurer presents the accounts (Calendar year 2018)
 1. Sønderborg RS
 2. Vejle RS
 3. NC Support Fund
 4. Membership & mobile pay
 5. Admin Costs:
 1. Nettolager
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 6. Total accounting
5. Proposals: Processing of and voting (This is where member-submitted matters are discussed)
 1. Discussion point: Climate neutral Company – Philip Kardell
 2. Discussion point: EYP Denmark Blacklist – Philip Kardell
 3. Statute change: Change Article 5.2.4: Board members specification – Endre Haugland
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 5. Statute change: Change Article 5: Advisory board – Endre Haugland
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 7. Statute change: NEW Article 1.6: Policies of the organisation – Endre Haugland
 8. [IF Article 1.6 is implemented] Policy Implementation:
 1. Policy on selection of Officials
 2. Policy on task division regarding Danish Sessions
 3. Policy on Privatlivspolitik
6. Member fees: Decision on next year's member fees
7. Election of the President
8. Election of the Vice president on international affairs
9. Election of the treasurer;
10. Election of the Board members
 1. National Coordinator
 2. Secretary
 3. Head of Communications and PR
 4. Head of Fundraising
11. Election of maximum 2 prioritized alternates
12. Elections of an accountant and an alternate accountant
13. AOB



Minutes

Members Present

The Board:

Endre Haugland	Magnus Berg Sletfjerding	Philip Kardell
Karl Vederhus	Olga Sitinska	Christian Pedersen

Members of the organization:

Alexander Aagren	Eva Krajcikova	Mia Cecilie Pedersen
Anders Holst Jakobsen	Eva Russell	Michal Glinicki
Anna Crisp	Markos	Peter Hybschmann
Elisa Ucaj	Mette Hauser	Sara Gulbjørnrud Huseby

Election of the chairman, minute taker, and two vote counters of the meeting

Chairman: Endre Haugland was elected

Minute taker: Anna Crisp was elected

Vote counters: Olga Sitinska and Anders Holst Jakobsen was elected

Approval of the agenda for the General Assembly

The agenda was approved

Annual Report from the President, and discussion about the matters of the organisation

Board structure & goals

Endre explains the structure of the Board and the structural aims of the organisation.

Online presence

The Board moved on from using Google for email and moved on to GSuite. The EYP DK website is up and running. This allows the set up of @eypdk.org emails for the respective Board members and sessions. We have gotten a MobilePay business account. At the Members Weekend in Vejle, there has been published an EYPDK Slack forum. We still have the old Facebook group „Danish Eypers“. The Board has a suspicion that people are moving away from Facebook so they are trying alternatives. There has been established a mailing list, and social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram, and Linked In.

BNC & International

EYPDK was granted the final recognition at the Spring BNC. Endre, Karl, and Philip attended, and had a good experience, and did a lot of networking. At the Autumn BNC, only Karl attended, and he focused on networking.



Endre attended the President Summit, which was very fruitful, and a good experience

We have had delegates and all the international sessions in 2018. And have had officials abroad. At the next international session, we will have from 3 to 5 delegates.

We have started a partnership with the EYP Iceland.

Attempted Nordic cooperation with NC in Scandinavia, still in the working.

Events

RS Sønderborg in March: Just one school attended (EUC Syd). The school provided venues, schools and delegates. Good feedback from participants and the school. There was a small training in Sønderborg after RS.

There was a plan to have a summer event for members with the NC support fund, but it was held in Vejle in November instead. Good event lot of meaningful conversations and training

RS Vejle - Anna and Christian were HO's. It was successful, we gained new members, and it created a good foundation of members.

Odense national session in February was a huge success. It had the largest budget of any of the events we have hosted. Everything went smoothly due to cooperation with the ministry. Lots of coverage from various media outlets.

Partnerships

A new partnership with the Ministry of Education helped in the contacting of schools all over Denmark – almost too many. We hadn't thought through. We received some rude comments from rejected schools. Karl initiated the meeting with the Ministry. Karl and Endre went to the meeting in May.

School partnerships – Teachers from Vejle talked about how to communicate. This is something that should be taken into consideration by the new board. Evaluate the schools, keep track of how well they participate and so on.

Climate extender – The NS in Odense was completely Carbon neutral and the Board and further cooperation and partnership established.

The Board was contacted by a primary school teacher wanted to implement EYP in her teachings of 5 grades. A Facebook group was established to help create further cooperation and the possibility of a future event

Regarding becoming a "Folkeoplysende forening". We would need to be open for everyone and have set regular events. Our statutes collide with this, and you can't just sign up so it doesn't look feasible. Markos states that you could claim that it is open to the public but with Limited spots, and with regular events, we could list our events in the past year and then we have a regular event.

Magnus comments that in Norway when they don't have enough delegates, they open it for the public. Endre states that this is a debate for later. The regular event, what classifies as a regular event.

Peter asks about future partnerships Endre explains the possibility for partnership with DEU. Karl discussed briefly partnerships. Peter suggests The Danish European Youth but Endre stats that we need to stay nonpartisan, Markos says that he wouldn't be afraid of partnerships with slightly partisan partnerships.



Other Activity

We now call for Head Organisers instead of expecting them to show up. It will open up a clearer vision for how to start a session and what each entail. We also decided to start using non-formal working groups on Slack. This will begin as soon as slack is up and running so that people can aid the board.

The treasurer presents the accounts (the calendar year of 2018)

The accounts are not ready to be fully published due to various difficulties and the need to split responsibilities in the Board. The first goal of the next Board is to produce the accounts for the previous calendar year. This will be approved via email later this year.

Endre explains the accounts.

Discussion Points

Climate neutral Company – by Philip Kardell

Phillip presents the previously mentioned partnership with the Climate Extender. They will sponsor their workforce all we need to pay is the “material” costs. Phillip would like to anker this as a continuous partnership, as it really helped get fundraising.

Debate:

Peter starts by asking what this actually means and how we would be carbon neutral.

Phillip states that is a type of investment, in carbon neutral transparent projects. The project is certified by the UN.

Karl asks how we would account for the carbon using.

Phillip explains that they as a board have collected the transport information as that is the main carbon emissions that we are admitting. By participants filling out forms and calculating it.

Endre supports the policy, to make it transparent and more detailed so that we are accounting for all travel also to events outside of DK and the trash from our events.

Alex asks how much it would cost?

Phillip says for example that it cost around 10 DKK pr. participant in Odense and that the bigger the event the cheaper.

Karl asks who is going to pay for it, would it be sponsors or would it be placed in the participation fee and would members be paying.

Phillip says that he does not have an answer for the first questions as he thinks it would vary depending on the event. And as for members, he suggests that it could be worked into the membership fee.

Markos thinks that we need to consider the ethical aspects so that we are not doing it just to feel good about our self's. He thinks that we should focus on the reason for doing it. Is it just “bragging” rights? Connected to this sometimes having a noble goal is fine, but it should be more about pushing towards this is what we want others to do it. Using it as a fundraising tool might be beneficial, but then we should consider doing more. He is not sure how it works with taxes, he is pretty sure in some country's that if a company sponsor a carbon neutral



company, possible bigger tax returns for sponsors Karl suggest that we should too be more environmentally friendly as an organisation.

Phillip gets the ethical consideration. He pushes that it is a fantastic fundraising tool. He likes the idea of the taxes. Suggest a working group for this.

EYP Denmark Blacklist – by Philip Kardell

Philip: The idea for this isn't super new, e.g. someone applied as president for Odense that possibly had broken the golden rule. He suggests that we need to have some kind of a system for banning and blacklisting people, and how do we account for this.

Endre sees the point of it, but he feels it is sketchy since people can change. It would be based on the action that we have not necessarily seen. It should be heavily regulated, and it shouldn't be open for everyone and kept very secret. He questions whether it would be mouth to mouth.

Sara explains the golden rule. She comments that mouth to mouth sounds like gossip and that everyone's experience is different.

Karl agrees with Sara. He asks how we should enforce this, as there have been issues in the past, we don't have a way to enforce the rules we have.

Olga states that we need to think about how far we are going to go. One thing is what is done at our events, compared to abroad.

Peter has worked with this before. He thinks it is quite a difficult topic. He thinks it is good to have a blacklist, but it should be kept within the board. It should not be based by rumours, maybe through HO's of sessions "reporting" participates, acting out. The board should have a specific procedure for it.

Magnus support Peters statement. He mentions the previously stated participant, if we are to have a blacklist in EYPDK, how should we coordinate with other NC's, this need to be considered if we are to have a blacklist.

Alex. He thinks it's a good idea, how to implement it. Have a "Mr Anonymous" elected by the board. How he thinks it would be most efficient, would be to write a report of the incident for "Mr Anonymous". Regarding what happens outside of Denmark - maybe have a grey zone, as we cannot fully know what is happening abroad. The list should be re-evaluated each year.

Markos' experience with blacklist - he has been on both sides of the stick. He talked about it when starting EYP Hungary. There should be a clear distinction between objective and subjective situations. If there is a blacklist, it should be clearly worded so that it can be objective. He sees an issue with people not knowing they are blacklisted and not having the opportunity to respond. It needs to be clear.

Phillip wants to support Markos. What we are doing know is gossip and that we need an objected method for obvious offences. A framework needs to be established so that we know how to enforce our rules.

Sara. Regarding Sessions abroad, she thinks that it regards what you have done, not where you did it. If you see someone breaking a rule it is your moral duty to report it to the respective NC. She thinks that what happens abroad should be considered.

Magnus thinks one thing super important - the evaluation by previous officials.



Statute Amendments

Article 5.2.4 – by Endre Haugland

Old clause	New clause
5.2.4 Additional Board members as elected on the General Assembly	5.2.4 Up to four additional Board members as elected on the General Assembly

The amendment was approved unanimously.

NEW Article 5.13: Advisory board – by Endre Haugland

Old clause	New clause
N/A	<p>Article 5:</p> <p>13. The Advisory Board:</p> <p>13.1. consist of two individuals who have previously served on the board of the organisation. The mandate is for two years and is overlapping (one position is up for elections every year). Members of the advisory board are elected by the General Assembly with a simple majority;</p> <p>13.2. serve as advisors to the Board President, and only have authority when given so by the President, or it is stated in the statutes or policies of the organisation;</p> <p>13.3. are the final authority when approving the budget of the organisation;</p> <p>13.4. are responsible for promoting and nominating members for the annual Board elections;</p> <p>13.5. have the right to insight in Board meetings.</p>

The amendment was approved unanimously with the amendments to the amendment mentioned below (one member was absent during voting).

AMENDMENTS – By Peter Hybschmann

Old clause	New clause
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Article 5.13	Article 5.13
13.1. consists of two individuals who have previously served on the board of the organisation, who each sits for a duration of two years. Each year one seat is up for elections. Members of the advisory board are selected by the members present at the General Assembly, with a simple majority	13.1 consists of two individuals who have previously served on the board of the organisation. The mandate is for two years and is overlapping (one position is up for elections every year). Members of the advisory board are elected by the General Assembly with a simple majority.

The amendment to the amendment was unanimously approved (two members were absent during voting).

Old clause	New clause
Article 5 13.2. serve as advisors to the board president, and only have authority when given so by the president, or it is stated in the statutes or policies of the organisation.	Article 5 13.2. serve as advisors to the board, and can be granted authority in specific decisions, if granted by the board with a simple majority.

The amendment to the amendment was unanimously approved (two members were absent during voting).

Change Article 5.: Advisory board – by Endre Haugland

Old clause	New clause
Article 5 The Board and the President of the Organisation	Article 5 The Board, Advisory Board, and the President of the Organisation

The amendment was unanimously approved.

Change Article 5.9: Tegningsansvarlige – by Endre Haugland

Old clause	New clause
5.9 The organization is legally bound by its signature by the President, Vice President and Treasurer of the organisation. By approval of the board, the President, the Vice President and Treasurer can individually administer the dankort, NemID and online banking system of the organisations bank account(s). The president may, with the approval of the board, delegate the aforementioned authority to other members of the board, when dealing with events and Sessions.	5.9 The organization is legally bound by its signature by the President, Vice President and Treasurer of the organisation. Foreningen tegnes af the President, Vice President and the Treasurer. The President, Vice President and Treasurer kan disponere på konto of netbank i forening. The president may, with the approval of the board, delegate the aforementioned authority to other members of the board, when dealing with events and Sessions.

The amendment was unanimously approved.



NEW Article 1.6: Policies of the organisation – by Endre Haugland

Old clause	New clause
N/A	<p>Article 1.6.</p> <p>Policies of the Organisation:</p> <p>1.6.1.</p> <p>The activities of the organisation shall be executed in accordance with existing policies on the topic/activity in question. Policies of the organisation shall at any time be available to members of the organisation, either on the webpage or upon request.</p> <p>1.6.2.</p> <p>New policies on topics where no current policy exists can be created by the board at their discretion and used until the next General Assembly. In order to continue to be in effect, new policies must be approved by the General Assembly at the first upcoming ordinary General Assembly.</p> <p>1.6.3.</p> <p>Changes or additions to existing policies must be approved at a General Assembly in order to be implemented.</p> <p>1.6.4.</p> <p>The General Assembly approves and implements policies by a simple majority.</p>

The amendment was unanimously approved with the amendment to the amendment below (two members were absent during voting).

AMENDMENT – by Peter Hybschmann

Old clause	New clause
N/A – It is an addition to 1.6.	<p>1.6.5. The policies will expire at the beginning of the 2nd statutory meeting after the meeting where it was enacted.</p>



	1.6.5.1. The expiring policy needs to be sent out to the members together with the call for the statutory meeting.
	1.6.5.2. The members will at the 2 nd statutory meeting vote on whether to keep the policy or whether to discard it.

The amendment passed with 13 in favour, two against, one abstention, and two absent.

Voting on policies

Policy on selection of Officials

The policy was approved unanimously.

Policy on privatlivspolitik (in Danish)

The policy was approved unanimously.

Policy on task division: Danish National Sessions

The policy was approved unanimously.

Voting on next year's member fees

The General Assembly decided unanimously to keep the membership fees from 2018-2019.

Election of the Board

Election of the President

Candidates: Karl Vederhus

Elected President: Karl Vederhus

Election of the Vice president on international affairs

Candidates: Sara Gulbjørnrud Huseby

Elected Vice President: Sara Gulbjørnrud Huseby

Election of the treasurer;

Candidates: Michal Glinicki



Elected Treasurer: Michal Glinicki

Election of the National Coordinator

Candidates: Eva Russel

Elected National Coordinator: Eva Russel

Election of the Secretary

Candidates: Elisa Ucaj, Peter Hybschmann

Elected Secretary: Peter Hybschmann

Election of the Head of Communications and PR

Candidates: Elisa Ucaj, Mia Cecilie Pedersen

Elected Head of Communications and PR: Mia Cecilie Pedersen

Election of the Head of Fundraising

Candidates: Anna Crisp, Elisa Ucaj

Elected Head of Fundraising: Anna Crisp

Election of maximum two prioritized alternates

Candidates: Anders Holst Jakobsen, Christian Pedersen

Elected prioritized alternates: Anders Holst Jakobsen and Christian Pedersen

Elections of an accountant and an alternate accountant

Election of Accountant

Candidates: Elisa Ucaj, Magnus Berg Sletfjerding, Alexander Aagren

Elected Accountant: Magnus Berg Sletfjerding

Election of Alternate Accountant

Candidates: Alexander Aagren

Elected Alternate Accountant: Alexander Aagren



Election of Advisory Board

Two-year mandate

Candidates: Endre Haugland

Elected: Endre Haugland

One-year mandate

Candidates: Philip Kardell

Elected: Philip Kardell

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None.