

EUROPEAN OUTSIDER ART ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2011 – Minutes

Attending members

Art Laundry (by proxy)
Atelier Goldstein
Atelier HPCA
Creahm (Madmusee)
Debajo del Sombrero
GAIA Museum
Galeria 'tak'
Galleri Lista Fyr
Herenplaats
INUTI
ITE
Moscow Outsider Art
Museum Dr. Guislain
Museum Slaskie
Osservatorio 'Outsider Art'
Project Ability
The Other Side Gallery
Umjetnicki Centar "Autsader Art"
Union for Rural Culture and Education

Attending board members

Colin Rhodes, President
Raija Kallioinen, Vice President
Dorte Eiersbo, Auditor
Maria Sol Alvarez
Richard Bennaars
Anna Yarkina

Chairman of the meeting

Kristina Ahmas, Head of ITE-Contemporary Folk Art Museum, Finland

Statement of the board (Colin Rhodes, president)

The association is starting to take shape by the volunteer work and effort of the engaged members. The website is an important step for EOA to have a shared platform of communication and information.

The association is not an organisation for itself – it is a democratic association for the members to share experience and information, exchange good practice, discuss and set up policies and build partnerships at a transnational level.

The engagement of the members is important for the association's development.

Budgets and accounts (Dorte Eiersbo, auditor)

Audit and budget have been approved.

Approved amendments to the statutes

§ 3 - Membership

- 3.01 – EOA is now open for individual membership
- individual members cannot vote at the assembly
 - only institutional members can be a member of the board

§ 6 - Board

6.01 – Board members sit in the board for 2 years (in stead of 1 year) – half of the present board will only sit for 1 year to open up for a continuous turnover. all board members can be re-elected, although 4 years in a row is the maximum.

Present board

Colin Rhodes (1 year)
Richard Bennaars (1 year)
Maria Sol Alvarez (1 year)
Dorte Eiersbo (2 years)
Raija Kallioinen (2 years)
Carine Fol (2 years)
Anna Yarkina (2 years)

Decision on strategy, activity plan, budget and membership fee

WORK PLAN 2011

Grant application: EU Culture Programme – strand 2 (Deadline – 15 September, 2011)

The secretariat (GAIA Museum) will write the application and get help from a local auditor to set up the budget.

Information gallery

We will start to collect information on the members' activities in relevance to EOA, e.g.:

- innovative features in planned exhibitions
- mentoring projects
- research projects
- funding partnerships (e.g. EU projects)

All information has to be sent to the secretariat as pdf-files - will be linked under Project/Events on the website.

Newsletter

We will aim to send out an information letter to members at least twice a year

Policy of ethical acquisitions and exhibitions

The board will start to collect information, discussion papers and experiences from members and develop a shared policy of disseminating/selling/donating art works

ICOM can be of inspiration concerning ethics and strategic plans.

Membership fee

In the next calendar year the membership fee will be:

- 75 euro for institutional members
- 30 euro for individual members

Election of representatives in the board

There were no new candidates to stand in the election. The current board members have been re-elected and keep the same positions.

External auditor

Nita Lorimar has been re-elected as EOA's external auditor.

Comments and suggestions

Internal and external communication

- it is important to provide the internal communication first of all
- next step; develop an external communication strategy where we inform internationally about EOA (however, this is an ongoing process)

Suggestion: EOA logo on member's websites

Next general assembly – it has been suggested that the next general assembly will be held at Museum Dr. Guislain in April 2012 in connection with the symposium and book release in the project 'Outsider Art Past Forward'