



**17th Annual General Meeting,
13th of September 2017 9.00 – 12.30 am
Kirkwall Townshall, Broad St, Kirkwall, KW15 1DH, Orkney**

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS:

Denis Bredin	Association Les Iles du Ponant	France
Daniel Masson	Association Les Iles du Ponant	France
John Wreede	Företagsam Skärgård	Aaland
Camille Dressler	Scottish Island Federation	Scotland
Kirsty MacColl	Scottish Island Federation	Scotland
Reeni Kennedy-Boyle	Scottish Island Federation	Scotland
Frank Corcoran	Scottish Island Federation	Scotland
Terry Hegarty	Scottish Island Federation	Scotland
Sarah MacLean	Scottish Island Federation	Scotland
Ülo Kask	Estonia Island Association	Estonia
Leo Filopov	Estonia Island Association	Estonia
Bengt Almkvist	National Association of the Swedish Archipelago	Sweden
Lennart Anderson	National Association of the Swedish Archipelago	Sweden
Anetté Larm Johansson	National Association of the Swedish Archipelago	Sweden
Christoforos Perakis	Hellenic Small Islands Network	Greece
Panagiotis Zorlos	Hellenic Small Islands Network	Greece
Dorthe Winther	Association of Danish Small Islands	Denmark
Ove Axelsen	Association of Danish Small Islands	Denmark
Lise Sørensen	Association of Danish Small Islands	Denmark
Michaela Jansson	National Association of Finnish Islands	Finland
Pia Prost	National Association of Finnish Islands	Finland
John Walsh	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland
Máirtín Ó Méalóid	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland
Sean O Driscoll	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland

Participants from Orkney and Shetland isles
Point 12: participation of Brendan Devlin

1. Welcome and opening of the 17th Annual General Meeting

Camille Dressler welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Election of member to check the minutes

John Walsh was elected

3. Approval of agenda

Agenda was approved

4. Adoption of the minutes from the 16th Annual General Meeting 2016

<https://europeansmallislands.files.wordpress.com/2014/10/esin-agm-2016-minutes.pdf>

The minutes were approved and adopted

5. Review and discussion of operations of ESIN

- Meetings:

Meeting language is English. This is a problem for some countries, but we are trying to find solutions.

Technical form: Zoom is proposed; free for 40 minutes (you can then reconnect), similar to Skype, requires less broadband.

Meeting discipline is required: quiet place, use 'mute' button, preparation, agenda and calls by email, professional administration of meetings etc.

Meeting plan: best if done for at least 6 months ahead (use of doodle pool would be good), in principle meetings are first Tuesday of every 2nd month.

- Secretariat (basic duties, web page etc.)

Denmark proposed the following to be the tasks:

1. Accounting
2. Secretary functions
3. Organizing AGMs (content, agenda, papers etc)
4. Web-page; hosting, technical managing and managing regarding content.
5. Project planning, pre-project managing etc. (meetings, partnerships, applications, funding) as decided by the board

Ad 2: Secretary functions includes

- hosting the physical address and the official secretariat email address of ESIN and handling all ESIN official correspondence.
- supporting board meetings with agenda, calls, technical setup and minutes. Also for the AGM meeting.
- Keeping an update membership list (update after each AGM)
- Keeping an update email list (ongoing)
- Facilitate communication
- Supporting the chairman and the board

The Secretariat office including internet, printers and computers, the website and the work of the secretary is financed by the ESIN member who takes on this tasks.

The AGM agreed on this proposal.

- Vicechair (period and election).

In 2014 in Italy we decided to have 3 vicechairs (this is not in the ESIN statutes). The vicechairs are coordinating each geographical area; the south, north, west.

Camille proposes that we keep the vicechairs as they are for the next year.

Pia proposes one chairman and a vicechair from the 2 other areas.

The decision on vicechairs is given to the board.

6. Chairman's report

Many activities: blog posts, facebook posts, relevant projects started but we need to give ourselves the means to finish them. With improved ways of working together ESIN can go places.
See powerpoint presentation attached.

The Chairman's report was adopted by the annual general meeting.

7. Treasurer's report

ESIN financial officer Anetté Larm Johansson presented the treasurer report for the year 2016. *(See attached report)*. Nine members have paid their membership fee for 2016, while Italy and Croatia are missing the fees for 2016 and 2017. This issue is given to the board to discuss.

Resulting balance for the year 2016 is 2,003.97 €

Proposal to put the profit into the retained earnings. This was agreed.

The treasurer's report was adopted by the annual general meeting.

The AGM wishes to thank Anette for her work done as financial officer.

8. Auditor's report

Kristina Mattsson, Sweden, was elected the auditor for 2016 by the AGM.

Auditors report was read out aloud and adopted by the annual general meeting.

The annual general meeting grants the ESIN board full discharge for the year 2016.

9. Liability for the past year management

Regarding point 6, 7 and 8: The annual general meeting grants the ESIN board full discharge for the year 2016.

10. Annual membership fee 2018

It was decided by the annual general meeting to keep the membership fee of **250 Euros** pr. organization in 2018.

11. Budget for 2018

For 2018 ESIN will have an income through membership fees of 2,750 Euros.

Proposal from Camille: to use the money on travel expenses and reimbursement of representing fees (generally around 170 euros) for the members participating in activities representing ESIN.

Decision on budget is given to the board.

12. Annual general work plan

- **ESPON Territorial Impact Assessments for the Small islands of Europe**

Terry presented possibilities: ESPON is gathering information for islands, mountains, coastal and sparsely populated, areas and regions. 700.000 Euros are allocated to this. ESIN should provide the organisations who are part of this with information.

The AGM agreed that Terry should continue working with ESPONs issues.

- **Clean Energy EU Islands with Brendan Devlin (European Commission)**

How can the small islands work with this issue – and make the transmission to carbon free transmission?

At the moment, many islands are decarbonising on their own (community) initiative. These should be used as examples of good practice.

The Islands Initiative in the European union can help, but islands must consider:

- What are the opportunities
- What are the problems we face, and take this to the EU.
- Islanders are ambassadors for what is possible.

Proposal from Christorforos Perakis (GR): we need to draft a table of contents on what we as islands want from this. What are we looking for?

Proposal from Reeni Kennedy Boyle (SCO): first step is finding out what exists and conveying it to all of us.

Brendan Devlin: we have tons of data- we need a resume of what we know. A presentation on the 5 best projects of ESIN would be useful.

Think of how you can influence the rules, contact Brendan Devlin, contact your MEP and the EU commission with your problems. Keep it distinctive: these are islands speaking.

This will be a big part of the workplan for ESIN in 2018.

- **Smart islands Initiative**

ESIN is part of it.

- **Branding of island produce**

A common special brand for islands: proposal that ESIN should register an 'island specialities' trademark. Example form Denmark was given. (*see powerpoint and proposal attached*).

Work group set down: Sweden, Ireland and Scotland will start on the job.

- **Entrepreneurship**

See paper from Camille. Partners so far: Finland, Scotland, Ireland, Croatia.

John proposes that we break down the project to several projects between the regions for practical regions. Then make up partnership between max three countries for each project.

The AGM agreed upon this.

Working group: Kirsty, Pia, Camille, John, Denis as advisor.

- **Engagement strategy:** how to continue engaging with EU, island representative bodies etc: Time run out for discussion on this subject.
- **Other:** No AOB

13. Motions and proposals

- Proposal to have associate membership as new category of membership.

The AGM decided that the board will look into the possibilities to accept observant members.

- Proposal for ESIN Change of statutes

The board will work on a change of statutes. Denmark will make a proposal to be voted on at next AGM.

14. ESIN secretariat agreement

Two proposals have been given:

- Ireland proposed to hold the secretariat functions
- Aaland proposes to continue hoisting of general secretary, but without administrating role re meetings etc.

The AGM decided to accept the proposal from Ireland to take on the secretariat. (see point 5-2)

The post as Financial Officer will continue to be held by Sweden

Post of Communication officer is proposed to be held by Aaland subject to acceptance.

The AGM wishes to thank Christian Pleijel, Aaland, for the great work he has done the past year in carrying out project management, managing the web-site for ESIN and holding the secretariat functions.

The AGM wishes to thank Anetté Larm Johansson, Sweden, for the work done as financial officer in the past years.

15. Election of ESIN board members and substitutes

Each member is entitled to one board member and one nominated substitute. The following persons were elected ESIN board members for 2016/2017.

Member	Board member	Substitute
Croatia	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>
Denmark	Dorthe Winther	Ove Axelsen
Estonia	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>
Finland	Pia Prost	Micaela Jansson
France	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>	Denis Bredin
Greece	Eleftherios Kechagioglou	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>
Ireland	John Walsh	Rhoda Twombly
Italy	<i>(to be confirmed):</i>	
	Mario Corongiu?	Gian Piera Usai?
Scotland	Camille Dressler	Terry Hegarty
Sweden	Bengt Almkvist	Anetté Larm Johansson
Aaland	Kristian Packalen	Christian Pleijel

16. Election of president and vice presidents

Camille Dressler was elected chair of ESIN

Vicechair will be reviewed at the next board meeting

17. Appointment of auditor and economic authorization

Kristina Mattesson, Sweden, was appointed auditor for the year 2016.

Anetté Larm Johansson (Sweden) was re-elected treasurer.

The AGM decided that the treasurer, Anetté Larm Johansson CPR: [REDACTED] is authorized to deal with financial matters for ESIN.

18. Adoption of ESIN Position paper re Territorial Cohesion Policy

The AGM adopted the paper

19. Press release from the 17th annual general meeting

Camille will write a press release. 'Small islands - think big!'

20. Annual General Meeting 2018 and 2019

2018: Brussels. People responsible for arranging the AGM will be decided upon at the next board meeting. We aim to have the arrangements *before* the summer of 2018. (The EEC has invited us back to use their facilities.) It was proposed to identify first when is the best time to visit – to meet the people we want to connect with, ie probably later on in the year (October rather than September)

2019: Sweden

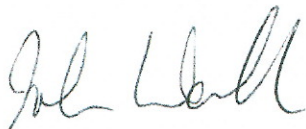
21. Close of Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the vicechairs John thanked Camille for her work for ESIN. All other members also thanked Camille and Kirsty for the work done.

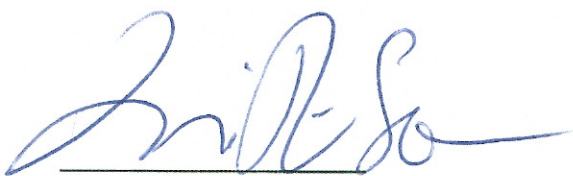
Signatures:



Camille Dressler, Chair



John Walsh, board member elected to check the minutes



Lise Thillemann Soerensen, taking minutes