



EUROPEAN
SMALL
ISLANDS
FEDERATION

19th Annual General Meeting,
25 September 2019, 8:30 am – 10:10 am
Spirit of , Hven Island, Sweden.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS:

Camille Dressler	Scottish Island Federation	Scotland
Terry	Scottish Island Federation	Scotland
Sten-Åke Persson	National Association of the Swedish Archipelago	Sweden
Anetté Larm Johansson	National Association of the Swedish Archipelago	Sweden
Jan-Erik Ericsson	National Association of the Swedish Archipelago	Sweden
Eva Widlund	National Association of the Swedish Archipelago	Sweden
Kristian Packalen	Företagsam Skärgård	Aaland
John Wrede	Island Mayor	Aaland
Dorthe Winther	Association of Danish Small Islands	Denmark
Ove Axelsen	Association of Danish Small Islands	Denmark
Lise Sørensen	Association of Danish Small Islands	Denmark
Pia Prost	National Association of Finnish Islands	Finland
John Walsh	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland
Máirtín Ó Méalóid	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland
Cathy Ni Ghoill	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland
Cora Keating	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland
Brenda Elphick	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland
Thomas Macphaidin	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland
Aisling Moran	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland

Seamus Bonner	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland
Riina Kaljulaid	Estonian Islands Federation	Estonia
Maret Kaljulaid	Estonian Islands Federation	Estonia

MINUTES

1. Welcome and opening of the 19th Annual General Meeting

Camille Dressler welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Election of member to check the minutes

Dorthe Winther, Association of Danish Small Islands, Denmark was elected

3. Approval of agenda

Agenda was approved

4. Adoption of the minutes from the 18th Annual General Meeting 2018

(<https://europeansmallislands.files.wordpress.com/2019/09/esin-agm-2018-minutes.pdf>)

The minutes were approved and adopted

Lise proposed

Kathy seconded

5. Chairman's report

ESIN ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS OVER 2018/19

- Progress in visibility over year
- **Energy** took up a lot of work time last year.
- **Working groups** on workplan issues seems to be an effective method of working towards our goals as an organization.
- Feels need to meet more often than every 2 months.
- Rhoda Twombly has been working on the **ESIN website** update blog. Members encouraged to send info to RT for the blog and to send photos for use.
- This year has had high and lows, but back on a high now. We are significant and larger organisations wish to work with us on EU policy areas. We can be very useful as a partner (as main representative body for EU small islands) for EU projects and programmes. **Both CPMR and Fedarene wish to collaborate with us.**
- **Clean Energy EU Islands:** our work on the Smart Islands Initiative and raising the profile of the potential of small islands has been critical in ensuring small islands can engage and benefit from the forthcoming Clean Energy EU Islands programme. We invited Jeppe Mikel Jensen from the Clean Energy for EU islands to take part in our AGM to enable us to share and discuss feedback with them.
- **Island Data and ESPON:** the production of better island statistics and key data to assist more targeted island policy making was seen as an important work.
- **CPMR Island Commission's:** Giuseppe SCIACCA, Executive Secretary of the CPMR Islands Commission was invited to take part in our AGM to enable us to share and

discuss feedback with them. CPMR Islands Commission Annual General Meeting – Azores (PT), 28 April 2020 - 30 April 2020

- **Fedarene:** Kostas Komninos, Vice-president for Smart and Sustainable Islands and Head of Energy & Climate Change, Aegean Energy & Environment Agency (GR) was invited to take part in our AGM to enable us to share and discuss feedback with them.

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

Chair thanked Rhoda Twombly for all her work over the year.

Máirtín Ó Méalóid thanked Camille for all her work over the past year.

6. Treasurer's report

ESIN financial officer Anetté Larm Johansson presented the treasurer report for the year 2018. *(See attached report)*. Nine members have paid their membership fee for 2019.

Fees:

2018: Greece and Italy did not pay

11 members currently

Profit 2018: €905.33

Decision needs to be made re unpaid historical memberships. They will need to be written off at some stage.

Anette projects that ESIN will have approx. €3000 for 2020.

Decision that payment of AGM delegate fees will be paid by the national representative organisation rather than individual delegates for 2020.

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

Tomás proposed.

Kathy seconded.

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

7. Auditor's report

(Kristina Mattesson, Sweden, was elected the auditor for 2019 by the AGM 2018.)

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

8. Liability for the past year management

Regarding point 5, 6 and 7: *The annual general meeting grants the ESIN board full discharge for the year 2018.*

9. Annual membership fee 2020

Discussion on increasing the fee.

Proposal to raise it to €300.

It was decided by the annual general meeting to raise the membership fee to 300 Euros pr. organization in 2020.

Invoices to members to specify that ESIN membership to includes membership of Fedarene.

Discussion on membership of Fedarene for 2020. Decision adopted to remain a member for 2020 at a reduced fee of 750 euros.

Suggestion that national rep. bodies request payment of ESIN fee from national government going forward.

10. Budget for 2020

For 2020 ESIN will have an income through membership fees of 2,750 Euros.

Proposal to give discretion to the board to adjust and approve budget throughout the year as needed. Proposal adopted.

Decision on budget is given to the board.

11. Motions and proposals

Membership issues discussed.

John Walsh to follow up with Italians re membership.

Greece has not been participating. They have paid membership for 2019 and sent on information requested.

Hellenic Small Islands Association. HSIA have AGM in October. Decision to request that they nominate a member to participate and a substitute that can participate at ESIN meetings.

Croatia have signed up and paid membership for 2019.

Máirtín Ó Méalóid noted the Greeks, Italians and Spanish are attending the CPMR meetings.

Aim to have 2020 fees collected by March 1st 2020. It was agreed that Anette to follow up with relevant countries with unpaid historical fees.

12. Annual general work plan

In 2020 ESIN will work on

- Article 174
- SEARICA EU parliament intergroup
- European projects and funding streams
- Source funding for ESIN coordinator
- Island labelling/brandingworking
- Regular meetings
- Remote working
- Apply OKR: Objectives to Key Results approach to working groups
- Continuing the Smart Islands initiative, with a particular focus on energy, but also including issues identified by the AGM and information day
- Strategy for engagement in EU policies (CAP, Fishing, Cohesion policy)

Working groups titles and members

- ESIN Funding and Data project:
 - John
 - Kristian
 - Mairtín
 - Sten-Åke
 - Bonnie
- AGM team:
 - Camille
 - Sten-Åke
- Policy Group (MEPs in the EU parliament, lobby for SEARICA, small islands and article 174):
 - Camille
 - Cora
 - Tomás
 - Lise
- Islands Branding
 - Mairtín
 - Anette
 - Anna-Karin
 - Cathy
- Cultural Heritage (Irish Islands Marine Resource Organisation (IMMRO), LIFE programme etc)
 - Seamus
 - Pia
 - Riina
- Energy (CPMR and Fedarene)
 - Mairtín
 - Camille
 - Cora

Decisions on detailed work plan is given to the board.

Meeting have adopted the workplan for 2020.

13. ESIN secretariat agreement

The AGM accepted the proposal from Ireland to take on the secretariat for another year.

The post as financial officer will be held by Sweden.

Administrator for FB: Camille, Rhoda

The AGM wishes to thank Anetté Larm Johansson, Sweden, for the work done as financial officer in the past years, and Rhoda Twombly for the work done as secretariat for the past year. Thanks to be formally sent to both.

14. 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 2018/2019.

Member	Board member	Substitute
Croatia	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>
Denmark	Dorthe Winther	Ove Axelsen
Finland	Pia Prost	Anna Franzén
France	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>
Greece	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>
Ireland	John Walsh	Cathy Ní Ghóill
Italy	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>
Scotland	Camille Dressler	Terry Hegarty
Sweden	Sten-Åke Persson	Anetté Larm Johansson
Aaland	Kristian Packalen	John Wrede
Estonia	Riina Kaljulaid	Maret Kaljulaid

15. Election of president and vice presidents

Camille Dressler stepped down as chair of ESIN.

Thanks expressed to Camille Dressler for all her work for ESIN.

John Walsh was elected chair of ESIN

Vicechair: Camille Dressler was elected (West), Pia Prost (North/Baltic), was elected FRANCE was proposed (South) *(to be confirmed)*

16. Appointment of auditor and economic authorization

Kristina Mattesson, Sweden, was appointed auditor for the year 2019.

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.

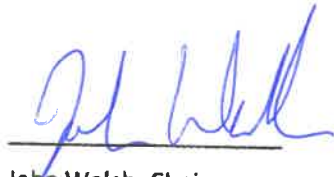
17. Adoption of ESIN Press release from the 19th annual general meeting

Subject to finalization by 21st Oct by board. Press release attached.

18. Annual General Meeting 2019: 2019 FRANCE and 2020 Ireland

19. Close of Annual General Meeting

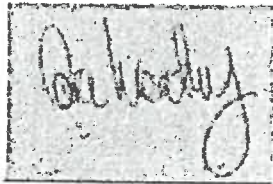
Signatures:



John Walsh, Chair



Dorthe Winther, board member elected to
check the minutes



Cora Keating, elected to take the minutes