



## DEMHI ST General Assembly 2012

*Wednesday, 7 November 2012, 5:00-7:00 p.m.*

*The Huntington Library, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108*

### MINUTES

#### Present Voting Members:

Daniela Ball	Peter Keller, Chair
John Barnes, Board Member	Minerva Keltanen
Ana Christina Barreto de Carvalho, Board Member	Maria de Jesus Monge, Vice Chair
Marcio Doctors	Maria Lourdes Monges
Hartmut Dorgerloh	Carl Nold
Edwina Jans	Ann Scheid
Ulla Huhtamäki	Gabriella Smith
Gianluca Kannès	Jeanne Watson
	Linda Young

#### *1. Welcome*

The Chair welcomed the Board Members to San Marino. He thanked Ann Scheid for the organisation of the meeting. He particularly welcomed Jeanne Watson who received an international service citation by ICOM US in 2012. He commemorated Tuula Airola who died on November 2, 2012.

The General Assembly approved the Agenda with a correction: item 5 „Budget 2012-2013“.

#### *2. Minutes of the General Assembly in Antwerp*

The General Assembly approved the Minutes of the Meeting of 19 October 2011 in Antwerp.

### ***3. Report of the Chair 2011-2012***

The General Assembly approved the Report with one correction: under 4.2, "declined" instead of "denied". The corrected report is attached to these minutes.

The Chair reported additionally on a phishing attack on the DEMHIST web site. Hackers tried to get hold of the web space and to upload phishing files. The administrator has introduced a new security level.

### ***4. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer 2011-2012***

The Report was approved with corrections: „awarded“ instead of „attributed“ under 1.1. Account/Explanatory Notes, „for different subjects“ instead of „to different subjects“ under 2.

Under 1.1. Account/Income, the annual ICOM subvention and the ICOM subvention for translation are missing. They were transferred to the new HSBC account, not to the Portuguese account, but have to appear in the accounting.

John Barnes suggested an annual accounting by calendar year, from January to December, instead of an accounting from meeting to meeting, and a provision for the rest of the year.

With relation to the incomplete or inaccurate addresses of members, the Chair suggested asking the other international committees about their experiences. John Barnes suggested contacting the national committees where most of the returned e-mails originate: Russia, Poland, France and China.

### ***5. Budget 2012-2013***

According to the decision made in Antwerp, DEMHIST has awarded a grant to María Alejandra García Fernández from Bogotá, for a lecture at the conference in Los Angeles. We received four more applications: one from Guatemala, by the former Board Member Beatriz Quevedo, one from Mongolia and one from Morocco, but they all sent no abstracts. The fourth one, from Joseph Tongo, Congo-Brazzaville, wasn't serious. Nevertheless it's unfortunate that DEMHIST doesn't have the funds to help more colleagues to attend its conferences.

For the conference in Rio de Janeiro, the scholarships shall be publicised more widely and earlier in the call for papers. They shall only be offered to speakers. DEMHIST will offer € 2.000,00 for a key note speaker.

DEM HIST received an ICOM grant of € 2.000,00 for the English/Spanish translation of the conference in Los Angeles which isn't listed under expenses. The bill will be sent to the Chair.

The DEM HIST/ICFA-publication „Art in Context“ which was to have been edited by Linda Young won't see the light of day because ICFA has withdrawn. The funds will nevertheless be spent on a publication which will add value for our members, meet our aims and make DEM HIST standout.

Revisions were made to the budget. The total sum of expenses will thus be € 13.625,00, and the total budget balance stands at € 12.109,70, as of July 2013. The General Assembly approved the corrected budget. It is attached to these minutes.

#### ***6. Amendment of the Statutes of DEM HIST***

The amendment had already been discussed in Antwerp. The former Chair Daniela Ball has made suggestions.

Two more amendments are made: in article 4 „Code of Ethics“ instead of „Code of Professional Ethics“; also in article 9 „The Executive Board shall commit itself to promoting participation by members from all countries“ instead of „The Executive Board shall commit itself to prevent that any impediment will be placed in the way of any member of the Committee attending the meeting by the Government of the host State“.

The General Assembly approved the amendment. The Chair will publish the amended Statutes on the website of DEM HIST.

#### ***7. Executive Board***

The Board discussed the offices and duties of its members at meetings in Paris and Los Angeles. In Antwerp, it had proved difficult to find new Board Members, and even more difficult to find a new Chair and Secretary. Four Board Members were absent in Los Angeles. Luc Vanackere has changed jobs and will leave the Board in 2014, at the latest. Peter Keller will be ICOM Austria's candidate for the ICOM Executive Council and withdraw as DEM HIST Chair in 2013. According to the Statutes, the Board agreed that John Barnes will take over as Chair. The change will take place at the Board Meeting in April 2013.

Given the venues of the next conferences, DEM HIST members from France and Mexico should join the Board. From Italy, Gianluca Kannes could be a Board Member, as well.

The tasks of the Board Members are:

The Chair: - organises the board: writes the agenda, contacts the Board Members,

- oversees the finances: signs the bills,
- liaises with ICOM: attends the ICOM meetings in Paris, contacts other committees, writes reports for ICOM

The Secretary/Treasurer:

- contacts the members: sends out newsletters, calls for paper, conference programs and other information
- manages the account: writes the budget, processes transfers, pays bills,
- administers DEMHIST.

The Board Members:

- undertake special projects or organise conferences.

Peter Keller will add the tasks on the website. Communication by Skype or by blog on ICOMMUNITY could be a way to make discussions easier and save travel costs.

## ***8. Annual Meetings 2012-2016***

### ***Los Angeles 2012***

The preparation of the conference is described in the report of the Chair (item 3.).

### ***Rio de Janeiro 2013***

Ana Cristina Carvalho is preparing the conference, supported by Maria Monge. The Board had discussed their suggestions, and determined the title and the key issues:

title: "Places for Reflection. Historic House Museums as Connectors of Cultures, Times, People and Social Groups"

- key issues:
1. "Relationship of the Historic House Museum to its Communities"
  2. "Dialogues with the Artifact"
  3. "Social Role of the Historic House Museum"

Ana Cristina Carvalho will ask Roberto da Matta to be the key note speaker.

Ana Cristina Carvalho and Maria Monge will draft a schedule and a call for papers in December. The call shall also be spread via ICOM-LAC. Ana Cristina Carvalho expects 120 attendants to come to Rio. She suggests a post-conference tour from August 17 on, and a Board meeting in São Paulo on August 11.

### ***Compiègne 2014***

The director of the Palais de Compiègne, Emmanuel Starcky, did not register for the conference in Los Angeles. The meeting would have to be in French and English,

otherwise only few members would participate. Hartmut Dorgerloh, chair of the group of Royal Residences, suggested a joint meeting. He would ask his Board.

#### ***Mexico 2015***

Maria Lourdes Monges offered to organise the DEMHIST conference 2015 in Mexico where there are eleven house museums. Marcio Doctors emphasised that this would be the annual conference. So the General Assembly of DEMHIST in 2015 will be in Mexico.

#### ***Vila Viçosa 2015***

Maria Monge offered to organise another conference in 2015 in Portugal, as DEMHIST did in 2010 in Brno. It could deal with the restoration of frescoes or with the training of professionals.

#### ***Milan 2016***

The General Assembly of ICOM in 2016 will be in Milan. The Chair has contacted Annalisa Zanni, director of Museo Poldi Pezzoli, and Marina Pugliese, director of Casa Museo Boschi di Stefano and Museo del Novecento. They haven't replied yet. Gianluca Kannes will contact Annalisa Zanni.

#### ***Finland 2017***

Ulla Huhtamäki and Minerva Keltanen offered a meeting in 2017 in Finland. The General Assembly welcomed the offer and thanked them.

### ***9. DEMHIST Projects***

What are the expectations to DEMHIST? DEMHIST will send a questionnaire to its members and ask them to make suggestions, instead of presenting ideas of the Board. These suggestions should be discussed in an open forum on ICOMMUNITY. Those members who suggest a project should be in charge of it.

### ***10. Miscellaneous***

The resolution of the DEMHIST logo is too low, and the colour isn't correct according to the ICOM visual identity manual. John Barnes will ask a graphic designer to change it.

Peter Keller, Chair

Salzburg, January 15, 2013