



## European Small Islands Federation

### Board Meeting, No. 9: 5 October 2017 10am GMT via Zoom

#### Participants:

Camille Dressler	Scottish Island federation
John Walsh	Irish Islands Federation
Elle Vormsil	Association of Estonian Islands
Pia Prost	National Association of Finish Islands
Bengt Almkvist	National Association for the Swedish Archipelago
Anetté Johansson	National Association for the Swedish Archipelago
Denis Baric	Otočni Sabor, Croatia
Dorthe Winther	Danish Small Islands Association
Kristian Packalén	Aaland Islands

#### Host & Secretary:

Rhoda Twombly	Irish Islands Federation
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#### Apologies:

Christian Pleijel	Företagsam Skärgård
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Eleftherios Kechagioglou HSIN, Greece

(Elle managed to connect but left as she was not able to get the sound right. Denis Baric seemed also have problem with sound.)

#### **1. Minutes**

*Minutes of Board meeting 7 were proposed by Dorthe, seconded by Camille. John will send Rhoda a signed AGM 2017 minutes to be included in the meeting No. 9 minutes.*

#### **2. Finance**

*ESIN spent €7,800 on the 2017 AGM. €4,000 was spent on flights. There has been some repayment of the flight cost but are awaiting payment by Ireland and Estonia. Anette reported that there is €10,811 in the ESIN account.*

*Camille reported final expenses for the AGM speakers: €1,300 for flights and accommodation and asked for the flights to North Ronaldsay to be also covered by ESIN. This was agreed. Camille also proposed that any Board member appearing at a conference representing ESIN should get a consultancy fee of €300 (for work on paper to be presented) plus a nominal fee of €100/day for being away from work. It was agreed that this would be approved on a case-by-case basis and it is important to first have a budget worked out for the year.*

*Bengt noted that the Board had already agreed that Camille, as Chair, should receive a lump sum (€3,000) for Chairmanship duties and opined that this should be adhered to. Camille believes this too much money and would like more Board members to become involved with speaking and representing ESIN at conferences, etc.*

*It was agreed that a top limit of €1,500 should be set for this year and that Camille will draft a proposal on this for the next meeting.*

### **3. Issues from AGM 2017**

*Rhoda and John are delighted for Ireland to assume the Secretariat duties for ESIN; it was agreed to use the [esinsecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:esinsecretariat@gmail.com) address. Christian is happy to carry on the role of Communications Officer and resume vice-chairman's role. It was agreed that there will be 3 Vice-Chairs – this, and the rotation of representatives, will be reviewed next year. Denmark agreed to look into re-vamping the ESIN Constitution and would welcome help from any of the Board members.*

### **4. Membership**

*John reported that Rathlin Island (Northern Ireland: 140 residents, Associate Member of Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann) have enquired about membership in ESIN. Camille noted it would be better if Rathlin were a member of a group of islands or Ireland's Comhdháil as they aren't a member of a Federation of Islands. They could possibly become "observer" members but "observer membership" must be defined at the next meeting. John will also take this matter to the Irish Federation.*

### **5. Work Plan**

*Camille received an invitation from the Crete Chamber of Commerce to discuss islands branding and digital supermarket at Chanya. She passed on the invitation to the Danish food network but as they were unable to go, Camille and the Danish Islands Association arranged for Laurids Christensen to attend. It is hoped that this may be a route to funding to set up branding. Rhoda will set up a zoom meeting between Mairtin OMealoid, Camille, and Lise next Wednesday to discuss this.*

*Water saving project: premature to discuss as yet as final results are due in November. To discuss at the next meeting.*

*Entrepreneurship: Pia, John and Bengt agreed to form a group to work on an entrepreneurship project and will keep the Board updated on progress. Kirsty will organise a zoom meeting for this Monday next at 2pm GMT.*

*Clean Energy EU: John noted that SEI (Ireland) is keen to work with communities on energy conservation and has a loan system in place. Camille will work with the Scottish energy orgs & contact those who were involved in the SMILGOV project. It was agreed to go back to the Islands to assess how SMILGOVs energy plan had worked and contact each country's energy orgs to see how they may help Islands.*

### **6. Calendar of Events**

*Camille may go to the SMILO meeting on Isle of Goree in Senegal, but is unsure of the benefits to ESIN or SMILO. However, it could show ESIN as being relevant and willing to work internationally.*

*John is invited to the European Council Heritage event 17-18 Oct: expenses paid by Council of Europe.*

**7. Meeting dates:** at 10GMT: 12 Dec, 13 Feb, 10 April, 12 June, 14 Aug and 11 Sept. **AGM:** Camille will ask Lefteros for his help in organising a date with the EESC in early October 2018. Looking back

*on this year's AGM, It would be best if accommodation could be found where the group can stay together.*