

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**European Small Islands**  
**Federation**  
**Sant'Antioco,**  
**25<sup>th</sup> of September 2014**



## **MINUTES**

### **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

Mario Corongiu	Associazione Nazionale Comuni Isole Minori	Italy
Gian Piera Usai	Associazione Nazionale Comuni Isole Minori	Italy
Luz Elena Gastano	Associazione Nazionale Comuni Isole Minori	Italy
Denis Bredin	Association Les Iles du Ponant	France
Christian Pleijel	Företagsam Skärgård	Aaland
Dorthe Winther	Association of Danish Small Islands	Denmark
Eva Terkelsen	Association of Danish Small Islands	Denmark
Lise Soerensen	Association of Danish Small Islands	Denmark
Kristin Mattsson	National Association of Finnish Islands	Finland
Jan M. Koivurinta	National Association of Finnish Islands	Finland
John Walsh	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland
Bengt Almkvist	National Association of the Swedish Archipelago	Sweden
Anna-Karin Utbult Almkvist	National Association of the Swedish Archipelago	Sweden
Anetté Larm Johansson	National Association of the Swedish Archipelago	Sweden
Neil Lodwick	University Of South Wales, observator	U.K.

#### **1. Welcome and opening of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Bengt Almkvist, chairman of ESIN, opened the meeting at 9.15 and welcomed all participants to the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of ESIN.

Lise Thillemann Soerensen (Denmark) was elected secretary for the meeting.

## **2. Election of member to check the minutes**

John Walsh (Ireland) was elected to check the minutes.

## **3. Approval of the agenda**

Agenda was approved.

## **4. Adoption of the minutes from the annual general meeting 2012**

The minutes from ESIN 13<sup>th</sup> annual general meeting on the Island of Kökar in Finland was adopted.

## **5. Chairman's report**

Bengt Almkvist, chairman of ESIN, gave a report on events since last AGM.

A lot of activity in the past year since the AGM at Kökar Sept. 2-3<sup>rd</sup> 2014. The board have had 12 meetings, via Skype. A special strategy meeting was held on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> in the EU Parliament in Brussels including meeting with administrator in the parliament. ESIN also participated in the first European Rural Parliament on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> in Brussels.

During the year we have had the SMILEGOV project: ESIN is head of a cluster with Christian Pleijel as the coordinator. There has been some upstart challenges but it seems the project is now running with the participation of 15 islands and will run through 2015.

ESIN has tried to influence the EU agricultural programme, CAP. A possibility to provide information measures relating to CAP was examined. Also the EU initiative on labelling of products of island farming has been worked with.

ESIN has had discussions on the strategy and a survey/ questions on the strategy questions was conducted.

Before the EU parliament election in May, ESIN formulated a pledge for nominated MEP's to sign: the island champion plegde. This will give a good basis for future contact with the MEPs elected.

Contact has been taken with the ISLENET network through the SMILEGOV cooperation.

Several project options have been examined through the year. For example the COST project on waste.

ESIN has applied to participate in the ESI funds structure dialogue. As a preparation ESIN have been registered in the EU as a lobby organisation in accordance with the transparency plan.

Finally ESIN has been the platform for exchange of information and activities between the member organisations promoting development on the small islands.

## **6. Treasurer's report for 2013**

Balance sheet for 2013 was presented (attached).

It shows a profitable loss for the year 2013 of -1054.75 Euros.

The treasurer's report was accepted by the board.

Auditors report was read out by Annette and adopted by the board.  
The annual meeting grants the board full discharge for the year 2013.

## **7. Budget for 2015**

Was discussed along with point 8 (membership fee). The decision in point 8 allows for an income on the budget of 2500 €.

## **8. Annual Membership fee and service fee 2015**

The AGM decided to keep the annual membership fee at 250 €. There will be no service fee.

## **9. Annual general work plan**

The annual general working plan was discussed.

It was decided to increase the information on ESIN and to be proactive regarding new members.

The work plan was adopted by the AGM (attached).

## **10.ESIN secretariat agreement**

Denmark agreed to continue hosting the secretariat for 2015 on a voluntary basis.

## **11. Membership application**

ESIN has been approached by a Croatian island association. A meeting in October in Stockholm has been set up to discuss future membership.

## **12.Election of 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 2014/2015.

	<b>Board member</b>	<b>Substitute</b>
Denmark	Dorthe Winther	Eva Terkelsen
Estonia	to be announced	
Finland	Pia Prost	Jan M. Koivurinta
France	Bruno Noury	to be announced
Greece	to be announced	
Ireland	John Walsh	Rhoda Twombly
Italy	Mario Corongiu	Gian Piera Usai
Scotland	Camille Dressler	Sandy Brunton
Sweden	Bengt Almkvist	Anetté Larm Johansson
Aaland	Christian Pleijel	Kent Eriksson

## **13. Election of chairman and vice president(s)**

Bengt Almkvist was elected president of ESIN for 2014/2015.

It was decided to have 3 vice presidents on a rotation scheme to ensure geographical representation and commitment.

Camille Dressler (Scotland), Christian Pleijel (Aaland) and Gian Piera Usai (Italy) was appointed to be vice presidents of ESIN for 2014/2015.

#### **14. Appointment of auditor**

Kerstin Jernberg and Curt Olsson (both Sweden) were appointed.

#### **15. Election of nominating committee for the officials for 2015**

Dorthe Winther, Jan M. Koivurinta and John Walsh were elected.

#### **16. Economic authorization**

Anetté Larm Johansson (Sweden) was elected treasurer. The AGM decided that the treasurer, Anetté Larm Johansson [REDACTED], is authorized to sign the economic matters for ESIN.

#### **17. Proposals at the AGM**

No proposals.

#### **18. Final resolution from the 14<sup>th</sup> annual general meeting**

No final resolution was made.

#### **19. Next annual general meeting**

Greece proposes to hold the AGM in Greece 2015.

Scotland proposes to hold the AGM 2016 (in the Orkney Islands).

#### **20. Close of Annual General Meeting**

The chairman closed the formal annual ESIN board meeting.

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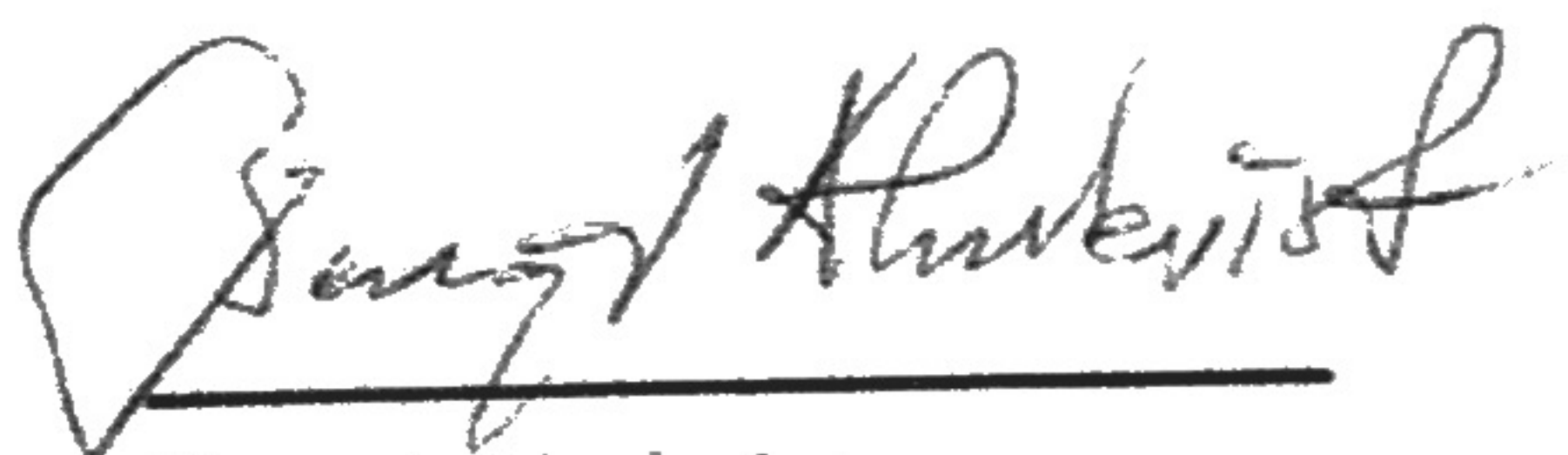
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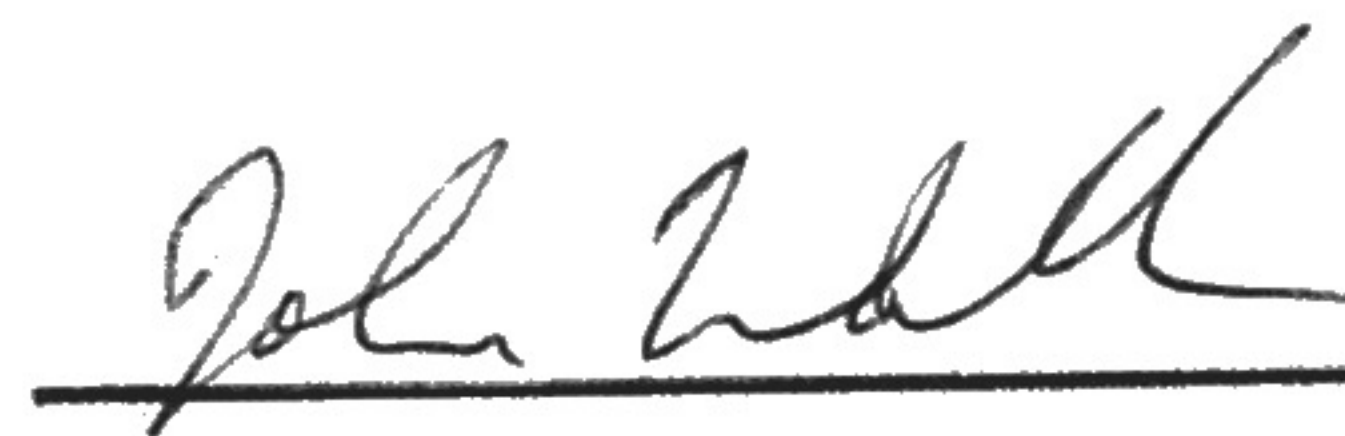
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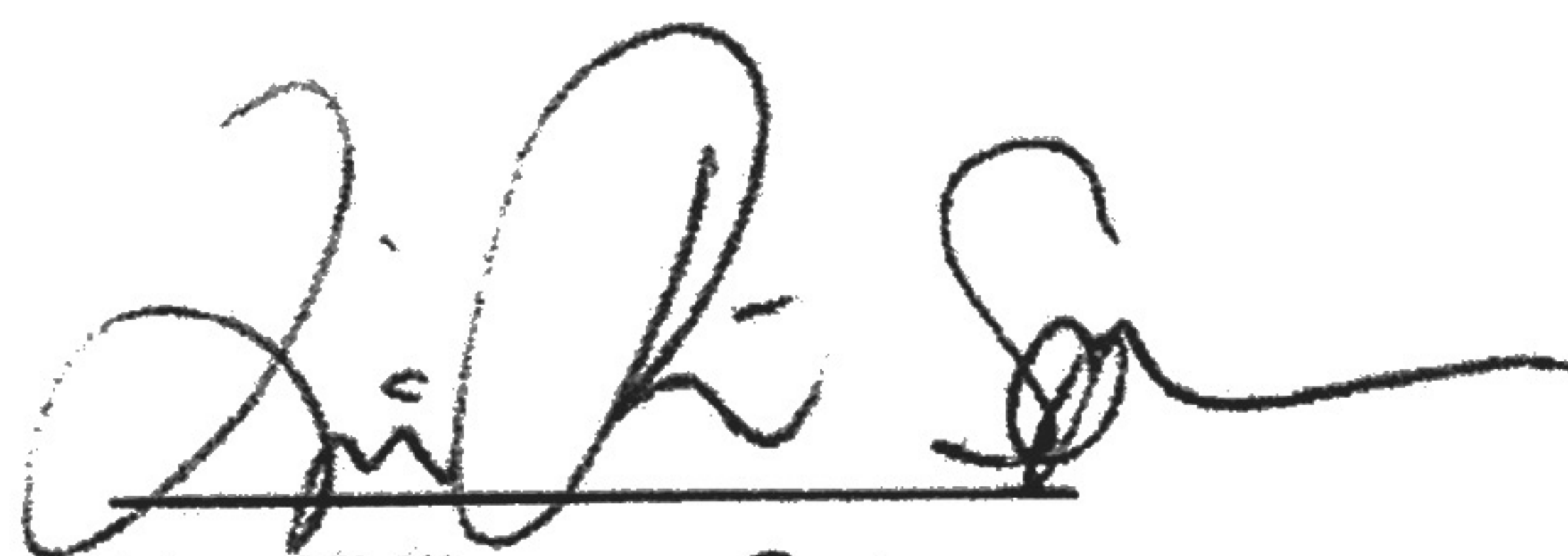
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