

2017 General Assembly for ASE

Saturday, 27th May 2017 09.00-12.00

**Hall of Museum of Natural History,
Augustinergasse2, Basel, Switzerland**

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 9.02 by ASE President Asko Männistö.
2. JCI Creed
President Asko Männistö asked the assembly to stand up and recite together the JCI Creed.
3. Welcome and President's opening remarks
President Asko Männistö welcomed everyone to the ASE Annual General Assembly in Basel.
4. Recognition of Special Guests and Past Presidents of the Association
Asko Männistö introduced the following Past Presidents of the ASE:
 - Rudolf von Bachellé #15672, 1981/1982
 - Gérard Chabert #50663, 1999/2000
 - Werner Uhlmann #20485, 2001/2002
 - Arja Vilanko #45425, 2009/2010
 - Paul Hill #49094, 2015/2016

Asko Männistö also introduced special guests:

 - Simo Westerback from Finland, past Ambassador
 - WP2017 Dawn Hetzel #68200
 - IPP and World Senate President Paschal Dike #72013
 - SG Arrey Obenson
 - ECP Brian Lim #73006 (candidate for WP2018)
5. Apologies for absence and greeting received
 - Jim Mammen, US Senate President 2016 – 2017
 - Russ and Maxine Cooper, US Senate Ambassador assigned to Europe
 - Gudrun Westin-Göransson #11915, ASE President 1975 - 1976
 - Gavin Macpherson #16985, ASE President 1990 – 1991
 - Björn Conradi #26536, ASE President 1994 - 1995
 - Harald Pfab #50989, ASE President 2003 – 2004
 - Paal Ashjem #22040, ASE President 2006 – 2007
 - Clare Ashton #31337, ASE President 2008 - 2009



- Ellen Olsen #61977, ASE President 2014/2015
 - Jacques Arnal #55945, ASE President 2013 – 2014
 - Rutger Westenburg #68711, Senate President of the Netherlands
 - Marretta Coleman #39504, ASE Ambassador USA
 - Peter Browning #49104, ASE Editor of Senate Magazine
 - Piivi Öhman #61024, ASE Project Manager for Best Practices
6. Introduction of participating National Groups
The list of ASE participating countries was announced. Present was Austria, Belgium, British Senate, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Monaco, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and The Netherlands.
 7. Introduction of the European Senate Board 2016/2017
The ASE Board was introduced. Deputy President Markus J. Tschann #63832, IPP Paul Hill #49094, GLC Barry Miller #51886, Honorary Treasury Jürg Porro #67716, Ambassador Aud Schjødt Fredriksen #48767, Ambassador Sue Miller #50976, Ambassador Max Tuijtel #68785, Ambassador Friedhelm Wachs #62758, Ambassador Serge Granata Goldman #63281, Project Manager Charlotte Tipsmark #66019, Special Assistant to the President Charlotte Velling Nichol #68920, Liason Officer for EC Basel Martin Sterki #69793 and Honorary Secretary Jaana Vilpponen #63136.
 8. Adoption of the remaining Agenda of the AGA & "Any other relevant business"
EC2018 Latvia will have a presentation. WC2017 Amsterdam will have a presentation. Golf tournament will have a presentation. France/Marseille will have a presentation. WP Dawn Hetzel will have a short speech, IPP Paschal Dike will have a short speech and EVP Brian Lim will have a short speech.
 9. Approval of the minutes of 2016 AGA held in Tampere, June 18th 2016
The minutes were approved with an addition remark of item #5 – Greetings from Clare Ashton and Gérard Chabert. The minutes have been placed on the website.
 10. Greetings and Presentation of 2016/2017 national Senate Chairmen and Presidents
Asko Männistö invited current National Senate Presidents/Chairmen to stand and be recognised. Some of the presidents had a short presentation and speech and gifts to the president.
 11. Report from S.O.C: - EC Conference 2017 Basel
Congress director Mark Zimmerman had a presentation about EC Basel and Senate events, trainings and evening programmes. Marc said that good weather helps good senator programmes.
 12. Annual Report of the ASE Board 2016/2017
Asko Männistö delivered a printed report to the participants and shortly explained what has happened during his presidential year. The report was accepted by saying "good job".



The main points of the report were:

Following Tampere, ASE Board meetings were held in Halmstad (Crayfish party) – Sweden, Vouillé-la-Bataille (French Senate meeting) – France, Warrington (Drumming Out) – UK, Spring Meeting/Senate Summit Helsinki – Finland and Basel – Switzerland.

Asko also visited WC Quebec in Canada (JCI Joint Senate Board meeting), US Senate winter meeting in Houston, Sweden, France, Belgium, Estonia, Latvia, Germany, Austria and England several times. He also attended the JCI Finland's annual meeting and president academy in Finland.

The President's main theme of the year was "You are the spark". The goal has been to remind Senators that we can truly support the local chapters by finding new potential members.

The ASE Board has worked actively throughout the year. The Ambassadors have visited almost 20 countries. Board has had two projects ongoing; The Best Practices and Mapping.

13. Report of the Honorary Treasurer

Honorary Treasurer Jürg Porro reported on the accounts for 2016. Countries that had not paid their contributions were identified and invited to pay now.

Actuals showed surplus of 1.778,62 euros. The budgeted surplus was 1.075, 85. The webhosting was budgeted 700 euros and actual cost was 9,24 euros.

The budget for 2017 was also presented. It shows surplus 1.123,00 euros.

14. Presentation and Election of the 2017/2018 Board of the ASE

The president handed the meeting to the GLC Barry Miller to conduct the elections for the 2017/2018 ASE Board.

The following senators were elected:

President	Marcus J. Tschann	#63832 Austria
Past President	Asko Männistö	#48551 Finland
Deputy President	Friedhelm Wachs	#62758 Germany
Secretary	Serge Granata Goldman	#63281 Monaco
Treasurer	Jürg Porro	#67716 Switzerland
Ambassador	Aud Schjødt Fredriksen	#48767 Norway
Ambassador	Max Tuijtel	#68785 Germany
Ambassador	Reynold R. Dumatle	#38826 France
Ambassador	Dmitri Afanasyev	#74767 Russia
Ambassador	Dainis Senbergs	#69497 Latvia



15. Any other relevant business
The following presentations were made:
 - WC2017 Amsterdam – Kofi Annan will be the Key Note speaker
 - EC2018 Riga
 - French Senate Annual meeting in Marseille 8. – 10.9.2017
 - Golf Tournament – around 60 golfers will be there
 - WP 2017 Dawn Hetzel – she said that jaycees have it fine if there is a strong senate behind on the local and national level
 - IPP, World Senate Chairman Paschal Dike
 - EVP Brian Lim (candidate for WP2018)

16. Date & venue of the 2018 AGA
President announced the 2018 Annual General Assembly of the Association of JCI Senators in Europe will take place in Riga, Latvia on the Friday 22nd of June 2018.

17. President's closing remarks
President Asko Männistö thanked those attending the meeting for their contributions, in particular to the open discussion. Asko told that the Senate family is very important part of his life; he has been around 40 years. Asko welcomed all to the Senate Lunch.

18. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 11.31.

Asko Männistö
#48551
ASE President 2016 – 2017