

Date – Place	10.02.2021-Zoom			
Time	19:30-21:30			

Attendees				
Reynold R. Dumalte (RI <i>Chairman</i>	O) Aud Schjødt Fredriksen (AF)  Deputy Chairman	Tarlok Singh Sidhu (TS)  Ambassador Business		
Pelin Narcin Kadilar (PK) Honorary Secretary	Dmitry Afanasyev (DA)  Ambassador Business	Jürg Porro (JP) Treasurer		
Max Tuijtel (MT) Co-opted-Facebook	Laia Urdi (LU) Ambassador Mentoring	Peter Browning (PB)  Ambassador-Int.Affairs  Mark Riddel(MR)  Senate Magazine		
Charlotte Nichol Veiling (CV) Legal Counselor	Filipe Carrera (FC) Co-opted-Vision 2030			
Thomas Meier(TM)  Candidate Treasurer	Friedhelm Wachs (FW) Past President			
Apologies		_1		
Zoe Aphamis (ZA) Ambassador JCI Relations	Robbert van Waart (RvW) Co-opted-Vision 2030			

### **Agenda**

# 1. Introduction

a. Welcome

Done by **(RD)**: It's been a long time we didn't have a board meeting but due to the situation, we had other priorities and we had no big ASE activities. This period has been problematic, dramatic at times, and we have lost friends affected by this horrible pandemic, the outcome of which we still do not know.

It is now time to work again to achieve our goals and proud of what we will have accomplished by the end of our mandate.

b. Apologies of absence

**(PK)**: Please see above attendees/apologies list.

c. Moment for the senators we have lost.

For our dear friend Oscar Hijosa Milà (# 71558) from JCI Catalunya and René Moebel (#23225) ASE Past President, moment of silence and commemoration is done by all.

(RD): Usually when a Past President of the European Senate passes away, we sent flowers or we make a donation. Rene's family doesn't want flowers, they prefer a



donation to the AFM-Telethon who fights against Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Could we decide if we could make a donation and what will be our ASE budget? Any suggestions?

**(PB):** I would say, yes, we should make a donation to a charity, something that we should be consistent about how much we spent each time we do that.

**(MT):** It can depend of the costs of international sending of the flowers. We should decide an amount and we should stay in that budget.

(AF): I think 100 Euros would be enough. It is not about how much or how less it is important that we also sent a card.

(JP): Last time we have organized flowers it was for 60 Euros.

(PK): Shall we vote for it?

The board discussed about many options and voted for 75 Euros, adopted by all.

# 2. Adoption of

a. 26.08.2020 Board meeting minutes **Adopted by all** 

# 3. ASE Support to senators

a. National presidents' online meetings

**(PB):** We are planning another meeting at the end of this month on 26 February. One another thing is that Senate of Ukraine is planning to set up a formal national senate organization and they have asked us our comments on the draft constitution they have.

**(RD):** We have got today the full list of senators of JCI Moldova to associate them to Balkan potential Senate Association.

# b. Orphan senators & SIGs

**(RD):** We have discussed with Peter about orphan senators if we can link them to a senate organization. They are mostly around the Balkan and in smaller countries. For the SIGs it is difficult to organize activities.

# c. Best European Senator Award

(RD): We had in the past JCI Senators of the World award and that disappeared. Maybe we can honour our senators by giving them an award in Europe. I wrote to Earl Sawyer to get information and application form but he said it is impossible to find it in JCI HQ.

(AF): I have promised you to find out about it because I know some senators who got the awards from EC and WC's. I will try to find out.

### d. ASE Digital drinks

**(FC):** We have been doing every 15 days digital drinks. We have started in March last year with the confinement and basically until the summer what we did was meeting and having a drink. There was this idea of having always a guest senator talking about their country like culture, history, economy so we can learn something new. They



have a short presentation of 15-20 minutes after that Q&A session. It has been very dynamic.

We had digital drinks every 2 weeks and since September we welcomed Alexis Fary (Belgium), Zydre Arlauskaite (Lithuania), Herbert Ewers (Germany), Filipe Carrera (Portugal), Angel Kgokolo (South Africa), Zoe & Firas Darwiche (Cyprus & Lebanon) and Ionut Tata (Romania). This Friday 12th, we'll welcome Julia Goodfellow-Smith (UK) who walked around the South West coast of the UK (1,015 Km) to raise money.

# e. Vision 2030 / Mapping 2020

(RD): Many people spent a lot of time and we have now two documents Vision 2030 and Senate Mapping 2020. What do we do with these two documents?

(MT): We can share it with other national senate organizations so we can understand what is going on in other countries. Some of the newly elected national senate presidents doesn't know what is going on abroad. They don't know much about international senate.

(RD): Maybe we should send the link of the mapping again to each national senate president. And maybe JCI Europe can share it with JCI NOM presidents.

**(PK):** To make it clear, we will send the link by email to NSP's and Max will share it on the social media.

# f. Webinars & Masterclasses

We will talk about this by agenda point 5c.

### g. Mediterranean senators' digital summit

(RD): We presented the project to some people and everybody was happy to participate. The idea is to organize with the AMESA a virtual summit between senators and members from the Mediterranean countries, followed by other meetings to discuss about common issues and draw conclusions and eventually a plan of action. If everything works well, we could meet during the EPM 2022, to be held in Cyprus.

# h. Balkan Senate Association

(RD): Peter and Aud were in the meeting.

(PB): We had a zoom meeting with several senators from Croatia. They would like to know how to set up a senate organization, but they have 5 or 6 senators and nearly all are under 40. What came out from the discussion was what would be probably better to set up a Balkan Senate Group. I will start to contact all of the senators within the Balkan area and start the ball rolling and see if we can identify some people ideally from different countries who would like to work together to set up a Balkan Senate organization. Within that area there are a couple of countries with a large number of senators. One is Turkey already who have a senate association, the other is Romania who have about 30 senators. So maybe we have a combination within that area of some national senate organizations but also an area group who will try and coordinate things amongst them.

(AF): What is the reason they want to create an association? Why they don't go



directly in to the ASE?

**(RD):** The first initiative came from Marco from Croatia. He said that there are very few senators and that discussion lead us to here. In Serbia about 17-19 senators, Moldova there are 4. In Romania about 30 senators. Nothing is decided yet. They are talking about the possibilities.

**(PB):** In the end it is up to them to decide, what we can do is let them talk to each other.

(AF): I understand but it is important to say the goal is that they all come in European activities.

**(PK):** I understand Aud, she has a good point there. To my experience there is also a Balkan Conference and people who are joining the Balkan conferences they mostly don't go to European Conferences. I do understand that the EC is much more expensive for most of the members and their income is lower than Nordic countries for example. I understand their concern very well. On one hand it is sad that they can't go to EC because of the higher fees, on the other hand it is good they keep meeting during Balkan Conferences, so members can feel JCI spirit. If the same thing happens in Balkan Senate, it would be sad not to meet people during EC's and ASE events.

(DA): If they want to meet, they can meet anywhere but the official meetings and voting should be official. There shouldn't be official meetings but friendship meetings. (RD): The idea was discussing the possibilities officially or unofficially and deciding by the next Balkan Conference and finalize the project. It is up to them. We are organizing the possibility to discuss and they will decide.

(AF): We can help them by telling how we do things, in the end we wish them welcome in to the ASE.

(RD): Speaking of the Balkan Conference, it was planned for the end of the March, some of us have already registered for that. We have discussed with Anabela last week to get news about it. She said that they haven't cancelled it but postponed it to the first weekend of September.

### 4. ASE Support to JCI

a. Meeting with JCI Europe board

(RD): I have participated last week to the EPM online. Last year I had the opportunity to speak in Moldova in front of National Presidents, this time I was supposed to speak but unfortunately, I didn't get the opportunity to speak and explain what we are doing. But I have joined two work groups. One was 'business committee' led by Miika Kostamo from Finland. We got in touch and we are discussing working together. The second group was 'diversity and inclusion committee' because we are planning to do projects between Mediterranean, Afrika and Middle East. Jennifer Polzin is very happy to work with us.

b. ASE Presence to events

(AF): We have been invited to Danish event. Bo has invited us.

c. ASE Projects / JCI Europe > European Cruise golden nuggets



(RD): The idea is to identify the best future projects of the LOMs and to give 2 minutes each to present their project in front of 3 senators. We give points and the best project we give money/prize; we have to find money by sponsorship maybe. We will do it on the boat if the conference is happening, if not we will not be doing it online.

# 5. **ASE Connecting People**

- a. Business & Mentoring Database
  - **(TS):** Our website is showing what work we have done so far. But I think we need to update our website because our site is not secure.
  - (RD): I have asked the person who has created the website Doris Zeeman years ago, to bring it from http to https. She promised to do it, I will ask her again.
  - **(TS):** Each time you click the link it takes long time to load. That is not so a big issue, technical detail. So otherwise the senators who are willing to support us and working as a mentor, they can go the website and fill in the information.

What also very important is that we can have feedback. At the moment there is no place to write down the feedback. People who are trying the site should be able to give us feedback if something is missing or not working so the host can get it to improve it.

**(RD):** There was a feedback page but I have disactivated it because all we were receiving was porn website messages. Maybe with https would be again possible to open the feedback page.

(TS): It is important to collect data to see if it is working.

### b. Mentors of the year

**(LU):** We will have tomorrow the second meeting of the mentoring and business teams 2021. We will try to link needs and the offers received. We are working step by step. We are receiving first answers.

(RD): We have these needs and business and mentoring offers. We have 17 answers without making any advertisement. Next step will be the put information database and we will ask people to fill in the google form. And maybe we will get hundreds of answers. What/how do we work with this big number of answers?

**(TS):** The data needs to be stored in our database and we need to have some programmer to work on it.

**(RD):** Maybe we must find a tool to store the data like CRM.

**(TS):** If we can't find anyone else within our organization, then we need to get this services program.

**(LU):** If we look for a system that links the answers automatically, we check it, we have found this system in Germany senate but we need to pay for this system and we don't have money for it, it is about 1000 Euros. I think that we must start working with this google form and if we get succeed and receive many answers than we can look for other options.

(FC): One suggestion; considered the first one was a pilot then see to how to scale it.

(RD): Do you have a program we can use?

**(FC):** The same I got also paid for it. I suggest; better start something do it as a pilot and later see what is needed.



**(TS):** It is very important when we start, we must start totally for the system that we can continue work or develop in the future. Can't start something that and say this is not good we will use an another one. We have to select the program which has a future and we can develop it. If the amount of this is too expensive, I can search from my site an Indian company and get some quotation.

**(LU):** I suggest that we start this as a pilot and let's see what happens and then we can look for the options.

c. Webinars & Masterclasses

From the database, we have requests and offers. We can/could match them and offer webinars to the people.

# d. **AMESA Cooperation** > RD

The contacts with AMESA president Shadi Izmiqna (Amman, Jordan) are good and the will to work together strong. We plan to cooperate on the database and the Mediterranean senators' summit.

e. Business cards & Videos > RDWe spoke about that earlier but did nothing till now.

f. JCI European Conference

(RD): Herbert told that they will decide on 15 of March if EC is happening.

**(MT):** German government is talking about extending the lockdown, my opinion is we should prepare an alternative for EC in case it is not happening. There are 800 registration at the moment and break-even is 1500.

(PB): We have to be planning a virtual meeting that is my view at it should be in June.

(PK): Can't we make a virtual meeting and change the constitution?

(DA): Is it possible to have a virtual meeting in the end of the June?

**(CV):** I can say in Denmark the authorities say the corporations/associations you can conduct online GAs. Maybe we can check with our registered office.

(MT): I know that Bo offered to organize a short senate weekend in Copenhagen for those who couldn't join the EC. I believe this offer would be valid anytime in June as well.

**(PK):** Are there any campsites open in Germany in June?

(MT): I believe they are but there are no showers or restaurants open. If you are allowed to travel of course, if the borders are not opened, that would be a problem.

(AF): I think that is the problem that if we can't go to Germany we can't go to anywhere else. We have to decide to have a virtual meeting in the end of June and see if anything changes to be able to meet somewhere in Europe. We have a Finnish meeting in 21-22 August in Tampere and maybe Crayfish in Sweden in August. Maybe we can meet after AGM there somewhere.

(RD): I think we can have an online AGM and meet after as Aud says during summertime somewhere if possible. We can ask Kevin Hin to allow us to use JCI online meeting tools.

**(PK):** Could we ask Monique in between if we can have online AGM regarding the Strasbourg law?

**(RD):** Yes of course.

**(CV):** There should be exemptions like in Denmark, it is normally not allowed but because of the situation it is possible.



(RD): I have heard some candidacies for the next years, Prague, Belgrade and Monaco are the candidates to organise the EPM. Moscow is candidate to organize EC 2024. Montreux is candidate to organize WC in 2023. Istanbul is candidate to organize a WC for 2020+. Bruges is candidate for EC2022.

(DA): JCI Russia will organize Europe-Asia business conference online in September.

# 6. **ASE Visibility**

a. Facebook, LinkedIn & YouTube channel

**(MT):** We are sharing content in many national senate pages by using Google or DeepL translators. LinkedIn is started up very recently and that is for more serious sharing.

(RD): YouTube channel is also opened for JCI European Senate and there are some videos now.

**(PB):** LinkedIn is already set up and there are now 3 members at the moment. I have given Max administration rights as well.

# b. Senate magazine & ASE Newsletter

**(PB):** As far as the senate magazine is concerned, I am working on my last one just now. I am hoping it would be printed at the end of this month and sent out hopefully next month. Mark will take over from me.

(MR): Thank you for inviting me to the meeting. I will be looking at the magazine and the format and also, I will be appointing an editorial team for the magazine because there are number of factors in creating it which are very intensive for work. We will have maybe some new features and would like to know what your expectations are in the future. I will come back to you with a plan when the next edition is finished.

#### c. Little King JCI

**(FW):** I had been in touch with the UN. Because they are preparing a decade for the indigenous languages for 2022. We can prepare as soon as the lockdown is reduced and there is a little more time for a good campaign for the Little King. As we have discussed earlier to get 1000 languages and I am still thinking that is possible. I was invited to the newly founded JCI book club which was amazing, people liked it. Now we have ambassadors in USA and in Russia. Dmitry has promised that he will bring 30 languages from Russia. I will prepare an article for the senate magazine, thank you Peter.

(RD): I will contact my AMESA colleague for the African and Middle Eastern languages.

#### d. Let's talk business

**(FC):** We have been doing ones a month meeting with a senator who has business experience we are planning to another one in February I am in contact with Robbert to arrange the next one. If you have a suggestion please let us know. We are trying to be diverse in terms of the countries we are not repeating countries at the moment.

### 7. Constitution & Legal

(RD): I have received signed constitutions from the board members I will get the last one



tomorrow. I will be sent them to Monique to Strasbourg.

### 8. Finances

(JP): Shares screen.

Budget and Actuals 05.20-04.21

ASE - Financials	2020-2021 /	Financial	Report

as of 31.01.202

period 01.05.2020 - 30.04.2021				Actuals 2020/2021				
Income	EURO	Expenses	EURO	Income	EURO	Expenses	EURO	
Annual Contributions	2'800.00	Webhosting (Operations/Domains)	50.00	Annual Contributions**	2'030.00	Webhosting (Operations/Domains)	37.82	
Interest	0.00	Business Cards/Badges	0.00	Advertising	0.00	Business Cards/Badges		
	1000000	Insurance of Chain	0.00	Sponsoring	0.00	Insurance of Chain		
		Website (funct. Change Requests)	0.00	Interest	0.00	Website (funct. Change Requests)	0.00	
		Banking Fees	150.00			Banking Fees	84.48	
		Board Meetings/Administration	400.00			Board Meetings/Administration	0.00	
		Admin: running costs of Ass.	50.00			Misc	56.00	
		Projects: establish/support NOMs	500.00					
		Projects: Setup or materials SIG	500.00			Projects: printing materials	0.00	
		Projects: Awards (WC2020)*	0.00			Projects: Senate Projects	0.00	
		Projects: Database (Bus.& Ment)	400.00			Projects: Little King	0.00	
		100 - 100 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0				Projects: Award for "Best member"	0.00	
						Projects: Senate Meeting@EC		
		Orphan Senators Access to ESM	300.00			10 A 10 CO A 1		
		Tax	0.00			Tax		
Total Income	2'800.00	Total Expense	2'350.00	Total Income	2'030.00	Total Expense	178.30	
					-	surplus / deficit	1851.70	
		surplus / deficit (regular operations)	450.00					
One-Time Efforts:		10 10 10 10						
Advertising	500.00							
Sponsoring	500.00							
revenues from PINs	100.00							
	4.0000000000000000000000000000000000000	surplus / deficit (incl. one-time)	1'550.00	Total income incl one-time	2'030.00	Total expenses (incl one-time)	178.30	
			2007/19/2007/20			surplus / deficit (incl one-time)	1'851.70	

Notes:
\* Early Bird congress card and travel up to Euro 1000 --> not used in 2020

 Balances as of
 31.01.2021

 Regular account
 7'528.63

 Savings account
 8'598.29

 Total fortune
 16'126.92



Overview Payments

ASE Contributions 2020/2021					as of	31.01.2021		
Country	Senators (2017)	Senators correct	Fee schedule	Invoice-No xxxx- 2020/2021	Amount	Payment	Income 2020/2021	Remarks
Belgium	790	790	501-900	1002	200.00			versendet 12.12.2020
Ireland	350	350	301-500	1012	170.00			versendet 12.12.2020
Italy	191	191	51-200	1013	100.00			versendet 12.12.2020
Liechtenstein	11	11	11-25		included in Fee of CH			
Lithuania	30	33	26-50	1014	50.00			
Monaco	41	41	26-50	1016	50.00			versendet 12.12.2020
Russia	60	61	51-200	1019	100.00			versendet 12.12.2020
Scotland	285	290	201-300	1020	150.00			versendet 12.12.2020
Turkey	153	170	51-200	1023	100.00			versendet 12.12.2020
Total	10139	9678		Total	3'100.00		2'030.00	

No senate org 175.00 Total Budget available 2'925.00

(JP): As you can see this is our financials. We have some positions like the projects establish/support NOM's maybe we can support Balkan countries. We have also database project some money is budgeted. Then we have the orphan senators it has been talked by the last meeting. We haven't budgeted the insurance for the chain yet, after the registration of the office is done, we can budget this as well. Also, we will minimize the banking fees after the registration. On the second page you can see the countries who haven't paid the contributions yet. Are there any questions or comments? (PK): About the orphan senators' online access to the magazine, we have decided that in our last meeting.



(JP): Yes, but I haven't received the bill yet.

(PB): I can easily send an invoice.

(JP): Ok, than I can pay it.

**(PB):** We have discussed for buying a professional meeting app like zoom, I think we should add the costs here as well. Also, the costs of the virtual AGM if we will have it. Someone designated should select the tool for the communication.

(RD): I would like to suggest that we talk about this and decide about it.

(JP): I will prepare some suggestions for the next meeting.

**(TM):** Hello, it is great to meet you all. I am supposed to take the part of Juerg Porro later as treasurer if elected of course. We have started working together already. Thank you all.

9. President's closing remarks & Closing of the meeting (RD): Thank you all for coming.