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COUNCIL OF ESTONIAN SOCIETIES IN AUSTRALIA

AESL meeting number – 22

Date 1.6.2020

Zoom meeting

Attending – Sirje Jogi, Ingrid Provan, Brigitta Velbri.

Guests - Martin Kurvits, Harry Ling, Sulev Kalamae

Start – 7pm.

Many thanks for city representatives who attend, meeting starting with issues to discuss with guests -

- Melbourne executive board needs a fourth member as a minimum, would it make sense, as we move towards non rotating executive in the future, to have the fourth member from amongst city representative? (No)
- Do cities reach their organisation members (and individual members)? (No)
- Future directions

DISCUSSIONS.

1. AESL Board Members – Melbourne executive has struggled from the start, within 3 years having had 12 members at various times (shortly 13th member to join) – and 9 of these members have left the executive.

It was after the January AGM when we lost 2 members, including chairman Lembit. This left only Sirje and Ingrid, but 2 is not an executive. We decided that we will find 2 new people and carry Melbourne term to end.

Discussion RE new members include thoughts what would make most sense and contribute most to the remainder of the term in Melbourne - 1. The generation who have been previously and are currently contributing in various areas – all have been asked already and they declined; 2 – new generation who have no experience or knowledge of AESL and have to join for the last 6 months only; 3 – if there was a chance to have other city rep as Melbourne committee member, coming with experience, consistency and starting the future direction that way.

Actions - we had Brigitta to join (new Estonian) who will have a specific task of setting up the annual booklet. Brigitta is generally interested in being involved and to know more of Estonian organised life in Australia. From July 2020 meeting we have the fourth member – Eric Nigol, with previous understanding of AESL and currently in work group of AESL Future.

2. Donations – AESL AGM January 2020 brought up the low donations amount and if enough has been done to reach individuals. Current meeting agrees that in the future this line of work may not be part of AESL. Currently the Donations Drives are written and published by AESL, but this is where it ends up. We have seen it published in Melbourne Teateleht. Individuals all over Australia do not receive our publications unless they are personally linked to AESL facebook page or enews. Unless cities work out how they reach their members, AESL has no chance.
3. AESL Future – Juho Looveer has sent 30.5.2020 material where the future committee is currently at – their recommendations to be sent out in June 2020 to AESL organisations to prepare for AESL constitution change.

Guests have left the meeting and board continue with regular agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE -

1. Incoming Tiiu Salasoo to cover Melbourne's Anneli Lill language course cost – approved.
2. Incoming – UEKN minutes 26.2.2020
3. Incoming – EKN (Canada) ja REL (Sweden) expressing disappointment in UEKN administration
4. Incoming – from Sulev Kalamae – enquiring about Australia's representation in Ülemaailmse Eestluse Koostöökommisjon (ÜEKK) – Sirje will make contact
5. Incoming – from Juho Looveer – AESL reform proposal and timeline – to be shared to AESL organisations. BIG THANK YOU TO THE WORK GROUP.
6. Outgoing to all organisations – April minutes, Donations invitation of May 2020.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

- 1/ 18/5/2020 Sirje Jõgi added as signatory to Aesl CBA Bank Accounts
Current signatories are Ingrid Provan and Sirje Jõgi
- 2/ 18/5/2020 Term Deposit set up for \$50,000 to mature 30/10/2020
(Funds transferred from Festival Account)
- 3/ Aesl Donations to 2/6/2020 \$556
- 4/ Reminders for 2020 membership fees now overdue to be emailed by 8/6/2020

ACTIONS -

1. UEKN phone meeting 20.5.20 – missed out as it was 3am Melbourne time. Discussed this with UEKN and they are to set up one-on-one meeting (probably not happening now due to events in the US). The main decision of the meeting was there will not be AGM in Estonia this year but the AGM will be done online.
2. Sirje posted on AESL FB page – language materials available for free to order
3. Sirje posted on AESL FB page re AESL city reps and Sulev Kalamae (Sydney), Harry Ling (Brisbane); Juri Tarmo (ex servicemen) responded
4. Sirje posted from ESTINST for young Estonians 14-10y of age – youth virtual days information, to be part of Global Estonian commission. Discussion topics - language and education, communication, cultural exchange and cooperation, economic opportunities and investment, moving to Estonia, etc
5. In April minutes we asked for all city newsletters to be sent to AESL email – no action as yet from cities. Email address where to send – aesl@estonia.com.au

FUTURE ACTIONS -

- to plan for extraordinary general meeting for August 2020 (Eric?)
- to write AESL greetings for Victory day for June 2020 (Sirje)