



Minutes of the General Assembly 08-11-2021

Maria Escudero-Escribano (Chair of the Society) initiated the general assembly, which was held in the University of Copenhagen, Universitetsparken 5, 2100 København Ø, Auditorium 4, with a possibility of participating online as well. 5 members participated in-person and 4 members participated via the online connection.

The agenda of the general assembly was the following (as stated in the bylaws):

1. Appointment of the chairman of the assembly
2. The chairman of the society presents the yearly report
3. The treasurer reports on the audited accounts
4. Election of board members, substitutes, and auditors
5. The chairman of the society presents the activity plan for the coming year
6. The treasurer presents the proposed budget and society dues
7. Any other business

Re item 1: Mogens Mogensen was elected chairman of the assembly. He noted that the invitation was sent out only 13 days before the assembly instead of the two weeks outlined in the bylaws, but as there were no objections to this delay of one day among the participants, he declared the general assembly valid.

Re item 2: The yearly report for the period 2020/2021 was presented by chair Maria Escudero-Escribano. There had been no activity, neither board meetings nor member arrangements.

In this period the board consisted of:

- Maria Escudero-Escribano (Chair)
- Mikkel Juul Larsen (Vice-chair)
- Sune Veltzé (Treasurer)
- Anne Hauch – withdrew from the board in April 2021
- Claudia Caviglia
- Xinxin Xiao
- Michael Josef Fleige (Substitute)
- Shuang Ma Andersen (Substitute)

and Yanet G. Bustamante is the Secretary of the Society.

The society consisted of the following members:

- 20 personal members
- 8 small companies/institutes with up to 10 electrochemists
- 4 big companies/institutes with more than 10 electrochemists

Re item 3:

The signed approved financial accounts for the period 01/09/2020–31/08/2021 were presented to the participants by Treasurer Sune Veltzé. The accounts had been approved by the auditors Torben Jacobsen and Anders Thygesen.

The accounts exhibited a surplus of DKK 14.520 for the year, in which there had been almost no expenses for activities. The accounts were approved by the general assembly.

Re item 4:

Three board members were on election this year: Anne Hauch (vacancy since April), Claudia Caviglia and Mikkel Juul Larsen. Neither of them accepted renomination, and thus three new candidates had to be found.

Paula Sebastián-Pascual (postdoc researcher at KU) and Nakkiran Arulmozhi (postdoc researcher at DTU), both present in the auditorium, volunteered for election. Substitute Shuang Ma Andersen, who were among the online participants, was asked to join the board, but she did not accept the invitation

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to become a board member at the moment. No other participants in the general assembly were willing to accept an election.

Paula Sebastián-Pascual and Nakkiran Arulmozhi were therefore elected board members for a three-year period, while the board chairman committed to sending a direct invitation to a suggested candidate for joining the DEF board.

Michael Josef Fleige and Shuang Ma Andersen were re-elected as substitute board members for one year.

The two current auditors, none of whom were present, had not been asked if they would accept renomination, and no other candidates had been contacted. Torben Lund was invited but he was not interested. Torben Jacobsen and Anders Thygesen were therefore re-elected as auditors.

Re item 5: Maria Escudero-Escribano presented the activity plan for the coming year. There are plans for a spring meeting and an annual meeting in 2022. The annual meeting can maybe be in a hybrid format.

The chairperson highlighted the need of inviting more interested groups and persons to join the DEF. Maybe some events can be online or hybrid so that more interested people within as well as outside Denmark can easily join.

Re item 6. The budget plan for the period 01/09/2021–31/08/2021 was presented by Treasurer Sune Veltzé. The income and expenses are very low since no annual meeting is organised in 2021.

The proposed budget implies unchanged membership fees at the following rates:

- Personal membership 150 DKK
- Small company/institute (<10 electrochemists) 1000 DKK
- Big company/institute (>10 electrochemists) 2000 DKK.

The proposed budget was approved by the general assembly.

Re item 7. Some ideas for activities were put forward by Torben Lund and discussed. Focussing even more on the green transition is seen as a good strategy for DEF.