



EUROPEAN SAILING FEDERATION

THE CONTINENTAL ASSOCIATION FOR SAILING IN EUROPE
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Dear friends,

Finally Coronavirus effects are stronger than anticipated and the pandemic is causing endless and wide-ranging disruption, including to EUROSAF plans. As informed on 11 March, the Executive Board decided to **cancel the physical meeting** scheduled for 28 March in Zagreb and replace it with a **conference call on 28 March 2020 from 0900 to 1200 CET** followed by an electronic general assembly convened according to article 13bis of the Constitution with an **electronic vote open from 31 March to 6 April 2020**.

Agenda

During the conference call the Executive Board will present the formal items listed in the enclosed Final Agenda and a debate will follow each presentation, as usual. The agenda, but item 12 (see further comments below), is limited to items that need a formal decision during the first four months of the year. The conference call will tentatively be organized as follows, at the discretion of the president:

1. **Welcome**: short address from the president.
2. **Roll call and apologies of absence**: identification round (name and MNA) from attendees.
3. **Nomination of scrutineers** (they must be Executive Board members): Pınar Coşkuner Genç, Timo Haß, and Marco Predieri.
4. **Report of the President and the Executive Board** (enclosed): short introduction and round of comments and questions.
5. **2019 Financial Report** (enclosed): short presentation and round of comments and questions.
6. **Report of the Auditors**: reading of the opinion and round of comments and questions.
7. **Decision on the approval of 2019 Accounts**: to be put to the vote.
8. **Decision on the release of responsibility**: to be put to the vote.
9. **Decision on the approval of 2020 Budget** (enclosed): presentation and round of comments and questions; the actual decision to be put to the vote.
10. **Appointment of Auditors**: Dusan Vanicky (SVK) stays for his second year and Miroslav Bjelajac (CRO) must be replaced, having accomplished his term; Yiannos Photiou (CYP) is candidate; to be put to the vote.
11. **Membership fees**: presentation of the proposal (to keep them as they are) and round of comments and questions; the actual decision to be put to the vote. The Executive Board plans to set up a Membership Fees Working Party to update the fee structure; the treasurer and a second vice-president to be part of the working party; shows of interest from three Members to be part of it will be welcome.
12. **Report of the Secretary General** (enclosed): short presentation and round of comments and questions.



13. **2020 Extraordinary General Assembly**: proposal to hold a physical meeting later in the year (see further comments below) and round of comments and questions; decision to be put to the vote.

14. **2021 General Assembly**: as decided in Istanbul last year the location will be in Budapest; the proposed date is to be put to the vote.

15. **Other business**: round of comments and questions; **bids for the 2022 General Assembly welcome**.

16. **Meeting close**: short address from the president.

As the relevant documents are enclosed too, the Executive Board plans to be short in its presentations and rather take in questions and comments from attendees. To give time to address all items and to have an orderly meeting, delegates are expected to speak once on each item, at the discretion of the president, to focus on the item at hand and to be concise.

Vote

All matters needing a decision, as noted, will then be collected in a single email as a set of questions and the email sent by the secretary general to the official email address of your Federation on 31 March. Example of question: "Do you approve the 2019 accounts sent on 18 March? Please state your response —> YES – NO – ABSTAIN." No response or responses different from those shown shall count as a null vote for the question at hand.

Three vice-presidents shall act as scrutineers of the vote and the whole process shall be monitored by the Legal Committee chair. Therefore the response emails from each Member shall be sent to the whole Executive Board and to the Legal Committee chair, just by using the "Reply to all recipients" option in your email program. Only the last email received from the official email address of the Federation **before midnight CET 6 April 2020** will be taken into consideration for the vote. The Executive Board expects to announce the results on 8 April.

Note that no vote will take place during the conference call itself, the vote being handled exclusively with the email system described above. Attendance to the conference call is not a prerequisite for voting. All Members shall receive the voting email and be able to vote. Emails not received from the official email address of your Federation will not be counted.

Technical

The conference call will be organized on **Microsoft Teams** platform. One delegate from each Member is expected to connect by clicking on a connection link sent to the official email address of your Federation. Please ask your delegate to contact the secretary general if they need further assistance and to **pre-register**.

2020 Extraordinary General Assembly

Note the Executive Board added item "12. 2020 Extraordinary General Assembly" to the original Agenda. This is to receive your opinion, both at the conference call and formally at the ensuing vote, about **holding a physical meeting later during the year**, maybe in September, once the current situation subsides. This would allow for the valuable second part of the Annual Meeting (presentations, projects, discussions, networking...) to take place. If a majority of Members agree to it, the Executive Board shall organize it, conditions permitting.



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2022 General Assembly

Bids for the 2022 General Assembly are welcome!

I look forward to sharing with you the achievements of 2019 and the projects of 2020 and to continuing our constructive discussion about EUROSAF goals, priorities, and projects in favour of sailing, in a spirit of friendship and respect, as always.

Best regards,
Josep M. PLA
President
EUROSAF