

NORWEGIAN-ESTONIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MTÜ (NECC)

50th MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING on 25.08.2016
at restaurant Korsten, Põhja pst.27a, Tallinn

Beginning: 15.30

Participants

Board Members:

Torfinn Losvik, Chairman

Helena Almqvist, Deputy Chairman

Jüri Ploom

Katrin Saar

Argo Saul

Christian Testman

Guest:

Paal Aschjem

At the minutes:

Ene Aschjem, secretary of the meeting

Apologies:

Martin Pedersen

Ivars Kapitovics

Agenda:

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Discussion of the items on the Agenda

A For Review and Approval

50.1 Confirmation of the legitimacy of the meeting

With 6 out of 8 Management Board members present, the meeting was legally able to adopt decisions.

50.2 Welcome, addresses and introduction

Chairman of the Board greeted the members of the Board and made a brief overview of the items on the agenda.

50.3 Signing of the minutes of the last meeting

Earlier minutes were signed.

B For Resolution

50.4 Upcoming NECC Events

The following planned events' schedule was discussed and approved:

October 4 – company visit, DNB (decide upon the theme of the visit)

October 18 – Business Culture Seminar, a Team Norway event. Karin Ellis to speak about the Norwegians, a speaker from Kalev-Orkla to be confirmed (Argo Saul). Talentor Estonia, a recruitment company, to present factual information.

Entertainment – Katrin Saar to contact Comedy Club.

NO Theatre as a possible venue. Ene Aschjem to find out about availability and catering.

November 10 - President Ilves' Farewell Dinner. To be hosted by NECC and the other Nordic chambers. All Nordic ambassadors have confirmed their attendance. Workgroup to meet again August 31.

December 2 – Christmas Dinner at Ambassador's residence. Proposal - each company representative to introduce themselves in 30 seconds.

Some events for 2017 were discussed and dates agreed.

50.5 Board Working Groups Update

Presentation was made by Group 4 – Increased Advocacy on Topics Supporting Growth.

Workgroup 3 – External Communication/Profiling - has met its goals as stated in the report of June 14, 2016.

All the reports of workgroups will be compiled into NECC's strategy document.

50.6 NECC Awards 2017

To be renamed as Norwegian Business Award. It was agreed that the Awards' event and the AGM shall take place on March 30, 2017.

In the light of the morning news re. merging of DNB and Nordea we need to confirm DNB's dedication to carry on with the project and Hedwig Meidra's availability as the project leader.

50.7 NECC Executive Director

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman have interviewed 8 high level candidates to the position. A summary and a shortlist of 3-4 candidates to be presented to the Board. The next interviews on September 5 are open to all the Board members and will be made over the Skype for the Board members who are not able to attend.

Chairman and Deputy Chairman to make the final decision and keep the Board informed of progress.

A member of the Board raised the issue whether NECC needs a full-time Director, however, the rest of the Board was united in the Board's decision made in the previous Board meeting that NECC Board wish to employ a full-time director (Point 49.9 in Minutes from the Board meeting held 14 June, 2016).

C For Information

50.8 Status on other planned events where NECC is represented

September 2 – Traditional Luncheon meeting with the Prime Minister Rõivas (AmCham)

September 20 – Nordic Business Luncheon (EAS)

November 11 – Investor Summit (all the Chambers of Commerce in Estonia)

November – PÖFF film event – the date and other details to be agreed (Nordic Chambers)

50.9 Cooperation Possibilities w Estonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JP)

Jüri Ploom has had conversations regarding the Estonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and concluded that there are no clear cooperation possibilities at this stage between our two chambers.

50.10 NECC Website status

The website is updated and functional since July 2016. All the Board's proposals and ideas have been incorporated.

50.11 AOB

There were no issues.

50.12 Next meetings

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 17, 2016.

50.13 Closing remarks

Thereafter the agenda of the meeting was exhausted and the meeting was terminated.

Signatures of all participating Management Board members are available on the first page.