

Annual General Meeting 2021 Minutes

Online via Zoom, 27.03.2022

1. Presidential Address: Welcome and Opening Remarks

President Bowen Tang opened the AGM at 17:00.

2. Election of the Chairperson & Secretaries of the meeting

Chairperson: Sara Kwekkeboom (the Netherlands)

Approved; no objections.

Secretary: no volunteer

3. Election of two inspectors of the minutes and vote counters

Minutes Inspectors and Vote Counters: Claire Sabler Landesmann (EFHOH) & Keegan Noxell (Canada)

Approved; no objections.

4. Stating the Members of IFHOHYP incl. new/dissolved members

| Organization Name | Country |
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| Academy of Sports and Education for Deaf of Tunisia | Tunisia |
| Aures Foundation | Georgia |
| Bangladesh Hard of Hearing Association | Bangladesh |
| Bekol | Israel |
| Bundesjugend – Verband junger Menschen mit Hörbehinderung e. V. | Germany |
| Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHHA) | Canada |
| Czech-Moravian Union of the Deaf | Czech Republic |
| FADCY | Russia |
| Happy Faces Association | Turkey |
| Hard of Hearing Group Philippines | Philippines |
| Høreforeningen | Denmark |
| İsitem Engelliler ve Aileleri Derneği (IED) | Turkey |
| Jugehörig | Switzerland |
| Kuuloliitto Ry | Finland |
| SHRUTI | Nepal |
| SH-Jong | The Netherlands |
| SUITA | Poland |

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| Svenska Hörsselförbundet R.F. | Finland |
| Uganda Federation for Hard of Hearing | Uganda |
| Unga Hörselskadade | Sweden |
| Voices of Silence | Armenia |

Total: 21 Member Organizations

5. Stating the Delegates of the Meeting

| | Full Name: | Country: | Name of Organization: | Representing Organization as: |
|----|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Tatia Datashvili | Georgia | Aures Foundation | Delegate |
| 2 | Emir Music | Germany | Bundesjugend e.V. | Delegate |
| 3 | Tasha Cox | Canada | CHHA | Delegate |
| 4 | Ida Hansson | Sweden | Unga Hörselskadade | Delegate |
| 5 | Camilla Mattjus | Finland | Svenska Hörsselförbundet | Delegate |
| 6 | Joana Marie Leoveras | Philippines | HOHGP | Delegate |
| 7 | Fanni Heikkinen | Finland | Kuuloliitto Ry | Delegate |
| 8 | Nima Sen | Turkey | IED | Delegate |
| 9 | Kevin Wieser | Switzerland | Jugehörig | Delegate |
| 10 | Maria Skoczyńska | Poland | SUITA | Delegate |
| 11 | Stuart Cyprian Higenyi | Uganda | UFHOH | Delegate |
| 12 | Elen Sargsyan | Armenia | Voice of Silence | Delegate |

6. Verifying the Authority of the Meeting

The AGM has a quorum with 6 board members, 12 delegates and 34 observers.

Approved; no objections.

7. Approval of the Agenda of the Meeting

Approved; no objections.

8. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM 2020

Approved; no objections.

9. Presentation of the Annual Report 2021

Bowen Tang presented the report.

Summary:

- Webinar “*Remembering, Reimagining, Rebuilding: Life after late deafness*” with English and Spanish subtitles (March, 6th 2021)
+ A certificate for our strong participation on World Hearing Day 2021 from WHO
- Presentation on the United Nations “*Power of community and peer support in navigating access and inclusion*” (June, 15th 2021)

- Language summit to look at how to communicate with each other using our native languages (July, 3rd 2021)
- First online Study Session “*Advocating for our Rights Through Leadership*” (5th-9th July, 2021)
- Virtual Summercamp 2021 “*Hear the World: Share, Inspire & Interact*” done by the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (August, 12th-14th 2021)
- Joining Cochlear Implant International Community of Action (CIICA) - an advocacy group focusing on raising awareness and resources for cochlear implants
- Representation at several public forums on accessibility and giving out information about HoH people in the civic platforms
- Highlighting successful actions by member organizations and presenting them with a certificate of recognition.

10. Presentation of the Financial Report 2021

Treasurer Mikael de Vries presented the report.

No membership fees for the year 2021 were collected due to the pandemic, also there were no expenses last year and there was a small profit.

11. Presentation of the Auditor’s Report

Jonathan Elebjörk Wahlström (Sweden), the 2021 Auditor, was not available to present the Auditor’s report which he prepared earlier, Bowen presented it.

Jonathan concluded that the Board has done what was expected by them in a way it was sufficient. The Board worked on their banking issues and budgeting as requested in the last years. They need to continue this to apply routines for the overview of the accounts. He recommends that the financial statement should be approved by the membership. He also suggests separating discussions from decisions in minutes from the Board Meetings to make the difference between those clear. He does suggest to the Board that to find a solution for digital minutes: it has to be signed by the secretary and president according to the IFHOHYP constitution.

12. Approval of Annual Report, Financial Report and Auditor’s Report

The Annual Report was approved; no objections.

The Financial Report was approved; no objections.

The Auditor’s Report was approved; no objections.

13. Election of the Officers of the Board

Secretary

Nominee: Paulina Lewandowska (Poland)

Elected by a majority of votes for the position of secretary

Treasurer

Nominee: Mikael de Vries (the Netherlands)

Elected by a majority of votes for the position of treasurer

Board Member

Nominees: Kave Noori (Sweden), Joanna Camille Chio (Philippines), Micheal Balibali (Uganda)

Kave Noori and Joanna Camille Chio were elected with the highest number of votes for the position of board members

Vice-Board Member

The Vice-Board Member position was open at the AGM.

Since Micheal Balibali was not selected as a Board Member, delegates openly voted for him for the position of Vice-Board Member.

Micheal Balibali was elected by a majority of votes for the position of Vice-Board Member.

14. Election of the Auditor 2022

Jonathan Elebjörk Wahlström (Sweden) was nominated.

Approved; no objections.

15. Confirmation of Committees

Continuing and outgoing committee members were presented a Certificate of Appreciation for their contributions to the work of IFHOHYP.

16. Presentation of EFHOH

Lidia Best, President of EFHOH, presented EFHOH's current activities, vision and future plans (e.g. European Union project), collaborations with other organizations and groups (including IFHOHYP)

17. Support for Ukrainian hard of hearing

Lidia Best, President of EFHOH, mentioned efforts in providing support to the hard of hearing people in Ukraine in partnership with the Polish association.

IFHOHYP will look at how we can contribute to the cause - the Board will make a donation on behalf of all of our members and that amount will be determined at the Board meeting.

18. Deciding on Motion of Individual Membership Fees

Approved; no objections.

19. Deciding on acceptance of the Budget 2022/23

Presented by Mikael de Vries, Treasurer.

Approved, no objections

20. Deciding on acceptance of the Work Programme 2022/23

Presented by Leonie von Berlin, Vice-President

Approved, no objections

21. Future planning:

Study Session – August 22nd to 27th 2022, Budapest

Summer Camp Reunion – August 26th to 28th 2022, Budapest

Virtual Town Hall – Fall 2022

Annual General Meeting – Spring 2023, Uganda?

22. Closing the Annual General Meeting

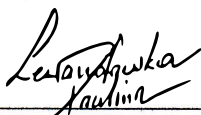
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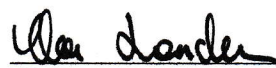
Sara Kwekkeboom, the Netherlands
AGM Chairperson



Keegan Noxell, Canada
AGM Minutes Inspector



Paulina Lewandowska, Poland
IFHOHYP Secretary



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