

**BSC Presidium Meeting
1 April 2009**

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Venue Sabro Kro, Århus 1 April, 2009

Participants

Members

Substitutes

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1 § Opening Session

The president opened the session which all very welcome to the presidia meeting.

2 § Adopting the Agenda

The discussion should focus on:

Final decision

The Executive Committee Meetings – lessons learnt models for the future.
The General Assembly in Visby May 10-12th
Content of the Annual Report 2008-2009
BSC short list of candidates to the position as CPMR Secretary General

3 § The Executive Committee Meetings – lessons learnt models for the future.

- All present expressed a concern of the difficulty of gathering enough Executive Committee members to establish a board that is competent of making decisions.
- To set the number and dates – for coming meetings – what would be the optimal solution, all meetings appointed for a year ahead or just a few meetings at the time.
- Model for meetings; should there be noon-to-noon meetings or full day meetings.
- How and when shall the meetings be advertised and material made available?
- Making the meeting more purposeful.

Final decision

- Out of the ten present members of the board three are no longer in office. As for the substitute the situation is the same. The situation threatens to jeopardise the boards' possibility to muster board meetings competent of decision-making in the future. The presidium decided to suggest to the General Assembly in Visby an amendment of

the Statutes 4a to be reading: *“The Executive Committee is capable of decision if one third of the board’s members, or member substitute, are present. The group should include at least the president of one of the vice presidents.”*

- The presidium decided that BSC shall aim to have four meetings a year. The ideal is that the members of the board get back with their calendar for the year ahead in order to avoid collision with important regional meetings. President Liljeström will call all board members to a short meeting in Visby to set the date and location for the first Executive Committee meeting after the summer. At this meeting the coming three meeting dates and locations should be decided.
- For work efficient the noon-to-noon meeting formula has been efficient. However the Presidium decided that the board have to be flexible and let the location decide what would be the best solution. General speaking locations fairly easy to access could keep the present model while more peripheral locations be better served by a full day meeting.
- Executive Committee meetings should be advertised in “capital letters” not to disappear in the mail-flood. The documents should be at the hand of the board members, via mail, a week prior to the meeting. The documents will also be available on internet.
- Today, as will be in the future, a part of the board meeting a part of Ex Com meeting need to be sessions of pure “decision making” to have the organisation moving forward. The format of the Oulu meeting – presenting a special theme matching an event, a work group theme or policy line – should be repeated. To the meeting members of the work groups, a suitable contact from CPMR or external speakers could be invited.

4 §

The General Assembly in Visby May 10-12th

The programme and agenda of the General Assembly meetings were presented.

Final decision

The following amendments were agreed:

- The word “Studdy Tour” should be reentered together with the text in the headtitle of the programme for Sunday.
- The heading of the General Assembly should be in larger print than now

As for the Agenda of the General Assembly the following changes were made:

- The bullet point “The election of a new Secretary General...” Shall be called “Information on the present process of the election...” and the bulletpoint should move down to be a subheading under “Any other Business”.

The Papers that should have been presented at the General Assembly will not be ready. Cooperating with North Sea Commission, that have their GA in June, mean that we will have nothing finnishe for our GA.

In place of the the President and Presidium decided that we shall add some speakers to the programm:

- The WG for Transport, Mecklenburg Vorpommern, should be asked to give a short presentation (10 minutes) of the result of our answer to the TEN-T green book. The presenttion will be made prior to the fpoint were the BSC GA shall make their formal adoption of this paper.
- Mr Kari Alto, Oulu Region, should be approach to see if he is willing to make a short prentation (10 minutes) on the work done in Oulu Region regarding the Northern Dimension and Barents co-operation. This should preceed the Presidents presentation of the BSC Action Plan for 2009-2010 were the Northern Dimension and Barents co-operation heve been lift in to focus.

Mecklenburg Vorpommern shall emidiatly bee approach to secure if they are still prepared to present their regions as the host for the 15th General Assembly of the Baltic Sea Commission in 2010.

5 § Content of the Annual Report 2008-2009

The content of the Annual Report for 2008-2009 was examined. The following amendments were decided by the Presidium:

Final decision

- A "first page" should be added with the greeting from the President and a photo.
- On the section "BSC & Consultations" the first bulletpoint shall be revised to read:
 - Baltic Sea Strategy
 - BSC arranged and was the co-host of the Baltic Sea Strategy round table on environment in Gdansk, together with European Commission (DG Regional Policy), Marshal of the Pomorskie Voivodeship (Poland), the Office Committee for European Integration (Poland)
 - Active participation in all of the four round table sessions of the Baltic Sea Strategy.
 - followed by the rest in the document.
- Insert the section "visibility" used last year to highlight the events in which BSC took a more active part as speakers.
- Editorial changes in the tables of activities past- and coming.
- Table of finance:
 - page 18 – Make the font of the year larger
 - page 20 – budget – add word "outcome above the years
 - Change the word BSC "administrative" fee to Membership fee.
- The still outstanding debt for some regions estimating from the fiscal year 2006 shall be reset to 0 in the budget of 2010 unless paid by then.
- Section planned activities 2009-2010 shall be reedited and a section about the BSC input to the Baltic Sea Strategy added as an example of the field of topics that we will focus in 2009-2010.

6 § BSC short list of candidates to the position as CPMR Secretary General

Final decision

The President, unable to attend herself, have delegated to vice president Poul Müller to represent the BSC at the selection committee meeting in Brussels, April 3rd when the first pre-selection of candidates to the post of Secretary General for the CPMR is to take place. The Presidium performed a three step selection to finally have a short-list of candidates

7 § Closing the Meeting

The meeting was closed. President thanked our host for an excellent arrangement and the presidium members for a very good and efficient meeting.

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