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|  <p>CPMR BALTIC SEA COMMISSION</p> <p>TOP OF EUROPE</p> | |
| <p>15th General Assembly Rostock-Warnemünde, Mecklenburg Vorpommern (Germany) MINUTES May 28th 2010</p> | |
| Time | <p>28 May 2010 08:30 - 09:00 Registration 09:00 - 12:00 General Assembly meeting</p> |
| Venue | Hotel Neptun, Rostock-Warnemünde (GERMANY), "Bernstein" hall |
| Roll Call | <p>Present Regions: Uusimaa, Itä-Uusimaa, Kymenlaakso, Päijät-Häme, Osterbotnia, South-West Finland, Stockholm, Blekinge, Gotland, Gävleborg, Norrbotten, Skåne, Västerbotten, Västragötaland, Västernorrland, Örebro, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Klaipeda, Central Denmark, Nordland, Podlaskie.</p> <p>None present regions: Oulu, Åland, Southern Denmark, Hiiumaa, Pärnumaa, Saaremaa, Ida-Virumaa.</p> |
| 1 § | <p>Opening The Session Speech</p> <p>Ms Christel Liljeström, President of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission Opend this, her last, BSC General Assembly in the same region, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, were she took part in her very first BSC meeting.</p> <p>President Liljeström thanked Mr Sellinger and region Mecklenburg-Vorpommern for the excellent arrangement and all the excellent contributions BSC receive from Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.</p> |
| 2 § | The Agenda Was Adopted |
| 3 § | <p>Mr Erwin Sellering, Minister-President of the Land Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Welcome to Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. Mr Sellering said that since the fall of the iron-curtain the Baltic Sea region is once again a link between the countries in our macro region. He stressed the importance to cooperate, bringing the voice of the regions to Brussels. For Mecklenburg Vorpommern transport, tourism and new industries have a high priority. Mr Sellering also thanked Ms Liljeström for all her committed work for BSC.</p> |

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| <p>8 §</p> <p>Final Decision</p> | <p>Election Of President & Vice-Presidents <i>Appendix 5 – BSC Statutes 2008</i></p> <p>The Swedish member regions nominate Mr Erik Bergkvist, Region Council of Västerbotten, to the post as BSC President 2010-2012. The nomination was supported by the Finnish member regions.</p> <p>Mr Erik Bergkvist, Region Council of Västerbotten (SE), was elected new BSC President for the period 2010-2012.</p> <p>Ms Marjatta Vehkaoja, Osterbotnia was nominated by the Swedish member regions as a new BSC vice president.</p> <p>Mr Tapio Valinoro, Kymenlaakso, nominated Mr Toomas Kivimägi, Pärnumaa to the post as BSC vice president.</p> <p>New BSC vice-presidents for the period 2010-2012 are Ms Ms Marjatta Vehkaoja, Osterbotnia (FI) and Mr Toomas Kivimägi, Pärnumaa (EST) .</p> |
| <p>9 §</p> <p>Final Decision</p> | <p>BSC Executive Committee Members 2010 - 2012</p> <p>Denmark: Will give the name of their representatives as soon as the formal decision have been made.</p> <p>Germany: Mr Wolf BORN, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D) Mr Dr Barnert MERTEN, Mecklenburg- Vorpommern (D) - Substitute</p> <p>Estonia: No names have been given.</p> <p>Finland: Mr Harri HELMINEN, Kymenlaakso (FI) Ms Tytti TUPPURAINEN, Oulu Region (FI) - Substitute</p> <p>Lithuania: Names will be given as soon as the situation in Lithuania is clear.</p> <p>Norway: Mr Arve KNUDSEN, Nordland (N) Ms Maj VALLE, Nordland (N) - Substitut</p> <p>Poland: Mr Jaroslav DWORZANSKI, Podlaskie (PL) Mr Michal PODBIELSKI, Podlaskie (PL) - Substitute</p> <p>Sweden: Ms Annika ANNERBY JANSSON, Region Skåne (S) Ms Inger LINGE, Region Stockholm (S) - Substitute</p> |
| <p>10 §</p> <p>Final Decision</p> | <p>Nomination And Election Of The BSC Secretariat And Executive Secretary <i>Appendix 6 – BSC Statutes</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Appendix 7 - The BSC ExCom Nomination to the BSC Secretariat/Secretary</i></p> <p>Region Uusimaa (FI) is willing to host the BSC secretariat for 2010-2012.</p> <p>The BSC Secretariat will be located in Region Uusimaa (FI), with Mr Janne Tamminen as the new Executive Secretary as of January 1, 2011.</p> |

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| 11 § | <p>The Örebro Regional Development Council (SE) was welcomed to the BSC. Mr Bo Rudolfsson gave a brief presentation of his region, stressing their interest in transport issues.</p> <p>Ms Asta Raugaliene, Klaipeda Region (LT) gave a short account of the situation were the regional level will not exist after mid 2010. Together with the CPMR Klaipeda is looking in to possibilities to remain as a member in CPMR/BSC.</p> |
| 12 § | <p>Candidate To Host the Baltic Sea Commission General Assembly 2011</p> <p>The 16th BSC General Assembly will be held in May/June 2011.</p> <p>The BSC is still looking for a host for the 2011 General Assembly.</p> |
| 13 § | <p>Any Other Business</p> <p>President Christel Liljeström, vice president Poul Müller and the Executive Secretary Anne Ståhl Mousa were all given many thanks for their good work for the organisation.</p> <p>President Erik Bergkvist thanked for the confidence. The President reminded of all the challenges lying ahead and how quickly the tide can turn. An oil-leak in the Gulf of Mexico, a crumbling economy in Greece, all will affect us and the world we are living in. There are also the smaller challenges of how to involve our members, how BSC shall could have an influence on the EU 2020 and the Baltic Sea Strategy, just to mention a few. Our mix of small and large regions make us unique as an organisation when dealing with macro regional issues. - By helping one-another we will be strong.</p> <p>President Bergkvist finished by thanking President Christel Liljeström for her dedicated work over the passed years and he also thanked vice president Poul Müller for his strong engagement for the BSC. Finally Mr Bergkvist thanked Executive Secretary Anne Ståhl Mousa for her excellent work as the BSC secretary and said that Ms Ståhl Mousa would remain with the BSC as a part of the Presidents office.</p> |
| 14 § | <p>Closing The 15th General Assembly Of The Baltic Sea Commission</p> <p>The outgoing President Christel Liljeström closed the 15th BSC General Assembly by thanking the hosting region Mecklenburg-Vorpommern for the, in every way, excellent arrangements. Finally she wished incoming President Erik Bergkvist good luck on his new post.</p> |
| Final Decision | The 15th BSC General Assembly was closed. |

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