



HEC Board Meeting 13-September-2014 (duration: 2hrs - 11:00 to 13:00 EDT)

The outcome of the Meeting is binding and final

Participants: (8) Eleni Bomi, Marios Chinas, Terry Dritsas, Anna Lawless, Stelios Manias, Nico Michael (11:30AM), Gus Stamatis, Thanos Voudouris,

Absentee: (1) Fotini Eleftheriadou

Abstainees: (1) Evangelos Rigos

Meeting – The meeting was conducted via GoToMeeting with live audio & video shared interface. The HEC EC convened today at 11:00 EDT.

Agenda –

A. Administration

1. Finances
 - a. Register 2014 to date
 - b. 3 accounts with Paypal
 - b.1-HEC
 - b.2-Invoices
 - b.3-Thraki
 - c. one account in Greece with NBG – no access
 - d. one account with FBNA – with Thanos
 - e. Fundraising Strategy for December 2014
2. Secretarial
 - a. Contact Person Thanos Voudouris (June 4)
 - b. Lifting of NoPost Suspension (July 21)
 - c. Status on Greece.org mailing accounts (E Bomis inactive)
 - d. Status on CoTeam List (May 27)
 - e. Status on WWII Document
 - f. Status on Classics Olympics
 - g. Status on Bookstore
3. Reports
 - a. PPA2 – Stelios Manias
 - a.1- Financial Report and Invoices
 - Excel sheet with wire transfer receipt, Tshirt receipt
 - a.2- site maintenance
 - b.3-Thank-you Letter
 - b.4- Local Contacts for media, live streaming, etc.
 - b. Social Media Report – Gus Stamatis
 - b.1- Article for Ethnikos Kyrex
 - b.2- Wikipedia
 - b.3- social media ranking for Greece.org (Aug.2)
 - b.4- HEC Presentation (pics and bios) (Apr. 8, May 7)
 - c. California Cultural Festival and Flyers (Terry)
4. Forum Guidelines
 - a. Moderators and Administrators
 - b. Postings (Ukraine July 25, Billis Aug 3)
5. Action List
 - a. Moderators and Administrators
 - b. What Direction?
 - b.1-Announcements (Aug 8 on Scholarships by Stelios)
 - b.2- Hellenic Professor Publications

B. Technical

1. SorBS Database (Apr. 23)
2. CMS and Joomla (Nico)

B. MINUTES

A1- Finances

ENR sent in an email to HEC Directors advising them that they have until Sept30/14 to communicate with the Bank Legal Advisor pertaining to the HEC account. Nick Giannoukakis a former EC member also advised Thanos on Sept 6 by email pertaining to a FNBI account. EC wishes to close the FNBI account and transfer to a bigger bank, either with Citibank or Bank of America. Regarding the account with NBG.GR, EC EC wishes to be informed on the account balance prior to any changes. Gus, Mario and possibly Fotini are the people available for the account in Greece.

Action item: Thanos is to communicate with both banks and inquire on the status of the accounts.

Balances from Paypal accounts were reported to EC.

HEC@HEC.GREECE.ORG (bookstore) balance \$ 282.63

INVOICES@HEC.GREECE.ORG (donations) balance \$ 341.59

(locked July 2014 after transfer)

Paypal@GREECE.ORG (for PPA2) balance \$15,246.08

FIBN balance \$ 6,667.08

No Fundraising strategy was discussed.

A2-Secretarial

Sections A2a)d) and f) pertain to the Classic Olympics Project which HEC prepared for, but which Project did not materialize. The domaine name has been purchased, which can be used for a similar group or sold. The work Lists have been set up, but are inactive.

Action Item: Open status. HEC EC can try to contact other organizations or groups with a similar interest and integrate them into the Project.

Section A2b) pertains to the lifting of the NoPost suspension imposed on E.N. Rigos on July 21. Communications with E.N. Rigos are broken and no permission was given to add him to the EC Mailing List. Stelios and Marios request that the letter to be drafted not be open-ended and that it stipulate that all efforts are for the good of Greece and HEC.

Action Item: A letter to be drafted requesting E.N. Rigos communicate his status with EC. Failure to resolve this matter will necessitate application of HEC By-Laws.

Section A2c) confirms that all EC Members may use a @greece.org mailing account, but that caution be exercised when using the corporate account. Thanos and Anna can facilitate EC Members to activate their accounts.

Section A2g) pertains to the HEC Bookstore. HEC has accounts with Amazon, CreateSpace, Bookstores in Greece and individual accounts with authors (Ms Eleni Gage and Prof Tzikas). To date the bookstore is not profitable and most books are no longer available.

Action Item: Open Status, to be reviewed.

Section A2e) was not discussed.

A3-Reports

Stelios gave a report on PPA2, which he deemed better organized than what the 1st was. Livestreaming of the event by NERIT added to the splendour. Expenses however, were higher and the organizers are in debt for 1395.00Euros. Aegean failed on their promise to include the PPA2 Announcement in their flying magazine and many hotel sponsors have yet to honour their pledge. Also, a change in elected municipal officials resulted in a pledge of 1000.00 Euros from the Mayor to be deemed unimportant and, thus, ignored. Stelios could not keep a record of all email contacts for people involved.

Lex and Fex took special interest in providing flags for the many groups, giving memorandum plaques and certificates, and over-paying for one radio station when NERIT was already streaming live.

2 Action Items: Stelios is to continue with maintenance of the Thraki page online and to prepare for the 3rd annual event. He is also to draft a letter to be addressed to Prof Georgiou and the two organizations of Lex and Fex in recognition of their efforts and hard work. The letter is to ask if any Resolution has been taken regarding the financial loss and how can HEC assist. The objective is to sustain the friendship with HEC.

Gus gave a report on A3b). The HEC Facebook account has more than 600 Likes and Followers. Once a week, in the very least, there is an item fw to all FB Friends, pertaining to Greece. HEC has no twitter account and LinkedIn.com is not popular for HEC.

The Wikipedia page needs a source outside HEC and any HEC site. Ethnikos Kyrex has not replied. We must ask our connections to write about us. An opportunity may arise when we start the next Fundraising Campaign. Thanos suggested that when we approach media or other organizations such as AHI to write about HEC, that we promise to reciprocate by creating a site for HEC Partners. Anna reminded EC Members of the Hellenic Circle which exchanges links.

Action Item: Nico will lead this Project. Everyone is to identify other organizations with similar goals and to build partnerships. EC Members are to fw contacts to Nico who will draft a standard letter to address on behalf of HEC. Terry is member with AHI and will speak to them

The HEC presentation is to be updated as needed and Stelios asks that the site be “revamped”.

Section A3c) pertains to the Trifold Terry printed and distributed at a cultural festival in California.

Action item: To be proactive and to print 300-500 copies of the Trifold at better price.

Section A4 and A5 are important for HEC. Anna informed that there are many spam, many unsubscribing and many hosts (msn, aol, hotmail etc) do not accept the dmark, an updated dmark required by many providers. Thanos specified this as a server problem.

There are no Moderators other than Ann right now. Prof Pyrgiotakis no longer volunteers and was only fluent in Greek when he did Moderate for Forum.

Action Item: Open for the moment and Anna is to fw Greek mail to EC for 24 hour approval. Terry and Mario both offered to assist, with Terry also offering to assist in List Moderation (and approval).

B- Technical

It is imperative HEC purchase a server, because it is difficult to manage the existing server as is. Thanos informed EC members that many applications are being run on the server which necessitate backup setups: windows, joomla, wordpress, lists and exchange server. Many of the software must also be updated. However, it is impossible to update the Msql and phb to a new version with the existing server. Stelios and Anna mentioned that this updating is non-stop. Also, updating Msql and phb now as the situation is, may not even work.

Gus inquired about Linux, which is stable and free. Thanos noted that it would not be easy to migrate the exchange listserv. The only solution is to purchase a new server and migrate all applications.

Stelios asked for Nico to take the floor. Nico explained that the current Msql has the local host by default, whether we have Linux or windows. This allows for hackers, so Technical must close this. Nico went into the database settings and was able to access folders with IP addresses. Subsequent to a request by Thanos, Nico will research further and report.

Nico continued his report by saying that Joomla is a security exposure. Thanos agreed, saying that he often has to do a global search and remove the viruses from infected files. Therefore, Php and JS are read only now.

Problem 1- The Drive C is full, because of the databases. There is no backup for a while now. Even if we migrate to Microsoft, there is still no space. A new server is needed, if only for the web site, and to continue the Mail and Listserve on existing server.

Everything in Msql and Joomla and Php have over 45-50 database files each. Joomla alone has 1000s of source files. Wordpress poses the least problems.

Gus asks for Nico to explain CMS. Stelios asked what happens if Joomla is off. Nico replied that no Joomla no Greece dot org. The only working one would be www.greece.org/hec

HEC is currently has a server at sysnet for approx. \$1000/yr. It is not a rack mount.

Anna took turn to mention that the mail.greece.org goes directly to @hec.greece.org. Mailing is a problem. Providers require dmark which must match perfectly.

Finally, Anna pointed to no paypal account on homepage and the one for fundraising does not accept all countries.

The comprehensive nature of the report from Technical prompted Stelios to ask Nico to put his report in writing.

Action Items: Mail systems is an open matter, to be examined more thoroughly.

Nico is to submit written report of what is needed.

Thanos will correct the paypal link.

In conclusion, Stelios mentioned he was pleased HEC is again working together and Gus reminded EC Members on the imperativeness of procuring a new server soon.

Respectfully submitted,

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