

HEC Board Meeting 10 June, 2017 (duration: 1hr) Time: 12:00 EDT. (-3 PDT, +5 UK, +67SA, +7 GR & CY)

# The outcome of the Meeting is binding and final

Participants: Anna Lawless, Thanos Voudouris, Nico Michael, Terry Dritsas, Marios Chinas, Eleni Bomis, Stelios Manias, , Gus Stamatis

**Absentees:** Athanasios Sarantopoulos, Kyriakos Kostarelos, Gus Stamatis, Fotini Vasiliou, Ioanna Katsavria **Meeting** – The meeting is conducted via GoToMeeting with live audio & video shared interface. **Resources:** 

- HEC Administration: <u>http://www.greece.org/hec/admin/</u>
- Board Meeting Minutes (text/audio-video): <u>http://www.greece.org/hec/admin/minutes/</u>
- Working documents: <u>http://www.greece.org/hec/admin/work/</u>

#### \*\*\*This meeting was voluntary and we discussed technical issues\*\*\*\*

#### From previous meetings.... Below...

#### Discussions

Anna- expressed concerns about access and DNS – This issue is yet to be resolved with sysnet.

Thanos – will communicate with new people Ioanna and Kyriako, Athanasios, Fotini

- Terry see if we can add a 3<sup>rd</sup> director
- Eleni will have more available time to work through the summer elaborated for work with Ioanna and kyriako Fundraising will start the fundraising after we have a solid web access with the new servers

New VMs – According to sysnet we will have the VNs next week

Nico – send meeting invitation to: nico@greece.org

Ideas - All should send new ideas and proposals and get ready to discuss on the next meeting

EC – active/inactive EC members (this is not a disciplinary action)

Greece – see how to approach for providing help to Greece... books etc... find an organization in Greece and initiate cooperation

### Agenda & Meeting Minutes of 10Jun2017 (Action Items in Yellow/Red)

- 1. Introductions Each participants 1 minute
- 2. Fundraising and HEC Executive Summary document (Leader: Eleni)
  - a. Tech team will migrate the web to a new server, prior to start of the Fundraising
  - b. All will review and produce the fundraising letter
    - http://www.greece.org/main/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=1235
  - c. Eleni and Thanos will work to finalize the Executive Summary
- 3. Banking
  - a. Thanos BofA refunded some of the charges and gave us no-fee checking until Dec 2017
  - b. Thanos FNBI refunded all the charges and now offer us free checking
- 4. Technical
  - a. **Thanos** is working with Sysnet for a new VM to host the webserver.
  - b. Ehk.gr must be worked on
    - i. **Gus** will install a new theme and make it available to get feedback.
  - c. Content and a team to work on the site
- 5. Action Items (ALL)
  - a. Improve HEC communications with the Forum.
  - b. Bi-weekly, we should post an email highlighting our activities.
  - c. Start producing a Newsletter and publish it at least quarterly
  - d. Identify/classify tasks and assign people
  - e. Each task lead will produce a monthly report, which will feed into the Newsletter
  - f. Put down your ideas and send them to EC.
- 6. EC and participation
  - a. Ioanna & Kyriakos were invited to the meeting
  - b. ALL EC Members will look to see if we can identify potential individuals who could join HEC
- 7. Wikipedia
- (Leader: ? )

- a. Find a person to assign this task (Eleni will ask Kyriakos if he can do this)
- b. Write an article for Greek Herald in NYC about HEC (Who can volunteer for this?)
- c. Find legitimate approved links who mention our name
- d. Trim down our current draft text
- 8. Meeting Facilitator/Organizer
  - a. TBD
- 9. Open floor discussion
  - a. Public Relations (PR) (Leader: ?)
- 10. Open floor discussion
  - a. Nico- Concern about wordpress security
  - b. Put your ideas and send them to EC.

### Agenda & Meeting Minutes of 13May2017 (Action Items in Yellow/Red)

- 11. Introductions Each participants 1 minutes
- 12. PPA
- (Leader: Stelios)
- a. Stay in close touch with Dimitri, LEX/FEX for next year
- b. Assure them of our full support Stelios is in close contact.
- 13. Fundraising and HEC Executive Summary document (Leader: Eleni)
  - a. Thanos will identify a timeline leading to start of Fundraising
  - b. Eleni and Thanos will work to finalize the Executive Summary
- 14. Banking
  - a. Thanos BofA work on refund and no-fee checking
  - b. Thanos FNBI work on refund and no-fee checking \*DONE\*
- 15. Technical
  - a. **Thanos** is working with Sysnet for a new VM to host the webserver.
  - b. Ehk.gr must be worked on
    - i. **Gus** will install a new theme and make it available to get feedback.
  - c. Domains are due for renewal (Thanos & Gus)
  - d. Content and a team to work on the site
  - e. Update content on main website
  - f. Statistics are important

### 16. Action Items (ALL)

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- b. Start producing a Newsletter and publish it at least quarterly
- Identify/classify tasks and assign people
- d. Each task lead will produce a monthly report, which will feed into the Newsletter
- 17. EC and participation
  - a. Ioanna & Kyriakos were invited. Ioanna attended.
  - b. ALL EC Members will look to see if we can identify potential individuals who could join HEC
- 18. Wikipedia

(Leader: ?)

- a. Find a person to assign this task (Eleni will ask Kyriakos if he can do this)
- b. Write an article for Greek Herald in NYC about HEC (Who can volunteer for this?)
- c. Find legitimate approved links who mention our name
- d. Trim down our current draft text
- 19. Meeting Facilitator/Organizer
  - a. TBD
- 20. Open floor discussion
  - a. Public Relations (PR) (Leader: ?)
- 21. Open floor discussion
  - a. Nico- Concern about wordpress security
  - b. Put your ideas and send them to EC.

# Related to Item #3

EC in collaboration with TEAM LEAD Eleni Bomi & Team Members Ioanna Katsavria and Kyriako Kostarelo Also Andreas Andreopoulos will introduce a new project - cooperation

- 1. List of Hellenic Organizations (approx. 20 organizations)
  - a. Prepare one page cover letter
  - b. Executive summary to be mailed to Hellenic Organizations asking for funding and sponsorship
- 2. Who will sign and how
- 3. Who will mail hard copies
- 4. Use our Street Address as "sender"
- 5. Items to list in Executive Summary 2 to 3 pages to be placed online
  - a. Vision
  - b. Mission lack of innovation and equipment in fulfilling the Mission
  - c. Inspiration and membership link to members
  - d. Accounting link to accounting online
  - e. Summary accomplishments (link to online)
    - (Stem, wwii, PPA 4, classic Olympics, philosophers, ehk.gr and Greek team, etc plus Discussion Lists)
- The purpose is to have a complete Cover Letter & Executive Summary to be mailed to the contacts on the List of Hellenic Organizations asking for financial assistance.

#### Agenda - Previous (Open Meeting)

- 22. Introductions
- 23. Earlier than 2pm is better, but we are trying to accommodate Eleni who is working until 2pm. We will further discuss the time of the meeting during the month.
- 24. Nico explained the database backup and shoed us where the files and the scripts are located.
- 25. Terry brought up the participation issue and discussed methods of expanding the EC, as well as taking action for those who do not have the time to participate.
- 26. Nico suggested to invite people to work for projects and then, based on their participation, we invite them as observers to EC prior of offering a position.
- 27. Nico suggested "observers"... not participating but show much time they have on their hands.
- 28. Thanos suggested to engage with our members who have expressed interest.
- 29. Thanos will get a list of people who responded in the requests for Open Positions.
- 30. Eleni suggested to make our requests and communications at more personal level when we request as to what specific help we need.

The meeting was adjourned after at 3:30pm, one and a half our duration.

### **Completed (Accomplishments)**

- 1. PPA
  - a. Sent the money (\$2,500)
  - b. Get a letter of acknowledgement receiving \$2,500 from LEX/FEX (outstanding)
- 2. Wikipedia
  - a. Undeleted and started working towards the approval
- 3. WWII manuscript release
  - a. Completed and published <a href="http://www.greece.org/blogs/scholars/?page\_id=2535">http://www.greece.org/blogs/scholars/?page\_id=2535</a>
  - b. Fb Boost results
- 4. Databases
  - a. Organize databases, and remove (drop) old ones
  - b. Backup of joomla database each time there is a web content change

### Sprint 09-2016

- 1. Fundraising progress & strategy
  - a. FB and Social media progress
  - b. Need to concentrate on the HEC Executive Summary document and solicit grants
- 2. Public Relations
  - a. Executive Summary document
- 3. Servers Security & planning
  - a. Joomla and databases (ongoing)
  - b. Contact Sysnet for a new server

- 4. EHK.GR website
  - a. Install the new WP Theme
  - b. Engage with Members to find volunteer
  - c. Content needs to continuously being updated
- 5. Wikipedia (Βικιπεδια Ελληνικά)
  - a. Work on editing and submitting for approval of "Ελληνικό Ηλεκτρονικό Κέντρο"
- 6. Wikipedia (English)
  - a. Work on editing and submitting for approval of "Hellenic Electronic Center"

### Backlog

- 1. New Server
  - a. Add a new server to use as webserver
  - b. Keep the current one for use only as a mail server
- 2. Greece.org website
  - a. Content needs to continuously being updated
- 3. Banking in Greece
  - a. Open a bank account in Greece
- 4. Philosophy project
  - a. Contact Olivera, define project, coordinate
- 5. Cyprus Website
  - a. Engage and keep updating
- 6. Utilize Trelo

### Assignments – September 2016:

Anna – listserv support and mail templates Eleni – Continue administrative support, Lead PR team (Executive Summary document) Fotini – Update of the Samos project Thanos – Solicit inputs from EC for best meeting fixed time, Try to start using Trelo again Stelios – Database support, Get acknowledgement letter from LEX/FEX for the \$2,500 donation Nico – Databases backup Gus – Engage with Members to find volunteers for WordPress (ehk.gr) Terry – Continue with moderating lists Mario – Engage with Members to find volunteers and keep updating <u>www.greece.org/cyprus/</u> Thanasis – Bικιπεδια Jim – Wikipedia

### Assignments – August 2016:

Anna – listserv spam for AhepaD5 and other spam issues Eleni – Continue administrative support Fotini – Look for donations in Greece for Samos Thanos – Server website, Wikipedia, Will send a list of databases to Nico Stelios – Payment to PPA3. Fixed the db – needs to keep a record what and how was corrected) Nico – Will create a script for backup of databases Gus – Will work on ehk.gr to find a wp theme Terry – Forum moderation try to abstain from conversations..... Mario – Continue to work on Multimedia and Cyprus website Thanasis – No assignment

### Assignments – July 2016:

Anna – spam lists Eleni – Continue administrative support Fotini – Look for donations in Greece for Samos Thanos – HALC coordination for Hagia Sophia, contact Olivera Stelios – Look for PPA donations in Greece Nico – Will head a team for MySQL database backup – he will send me list of DBs Gus – Will work on ehk.gr to find a wp theme Terry – Continue Forum moderation Mario – Cyprus website Thanasis – Find if we can set up non-profit in Greece EHK.GR

# Assignments – June 2016:

Anna – update the Tech list Eleni – Continue working on the donation thank-you letters Fotini – Look for donations in Greece for Samos Thanos – HALC coordination for Hagia Sophia, contact Olivera Stelios – Look for PPA donations in Greece Nico – Will head a team for MySQL database backup Gus – Will work on ehk.gr to find a wp theme Terry – Continue Forum moderation Mario – Cyprus website Thanasis – Find if we can set up non-profit in Greece EHK.GR

Respectfully Submitted,

On behalf of Eleni Bomi Secretary