

84th UBC Executive Board Meeting, in conjunction with the XV General Conference

Kaunas, 15 October 2019

MEMO

1. The Board went through the programme of the General Conference.

2. Candidatures to the UBC organs.

The Board took note of the following candidatures to the UBC organs:

Executive Board:

- Kolding, Denmark
- Elva, Estonia
- Kemi, Finland
- Rostock, Germany
- Liepāja, Latvia
- Panevėžys, Lithuania
- Gdynia, Poland
- St.Petersburg, Russia
- Umeå, Sweden

Norwegian cities have not yet decided about the candidate city to the Board.

Presidium:

- Mantas Jurgutis, Deputy Mayor, Kaunas, for President of the Union
- Elina Rantanen, Chair of the City Council, Turku, for 1st Vice-President of the Union
- Piotr Grzelak, Deputy Mayor of Gdańsk, for Vice-President of the Union
- Vyacheslav Kalganov, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for External Relations, St. Petersburg, for Vice-President of the Union
- Jørgen H. Kristiansen, Councillor, Kristiansand, for Vice-President of the Union

Board of Audit:

- Marta Chełkowska, Director of Tourism Department, Pomeranian Region
- Roger Kaliff, Chairman of the City Council, Kalmar
- Maria Santana, International Consultant, Naestved

UBC Secretariat:

- City of Gdańsk

3. Proposal from Latvian member cities re amendments in the Statute.

City of Liepāja, on behalf of Latvian member cities, proposed amendments in the Statute concerning the number of Vice-Presidents and term of holding office in the Executive Board. The proposal was sent to the UBC Secretariat on 14.10.2019. The proposal is attached.

The Board took note of the proposal and commissioned the Secretariat to send out the proposal without delay to the member cities.

4. Proposal to continue the work of UBC Task Force on Youth Employment and Well-Being.

Matti Mäkelä, chair of the Task Force, sent a proposal to the Board to continue the work of Task Force.

In 2020 the TF intends to concentrate on three major themes as follows:

- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) Path for every child and youngster
- Basic Skills or Upgrading Pathways (youngsters with basic skills problems such as math, literacy, IT)
- Attractiveness of Vocational Education and Training

The TF plan of activities for 2020 is attached.

The Board accepted the proposal to continue the work of UBC Task Force on Youth Employment and Well-Being.

5. Introduction to Lahti European Green Capital 2021.

Saara Vauramo, Director, Lahti Green Capital 2021, informed that the City of Lahti was awarded the European Green Capital Award 2021 by the European Commission. Ms Vauramo presented activities and projects to be carried out in Lahti in 2021 within the frame of Lahti European Green Capital 2021. Presentation is attached. Ms Vauramo also informed about ECOCITY Forum Lahti to be held 9-11 September 2020. She warmly invited all UBC member cities to attend mentioned events in Lahti in 2020 and 2021.

The Board congratulated Lahti and encouraged UBC member cities to attend the European Green Capital and ECOCITY events.