

EMiL Committee Meeting Minutes – 12th July 2010

(To be approved by Committee)

Attendees – Petros Fassoulas, Mark Paterson, Richard Wassell, Hilary Naqvi, Aine McGuire, Catja Gaebel, Nick Lowe, Anna Arki.

1. **Apologies:** Chris Maddox, Alwyn Williams, John Preston, Del Hosain, Eva Eberhardt, Bryony Hoskins.

2. Last Meeting's Minutes

Approved

3. Results of AGM

The AGM approved the election of the following Office Holders to the committee.

Chairman:	Petros Fassoulas
Vice-Chairmen:	Aine McGuire (Liaison with Business Sector) Anna Arki (Liaison with Political Parties) Eva Eberhardt (Womens' Issues)
Treasurer:	Richard Wassell
Secretary:	Mark Paterson
Members:	Hilary Naqvi, Chris Maddox, Alwyn Williams, John Preston, Nick Lowe, Del Hosain, Catja Gaebel, Bryony Hoskins.

Following the elections the Committee decided to create the following posts:

- Membership Secretary
- Social Secretary
- Website Co-ordinator
- Schools Initiative Officer
- Research Project Co-ordinator

The intention is to allocate different portfolios to each Committee member in an effort to distribute more widely the work performed by the Committee and as a result improve its effectiveness and efficiency. The Committee discussed the different portfolios and PF has asked the Committee members for expressions of interest for all 5 posts.

4. Future Events

- **EMiL Social Calendar** – Thursday 15th Event cancelled.
- **EMiL Dinners with MEPS's** – EMiL will start organising regular dinners with London MEPs, inviting them to talk to our members about their respective work in the EP. JP is contacting all London MEPs, investigating their availability in the next 6-12 months.

- **Event with Romanian Embassy (October 2010 tbc).**
The Romanian Embassy has offered to host and sponsor an event on the benefits of free movement of labour in the EU and the experience of the enlargement countries. The event will feature speeches from the Romanian Ambassador, a German academic as well as a UK academic. More details to be announced soon.
- **Report on EMiL Premier League Event – A** very successful event, sponsored by the Premier League, was held on 18th June at the Hospital Club in Covent Garden. It had 40 participants and it was followed by a reception and the screening of one of the England World Cup games. EMiL is grateful to the Premier League for their generosity and co-operation.

5.0 Recruitment and Fundraising

The Committee agreed to charge the new Membership Secretary with the analysis of the EMMA membership database. We intend to determine the nature of EMiL's membership so we can make our communication with them more efficient and provide them with better services depending on their age, background and exact location.

Maximising subscriptions might moreover be the only way we can raise funds for HQ - given that we are now expected to do so but lack a fund-raising culture.

6.0 Communications and Members' Services - Update

- Website

The new website is up and running. There are issues with its speed which PF will investigate with the developer. As mentioned above the committee will be appointing a Website Co-ordinator to deal with the technical aspects of the website. A committee member will be appointed to be responsible for the regular updating of the website and a presentation is to be made to committee members on how to upload articles to the site.

- Facebook

Facebook group membership continues to grow and is now 140 members. Information on our events and activities as well as our newsletter is posted there, reaching out to users that are not necessarily members of EMiL or EM. Also event announcements have given us access to tens, even hundreds, of facebook users. Committee members are encouraged to post articles, views and commentary.

- Twitter

About 65 organisations, political parties, on-line news publications as well as private users are following EMiL on Twitter.

- **EMiL Newsletter** – July Newsletter to be issued this week.

7.0 Education Initiative

EMiL Research Group

The research project is proceeding well. The research group is continuing work with the intention of producing a first draft by the end of July. This project is focusing on the benefits of the UK's EU membership for London in the following contexts:

- Structural and cohesion funds
- Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
- Environmental Policies

The project will produce a 10-15 pages pamphlet to be published on-line this autumn.

8.0 International Activities

Next Eurocapitales Conference – 17-19 September 2010, Athens and Patras, Greece. AA and HN expressed interest in attending. An open invitation is extended to all EMiL members but numbers of attendees will be limited. Please contact committee members for details.

9.0 AOB

Cheque sent to the European Movement Head Office for £500 as EMiL's contribution.

Next Committee Meeting

Monday 20th September 2010 at 18.30. Venue to be confirmed.