

EMiL Committee Meeting Minutes – 15th February 2010

(To be approved by Committee)

Attendees – Petros Fassoulas, Mark Paterson, , John Preston, Anna Arki, Nick Lowe, Hilary Naqvi, Del Hosain, Richard Wassell, Catja Gaebel.

1. **Apologies:** Soon Yeng Chiam, Arjan Geveke, Chris Maddox, Aine McGuire, Alwyn Williams, Eva Eberhardt, Bryony Hoskins.

2. Last Meeting's Minutes

Approved

3. Future Events

Spanish Presidency Event

Date: Thursday 18th March.
Speaker: The Deputy Head of Mission, Ambassador Mr. Ramón Gandarias.
Venue: The Spanish Embassy
Registration: To be organised by an Intern at the EM Headquarters.

Event will discuss the priorities of the Spanish Presidency of the EU.

Details of the maximum number of attendees awaited.

EU Financial Supervision Event

Date: 15th April
Speaker: Sharon Bowles, Liberal Democrat MEP, Chairwoman of The Economic & Monetary Affairs Committee, EU Parliament.
Venue: Clifford Chances Offices in Canary Wharf.

Next Monthly Social: Thursday 18th February at 6.30 pm at the Royal Horseguards Hotel.

Current venue has served us well but, now that the monthly social is an established feature of our calendar, alternative venues can be considered. Suggestions were The Commonwealth Society, Northumberland Avenue, and the Prince of Wales, Villiers Street. The Royal Horseguards Hotel will remain the venue for our monthly social until an even better location is found.

4.0 Recruitment and Fundraising

In an effort to utilise the large number of people we have been getting access to through our events in the past few months PF will send a letter-e-mail to encourage membership/donations.

5.0 Communications and Members' Services - Update

- **EMiL Newsletter** – Articles for the next issue to be submitted by Friday 26th February.

- Website

The cost for the website design and implementation will be £250. Committee members to fund cost of such. PF and AW will be meeting with web-designer to finalise details on the new layout and operational system.

Once new site is in the place all visitors accessing www.em-il.org.uk (as well as the old domain www.cleg.org.uk) will be pointed to the new site.

- Facebook

Facebook group membership continues to grow and is now 120 members (from a starting point of 25 members 8 months ago). 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 35-40 organisations, political parties and on-line news publications are following EMiL on Twitter.

6. Education Initiative

Members of the Committee, as well as other EM members, continue to take part in talks and debates in schools across the capital.

7. International Activities

Next Eurocapitales Event to be held in Athens.

Closer links with EM branches in other EU and non-EU states to be encouraged. So far contact has been made with the Oslo and Cannes EM branches.

8. AOB

Banking Arrangements

RW stated documents needed to be completed for the new bank account for EMiL. The CLEG Bank Account will be eventually closed. MP and CG to act as second signatories. Second signatories need to visit a NatWest Bank Branch and produce two forms of ID, Passport or Driving Licence and one with the verification of home address. PF and MP to complete documents as Chairman and Secretary of EMiL.

RW to produce treasurer's report every two months.

AGM

Date: 14th June

MP to organise. MP to investigate the event being held in Horseguards Hotel and the National Liberal Club. PF to investigate Westminster or Portcullis House as possible venues. AA to investigate the EU Commission in London.

Next Committee Meeting

Monday 22nd March 2010