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ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Advisory Committee's role and missions

1. The Advisory Committee (AC) helps with the transfer of knowledge within FYEG and acts as a conflict resolution body.
2. Our mandate is to support the Executive Committee and other bodies of FYEG to ensure organisational knowledge is not lost after generational changes.
3. To avoid that the AC is interfering in the daily business of FYEG, the AC only gets active upon request by EC members of other Bodies of FYEG.

Advisory Committee's Members

Advisory Committee's Members are elected at the yearly General Assembly of FYEG and serve a 2 year term. Current members are: Markus Drake, Laura Carlier and Kim Van Sparrentak (elected in 2018); Zuzana Pavelkova and Maria Kola (elected in 2019).

ACTIVITIES

During our mandate in 2019-2020, apart from the follow-up of a resignation within the EC discussed in a specific report, the AC was following mainly the EC mailing list communication and did not notice any other EC/office conflict that required our involvement. EC and office were functioning well in terms of driving the successful completion of FYEG activities, given the unprecedented situation Europe was thrown in because of the pandemics.

This one year mandate the Advisory committee was requested for involvement by the FYEG Executive committee (EC) for the following matters:

1. Organisation of a study visit to prospective Member Organisations

The AC was contacted by the EC via email to provide some advice about how to organise a study visit to prospective Member Organisations, given two organizations were planning to apply for full membership at the GA. This request was answered by the AC via email. Some specific advice was given on how to proceed as well as to which preceding cases (and the associated reports) to refer.

2. Recruitment process for new Ecosprinter Editorial Board members (EEB)

Following the hiring of one the EEB member as an office employee of FYEG, the EC contacted the AC to provide advice about how to replace the EEB member, given the short timeline before the next GA and the lack of procedure in the IRP in such a situation. The AC backed the decision of the EC to open a call and proceed to a selection together with the EEB Editor in Chief. The EC as the second highest decision-making body in FYEG, that is delegated to handle the management of the Federation on a day to day basis, should be able to accept an EEB candidacy between two GAs. However, the AC would suggest to amend the IRP in order to clarify the procedure in such a situation.

3. Advice regarding MO delegates

On their own initiative, the AC suggested to the EC to be cautious about the admission of FYEG office members to act as delegates of an MO during statutory meetings (in this case the FYEG MO Forum), without interfering in any EC decision about this particular matter.

4. Finance management

The AC was asked by the EC in preparation of the FCC meeting to appoint one AC member to a task force with a mission of discussing long term finance management of FYEG's savings.

The AC answered positively.

5. Election procedure and voting system for the election of an EC member

Following a resignation, an election process for one new member of the EC was initiated. The AC was asked by the EC whether the voting system for this election should be STV or not, because there seemed to have been an oversight of the specific article of the IRP concerning the replacement of an EC member when the GA adopted the STV procedure for all elections within FYEG bodies. The inputs from AC members backed the EC decision to implement an STV procedure.

6. Moderation of the debate between candidates for the replacement of an EC member

Following a resignation, an election process for one new member of the EC was initiated. The Executive committee asked for moderation by an AC member of an online debate between the candidates which took place on May 3rd. The AC answered positively. The structure and organization of the debate complied with a fair treatment of all candidates.

CONCLUSIVE REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The AC stresses again on the remark it made last year about their actual opportunities to follow the EC/office conversations. Since EC and office are using a variety of communication channels and AC has access to only to EC mailing list, we want to bring to the GA's attention that the possibility for the AC to provide "a brief overview of the functioning of the EC and personnel" is based on monitoring the EC mailing list and relying (as per IRP point 2.5) on both office and EC to ensure that in case of conflict they will request AC to support them

for the particular conflict resolution. The AC is not able to build and maintain for itself a reliable picture of the relational dynamics between the EC/office members only by reading the emails on the EC list. At the same time AC is not capable, if granted access, to track all communication channels.

2. Since the situation of an EEB member needing to be replaced during a mandate happened repeatedly in the last two years without a clear procedure existing for this, the AC suggests an amendment to the IRP to be made for clarification of the procedure and timeline of election of an EEB (or any other FYEG body) member during a mandate following the resignation of another one.

3. Amend the articles in the IRPs regarding the election of a new EC member during the mandate replacing a resigning EC member, in order for them to be consistent with the rest of the IRPs regarding the voting system.