

Participants: Willem-Geert Lagemaat (WL), Lighthouse IP Group, President
Gert Frackenpohl (GF), INOM, Treasurer
Georg F. Schultheiss (GFS), Patcom Secretary

1. Approval of the Agenda

Approved with WIPO Symposium and EPO added under 7.

2. Approval of Summary of 12. PatCom Board Meeting Bonn

Approved.

3. Organisational and Work Issues

- Web Page, Non-Member-Links

The EPO link list has been checked and will be included into the Patcom link list (GF). The web page itself will stay with INCOM handled by Gert Frackenpohl.

GF will prepare usage data for the AGM. INCOM will no longer be member from August 2009 onwards.

- ExCo Members

The Secretary has contacted ExCo members and Patcom members by mail and phone. Armin Förderer, Willem Lagemaat, Pierre Buffet and Rob Willows will be candidates once more. Ann Chapman will be contacted by the Secretary.

Gert Frackenpohl may work for the Lighthouse IP Group and INCOM no longer will be member. If necessary GF will continue as Treasurer as a second employee from Lighthouse IP Group. If there is no opposition, the board proposes to keep the current board structure unchanged. Otherwise the ExCo and the AGM have to decide about a new Treasurer. Georg Schultheiss will continue work together with Willem Lagemaat as Secretary until 2012, if the AGM accepts. The ExCo has been informed about the Treasurer situation and shall decide until June 17, 2009.

For the ExCo at Paris there are not enough members available. Therefore the next ExCo will be on September 21 at Vienna. The Secretary informed Pierre Buffet by phone.

4. Financial Issues

- Balance Sheet

The Treasurer distributed the actual balance sheet. The Secretary will prepare a travel cost proposal for the financial year 2009/2010 based on decisions from agenda point 7. The balance sheet will be actualised. The EPO PIC booth will be requested

to ExCo (Secretary). If there are not more as 3 OKs within two weeks the Treasurer will not order a booth.

As the book-keeper changed beginning of June 2009 the results for 2006/2007 as well as 2007/2008 are pending. WL called the book-keeper. The material will be prepared for signing by the President and the Treasurer in Ilmenau.

NERAC has been contacted by WL but did not answer so far. Therefore Willem called Mike Mahoney. NERAC will cancel membership by 2007 and will pay 2007. 2008 will be credited.

- **Actual Situation and Situation in the next Period**

The actual situation shows a sufficiently positive summary. Next year the expenditures are as the income, therefore the board will be careful in spending money. All members are asked to propose new members to improve the income situation (see also agenda point 7).

- **Travel Restrictions of ExCo Members**

As there has been no requirement so far, the topic is cancelled.

5. Trilateral Issues

- **US (PIUG) and Japan**

WL has not been at the PIUG 2009 meeting. WL may visit Jim Burdett in Washington soon. From Japan we got no news.

- **Next Letter**

Still no next trilateral letter visible.

- **PatCom relevant paragraphs (proposals for ExCo)**

Not yet (see above).

6. PatCom Strategic Plan 2008/2009/2010

- **New Items for AGM**

No new items are recognised.

- **EC Public Sector Information Directive**

Willem will discuss this issue with Rob at Stockholm. EPO seems not to be the most important competitor. WIPO is seen as a more sensible issue! In any case a legal evaluation of the directive will be necessary.

The EC Directive has been checked by the Treasurer and the Secretary and respective remarks will be given to Rob Willows (cc. ExCo) by e-mail, who intends to check it legally by Thomson lawyers.

7. Meetings

- **EU**

No efforts (see above).

- **PIUG**

02./07.05.2009

Patcom has not participated in PIUG 2009.

- **PRV**

09.06.2009

The Patcom delegation will be Willem-Geert Lagemaat, Rob Willows and Georg F. Schultheiss.

- **Patinfo Ilmenau**

18./19.06.2009

Patcom will be represented by the board as Reinhard Schramm is retiring in June 2009. The Secretary will contact Reinhard for program details and inform Willem.

- **INPI**

25.06.2009

A representative of Minesoft, Gert Frackenpohl, Pierre Buffet and the Secretary will participate.

- **WIPO Symposium**

17./18.09.2009

Pierre and Rob will be Patcom observers. The Secretary shall be there, too. An internal summary of each breakout session and the two plenary sessions for Patcom members shall be given shortly afterwards.

- **ExCo, EPO**

21./22.09.2009

Next ExCo shall be at Vienna.

- **DPMA**

24.09.2009

An agenda proposal has been discussed and will be distributed to all potential Patcom participants and the PDG observer by the Secretary.

- **EPO PIC, Biarritz**

03./05.11.2009

The recommendation to have a booth is pending (see 4).

- **UK**

Rob Willows shall be asked again at Stockholm.

- **AGM**

01.12.2009

No additional comments.

- **Italian Office**

Pierre will be asked at the INPI meeting and by mail (Secretary).

The President and the Treasurer decided to send the Secretary in the financial year 2009/2010 to the following meetings: WIPO Symposium, ExCo and EPO, DPMA, EPO PIC, ExCo-AGM and London Online, Board Meeting Spring, WIPO, OEPM, EPO, Board Meeting Summer, Patinfo Ilmenau and INPI. A travel cost plan will be compiled by the Secretary

8. New Members

The EPO provider list shows candidates:

- a. AWA Patent Sweden awapatent.com
- b. etc.

The list has been given to the Secretary to be evaluated. The results will be given to the ExCo to evaluate backing. If sufficient backing is reached a candidate will be contacted by the Secretary. Potential candidates shall get an invitation for associated or full membership, the Patcom mission statement, the advice how to become Patcom member and information about the annual fees.

The President sees the urgent necessity to get additional members for improvement of the financial development.

9. AOB

- **Next Board Meeting:** to be decided latest at the AGM.

The meeting has been adjourned at 06:00 pm. After evaluation of the results some additional remarks have been added on June 5, 2009.

Georg F. Schultheiss
Patcom Secretary
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