

# MINUTES

Of the 6th Regular Association Meeting of

## SCULPTURE NETWORK e.V.

Held on 17 September 2010, 6:15 PM in Grugliasco, Italy in the Teatro Perempuner

### **Item 1: Welcome by the Chairman of the Board; Ratification of the Agenda**

At 6:15 PM the Chairman opened the session which was held in English and German. Isabelle Henn kept the minutes.

The Chairman greeted the members and guests in his own name as well as in the name of the Board Members present – Hartmut Stielow, Beatriz Blanch and Rob Ward. He addressed his greetings also to those members not able to attend. The Board Members, Peter Fischer-Piel and Beata Smigla-Nowak were excused and sent their regards to those attending.

The Chairman established that the meeting was called in good order and on time, in accordance with Article VII of the By-Laws. Forty members were present. He asked if any additional items were requested to be added to the agenda. None were motioned.

Before continuing with the agenda, the Chairman thanked all artists, administrators, jury members, curators and assistants for the great success of sculpture network's first members' exhibition which took place the evening before in the Nave Gallery in Grugliasco, Turin, Italy under the title "European Sculpture – Difference & Diversity in Practice". Thirty sculptors from ten different nations participated. The artists were selected by a jury from a total of 168 submissions. On exhibition were 150 pieces constructed of various materials and styles, giving a very good overview of contemporary three-dimensional artwork in Europe. The opening was well received and documented by the media; on the opening evening 300 visitors attended, among them important political representatives and dignitaries. The exhibition is on show until the 6<sup>th</sup> of November in Turin.

The artists present thanked the Board and the administrators on the team for organising this exhibition and for designing the very successful 96-page catalog which was available at the show. This catalog is available at the office in Pöcking, Germany at a price of €10, exclusive of shipping costs.

### **Item 2: Acceptance of the Annual Report by the Executive Committee (audited by Deloitte & Touche)**

The chairman put up for discussion the Annual Report 2009. This had been sent to members along with the invitation prior to the meeting. Since a detailed presentation of

sculpture network's programme work was included in the report, there was no need for discussion.

The chairman reported that sculpture network presently has over 850 members in 43 different countries, and the Executive Board has set as a goal for 2011 a membership of 1000. He asked all members for their support in an effort to achieve this goal.

The Chairman gave a short presentation of the most important figures in the Closing Account:

Income from

Membership Dues and Symposium Fees	88.000
<u>Donations</u>	<u>12.000</u>
TOTAL	100.000

Expenditures

Programme Work	93.000
Administration Costs	5.000
<u>Reserves/Surplus</u>	<u>2.000</u>
TOTAL	100.000

The Chairman asked if there were any questions on the Closing Account. There were none. The Closing Account was ratified unanimously.

The account was again this year audited by the accounting firm Deloitte & Touche, which firm has assumed this responsibility for sculpture network pro bono since the founding of our organisation. We thank Deloitte profusely for their services.

At this point thanks were given also to several members for their untiring voluntary work and for the generous pro bono efforts of sponsors in support of sculpture network.

**Item 3: Approval of the Executive Board**

Dr. Wolfgang Gärtner motioned that the Board be approved for 2009.

The motion was unanimously accepted, with abstentions by the Board members present. Therewith all Board Members were approved for 2009.

The Board thanked the members for their confidence.

**Item 4: Amendments to the By-Laws**

A presentation of suggested amendments on two points of the By-Laws was distributed to members along with the invitation to the Association Meeting (see attachment to Item 4 of the invitation).

The Chairman again described the amendments to be voted on and asked for questions. There were none, and thus the voting took place with the following results:

1. Amendment to § V, No.2: - unanimously accepted
2. Amendment to § XVI, No. 3: - unanimously accepted

The amendments to the By-Laws were unanimously accepted.

### **Item 5: Discussion of Future Programmes and Intent**

The Chairman urged members to be more involved in future programming, both with ideas and suggestions as well as with active participation.

The Chairman took this opportunity to introduce our two new correspondents doing voluntary work in Spain. They were both present.

1. Anne de Harlez, sculptress, Correspondent for the Balearic Islands.  
Contact: [anne.deharlez@sculpture-network.org](mailto:anne.deharlez@sculpture-network.org)
2. Xavier SiS, sculptor, Correspondent for Catalonia.  
Contact: [xavier.sis@sculpture-network.org](mailto:xavier.sis@sculpture-network.org)

Both will be involved in expanding the network in their regions and will be representatives for members seeking contacts in those areas. We thank both of them kindly for their willingness to assume this responsibility. We are very pleased with this beneficial increase in our network of correspondents.

The Chairman thanked all other correspondents within the network who continue to extend efforts in expanding sculpture network and whose work involves much time and energy. These people are essential to the success and growth of our European network.

Members in whose region there is no correspondent and who would be interested in actively participating are sincerely invited to contact our office in Pöcking:  
[isabelle.henn@sculpture-network.org](mailto:isabelle.henn@sculpture-network.org)

The Chairman then introduced another three colleagues:

1. Kerstin Werner, Press Contact and Editor of the Newsletter.  
Contact: [presse@sculpture-network.org](mailto:presse@sculpture-network.org)
2. Sophie Schmidpeter, Assistant in main office, responsible for membership contacts and bookkeeping.  
Contact: [sophie.schmidpeter@sculpture-network.org](mailto:sophie.schmidpeter@sculpture-network.org)
3. Gisela Gärtner, Administrator of the Services Data Bank, presently involved with a survey of all artist members - for our own information - on the possibilities and variety of artistic creativity initiated through the network.  
Contact: [gisela.gaertner@sculpture-network.org](mailto:gisela.gaertner@sculpture-network.org)

During the proceeding lively discussion the following suggestions for future projects were made by fellow members:

- An exhibition and International Sculpture Forum could take place in Holland, where one of our members could provide us with appropriate space as well as support in the organisation of the event.
- A sculpture network Young Artist Award would be an idea enhancing recognition of sculpture network within student circles and attracting young sculptors to our organisation. This idea came up two years ago, whereby the Board Members Hartmut Stielow and Rob Ward met with various institutions and universities. The project, however, was postponed due to the financial crisis in Europe and the resulting difficulties in finding appropriate sponsors. It is now being reconsidered.
- A sculpture network Lifetime Achievement Award could be granted in honour of internationally renowned sculptors, binding them into our network.
- A Symposium could be organised specifically for the exchange of information among sculptors on their experiences with the art market, art dealers and sales, considering the usual profit margins.
- A yearly edition of art works donated by members to the organisation could be created in order to attract further sponsors for sculpture network and thank them for their financial support of the organisation.
- Sculptor symposia and workshops could be arranged.

We will follow up on these valuable incentives internally, considering them in our future programming.

#### **Item 6: Any Other Business**

The Chairman closed the Association Meeting at 19:45 thanking all participants for their active and constructive contributions to the discussion.

Pöcking, 30.09.2010

Ralf Kirberg  
Chairman

Isabelle Henn  
Clerk