

"NATO Charity Bazaar" ASBL
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EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
10 January 2012

The Meeting started at 10:10 hrs.

In Attendance: 30 Full Members were present or represented

Absent with apologies: Artists' Corner, Bulgaria, Georgia, Germany, Luxembourg, Sweden and Switzerland

NCB President Kati Schmidt welcomed everyone

The Charity Selection Criteria Subcommittee led by Erika Harasztosi and Linda Skou conducted the meeting

The Agenda for the meeting was as follows:

- Present results and vote on each item
- Coffee Break
- Review revised Application with changes
- Vote on 2012 Application

Linda and Erika presented the results of the CRITERIA / PRACTICES QUESTIONNAIRE by first going through the criteria the members wished to keep. Erika read each item out loud and then Linda led the discussion and conducted the vote.

1) The maximum amount donated to any one charity is €10.000 (62%), although the NCB always strives to donate the smallest amount required to make the project viable (52%).

- **DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion on this point
- **VOTE:** This passed unanimously.

2) The applying organization may NOT be governmental (under the government or any political party) (96%).

- **DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion on this point
- **VOTE:** This passed unanimously.

3. We fund projects from NATO countries, NATO PfP countries and countries where NATO is currently engaged – but **without** excluding projects from other geographic locations (72%).

- **DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion on this point
- **VOTE:** This passed unanimously.

4. An application for the following will be disqualified:

- a) Salaries for daily staff of the organization
- b) Daily running costs (telephone, fax, network, electricity, gas, heating, water, fuel)
- c) Transportation modes (bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, car, bus, train, boat, airplane)
- d) Transportation costs (bicycles, gasoline, tickets and leasing or hiring of transportation)
- e) The project will be completed before or after the donation year
- f) The project covers a small spectrum of the community, with a short-term impact and will be of benefit to few people

- **Discussion:** There was a great deal of discussion concerning the issue of transportation. The word “motorized” was removed from before transportation modes **and bicycle was added**.
- **Vote:** After several rewordings, the final vote on this issue passed unanimously

The meeting then switched to discussing points the members would like to change on the funding application based on the questionnaire.

1) THE MAJORITY OF YOU Wish that the organizations we support are small, non-profit (ASBL or VZW if located in Belgium), non-governmental organizations or the equivalent thereof (64%) – we suggest an annual income of not more than € 300.000

- **DISCUSSION:** Per members’ requests Linda provided additional explanation on the reason behind this change.
- **VOTE:** This passed unanimously.

2. THE MAJORITY OF YOU Do NOT wish for the applying organization to be a branch of a large parent organization (68%)

- **DISCUSSION:** Per members’ requests Linda provided additional explanation on the reason behind this change.
- **VOTE:** This passed unanimously.

3) THE MAJORITY OF YOU Do NOT wish for us to donate funds intended for publishing fees for advertisement purposes as well as media related fees (web design, radio/TV advertising, radio/TV programs) (70%).

- **DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion on this point
- **VOTE:** This passed unanimously.

4. THE MAJORITY OF YOU Wish for us to donate funds intended for publishing fees for **informational or educational purposes only** (45%)
 - **DISCUSSION:** After Linda explained why this was not 50% (since 100% of the people did not answer the question, but the 45% still represented over 50% of the people who did answer the question) there was no further discussion on this point
 - **VOTE:** This passed unanimously.

5. THE MAJORITY OF YOU Wish for us to donate funds for equipment, including electric wheel chairs, that benefits the target population of the charity/organization (60%)
 - **DISCUSSION:** There was a great deal of discussion on this point. The above new wording was the result.
 - **VOTE:** This passed unanimously.

6. THE MAJORITY OF YOU Have suggested that the application complete with ALL documentation should to be sent electronically. Do you wish to make this a criterion?
 - **DISCUSSION:** There was a good deal of discussion for clarification purposes only.
 - **VOTE:** This passed unanimously.

7. THE MAJORITY OF YOU Wish that an applying organization MUST exist (or be based) in a NATO country, a NATO PfP country or a country where NATO is currently engaged (87%).
 - **DISCUSSION:** There was a good deal of discussion for clarification purposes only.
 - **VOTE:** This passed with 26 Yes and 2 No

8. THE MAJORITY OF YOU Wish for the Charity Committee to pre-select up to 50 eligible charity applications to be voted upon by the General Assembly (76%)
 - **DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion on this point
 - **VOTE:** This passed unanimously.

9. THE MAJORITY OF YOU Wish that the presentation of the approved charity applicants be made by the Board alone (87%)
 - **DISCUSSION:** There was a good deal of healthy discussion on this point.
 - **VOTE:** This passed unanimously.

10. THE MAJORITY OF YOU Wish for the vote to be blind (no mention of the origins of the applying charity organization until after the vote) (63%)

- **DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion on this point
- **VOTE:** This passed with 21 Yes and 7 No

11. THE MAJORITY OF YOU Wish to limit the number of eligible applications per **charity/organization** to 1 (65%).

- **DISCUSSION:** This question was voted in two parts. First it was unanimously voted to change it from 2 to 1. Then the question was voted.
- **VOTE:** This passed with 27 Yes and 1 No

12. THE MAJORITY OF YOU Wish to limit the number of eligible applications per **country** to 2 **except for Belgium** (59%).

- **DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion on this point
- **VOTE:** This passed with 23 Yes and 5 No

13. THE MAJORITY OF YOU Wish to change the current criteria of dividing our proceeds between Belgian and International charities from 50%/50% to 25% to Belgian charities and 75% to International charities (52%).

- **DISCUSSION:** After a good deal of discussion and preliminary votes on the percentage, it was agreed to vote on 35% Belgian and 65% International.
- **VOTE:** The final vote passed unanimously.

The meeting ran 30 minutes over leaving no time to discuss how these changes look on the funding application. It was agreed upon that the vote to approve the 2012 application would occur online.

The meeting ending with brief mentions that

- 1) 2012 board positions are available
- 2) Upcoming meetings include the Donation Ceremony on 23 January and the first bake sale of the year on 14 February.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30.