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## REPORT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

OMAEC's Executive Council meets, via online videoconference, at 09:00 h in Bogota, on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, chaired by Mr. Alfonso Giraldo Saavedra.

This Executive Council (EC) is governed by the statutes approved at the Extraordinary General Assembly of 10 April 2016, in Paris.

The following members of the Executive Council participate:

Name	Position	Online
GIRALDO, Alfonso	President	yes
LOPEZ, Héctor Julio	Ecclesiastical Assistant	no
BATISTE, José Ramón	Executive Vice-president	yes
GARCÍA, Evangelina	Vice-president –UNAEC-America-	yes
MARIANO, Giuseppe	Vice-president –UNAEC-Europa-	yes
GOMEZ, Vladimir	General Secretary	yes
LATTUADA, Debora	General Treasurer	yes
RUSSO, Marco	Young Forum	yes
DURINI, Santiago	Young Forum	yes
ZAVALA, Sandra	Assistant Secretary	yes

### AGENDA

- 1) Prayer or reflection. – H. Lopez
- 2) President's greeting. - A. Giraldo
- 3) Approval of the Minutes of the EC of 30.07.2021 - V. Gomez
- 4) Youth Forum Director: Resignation / Approval Secretariat Director. A Giraldo
- 5) Approval Philippines Correspondent. V. Gomez
- 6) Modification of protocol for the appointment of correspondents. J. R. Batiste
- 7) Treasury Report. D. Lattuada
- 8) Activities Report (Progress of work of the Secretariats). A. Giraldo
- 9) Speeches by UNAEC's Presidents
- 10) Miscellaneous items (speaking time)
- 11) Date of the next meeting of the Executive Council

#### 1. PRAYER / REFLECTION – H. LOPEZ (Read by S. ZAVALA)

Our Ecclesiastical Assistant -Monsignor Héctor Julio López- sent us his prayer which was read by our Assistant Secretary -Sandra Zavala-, offering our day to the Creator, asking God for us.

#### 2. GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT – A. GIRALDO



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A. Giraldo was very happy and satisfied with the management of this year, where the whole team has shown enthusiasm and dedication, carrying out constant and effective work together with our Secretariats.

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE EC MINUTES OF 01.05.2021 - V. GOMEZ**

A minor correction to the wording proposed by E. García was made during the meeting and then unanimously approved.

### **4. YOUTH FORUM DIRECTOR: RESIGNATION / APPROVAL SECRETARIAT DIRECTOR. A GIRALDO**

A. Giraldo informed that he received a letter from M. Russo, expressing his unavailability to continue working OMAEC as Director of the Youth Forum Secretariat, suggesting as his replacement Santiago Durini from Santa Fe (Argentina), who accepted with pleasure, satisfaction and sense of belonging to OMAEC. M. Russo will continue to support OMAEC with his work with the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, supporting F. Rossi. S. Durini was welcomed by the whole Executive Council, while thanking M. Russo for his work.

M. Russo: first of all he thanked all the members of the Executive Council, during his work he felt like a family. In view of the fact that M. Russo will continue to support OMAEC, his institutional mail will be kept, another mail will be created for S. Durini.

S. Durini: thanked M. Russo for her recommendation and her kind words and the Executive Council for giving her the opportunity, she hopes to rise to the occasion and achieve the proposed objectives.

### **5. APPROVAL PHILIPPINES CORRESPONDENT. V. GOMEZ**

Our new Philippine correspondent, Mr. Johnny Sy, a La Salle alumnus who has held various positions within the De La Salle Alumni Association in the Philippines, is currently a member of the Board of Advisors of the La Salle San Jaime Hilario Integrated School, and the Board of Advisors of the College of Engineering of De La Salle University in Manila, was unanimously approved.

### **6. MODIFICATION OF PROTOCOL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDENTS. J. R. BATISTE**

We are making it more practical, being that the final approval of a correspondent in depends on the Executive Council, so it is better that the whole Executive Council is the Permanent Council of Correspondents, so then their prior approval would only need to be ratified at the next Executive Council meeting without the need to amend our by-laws, and at the same time speeding up the process of working with correspondents. It was unanimously approved.

### **7. TREASURY REPORT. D. LATTUADA**

Membership fees for 2020 and 2021 have been requested from all OMAEC member associations, as decided by the Executive Council (2020 fee with a 50% discount):

- World Associations.
- National Associations (subdividing the European ones by UNAEC Europe and the South American ones by UNAEC America).



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- African National Associations.

As far as world associations are concerned, for the moment the World Confederation of Don Bosco Alumni/ae has paid. The Sacred Heart alumni are having problems with the treasurer and are looking for the papers, because they believe they have paid, while OMAEC considers that they owe the year 2021 and 50% of the year 2020 must be returned to them. As for the South American associations, Mexico and Paraguay, the 2018 and 2019 dues have also been requested. Mexico said it had to settle its debt by December. The missing dues will continue to be requested.

## 8. ACTIVITIES REPORT (PROGRESS OF WORK OF THE SECRETARIATS). A. GIRALDO

International relations: J. A. Cecilia recovering from illness. E. Garcia and L. Gregoire continue to participate in international meetings with J. R. Batiste attending Global Pact for Education meetings.

Communication: New website well advanced, but with a delay in its launch due to the work of the Director of the Secretariat. The idea is to have it up before the end of the year. It was reminded that the website will be the main element of our online communications scheme, but we will also have our YouTube channel, as well as Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook accounts in the three official languages of our organisation.

Ongoing training: An agreement with the Catholic University of Santa Fe is about to be signed, and all agreements have been reviewed. It is estimated to launch the Online Diploma in the Social Doctrine of the Church in April 2022, with estimated costs of 100 Euros for the entire Diploma, with a distribution scheme of income of 80% payment of fees for teachers and instructors, 10% for the University and 10% for OMAEC. In addition, we will be launching our Training Dialogues, one-hour online sessions. The first one will take place on Saturday 13 November and will be on Prison Pastoral Care. Subsequently, Formative Dialogues will be held to get to know better the religious congregations that make up and live in OMAEC.

Solidarity and Social Justice: A video is ready with our solidarity and social justice campaign, subtitled in English and French, which reflects the social sensitivity of the OMAEC. The idea is to manage through D. Lattuada with our account in Paris to sign an agreement with PayPal and receive donations through our new website.

## 9. SPEECHES BY UNAEC'S PRESIDENTS

UNAEC Europe: headquarters transferred to Paris, same building as COFAEC. On the 3rd of July an online conference was organised with F. Keller (Euro Parliament) concerning migrants. Signed an urgent request to the EU government regarding refugees from Afghanistan. The problem of the catholic school in Lebanon, which is going through a strong crisis at the moment (L. Gregoire), is being closely followed. An online conference on inter-culturality in Catholic schools as a problem in Europe will be held soon.

UNAEC-America: From 21st to 28th November several members of the Board of Directors will be participating in CELARG, an invitation received through the Department of the Laity of the Argentinean Episcopal Conference. On Monday, November 22nd, OMAEC is invited to the Zoom



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conference to be given by the Argentinean lawyer Marcelo Temperini, about cybercrime and cyber-scramming. UNAEC-America joined Conciencia Santa Fe, an organisation dedicated to the formation of young people in civic values (good Christians = honest citizens).

#### **10. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS (SPEAKING TIME)**

J. R. Batiste: a letter was sent to all contacts regarding sexual abuse in the church, many responses were received thanking the message, we support the work of Pope Francis in being realistic about the situation, we thank the priests and religious for their spirit of dedication, there are many more of them, we express our shame at these scandals in the church. Our president has done a good job.

Our ecclesiastical assistant will prepare a pastoral letter for Advent addressed to all the alumni of Catholic schools around the world.

Our Chilean Correspondent suggested the idea of holding online Eucharists, so we will take this initiative, it will be in the official languages of OMAEC, we do not have a date yet. Alumni from all over the world will be invited.

#### **11. NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATE**

A. Giraldo proposed that both our next Executive Council meeting and our next General Assembly should be face-to-face. It has been very useful to take advantage of technological means for our meetings, but he believes that it is time to meet in person. The idea is that by the first half of 2022 we can hold our Executive Council meeting in person and schedule the next OMAEC General Assembly, also in person, next year, for which he would like us all to propose the venue. He proposed holding one of the two events (Executive Council Meeting or General Assembly), one in the Americas and the other in Europe.

J. R. Batiste: agreed with Alfonso on the need to be in person, but said that, in general, Executive Council meetings are held in a couple of hours, and that there are still complications in terms of health, social and economic issues. He also indicated the high participation when the meetings have been virtual, but not when they have been face-to-face.

This proposal will continue to be evaluated at Executive Council level in order to reach an agreement and submit it to a vote.

**NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING (EITHER VIRTUAL OR FACE-TO-FACE): MONDAY, APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Secretary General  
Vladimir Antonio Gomez Escartín