



Minutes of OMAEC Executive Committee meeting Rome – June 11th, 2011

OMAEC Executive Committee met on June 11th 2011 in Rome (Italy) at its head office in the Saint-Calixte Palace ; this duly convened meeting started at 09:45 am with the following representatives in attendance:

- Paola Mancini (Italy) – Salesian Sisters	1 Vote
- José Ramón Batiste (Spain) - UMAEL/ CEAEC	2 Votes
- Laurent Grégoire (France) - COFAEC/UNAEC-Europe	2 Votes
- Federica Germani (Italy) – Youth Commission/AMASC	2 Votes
- Salvador Bevilacqua (Italy) - Salesians (Don Bosco)	1 Vote
- Claudio Andreoli (Italy) - Confederex/ OMAEC Peru	2 Votes
- Giuseppe Chirchiano (Italy)- OMAEC General treasurer	0 Vote
- Gally Djovi (Togo) – Alumni Federation of Togo	1 Vote

The following organizations sent messages but no delegates:

- The Maltese Alumni Federation
- The Portuguese Confederation (COPAEC)
- The Malagasy Alumni Federation

The meeting started with a prayer for all catholic education alumni/ae in the world and their families, for the religious congregations dedicated to education and for the poor in our society.

1 – Welcome by the President

The President updated the group on the status of OMAEC with regard to the Vatican. She encouraged us to share our activities with organizations and foundations, in light of our great potential as a group.

OMAEC itself cannot carry out a lot of activities, but it can stimulate and coordinate projects of the members associations.

2 – Report by the General Secretary

Handing out complete documentation concerning all general secretariat activities, General Secretary, José Ramon Batiste, highlighted the following points:

- Preparing the Mexico meeting minutes in December 2010 and coordinating the translations into French and Italian (Eric de Langsdorff and Claudio Andreoli)
- Contacts with the correspondents in Panama, Venezuela and Ecuador
- Contacts with the OMAEC Youth Commission president
- Contacts with the UAAEC-America
- Update and circulation of the "OMAEC directory"

- Management and responsibility of the OMAEC Web site (www.omaec.info) announcing imminent improvements: French version, OMAEC Solidarity and Facebook account
- Gratefulness to Eric de Langsdorff (France) for his work on the French translation of the Web site and to Oscar Moreno (Spain) for the development of the site.

3 – Report of the General Treasurer

Giuseppe Chirchiano, General Treasurer, presented a detailed report on OMAEC financials including the following key points :

- For the past two years OMAEC has received no financial aid from the Holy See through the Pius XII Foundation ;
- OMAEC is underwriting the monthly fee of 305 € for the lease agreement signed by the previous president Rosella Mazzeo with the Holy See to use the Saint-Calixte Palace in Rome; the Treasurer does not have a copy of this contract and is negotiating to obtain a copy. In case the Foundation Pius XII refuses economic aid to OMAEC for 2011, the Executive Committee will have to rescind the contract and find an other head office for the organization.
- Financial situation as of December 31st, 2010 :
 - Balance as of January 12th, 2010 : 1,675.50 €
 - Income in 2010 : 3,660.00 €
 - Expenses in 2010 : 4,289.60 €
 - Assets as of December 31st, 2010 : 1,045.90 €
- Information was given concerning the fees due by the different OMAEC members ;
- On this day the balance sheet shows a shortfall of 12.70 €, waiting for the income from fees owed.

The Treasurer appealed to the responsibility of all members and invited them to pay off their contributions.

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For UNAEC-Europe Laurent Grégoire said that we received fees for 2011 and the treasurer, Eric de Langsdorff, will transfer very soon their share owed to OMAEC, which will give OMAEC a positive balance.

The Committee had a more general debate concerning OMAEC bank account that has the name of the treasurer of the OMAEC because the organization is not legally registered; this account, at present opened in a Bank of Naples, records only operations concerning OMAEC.

The Committee wished that for transparency's sake the name of OMAEC appear in the title of this account and that the statements of this account be available during the meetings of the Committee.

4. Information of the Vice-Presidents and of the Continental Unions

- As no OMAEC vice-presidents were present at the meeting there were no reports about activities in their respective areas.
- Neither did UAAEC-America send any information.
- On behalf of UNAEC-Europe his general secretary, Laurent Grégoire, reported on the meeting of UNAEC-Europe Executive Committee held in Budapest (Hungary) on March 26th, 2011, delivering to all the attendees the minutes of this meeting. It mentioned that Pax Hungarica gathered together 19 alumni/ae associations from different Christian confessions, given the reality of the education in Hungary; he was grateful to Pax Hungarica for the organization of this

meeting. UNAEC-Europe is considering dedicating one day each year for the Catholic Education Alumni/ae in Europe and elaborating a Charter.

5. Communication of the Pontifical Council for Laity

After the decision of the Holy Seat asking that OMAEC to become a private law association, we had to modify our statutes; the pontifical Council for Laity proposed modifications in some articles.

After a long discussion the Executive Committee decided to create a specific commission to work on the statutes; members will be nominated by the president and the results of their work should be part of the agenda of the next Executive Committee meeting in order to review the statutes and propose the new ones to the Pontifical Council for Laity

UNAEC-Europe proposed that Vincenzo Gallinoni, who is a lawyer, attend this commission; the proposals of this commission have to be ready before the Executive Committee meeting planned in Paris on November 25 and 26, 2011; furthermore, if the requirements of the Holy See relative to the private law are confirmed, Laurent Grégoire requested that the General Assembly again discuss the choice between "private law" and "recognized association".

6. Information about the Youth Commission

The Youth Commission President, Sophie Quacchia-Blanchin, prepared a specific report, presented by Federica Germani who represented this Commission for the meeting.

After the reading of this report and some additional remarks, the attendees discussed the different points of the report; it was agreed that the Youth Commission board would be invited to the next Executive Committee meeting in Paris on November 2011, in order to continue the necessary dialogue between OMAEC Executive Committee and the Youth Commission to define the guiding lines of this Commission for the future.

7. Election of OMAEC spiritual adviser

for the past 3 years OMAEC has not had a spiritual advisor or ecclesiastic assistant. Now, as OMAEC will become a private law association for the Holy See, the Steering Committee has decided to submit to the Pontifical Council for Laity the candidacy of his Excellence Mgr Francesco Brugnaro as spiritual advisor; the OMAEC president will inform him of this decision (the latter having already consented to this candidacy).

8. OMAEC seat

For our office in the Saint-Calixte Palace, which is also our seat, the monthly rent of 300 € exceeds OMAEC's financial means; we have to find a solution for this seat location issue, in particular when OMAEC cannot bank on a financial aid of the Holy See; it is proposed they either share the office with other ecclesial organizations or relocate.

9. Collaboration with Rome NGOs Forum

The President informed us of the work developed by the Catholic NGOs and she said that we should find active and competent people to work within the Catholic NGOs Forum. Salvatore Bevilacqua proposed the candidacy of Giuseppe Agostino for this task, who was unanimously approved. On June 23rd an important meeting will be organized in Strasbourg by the Catholic NGOs Forum.

10. 15th OMAEC Congress

As indicated in our statutes OMAEC has to organize its General Assembly congress every 3 years within a Congress, with the exceptional possibility of adding one year.

In a recent past congresses were held:

- in Lima (Peru – Latin America) (12th Congress);
- in Beirut (Lebanon – Middle East) (13th Congress);
- in Dakar (Senegal - Africa) (14th Congress).

The Executive Committee agreed that the next congress will be held in 2012 in Europe; the alumni/ae federations of European countries will be asked to examine if they can organize this Congress in their country and to submit proposals to the Executive Committee to be considered during its next meeting planned in Paris on November 26 and 27, 2011.

13 Decisions and miscellaneous

- At the beginning of the meeting Laurent Grégoire had said that we should adopt the minutes of the last meeting (in this case, the last one in 2010 in Mexico);
- He proposed also to develop the use of the English language within OMAEC and has offered his help to translate the different documents into English;
- The Committee decided to hold its next meeting in Paris on November 26 and 27, 2011, and to take the time to meet the Youth Commission board members;
- The Committee has asked Mrs Federica Germani, AMASC representative, to examine if this Confederation can suggest somebody to be the OMAEC correspondent in the United States of America;
- The Committee has agreed to nominate M. Giuseppe Agostino, Salesian alumnus, as OMAEC delegate for the Catholic NGOs Forum;
- The President will convene a special Commission to study the statutes revision, with a deadline of November 15th in order to be reviewed during the next Executive Committee meeting;
- The President and the General Secretary will invite all European national federations, OMAEC members, to examine if they can organize the 15th OMAEC Congress in their country in 2012.

Following completion of the agenda, the President closed the meeting at 6:00 pm.

**José Ramón Batiste Peñaranda
General Secretary**