

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

In Madrid (Spain) at the Center La Salle, at 10:00 a.m. during Saturday and Sunday February 11 and 12, 2017, the Executive Council of OMAEC meets under the chairmanship of Mr. José Antonio Cecilia.

This Executive Council (EC) is ruled by the new by-laws that were approved at the Extraordinary General Assembly on April 10, 2016 in Paris.

There were attending the following members of the Executive Board:

Name	Position	Votes
ARGUELLO GARCIA, Luis	Ecclesiastical Assistant	1
BATISTE PEÑARANDA, José Ramón	General Secretary	1
CECILIA, José Antonio	Chairman	1
DACOSTA, Hubert	Vice Chairman	1
GUDIÑA CANICOBA, Angel	Vice Cahirman	1

Excused attendance:

GARCIA Evangelina, Vice-Chairman  
MARIANO Giuseppe, Vice-Chairman  
PIED Paul, General Treasurer

The day commenced with a pray in the chapel of the Center La Salle, directed by Monsignor Luis. We ask the Lord and Our Lady of Lourdes to assist us in these coming days of work and we ask for all the alumni of the world and their families.

### 1.- INTRODUCING THE NEW ECCLESIASTICAL ASSISTANT

Mgr. Luis Argüello greets the whole EC and thanks the confidence placed in him to occupy this responsibility. Himself is a former student of the College of Our Lady of Lourdes - La Salle of Valladolid (Spain). Encourages us to live the values received in the Catholic School and defend them within the society.

Monsignor Luis will prepare a message for the whole OMAEC family and we will ask all member organizations to provide us the information of their respective Religious Assistants to facilitate the contacts.

### 2.- READING AND APPROVAL PREVIOUS MINUTES



The Secretary-General proceeds to read previous meeting minutes, held in Paris on April 9, 2016, being unanimously approved.

### 3.- STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE OMAEC

Vice Chairman, Angel Gudiña presents this important topic and explains the procedure performed:

- Sending all member organizations, the EC team and all Correspondents, as well as former presidents of OMAEC, to the SWOT evaluation instrument (weaknesses, threats, strengths and opportunities) for their fulfillment
- Requiring answers; Receipt of the same
- Prepare a summary, to facilitate the proposal of a Strategic Plan for the OMAEC based on 3 main priorities:

1. RENEWAL AND EMPOWERMENT OF THE OMAEC STRUCTURE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY.
2. EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AT OMAEC'S INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL LEVEL.
3. SOCIAL PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC PRESENCE IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS.

These priorities move us to a series of "strategic objectives" and to specific actions to be put into practice.

The EC congratulates Vice Chairman Angel Gudiña for the synthesis and proposal presented and agree to approve it for study, debate and development at the next OMAEC Congress, where we will also should to define OMAEC's Mission, Vision and Values.

### 4.- APPOINTMENTS and CESES

#### • NATIONAL CONFEDERATION

OMAEC General Secretariat had been received the necessary documentation and request of incorporation of the PARAGUAYAN CONFEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION - CONPAEEC -, with the current president being Mrs. Graciela Radice.

The Executive Board review the documentation and unanimously agrees to join the OMAEC, which must be ratified at the next General Assembly.





#### • CORRESPONDENTS

Following is the appointment of the Correspondents:

- BRASIL: SILVIO CALAZANS de TOLEDO PIZA
- COSTA RICA: DANIEL LANGLOIS HALUZA
- INDIA: RONALD D'ACOSTA

#### CESES and DIMISIONES

- Correspondent: BENIN - ISSA KAPARA (inability to contact)
- OMAEC Young: ALESSIA CLEMENTE (by herself request)

The EC unanimously approved appointments, removals and resignations mentioned.

#### 5.- XV CONGRESS OMAEC - 50th anniversary.

This particular topic involve a deep reflection, since the celebration of 50 years of OMAEC's life is an important milestone and it is our main goal to relaunch the OMAEC in order to guarantee its future.

1. On the proposal of the president, the logo of the 50th anniversary OMAEC was approved.
2. It was agreed that the XV Congress will be held in Rome, if possible in the last quarter of 2017.
3. It was granted a private audience with the Holy Father. We cannot launch the dates of the XV Congress until we know the exact date of the audience.
4. For the EC it is upmost important the agenda of the Congress; we pretend it to be formative, austere and motivating.
5. The motto of the XV Congress is approved: *PEOPLE AND VALUES TO TRANSFORM SOCIETY.*
6. It was designed and approved a draft program for the XV Congress, 4 days schedule, to answer and affirm that: *WE ARE, WE DO AND WE TRANSFORM.*
7. The President had prepared a special AGENDA for the XV Congress, which is subject to review by the EC and it is intended as a practical working tool during the Conference.
8. We studied the logistics issues (location of the conference, lecturers, translators, cost forecasting, etc.).

#### 6- Youth OMAEC.

After the resignation of its president Ms. Alessia Clemente, we took advantage of to carry out a deep reflection on OMAEC Young. We found that the different member organizations of the OMAEC do not have a structure of young alumni (except the World Confederation of Alumni of Don Bosco). The majority of religious Congregations





to which we belong, bishops, promote important structures for young people, but it is not linked to the organizations of alumni.

Under these circumstances, the Executive Council will request from our member organizations and Correspondents to voluntarily designate a young person to initiate a reflection on OMAEC Young, to be coordinated by Vice Chairman Mr. Angel Gudiña.

## 7. REPORTS.

- **President and Secretary General.** They submitted a written report, classified by "topics" as requested in the last meeting held in Paris (09.04.2016). The topics developed are:

-International representation; Management of new Correspondents, Organization and members, Communication and Holy See.

The full report is attached as Annex 1

- **General Treasurer.** General Treasurer, Paul Pied has sent an informative summary on the incomes and expenses related to the year 2016 (bearing in mind that he assumed responsibility after the last General Assembly of April 2016). The full accounting statement will be provide by the next General Assembly. It will commence with an amount by Jan 01, 2016 of H 1,275.62 € with an income of H 1,961.09 € and expenses of D 3,193.79 €, leaving a positive balance as of Dec 31, 2016 of € 75.55.

The General Treasurer states that OMAEC is not yet officially registered in France and therefore it is not possible to open a bank account in that country, so the one currently in Madrid (Banco Popular) is still active. It was required that all payments made should be justified by an invoice or ticket, which is stored in the OMAEC Drive folder.

The CE appreciates the work of Paul Pied under these circumstances.

- **Vice-Chairman Hubert Dacosta**

Assignment: creation of UNAEC Africa: expressing its difficulty in the long distances between countries and travel costs. Hubert is an active member of the UNIAPAC (Christian International Union of Business Leaders) representing his own country, Senegal and at the same time he is the president of Caritas of Senegal; his purpose is to take advantage of the meetings and contacts to





reinforce the creation of UNAEC Africa, together with the current OMAEC Correspondents in the area.

• **Vice Chairwoman Evangelina Garcia**

Assignment: coordination of the OMAEC Correspondents and the Education, Family and Life Area.

Evangelina presents an extensive report that we summarize as follows:

- Several contacts by email with all Correspondents, with answers and approaches.
- Presentation of the OMAEC to the Apostolic Nuncio and the President of the Episcopal Conference of Argentina.
- Assistance to various congress and conferences related to Education, Family and Life.

Evangelina sent us a greeting message in audio (WhatsApp) that was heard during the meeting.

• **Vice-President Giuseppe Mariano**

Assignment: coordination and animation of the Confederations and National Federations; he is president of UNAEC Europe.

He informs that a cover letter and request for data and activities in the month of June 2016 to all the Confederations and National Federations was sent with a reminder by October 2016; There was only response from three Federations; Requested that the Secretary-General support this action.

He also reports that UNAEC-Europe is working on the development of a "Charter of the former student in Europe", which is a programmatic document; He is also collaborating with the Council of Europe in raising awareness of the migrants issues by governments. Finally, he reports on the election of a new Ecclesiastical Assistant for UNAEC-Europe, Mr. Alberto Zanini, Salesian from Turin.

• **Vice-Chairman Nagy El-Khoury**

Assignment: interreligious relations. Unfortunately we do not received any news regarding his activities.

• **Vice-Chairman Angel Gudiña**

Assignment: elaboration of the OMAEC Strategic Plan, thoroughly discussed in point 3º) of present act. Also he has delegated the animation and contact with the world Unions and Confederations. He proposes the need to present the





OMAEC to the Union of Superiors General during their next meeting in Rome in May, to make known our organization.

### **8.- REQUIREMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

- The chair proposes to create a WhatsApp group with all the EC members to improve our operability; Proposal approved by the EC.
- The CE appreciate the special collaboration for the revision of the translations generously made by Paul Pied (French) and Vladimir Gómez (English).
- We appreciate the attentions received by La Salle Community during our meeting in Madrid.

At 13.30 p.m. on February 12, 2017, we conclude the EC meetings that have been held in a climate of constructive work, fraternity and generosity.

José Ramón Batiste Peñaranda  
General Secretary

