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REPORT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council of the OMAEC meets, via online videoconference, at 09:00 h in Bogota, on Saturday, July 23rd, 2022, under the chairmanship of Mr. Alfonso Giraldo Saavedra.

This Executive Council (EC) is governed by the statutes that were 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	yes
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
DURINI, Santiago	Young Forum	no

AGENDA

- 1) Prayer or reflection. - H. López
- 2) Greetings from the President. - A. Giraldo
- 3) Approval of the EC Minutes of 05.11.2021 - V. Gomez
- 4) Approval of the entry of the "Confederazione Mondiale Mornese Alumnae/Os dei Figlie di Maria Ausiliatrice" into OMAEC - A. Giraldo
- 5) Treasury Report. D. Lattuada
- 6) Activity Report (Secretariat work progress) – J. R. Batiste
- 7) Organisation of the next General Assembly - A. Giraldo
- 8) Speeches of the UNAEC Presidents - E. García / G. Mariano
- 9) Other points (speaking time)
- 10) Date of the next Executive Council meeting

1. PRAYER / REFLECTION – H. LOPEZ

Monsignor Héctor Julio López began our meeting with the following prayer: "We ask you Lord to grant us the presence of your Holy Spirit to accompany us in our meeting in unity and harmony to interpret your will regarding our work as Executive Council, may your light lead us in the search for the path of progress for our institution. Give us, Lord, the strength to carry out our



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work faithfully". In view of the connectivity problems, our President - Alfonso Giraldo - ended the prayer with the invocation to Our Mother Mary Help of Christians. 2

2. GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT – A. GIRALDO

The President presents a warm greeting to all participants and a message of encouragement and exhortation to continue to move forward in the purpose of strengthening OMAEC.

3. APPROVAL OF THE EC MINUTES OF 23.04.2022 - V. GOMEZ

The Executive Council unanimously approved the minutes of our meeting of 23.04.2022.

4. APPROVAL OF THE ENTRY OF THE "WORLD CONFEDERATION MORNESE EX-ALUMNI OF THE DAUGHTERS OF MARY AUXILIADORA" INTO OMAEC - A. Giraldo

A. Giraldo stressed the importance of the re-entry of the "World Confederation of Mornese Alumnae and Alumni of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians" into OMAEC. The general idea is to bring back into the organisation all the members who have withdrawn, but especially the founding members. She reminded us how the Superior General of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians participated with a presentation at our meeting for the 50th anniversary of the OMAEC, being at that time the Vicar of the congregation. As soon as she was elected Superior General, she received our congratulations, where she mentioned the regret for the withdrawal of her former students from our organisation. The President gave a brief historical review of the alumnae organisation of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians.

Being J.R. Batiste and G. Mariano witnesses of how personal interests motivated the departure of the World Confederation of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians Alumnae and Alumnae of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians from OMAEC, they received this re-entry with great joy. J.R. Batiste insisted that we must remain close to our members so that no more cases of this kind occur. On the other hand, he commented that Article 1 of the statutes of this confederation mentions not making any distinction as to the creed of its alumni/ae in order to belong to the organisation, and it is precisely a similar article of our statutes for which the OMAEC is unable to advance in its recognition before the Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life. In this regard, G. Mariano pointed out that the statutes of the WUJA have a similar article. E. Garcia and D. Lattuada expressed their satisfaction for the return of the alumni/ae of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians to our organisation.

In accordance with Article 8 of our statutes approved at the Extraordinary General Assembly of 10 April 2016 held in Paris, the Executive Council unanimously approves the admission on a provisional basis of the "WORLD MORNESE EX-PUPILS OF THE DAUGHTERS OF MARY AUXILIATORS". The admission will be ratified at our next General Assembly.

5. TREASURY REPORT. D. LATTUADA

In April, dues were requested from the world associations (AMASC; WUJA; UMAEL; World Confederation of Don Bosco Alumni) and from UNAEC-Europe and UNAEC-America.

At the moment, the four world associations have not paid. WUJA has just changed its world president in mid-July, the Spaniard Francisco Guarner was elected. As for AMASC, there has been some news from Fedy Germani, but no official response has yet been received.

Last week, Alejandro Galván Illanes - President of UMAEL - communicated that they would soon pay his and Mexico's dues.

In detail:

- The sum of 400 € corresponding to the UMAEL fee for 2022.
- The sum of 245 € corresponding to the FEDECMEX (Mexican Federation) dues for 2021 with the pandemic discount approved for 2020, as discussed in our last videoconference in April, which I will transfer to our UMAEL account in Paris.

As for UNAEC-Europe, the fee has been requested directly from the members who now have to pay it to UNAEC, but without much success. An official e-mail has been sent to them in this respect. Mr. Lattuada will inform us when he has a reply.

As for UNAEC-America, a couple of their meetings were attended, the problem is that each country has its own difficulties and also organisational and payment problems: e.g. debating between payments via PayPal, Western Union or by bank transfer.

4.929,53 € available in our account, waiting for this year's funds from the World Associations and UNAEC's to arrive.

DATE	IN	OUT	
2020	2190,49		Previous balance
2021			
2021	983,00 €		UNAEC EUROPE 2020-2021
2021	100,00 €		CEAAAEC 2021
2021		8,50 €	Invoice WEB ALMAZENA capacity expansion
2021		169,00 €	Refund of the Spanish contribution 2020 - 50% (100,00) and bank charges Spanish current account
28-10-21	300,00 €		Salésiens Don Bosco 2020/2021
15-12-21	600,00 €		UMAEL 2020/2021
31-12-21	3,09 €		Interest on the passbook account
2021		24,65 €	Bank charges (4,93 € x5 month_ August-December 2021)
25-08-21		15,00 €	Bank action (to be recovered if we close our accounts at this bank)
28-10-21		14,39 €	Internet
2022			
10-02-22	900,00 €		Jésuites 2020-2021
10-02-22	200,00 €		AMASC 2020-2021
2022		34,51 €	Bank charges (€4.93 x4 months_ January-July 2022)
28-03-22		81,00 €	Internet
22-04-22	4.929,53 €		TOTAL

In his speech, A. Giraldo said that the payment culture of our members is complex not so much because of the amount to be paid, but because of the commitment that is acquired or derived from such payment. It is more related to culture and commitment. Also, payments are sometimes affected by a lot of bureaucracy, in addition, of course, to the pandemic. E. Garcia has made efforts regarding UNAEC-America's membership.



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E. Garcia has been in close contact with D. Lattuada, so she is aware of the lack of funds of many of our associations (Argentina, Peru, Paraguay). She suggested that Mr. Lattuada resume contact at least with CONFAEEC. A. Sobrevilla informed that he is travelling until August 1st, and that once he returns they will update.

E. Garcia informed us that the situation with Paraguay is complex.

J. R. Batiste emphasised that the UNAEC-Europe model has been a success in terms of the collection of fees, they have been using this scheme for 10 to 12 years, but they are part of the EU and the transfers are free of charge. That is why the model that works in UNAEC-Europe, apparently does not work, in view of the experience, for UNAEC-America. J. R. Batiste proposes that the OMAEC treasurer negotiate with each of the members the method of payment. He suggests to use Western Union, and to deduct the costs from the membership fee. Western Union transfers go directly to individuals, i.e. they do not go directly to banking institutions, a contact person must withdraw it and deposit it in the bank; he also suggests setting up the Paypal system that would serve for the payment of dues and future donations for social projects. A. Giraldo suggested to D. Lattuada to send a circular on the matter.

In relation to the issue of the 50% reduction in relation to GDP, J. R. Batiste said that it only affects four or five countries, no more, so the idea of the circular seemed to him to be a good idea, but only directed at the countries that enjoy this benefit.

D. Lattuada summarised the options for minimising transfer payments between Paypal and Western Union.

E. Garcia indicated that at the last UNAEC-America meeting it was proposed that all members send their dues to the president of UMAEL -Alejandro Galvan- and he would make a single transfer.

A. Giraldo stressed the importance of resolving this issue.

6. ACTIVITY REPORT (SECRETARIAT WORK PROGRESS) - J. R. Batiste

INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

J. A. Cecilia is active again, who has already resumed his activities and is making up for his lost year. We have to redefine this secretariat, as it is somewhat dispersed because we have different representatives to UNESCO and the Holy See. In addition, J. A. Cecilia was entrusted with the re launching of UNAEC-Africa, in this sense, he is about to convene a meeting with all the African correspondents in September, apparently, the previous responsible did not contact them.

YOUTH FORUM

A lot of progress has been made, a serious, official call has been made to correspondents and members and 13 young people from four continents have responded to be part of the forum. S. Durini wrote to all the young people. There was some confusion, thinking that the YOUTH FORUM was an event. Concretely, they have all been written to, the next step is to call them all to an online meeting, to listen to them all. Two or three countries suggested non-Catholic members, for example Turkey. COFAEC France is working on that, waiting for Colombia and Venezuela.

PERMANENT TRAINING (A. Giraldo)



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The planning and organisation of the Diploma in DSI continues. F. Jerkovich confirmed a minimum of 60 to 70 people, most of the participants, as it is the first diploma course, will apparently be from Argentina, especially the Institute of Our Lady of Lourdes. We are waiting for promotional material to be sent.

J. R. Batiste said he is sure that when we start promoting the diploma course, more candidates will register.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SOLIDARITY

We were planning to support the Fratelli Maicao Project on the border of Colombia and Venezuela, the director of the secretariat - Nelson Moros - met in Rome with the Brother General Councillor - Rafael Matas - supervisor of the project. The Brother is no longer in charge of the project, we enter into a vacuum of responsibility as the new General Council of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools - La Salle - begins its activities in September. We have the advantage that the newly elected Vicar General is a Colombian Brother, Brother Carlos Gomez, the idea is to go directly to the Vicar General for guidance.

COMMUNICATIONS - ICT

The new website will be 80% in Spanish, ONLY IN SPANISH. The Director of this secretariat will be asked to give a MasterClass to J. R. Batiste and V. Gomez to support them with the new website. Gomez to give him support with the web page, and also to give support for the progress with the web page in its French and English versions.

The President -A. Giraldo- expressed his understanding that all our work is voluntary, so we must be patient and adapt to the rhythms of the directors of our secretariats, although it is true that some cases are urgent, as in the case of our website.

7. ORGANISATION OF THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY - A. GIRALDO

A. Giraldo expressed how in view of the situation at world level, it would be complicated to have a General Assembly in person, so we should be adjusting to the idea of holding an online GA, as was done in 2020, with a suggested date for November of this year.

G. Mariano supports the idea of our next GA being virtual. An online assembly guarantees higher attendance, making it more effective.

E. Garcia shared the opinion of A. Giraldo and G. Mariano, but suggested a face-to-face GA in November 2023, as it seems a more important assembly. "If God works a miracle and everything improves, we could think about a more valuable personal meeting.

A. Giraldo suggested to start organizing a nice and productive virtual GA, and from now until November to dedicate more time to meetings with our members to motivate their presence in this GA. By November we hope to have more progress in the work of our secretariats. On the other hand, A. Giraldo expressed that we should not neglect the realization of a virtual Eucharist presided by our Ecclesiastical Advisor, prior to the GA, it could be in August or September.

We have an executive group J. R. Batiste, A. Giraldo and V. Gomez. Gomez where we will soon link the assistant secretary where we will organise and prepare the GA.

PROPOSED GA DATE: Saturday 26th November 2022

PROPOSED AG DURATION: from 16:00 (Madrid) to 18:00 (Madrid).

We will start the organisation process by the executive team.



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8. SPEECHES BY UNAEC'S PRESIDENTS

In his speech, E. García informed us of the activities carried out by UNAEC-America as follows: On May 7, 2022 there was an interesting conference via Zoom with Marcelo Temperini, with the participation of J. R. Batiste from Spain.

A small project was started, realizing that we are all co-constructors of UNAEC-America where three stages were planned: research with the help of the representatives of each country of UNAEC-America to know the situation and challenges of the Catholic alumni of the continent to establish a diagnosis in this regard, designate representatives and correspondents of the OMAEC in each country of America. The second stage consisted in looking for motivating alumni experiences so that later a presentation could be made on the subject. The first opportunity was La Salle Costa Rica, where they are supporting the Missionaries of Charity (Mother Teresa of Calcutta) and for 2023 they are invited to put their own social projects into practice or to found Confederations where there are none. The participants were also invited to discuss their own social projects.

Finally, the first meeting was held with Scholas Occurrentes and the Catholic University of Santa Fe, where CONFAEEC Santa Fe Branch was invited, in the form of a Multisectoral Table in which CONFAEEC Santa Fe Branch participated. So far a fruitful dialogue.

When it was his turn to speak, G. Mariano presented the activities of UNAEC-Europe, as follows: The union remains very focused on the problem of the war in Ukraine, several European alumni associations, as well as other institutions, want to give concrete help to the Catholic school in Ukraine, several countries in Europe are joining in the effort. They have been very active in this respect at the Council of Europe (Strasbourg) where a declaration was signed, as well as participating in the promotion of the creation of an NGO dedicated to the education of migrants, constituted on 12 April. On May 12, 2022 we contributed to the OIEC May 12 webinar on the situation of Catholic schools in Ukraine, what are their needs.

COFAEC board changes are expected in November this year. Reviewed with J. R. Batiste the problems regarding the request for withdrawal from CONFEDEREX by former De La Salle students, apparently for personal reasons.

A. Giraldo pointed out that since the De La Salle alumni are co-founders of CONFEDEREX, it would be good if, with the good offices of J.R. Batiste, a rapprochement could be achieved, including mentioning the matter to the new Vicar General of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools - La Salle.

J.R. Batiste reported that G. Mariano had shown him the communiqué in which the De La Salle Alumni basically state that CONFEDEREX "is useless", the letter is addressed to Federico Panessi, the new president of the La Salle Alumni of Italy. E. García suggested trying to make some kind of approach through C. Andreoli.

9. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS (SPEAKING TIME)

INVITATION TO INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

A. Giraldo informed us of the receipt of a formal invitation from the OIEC to the world meeting in Marseille, France in early December. P. Richard, formally invited OMAEC as a covenant member of the Global Compact for Education, our President - A. Giraldo - thanked for the invitation and hopes to be there. Giraldo- thanked for the invitation and hopes to be present. If his presence is not possible, we could be represented through G. Mariano, L. Gregoire or D.



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Lattuada. Lattuada, in fact L. Gregoire has expressed the idea of holding a small meeting in Marseille. 7

A. Giraldo: "It is understood that the situation between Russia and Ukraine has complicated the planning of any attendance at international events".

On the other hand, J. A. Cecilia, sent us an invitation to the UNESCO Catholic NGO meeting in Paris.

WORLD UNION OF JESUIT ALUMNI -WUJA-.

A. Giraldo said that, as mentioned by D. Lattuada, congratulations were sent to the new president of WUJA. In relation to the speech of Father General of the Jesuits, it is interesting to see how they open their works to work with other alumni, lay people.

On the other hand, A. Giraldo in his congratulations made them see that they are founding members of OMAEC, and their desire to meet with the new board, but L. Gregoire suggested to wait a little bit. The idea is to introduce OMAEC to him.

FINAL BLESSING

H. J. Lopez: Final blessing from our Ecclesiastical Advisor.

10. NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Saturday, September 10th, 2022 @ 09:00 h (Bogota)

Secretary General

Vladimir Antonio Gomez Escartín