

European Association for Banking and Financial History e.V.

Minutes: 22nd General Members' Meeting

To: Members

Date of Meeting: Friday, 20 May 2010, 9.30 a.m. **Location:** ING Amsterdam, the Netherlands

ING Business School

Chairman: Prof. Manfred Pohl

Voting Participants

Name	Surname	Institution	Attorney
Walter	Antonowicz	National Bank of	
		Austria	
Melanie	Aspey	The Rothschild Archive	Central Bank of Malta
Vladimir	Bulajic	National Bank of	
		Serbia	
Anna	Cantaluppi	Compagnia di San	Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A
		Paolo	Turin
Piet	Clement	Bank for International	Swiss National Bank
		Settlements	
Ingrid	Elferink	ING	
Clara	Harrow	The Baring Archive	
Niels Viggo	Haueter	Swiss Re	
Herman	Harder	SNS Historical Archive	
Rolf	Herget	Deutsche Bundesbank	
Jaime	Herrero	Banco de España	
Iuliu	Iacobescu	National Bank of	
		Romania	
Leif	Jacobsson	Sveriges Riksbank	Central Bank of
			Ireland
Elli	Kravvariti	Piraeus Bank Group	
		Cultural Foundation	
Janez	Krevs	Bank of Slovenia	
Jakub	Kunert	Czech National Bank	
Alexandre	Lucena e Vale	Banco BPI	
Martin	Müller	Deutsche Bank	Sal Oppenheim
Iwona	Murphy	The Kronenberg	
		Foundation	
Gérassimos	Notaras	National Bank of	Hellenic Bank
		Greece	Association, Alpha
			Bank, Central Bank of
			Cyprus, Agricultural
			Bank of Greece, Bank
			of Cyprus
Roger	Nougaret	BNP Paribas	
Pierre de	Longuemar	BNP Paribas	
Luís	Nunes	Banco de Portugal	
Roden	Pajaj	Bank of Albania	
Anders	Perlinge	The Foundation for	
		Economic History	
		Research	
Ries	Roowaan	ABN Amro	
Gabriela	Sedlakova	National Bank of	
		Slovakia	
Tina	Staples	HSBC	
Necdet	Tanrikulu	Isbank Museum	



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Jan	Van der Meer	Rabobank	
Emily	Witt	ECB	Bulgarian National Bank, National Bank of Belgium, Bank of Estonia
Ulrike	Zimmerl		Bank Austria UniCreditgroup

Non voting participants with attorney

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Manfred	Pohl	EABH	Danmarks Nationalbank, Wegelin	
			Co. Privatbankiers,	
			Central Bank of	
			Iceland, Banque de	
			Luxembourg	

Non voting participants

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Carmen	Hofmann	EABH	Minutes keeper	
Peter	Hertner	University Halle Wittenberg		
Piet	Geljon			
Brindusa	Costache	National Bank of Romania		

Opening

Manfred Pohl (MP) welcomes everybody to the 22nd General Members' Meeting of the European Association for Banking and Financial History(EABH) e.V.

He states that in accordance with the Articles of Association, a quorum has been constituted.

Professor Pohl introduces Peter Hertner, Professor of Economic and Social History at the University of Halle-Wittenberg, and Chairman of the Academic Advisory Council, who will answer any questions the Members may have about the academic programme; Dr. Luis Nunes, the EABH Treasurer, who will guide everybody through the financial figures; Ms. Carmen Hofmann, the current General Manager and Mr. Gérassimos Notaras, who will provide the audience with the Auditor's report.

The Chairman also expresses his heartfelt gratitude to the representatives of ING here today, which is kindly hosting this year's conference in Amsterdam.

Before proceeding, he reminds everybody that each member bank has one vote only. If there is more than one representative of the same bank, only one of the representatives has the right to vote, as indicated in the participant list. Prof. Pohl remarks that Dr. Nunes of Banco de Portugal will vote as representative of his institution but he will not vote when it comes to releasing the Board of Management from responsibility. As far as he is concerned, since he retired from Deutsche Bank some time ago, he does not represent this institution anymore. Nevertheless he will vote this year representing several member banks, from which he received the Power of Attorney.





1. Financial Report

The Chairman thanks Dr. Luís Nunes for the very thorough and comprehensive financial report prepared and asks him to provide the audience with his comments. Dr. Nunes describes the financial situation of the EABH. (*Please see ANNEX 1 Financial Report*)

2. Report of the Auditor

Gérassimos Notaras presents the auditors' report to the members explaining that both auditors – Gabriele Teichmann and himself - had the opportunity to analyse and comment upon the European Association for Banking and Financial History's account as of 31st December 2010, thanks to thorough documentation presented of EABH staff at a meeting on 09 May 2011. (*Please see ANNEX 6 Auditors Report*).

Gerassimos Notaras notes that the auditors were satisfied with the information provided by the EABH secretariat including the explanations of significant accounts. Therefore the auditors raise no objection to the 2010 balance sheets and accounts.

Gérassimos Notaras thanks the staff of the EABH for their co-operation in providing all the information needed to prepare this report and recommends the 22nd Annual General Meeting of the EABH to discharge the Board of Management from any liability for financial management for the period 1 January to 31 December 2010.

3. Approval of the Budgetary Balance 2010

After the treasurer's extensive report along with the Auditors' comments on the 2010 finances, the Chairman asks for the members' approval of the 2010 budgetary balance. The accounts for 2010 are unanimously approved by the members.

4. Release of the Board of Management from responsibility

Professor Pohl asks the participants to release the Board of Management from responsibility and reminds Dr. Nunes that he is not allowed to vote for this item, in his capacity as a member of the Board of Management.

The Board of Management is unanimously released from responsibility.

5. Approval of the Budget 2011

The Chairman presents the budget for 2011 and reminds everybody that the composition of budget for 2011 differs significantly from last year's budget as the personal costs are now directly allocated to the projects (For further details please see ANNEX 4 Notes to the Budget).

The Chairman asks the members if they approve the budget for 2011.



The budget for 2011 is unanimously approved by the members.

6. Annual Report of the Board of Management

The Chairman asks Prof. Hertner to provide the assembly with further information regarding the academic programme of EABH.

Professor Hertner summarizes the **events of 2010**, these being:

<u>Brussels Main Conference</u> In May 2010 the EABH main conference *Responding to Crisis in the Global Financial Environment: Risk Management and Regulation* was hosted by the National Bank of Belgium. The publication of the conference proceedings is still due.

<u>Archival Workshop 2011</u> In May 2010, prior to the annual conference, the workshop *Risk Management in Archives: Hazards Old and New* took place in Brussels. It was a very interesting insight to the challenges archives force in cases of catastrophes.

<u>EABH International Summer School</u>, *Archivists as Communicators – The Art of Good Communication* took place from 6-10 September in London. The programme has been devised by EABH, the Business Archives Council and the School of Library and Information Studies (UCL), University of London.

The course answered the most prominent question of how to communicate successfully with our internal and external customers, through our finding aids, and through the variety of different media available to us today. As the 2010 Summer School had been such a great success, the Academic Council of EABH decided to organize one Archival Training in this style every year, beginning with 2012.

2011 events

Workshop for New Scholars The second workshop on banking, insurance and monetary history dedicated to new scholars took place on 29 March 2011 with the kind cooperation of Erasmus University, Rotterdam School of Management. The meeting is declared a resounding success and will be continued as regular EABH Workshop Series to be organised every year prior to the annual conference in order to provide qualified young researchers with the opportunity to present their paper at the annual meeting. Special thank goes to Abe de Jong and his team who significantly contributed to the success of the event.

Archival Workshop Photography Collections of (Financial) Companies, a Corporate Historical View which took place here in Amsterdam on 19 May 2011, has been a very successful and fruitful meeting especially thanks to the stimulating and lively discussions following the excellent presentations.

Amsterdam Main Conference Corporate Governance in Financial Institutions: Historical Developments and Current Problems; kindly hosted by ING will start soon. The EABH thanks ING; especially Nick Jue and Ingrid Elferink for their kind hospitality, as well as the academic committee for devising the programme.

He finally outlines the **highlights for 2012:**

<u>2012 Bucharest Main Conference</u> The conference will take place at premises of the National Bank of Romania on 7-9 June 2012. The topic of the conference *Public Policies* &



the Direction of Financial Flows intends to study this phenomenon using a comparative approach. The basic question to be addressed is therefore: Why and how did non-market forces (states, local authorities, international authorities, and technical bodies) manage to direct financial flows so as to achieve specific goals, mainly related to economic development?

<u>2012 Archival Workshop</u> Prior to the annual conference of the EABH, NBR will also host an archival workshop. The committee consisting of Melanie Aspey, Roger Nougaret and Jakub Kunert are very positive that they will be able to organise a fruitful session.

Peter Hertner finishes his report stressing that after 20 years of existence the academic programme is still very good.

7. Boards Elections: re-elections and new elections

Professor Pohl starts with the **Board of Management** and the <u>re-election</u> of its members.

This year three members of the Board of Management stand for re-election:

- Hans Ulrich Doehrig, Credit Suisse
- András Simor, National Bank of Hungary
- Manfred Pohl, EABH eV

Mr. Doehrig and Mr. Simor are unanimously re-elected for a term of two years.

As it comes to his own re-election Mr. Pohl asks Mr. Hertner to carry out the election. Mr. Hertner asks Mr. Pohl to leave the room while the election is carried out.

Mr. Pohl is re-elected with two abstentions (one abstention vote and the attorney given to the person who abstained) for another term of two years.

Mr. Hertner asks Mr. Pohl if he accepts his re-election; Mr. Pohl says that he accepts his re-election onto the Board of Management.

8. Questions and Answers

The Chairman then opens the meeting to the floor.

Pierre de Longuemar is asking a question regarding the *Financial History Review* and its relationship with the EABH as well as its funding in connection with their refusal to publish Dr. Piet A. Geljon and Bernard van Marken's article: *The Dutch origins of a French Banking Group. The Nederlandsche Credit en Deposito Bank, parent of the Banque de Paris et Pay-Bas, 1863-1872.*

PH answers that the EABH only recommends articles to be published in the Review, but in the natural order of things editors make the definite selection. Still, PH confirms that regardless of this fact, he is very well aware of the case and suggests that this matter is worth being discussed with Financial History editors again. No further questions are raised.



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Professor Pohl thanks the audience for their attention and officially closes the 22nd General Members' Meeting of the EABH, inviting all the participants to join the other delegates for the promising forthcoming events.

Manfred Pohl Deputy Chairman Peter Hertner Chairman of the AAC

Carmen Hofmann Minutes' Keeper

Frankfurt, 31. Mai 2011