



Agenda for LGBTI + Gozo - Annual General Meeting
Friday 26th March 2021
17:00 hrs

- 1. Approval of Agenda of AGM**
- 2. Appointment of Chairperson**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of Previous GM**
- 4. Presentation of Administrative Report**
- 5. Presentation of Financial report**
- 6. Presentation of any major development during this mandate**
- 7. Discussion and vote on any motions**
- 8. Discussion and vote on any amendments**
- 9. Presentation of Candidates**
- 10. Appointment of Accountant, Notary and Legal aid**
- 11. Other Matters**



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Meeting started at 17:00hrs as the Quorum was reached as per statute clause (7.12)

1. A roll call was held, members present: Baldacchino Yacopo, Borg Eman, Borg Marika, Bugeja Antonella, Bugeja Robert, Calleja Gabriella, Callus Jacob, Callus Kimberly, Camilleri Catherine, Borg Cardona Matthew, Cutajar Kevin, De Grandis Nicholas, Falzon Nicola, Farrugia Hubert, Galea Clifford, Gauci Mario, Genovese Alexandra, Genovese Mario, Genovese Sascha, Giusti Lee, Grech Louisa, Grech Aloisa, Grech Martina, Gixti Gabriel, Gixti Martin Nicola, Heath Sammie Jo, Le Roux Jacques, Meli Kurt Gabriel, Refalo Mario, Spiteri Antoine, Suhrid Roy, Tabone Wilbert, Vassallo Chiara, Xiberras Reb, Zammit Julia. (35 votes).

Agenda was read and approved *nem com*.

2. Eman Borg nominated Chiara Vassallo to chair the meeting, Wilbert Tabonei seconded. No other nominations were put forward. Approved *nem com*.
3. Vassallo took lead of the meeting as Chair, renounced their vote and so the vote tally was (34). The minutes were sent beforehand by Membership & Outreach Officer Antonella Bugeja, they were taken as read. The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting that was held on the 28th of March 2020 was approved by *nem com*.
4. The Chair introduced the outgoing executive members to read out their administrative work plan report for 2020 at this order Spiteri Antoine, Bugeja Antonella, Tabone Wilbert, Xiberras Reb, Borg Eman. Annex A.

There were no objections and the Administrative report was passed *nem com*.

5. The Chair introduced Le Roux Jacques to read the financial report. The report was passed *nem com*. Annex B
6. The Chair notified that through the Administrative report any major mandate reports were read and so this item would be skipped. No objections were put forward.
7. The Chair notified that no motions were put forward via email as communicated. Since the statute does not regulate a specified deadline for any motions - the chair opened the floor for any motions. There was no motions - and so this point on the agenda was automatically approved *nem com*
8. The Chair communicated that there was one submission with three amendments to the statute, submitted by the executive of LGBTI+ Gozo. No other submissions were



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put forward. Vassallo gave the floor to LGBTI+ Gozo representatives to explain the proposed changes to the statute. Borg Eman explained the below three amendments as follows:

Amendment 1:

Article 11

PRESIDENT

- 11.1 The President shall preside all Executive Committee meetings and General Meetings of the Organisation. The President undertakes such functions in respect of the Organisation as the Executive Committee may determine from time to time.
- 11.2 In the absence of the President, the Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint a substitute/s to conduct the meetings, provided that a quorum is reached.
- 11.3 No remuneration (except by way of reimbursement of “out of pocket” expenses, if any) shall be paid to the President with respect to his office.

Changes to

Article 11

Coordinators

- 11.1 The Coordinator shall coordinate all Executive Committee meetings and General Meetings of the Organisation. They are to undertake such functions in respect of the Organisation as the Executive Committee may determine from time to time.
- 11.2 There are to be 2 (two) coordinators of which both are to be of different gender, (definition of gender) when and if possible. Moreover, the coordinators are to be as part of the LGBTI+ Gozo executive committee in any other position for a minimum of 1 (one) year and preferably is to hold the role of Secretary or Treasurer before the appointment of such a role.
- 11.3 It is the responsibility of the 2 (two) coordinators to ensure that one of them is always present at an event of LGBTI+ Gozo, to ensure they are present at events the organisation are invited towards (unless substitute is appointed) and to coordinate the works and operation of the organisation as needed from time to time.
- 11.4 No remuneration (except by way of reimbursement of “out of pocket” expenses, if any) shall be paid to the Coordinators with respect to their office.

Amendment 2:

Addition of Clause:

Article 14



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Executive members

- 14.1 LGBTI+ Gozo executive member is to attend, participate and support LGBTI+ Gozo in its operation on a day to day basis. The Executive member is to be a full member aged eighteen (18) and over and a member for up to six (6) months.
- 14.2 The Executive member will be responsible for a number of projects as decided in LGBTI+ Gozo planning weekend and evaluated from time to time according to the needs of the organisation.
- 14.3 There are to be up to 7 (seven) executive members, and as much as possible represent different intersectional identities of the Gozitan and LGBTI community. The previous executive committee is responsible to identify and encourage members to contest for the role of executive member.
- 14.4 No remuneration (except by way of reimbursement of “out of pocket” expenses, if any) shall be paid to the Executive Committee with respect to their office.

Amendment 3:

To remove:

Article 9

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

- 9.4 The nominations shall be seconded by at least two (2) other members.

The Chair opened the discussion to any observations and comments. Gauci Mario suggested that amendment 1 should be more clear and concise - the text presented in 11.2 presents a loophole in which it can be miscommunicated and misinterpreted. Le Roux Jacques seconded such thought and added the need to explain more what we mean by Gender and what constitutes it.

The proposed amendment to article 11.2 was proposed by Gauci Mario and seconded by Le Roux Jacques -

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A vote was called and the new proposed amendment was approved *nem com*.

A vote was called on Article 14, with the clause being added as presented. The clause was voted upon and approved by *nem com*.



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The floor discussed the need to remove clause 9.4 - with Gauci Mario encouraging the executive to keep such a motion to ensure that the members in the executive in the future have the organization truly at heart, this adds an element of fraternal commitment and collaboration. Borg Eman agreed that this should stay adding that the proposal for removal was added to combat bureaucratic and logistical barriers but the effort for such logistics are worth considering the risk.

The clause was not dropped from the proposed amendments.

The chair asked if there were any other remarks, no other remarks were put forward.

9. The Chair called out the names of LGBTI+ Gozo members who put forward their names in the Alphabetical order: Borg Eman, Bugeja Antonella, Camilleri Catherine, Spiteri Antoine, Tabone Wilbert, Xiberras Reb.

A brief introduction was given by the nominees. Since there were less nominations then the maximum stipulated for an executive election to be held a vote of confidence was taken. The nominees were approved *nem com*.

10. Outgoing President Borg Eman explained the need to appoint legal, notary and accountancy service for the coming years. He nominated Dr. Samuel Azzopardi, Mr Josef Masini Vento and Mr Anthony Cordina consequently. No other names were put forward. The roles were approved *nem com*.

11. No other matters were presented.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and wished the new executive well in their work and called the meeting.

Meeting ended at 18:15hrs.

Eman Borg
President
LGBTI+ Gozo

Reb Xiberras
Secretary General
LGBTI+ Gozo