

IATC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
2 December 2023
07:00 Central USA Zone; 14:00 CET
Venue: Online

1) Meeting called to order at 07:05 on 02 December 2023

2) **Present by 07.20 (Central USA Zone):**

President (Jeffrey Eric JENKINS), General Secretary (Natalia TVALTCHRELIDZE),
General Treasurer (Stéphane GILBART), Former General Secretary (Michel VAÏS)

Members of the Executive Committee: Argentina (Halima TAHAN FERREYRA), China (ZHU Ning), France (Jean-Pierre HAN), Georgia (Irina GOGOBERIDZE), Japan (Manabu NODA), Russia (Nikolai PESOCHINSKY), Serbia (Ivan MEDENICA), Slovakia (Zuzana ULÍČIANSKA), Thailand (Pawit MAHASARINAND)

Editor-in-Chief of *Critical Stages/Scènes critiques* (Savas PATSALIDIS)

Absent:

Member of the Executive Committee: Nigeria (Emmanuel S. DANDAURA),

3) Agenda adopted without objection. A new item was added – voting on a new member

4) Minutes for 12 September 2023 meeting of the Executive Committee adopted without objection. No matters arose from these minutes.

5) Officers reports:

- a) The General Treasurer presented a list of countries that had not submitted their dues: 31 sections paid all their dues, 16 sections that have to pay for 2022 and/or 2023. The dues have to be paid for sections to be represented at the 2024 General Assembly. The General Treasurer also mentioned that there are some particular cases where country representatives cannot make money transfer at all, or the cases where because of bureaucratic difficulties, the payments are late.

The General Treasurer also informed the ExCom that new press cards for 2024-2025 had already arrived.

There was a discussion on the possible solution for sections that have not paid their membership fees for an extended period of time yet would like to renew their membership. Nigeria, which is represented on the ExCom has not paid dues for several years. Countries such as Azerbaijan and Turkey have been in touch with the General Secretary.

The President mentioned that there was a need to discuss the travel grants for the Young Critics and decide on how much grants the IATC can allocate. There is currently €30,000 in IATC accounts. The decision is up to the ExCom after the General Treasurer provides the information on funds available for this purpose. Jean-Pierre HAN also spoke about the need to have a very strict criteria on who is eligible for a travel grant. The World Congress hosts will cover the costs of interpreters for conference and general assemblies. The hosts are also taking care of accommodations for the Thalia Prize honoree and her companion.

- b) New Membership Application – Dana Rufolo, a theatre critic based in Luxembourg was unanimously accepted as an Individual member based on her application. Membership was approved for her as of January 1, 2024.
- c) The President’s Report:
The president spoke about whether a possibility of online vote should be accepted during the General Assembly. He mentioned that there is a need to do a registration deadline for online votes. All voting, it was agreed, would be held online whether the voters were in-person or online. There was a discussion about late cancelations and whether those possible cancelations should be allowed to register online. It was agreed that no “last-minute registrations” for online participation would be allowed.
- 6) 2024 World Congress Discussion (30 minutes)
 - a. Extraordinary General Assembly
 - i. Will be limited to a Statutes discussion. There is no need for a discussion of forgiveness of past dues owed.
 - b. General Assembly and Candidacies
 - i. Martina Pecková Černá will welcome delegates at General Assembly. It was suggested that lunch be served near the hall to make sure we keep participants near to conference and assemblies.
 - c. Conference
 - i. Times and attendees will be set by committee in discussion with president and general secretary.
 - d. Thalia Prize
 - i. President will welcome, Thalia Prize chair will introduce those who will provide laudation for Erika Fischer-Lichte. May be a culture minister who will speak at beginning. President will make the presentation to the Thalia honoree.
 - e. New ExCom and *Critical Stages* Editorial Board Meetings
 - i. 24 May 2024: (will not overlap)
- 7) Future Executive Committee Meetings (15 minutes) [ITEM TABLED]
 - a. Georgia Proposal (Fall 2024)
- 8) Conferences Report (10 minutes) [ITEM TABLED]
 - a. Future Proposals: 28-30 May 2024 Conference at Novi Sad on “Theatre and Political Correctness”
- 9) Young Critics’ Report (10 minutes)
 - a. Future Proposals

- i. Brno Plan (French/English/Czech): Director HAN noted that participants must be working critics, not just students.
- ii. Poland Puppetry Proposal: Director HAN spoke about the difficulty of accepting this proposal as it is too close to the World Congress dates. He proposed to attempt it in 2025. There was discussion about Margareta SÖRENSON possibly moderating a session; also, discussion about a bilingual session. President will check with Honorary President SÖRENSON.

10) *Critical Stages* report (10 minutes) [ITEM TABLED]

11) New Business (5 minutes) [ITEM TABLED]

12) Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Eric JENKINS
President

Natalia TVALTCHRELIDZE
General Secretary