

**Annual General Meeting**  
of the  
**Basel Peace Office Association**

29 October 2013, 17:00

Basel Peace Office, Seminar fur Soziologie, Petersgraben 27, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Basel

**Draft Minutes**

1. Present: Andreas Nidecker (President), Laurent Goetschel (Executive Committee Member), Markus Ritter (Executive Committee Member), Susanne Wyder (on behalf of Ueli Mäder, Executive Committee Member), Alyn Ware (Director), Rob van Riet (via skype), Jonathan Granoff (via phone for part of the meeting).
2. Apologies: Ueli Mäder, David Krieger, Jacob von Uexkull
3. Agenda review. The agenda was approved
4. Minutes of inaugural meeting of Basel Peace Office Association, 16 August 2012. The minutes were approved.
5. Report of the President. Andreas Nidecker presented the President's Report (attached). The report was approved. A vote of thanks to the President was approved.
6. Report of the Director. Alyn Ware presented the Director's Report (attached). The report was approved.
7. Financial Report. Alyn Ware presented the Financial Report which was prepared by Christoph Pilger. The report was approved. A vote of thanks to Chris Pilger was approved.
8. Election of officers. The following officers were elected by unanimous vote.
  - a. President – Andreas Nidecker
  - b. Executive Committee – Andreas Nidecker, Laurent Goetschel, Markus Ritter
  - c. Members of the Board - Andreas Nidecker (IPPNW Switzerland), Laurent Goetschel (Swiss Peace), Markus Ritter (Basel-Stadt Canton), Ueli Mäder (University of Basel Sociology Seminary), Jakob von Uexkull (World Future Council), David Krieger (Middle Powers Initiative), Jonathan Granoff (Global Security Institute)
9. Approval of the budget. Alyn Ware presented the draft budget for the forthcoming year 1 November 2013- 31 October 2014. There was some discussion on funding sources and budget items. This included the good news that the Basel Canton Parliament recently agreed to provide funds to swisspeace for activities related to the OSCE Ministerial Summit, and discussion of applications for funding from several other sources. The proposal to reduce the director's compensation due to financial constraints was accepted on the basis

that this would be returned to full compensation should funding be secured. The budget was approved.

10. Appointment of auditor. It was agreed that Price-Waterhouse be contacted to give a quote for auditing of the accounts and appointed as the auditor if their quote is reasonable.

11. Other business – staff and interns. It was agreed that financial constraints prevented the replacement of Chris, but that part-time administrative/office/program support was necessary. Alyn and Laurent will discuss options. Alyn reported on the start of two interns: Lisa (two months) who can assist in German translations, PNND program and Peace and Sport program, and Heela (6-12 months) who will assist primarily with the Religions for Peace and Play for Rights programs. Funding for Heela's internship is being sought from Religions for Peace.

12. Other business – program. There was some informal discussion about the program for 2014. This includes:

- a. PNND events including Annual Assembly in Washington DC, Jan 21-23, input into IPU nuclear abolition program including resolution and side-event at the IPU Assembly in Geneva Mar 22-24, and OSCE Parliamentary Assembly program including assembly in Geneva in October.
- b. Nuclear Abolition Forum next edition (topic still to be decided);
- c. Proposed mid-year conference of mayors and parliamentarians as part of the OSCE program, including a possible visit of Tad Akiba to coincide with this;
- d. Outreach to religious communities using the new resource guide Basel Peace Office developed for Religions for Peace.
- e. Climbing Mt Kilimanjaro for nuclear abolition. IPPNW Africa project with Basel Peace Office a supporting partner (part of our Peace and Sport program);
- f. Joint project of Play for Rights and Basel Peace Office on a youth training and arts performance on the theme of nuclear abolition for the International Day for Peace (21 September) and/or International Day for Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (26 September);
- g. Proposal for parliamentary hearings on nuclear disarmament to use the PNND/IPU handbook and to follow-up the Future Policy Awards and the IPU resolution in March 2014. World Future Council proposed that this be done as WFC/PNND with application to UNDP for funding at similar level to their funding for parliamentary hearings on climate change. Alyn and Rob will follow-up on this proposal.

13. The meeting was closed at 18:10