



London, November 4, 2002

November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm, room 209, 31-34 Gordon Square, Institute of Archaeology, University College, London.

### Present members:

Geneviève LeFort, Susan Glenn (supporting member), Catherine Leluc, Sven Gronemeyer, Hal Green (supporting member), Elizabeth Wagner, Erik Boot, Pierre Colas, Alexandre Safronov, Rafael Mansourov (supporting member), Albert Davletshin, Johan Normark, Harri Kettunen, Annette Kern, Bodil Liljefors Persson.

### Present by procuration:

Philippe de Carlos, Christian Prager and Frauke Sachse.

## Extraordinary General Assembly

### Order of the Day

#### §1

##### Vote on the Statutes

There was a general agreement that the vote for the statutes could not be done as only 15 active members were present at the meeting (17 active members were needed to reach the quorum). The assembly agreed that a new call for an extraordinary general assembly would be announced to all members during the next day, and that the vote for the statutes should take place again at the British Museum, at 5pm November 9, 2002.

## General Assembly

### Order of the Day

The quorum of active members was not reached. The meeting took place but only on a discussion basis. It was agreed that all members would be invited again for a General Assembly at the British Museum, at 5pm November 9, 2002, for a voting session.

#### §1

##### After 7EMC: proceedings (publication and editorial board)

A report and proposal by Christian Prager were presented by Pierre Colas and discussed at the meeting. The present members agreed that Geneviève LeFort, Bodil Liljefors Persson, Pierre Colas and Erik Boot should be the editors for the forthcoming volume with the proceedings of the research papers. It was also suggested that for the future EMCs maybe the local team would be the best option for editing the proceedings, but the situation should be examined each year. It was also suggested that the editorial team should set a rather early deadline for the articles – all due to have the proceedings published as soon as possible.

## §2

### Madrid 8EMC 2003

The Report by Alfonso Lacadena and Rogelio Valencia was summarized by Geneviève LeFort. The Conference Board will have a meeting on Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002 and then will be decided the actual dates for the Madrid EMC. The EMC topic will be concentrated on the Madrid Codex and the Conference will probably have lesser students attending the workshop and maybe only three or four invited speakers. As always the financial situation will influence the frame for the conference and this is a problem that has not yet a total solution for the Madrid EMC.

## §3

### 9 EMC 2004

Report by the Conference Board. The CB will discuss alternatives at the Thursday meeting, but the 9 EMC could maybe take place in Basel at the Museum der Kulturen (Ethnography Museum). Among other interesting things, the Tikal lintels are there and may then be in focus for the 2004 EMC. Geneviève LeFort has already had some contacts with the curator of the American Collection of the Museum and will continue to have discussions with him. Other options for the future may be to have the EMC in Sweden, Russia, France or Italy, but it is not easy to arrange at this point. Bonn is always a possibility.

## §4

### EMC organization

Proposals by Christian and Frauke. The present members could not vote on the proposals, but all expressed their support, and suggested that Christian and Frauke should continue with their work and get back to us later.

## §5

### Workshop organization

*Fund raising – proposal by Christian.*

*Workshop Working Group – proposal by Frauke and/or Christian.*

On the meeting it was discussed the fact that concerning this year there apparently was some misunderstandings about the composition of the Workshop Book. This year Harri Kettunen and Christophe Helmke wrote the Workshop Book for beginners. In order to avoid further misunderstandings the meeting agreed to form a Workshop Working Group. The members of this group are Pierre Colas, Christian Prager and Harri Kettunen and Christian Prager is the coordinator. This group should also work in close collaboration with the Conference Board and the local team that organizes each EMC.

The possibilities to translate either the Workshop Book from this year into Spanish, or a forthcoming book by Harri Kettunen from finish to Spanish, was also mentioned as an alternative to use at the 8EMC in Madrid.

Fundraising should also be a project for the Workshop Working Group as well as for the Conference Board.

There will probably be a Glyph workshop in June organized in the name of Wayeb in Bonn, but more information concerning this will be announced at the beginning of 2003.

## §6

### Year 2002 financial situation

*Annual Report by Christian.*

*Should Wayeb help members financially to go to EMCs?*

*How to reward hard workers?*

1. The annual report was commented and everything seems to be in excellent order thanks to the hard and thorough work by Christian Prager.
2. The meeting discussed what Wayeb could do to help members financially. It was agreed that what Wayeb actually can do is to help "speakers" of the EMC who do not get their expenses paid

by their institutions. Wayeb should also try to raise funds from Companies to sponsor a "Wayeb scholarship" - and this should be a project for the Conference Board together with the Workshop Working Group.

3. The present members on the meeting agreed that Wayeb should try to reward hard workers somehow, and it was unanimously agreed that hard working members should get free admission to the EMCs. It was further suggested that it must be the AC that takes the decisions of who those hard workers are.

In this context it was also discussed which position Wayeb should hold in the case when "old members" have not paid their membership fees. This is clearly written in the "Internal Regulations" according to which it says that members, who have not paid their membership fees by the end of April, should not be registered as a member of that particular year.

## §7

### 2002 activities and initiatives

*Web site: report by Sven.*

*Brussels 2<sup>nd</sup> SAB Symposium: report by Geneviève.*

*Statutes and Internal Regulations: report by Geneviève and/or Philippe.*

1. Sven presented thoroughly the changes made during the year, and that the website is constantly updated with new information. During this year the link-section has been re-arranged by Elisabeth Wagner and the site also has information about field schools from this year on. Furthermore the website has a link containing ethno-historical sources that is provided by Christian Prager. The documents can be searched through, but not copied, through an Adobe secure system.
2. Geneviève summarized the program of the coming SAB Symposium, which sounded generally very good and interesting, even though some of the speakers had to cancel their attendance at the Symposium. One of the keynote speakers, Dr Philippe Jacquin, from the University of Lyon, France, sadly died shortly before the Symposium. The program can be found on the website.
3. Concerning the Statutes and Internal Regulations, the Board has revised these during the year 2002 and all members have read the documents. New for this year is that every member start by becoming supporting member, or sponsoring member. To become active member the person should take the initiative and engage actively and continuously, in and for Wayeb.

## §8

### Projects

*Maudslay Casts Project: proposal by Rogelio.*

*Mayaland Didactic Guide Book: proposal by Geneviève.*

*Wayeb Archaeological Fellowship: proposal by Geneviève.*

1. This project was discussed only very briefly on the meeting and some hesitations were put forward, mainly due to the fact that the British Museum already has plans for a project similar to Rogelio's proposal concerning the Maudslay Casts.
2. Concerning the Mayaland Didactic Guidebook some reflections came up that there already exist several books that may be of a similar kind.
3. Wayeb should work continuously to try to establish different fellowships and grants, and it was stated that Nikolai Grube, as being the Academic Advisor of Wayeb, may be the one that should try to establish contacts for this project.

## §9

### Internal Regulations

*Vote.*

*Art. 13: Website WG: proposal by Sven.*

First, the meeting did not vote because of lack of members present at the meeting. The voting was postponed until Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002 at the British Museum.

Secondly it was stressed that it should be added in the Internal Regulations that all material necessary for the GA should be announced and sent to members in advance. This has been done, but it should be confirmed in written form in the regulations as well.

Sven has worked out an internal regulation for the Web Group, and this proposal from Sven should be added to Article 13 in the present version of the Internal Regulations.

## §10

### Election of the members of the Administration Council for 2003

Candidates: Bodil Liljefors Persson and Frauke Sachse (founding members are always part of AC).

This election was also postponed until Saturday Nov. 9, 2002 at the British Museum.

## §11

### Other questions

From Bodil Liljefors Persson it was suggested that Wayeb should once again consider publishing interesting articles in a *Wayeb Scientific Journal*. It was not discussed as a possibility for the moment, but that it should be of benefit for European Maya Research and for the members not the least. It was also stated in this context that the German Journal *Mexicon* exists, which of course is a large Journal, and maybe there is not room for more than one for now. So, the question was left with the comment that it could become possible in the future.

From Pierre Colas it was stressed that Wayeb should have a majority of European speakers and researchers presenting at the EMCs, and it was discussed if, and how, this could be done. Other members, as well, stressed that the EMCs are a forum for European Maya scholars, researchers and students, but that the latest EMCs have been dominated by presentations from the USA. It was suggested that maybe it should be regulated somehow, such as for instance invite certain researchers, and/or to divide the number of speakers so that the majority should be of European heritage. The quality of the research papers, though, should not be allowed to diminish due to this procedure. The meeting did not decide on anything in this question, but it was also stated that the 2002 EMC is a little exceptional in that it is much bigger than the previous ones, and that it has been sponsored to a great extent by the British Museum. The forthcoming EMCs are more likely to become smaller events again.

## §12

The General Assembly was closed by President and Chair of the meeting, Geneviève LeFort, who thanked all present members for engaging discussions, and thereafter a common walk guided by Professor Elizabeth Graham lead to a small Indian Restaurant near the Gordon Square. There much interesting conversations followed well accompanied by great food and drinks. The 7<sup>th</sup> European Maya Conference had begun!

The Pen was held by  
Bodil Liljefors Persson  
Wayeb Secretary.

The Chair of the Meeting  
Geneviève LeFort  
Wayeb President

## Wayeb Extraordinary and Ordinary General Assemblies

London UCL, and British Museum, November 9, 2002.

### Present members:

Geneviève LeFort, Frauke Sachse, Annette Kern, Rogelio Valencia, Elizabeth Wagner, Catherine Leluc, Sven Gronemeyer, Agnes Cougnaud, Johan Normark, Erik Boot, Albert Davletshin, Alexandre Safronov, Bodil Liljefors Persson.

### §1

#### Do Wayeb accept the 2002 version of the Statutes?

The majority of the present members voted for the 2002 version of the Statutes.  
See the Deliberation Sheet.

### §2

#### Do Wayeb accept the 2002 version of the Internal Regulations?

The majority of the present member voted for the 2002 version of the Internal Regulations.  
See the Deliberation Sheet.

### §3

#### Do Wayeb accept Bodil Liljefors Persson and Frauke Sachse in the Administration Council?

The majority of the present members voted for Bodil Liljefors Persson and Frauke Sachse in the Administration Council.  
See the Deliberation Sheet.

The pen was held by  
Bodil Liljefors Persson  
Wayeb Secretary

Session's President  
Geneviève LeFort  
Wayeb President