



Bonn, 8 December 2004

Minutes of the WAYEB General Assembly 2004

The General Assembly was held in connection with the ninth European Maya Conference which took place at Bonn University Wednesday December 8th, 2004 in room A301 Old building from 18.30 – 21.00 at the Institute of Altamerikanistik, Römerstrasse 164, 53117 Bonn, GERMANY

The General Assembly was attended by the following members:

Frauke Sachse (president,) Geneviève Le Fort (vice-president), Christian Prager (Treasurer), Bodil Liljefors Persson (secretary), Alexander Tokovinine, Tina Warinner, Estella Weiss-Krejci, Jürgen Schweitzer, Harri Kettunen, Christophe Helmke, Jennifer Newman, Mikkel Hvass, Sven Gronemeyer, White Crow Inega Koka, Elisabeth Wagner, Yuriy Polyukovych, Alexandre Safronov, Julie Ludwig, Ramzy Barrois, Annette Kern, Dmitri Beliaev, Daniel Graña-Behrens, Iken Paap (non-member), Pierre Robert Colas, Nikolai Grube, Marianne Gabriel and Albert Davletshin.

Represented by proxy:

Jan Matze (represented by procuration Christian Prager), Catherine Leluc (represented by procuration Geneviève Le Fort), Elizabeth Graham (represented by procuration Frauke Sachse) and Jesper Nielsen (represented by procuration Bodil Liljefors Persson).

The General Assembly meeting followed the proposed Ordre du jour/Agenda and this minute follows the order of the paragraphs as presented at the meeting.

§1. EMC UPDATE; REPORT FROM CONFERENCE BOARD (report by Frauke Sachse)

-10 EMC 2005 - Leiden university, Netherlands. The Conference theme will focus The Maya and their Neighbours and will be officially announced Prof. William Adelaar at the closing ceremony of this years EMC on Sunday 12th of December.

-11 EMC 2006 – Malmö University, Sweden. Bodil Liljefors Persson and Christian Isendahl have officially applied to organize this EMC conference in Malmö. Official announcement with conference theme will be presented during the EMC 2005 in Leiden.

- 12 EMC 2007 – Vienna University, Austria. Estella Weiss.-Krejci have made an unofficial application and will try to organise this EMC together with Christian Feest.

§2. PROCEEDINGS: "EMC EDITORIAL BOARD" (report of working group)

First, Pierre Robert Colas presented the status for the latest publications and for ongoing publications. The volume from EMC Bonn 2000, edited by Daniel Graña-Behrens, Nikolai Grube, Christian Prager, Frauke Sachse, Stefanie Teufel and Elisabeth Wagner, is now available by Anton Saurwein Publishing house. Annette Kern is editing the EMC Hamburg 2001 and it is in progress. The EMC London 2002, edited by Geneviève LeFort, Pierre Robert Colas and Bodil Liljefors Persson is soon to be edited for publishing. We did not have any special information about the EMC Madrid 2003-volume, but Rogelio Valencia is working with it. The proceedings for the EMC 2004 will be edited by Frauke Sachse.

In this context a discussion started concerning which publishing company Wayeb should consult in the future. Some complaints have been made about the present situation, due to delays in the printing process and also concerning the inefficiency of distribution channels. One of the advantages with Anton Saurwein Publishing House is that Wayeb members are offered 25% discount on all publications from the Publishing house.

A lively discussion about how to proceed took place and many suggestions came up, such as the question raised by Nikolai Grube about the possibility to find a Publishing Company that could publish a serial of European Maya Conferences and also to find a Latin American distribution company,

another suggestion was about the possibility for Wayeb to start its own Publishing House (Christian Prager), and in alliance with Latin American distributor (Marianne Gabriel). A good suggestion to start with, is to put a link on the Wayeb webpage directly to Saurwein Publishing house to make it easier to order books (Mikkel Hvass). It was finally agreed that Pierre Robert Colas should discuss with Anton Saurwein as soon as possible and then discuss different options with Nikolai Grube and Frauke Sachse, and thereafter inform Wayeb members about the decisions in a newsletter.

Suggestion of names for honorary fellows in the EMC Editorial Board -was presented by Elizabeth Wagner for the working group, (see report by Elisabeth Wagner and Annette Kern attached; attachment 1) and they suggested that five persons should compose the Honorary Board, that three should be from Wayeb and that two should come from the hosting institutions. A question also discussed was, whether some of these honorary fellows could come from outside Europe. This was discussed lively and the meeting finally agreed that Wayeb should contact and elect honorary fellows for five years, and two of these persons should take active part one year at the time. It was also noted that it was difficult to find competent women to elect for the honorary board.

It was decided that the Working Group and the Wayeb Board should contact Norman Hammond, Elizabeth Graham, Nikolai Grube, Alain Breton, Andres Ciudad, and Ivan Sprajc to offer them to participate as honorary fellows and to work with the EMC Editorial Board.

§3. WAYEB NOTES (report by Christian Prager)

-Editorial procedures and general problems.

Christian presented the list of publications and referred to a discussion about how to correct and comment the content. It was decided by the GA that the editorial board of the Wayeb Notes should decide in single cases of uncertainty how to handle and solve problems the best way. The Wayeb Notes has ISBN-number and has a legitimate status as source to quote in research.

Members of the Editorial Board, as voted by this GA, are Christian Prager, Nikolai Grube, Dimitri Beliaev, Pierre Robert Colas, Harri Kettunen, Elizabeth Wagner and Christophe Helmke.

§4. WAYEB WEBSITE (report by Sven Gronemeyer)

Sven Gronemeyer presented a thorough and detailed report (see attachment 2) to this Minute. The most important issue is that we may have to change domain and it was decided that Wayeb should by the domains Wayeb.org, Wayeb.com and Wayeb.net to avoid "shadow-sides". It is not expensive and it was decided that Wayeb should by reservations for ten years. Wayeb should also examine the possibilities to by new software to that enables Wayeb to secure online systems for registration of members. In connection to this, the GA also discussed how Wayeb could attract more new members – and one solution most probably is to make the registration process easier. So this is an important issue to solve. The GA decided to let Rogelio Valencia examine different options and discuss them with Sven Gronemeyer. The costs should not exceed 1000 Euros.

§5. OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS (report by Geneviève Le Fort and Frauke Sachse)

-Statutes update

-Changes to European Maya Conference-regulations

Geneviève quoted an official letter of recognition from the Belgique King Albert II, for Wayeb official statutes. The introduction phrase is formulated: DIRECTION GENERAL DE LA LEGISLATION ET DES LIBERTES ET DROITS FONDAMENTAUX., Albert II, Roi des Belges, A tous, presents et à venir, Salut. The letter is signed 31 July 2004.

The EMC-regulations are continually updated and also during this year there have been minor revisions. The decisions are taken by the Conference Board in agreement with the Wayeb Board, the GA is not consulted on these minor organisational issues.

§6. 2004 ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

-Wayeb Archaeological Fellowship project (update by Geneviève Le Fort).

-Wayeb Info Broschure

This year all participants in the EMC have received the Wayeb information brochure in their conference maps. All members are encouraged and welcome to suggest changes and additions to the Board.

§7. MEMBERSHIP ISSUES.

- active and supporting membership status
- non-paying founding members

Wayeb continues with the distinction between active and supporting membership and basically the difference is that active members take on certain responsibilities, such as to be part of the process and work with developing and promoting Wayeb. Also active members are obliged to participate in the GA and vote. Active members who are not active, i.e. do not participate in statutory activities should reconsider their application for active membership status.

During the meeting it was also discussed how Wayeb should handle members, and particularly founding members, who do not pay their membership fees. It was decided that Frauke, as president of Wayeb, should contact the founding members to ask them to pay – or to resign from their position in the AC.

§8. FINANCES REPORT (report by Christian Prager)

- general overview
- workshop and EMC finances
- amount of money available for Wayeb "scholarships"

Christian presented a detailed financial report (see attachment 3). It was decided that the workshop profit would be transmitted to the next coming workshops and that the hosting institution always shall try to find money for the Symposiums. It was also discussed how Wayeb could support indigenous involvement, and support travel expenses for students who applied for call for papers, to participate in future Symposiums. This needs to be further developed but will hopefully become realised in future events.

§9. ELECTIONS

- Administrative Council
- Account Auditors

For the Administrative Council, Rogelio Valencia, Dimitri Beliaev and Bodil Liljefors Persson was re-elected by the General Assembly.

Jan Maatze was re-elected as Account Supervisor.

§10. VARIAE

The GA discussed once again how – and if – Wayeb should reward hard working members. This concerns both members within the board and members who work with specific time-consuming tasks, such as being responsible for the webpage and in connection with organising EMC's and other activities. One interesting suggestion, from Marianne Gabriel, was that Wayeb could buy handcraft-made objects from local artisans in Yucatan, or elsewhere, and give the members more as a symbolic gesture.

This is a delicate issue – and no one wants to take special advantages and receive money/salary from Wayeb – but it is also a fact that certain work at certain periods of the year becomes very intensified and time consuming – and this should somehow become recognized.

The GA decided that this should be thoroughly examined and discussed on the nextcoming GA in Leiden in 2005.

§12. CONCLUDING REMARKS.

The Wayeb General Assembly 2004 in Bonn was characterised by vivid and lively discussions with arguments from all the present members. Even though the meeting took place after two long and intense workshop days most of the members joined together after the GA in a small pub to eat, drink and talk well into the night in a December cold Bonn. This tradition is something well worth continuing

in the future. The GA of 2004 was, like its predecessors, a successful meeting and this also indicates that Wayeb will be prosperous also in the future.

Frauke Sachse, president of Wayeb, closed the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly.

Limhamn, Sweden, December 2004.

Bodil Liljefors Persson
Wayeb secretary

Frauke Sachse
Wayeb president