

**European Association for Business and Commerce (EABC)  
Bangkok, Thailand**

**Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> EABC Annual General Meeting 2022**

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**Held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of April, 2022, at 17:00 hrs., at the Sheraton Grande Sukhumvit  
250 Sukhumvit Rd, Khwaeng Khlong Toei, Khlong Toei, Bangkok 10110**

**Present**

**41 Members present in person or by proxy and voting in person or by proxy (36 in person + 5 by proxy) – showing Representative (or 2<sup>nd</sup> Representative) or Proxy Holder as applicable:**

1. Allianz Ayudhya Assurance - Mr. Jan-Christian Rosemeyer
2. Amadeus Asia – Mr. Anthony Hoglund
3. Ananda Intellectual Property – Mr. Franck Fougère
4. Aviation Pro – Mr. Robert Fox
5. BASF – Mr. Petrus Ng
6. Bayer – Mrs. Paranee Adulyapichet (2<sup>nd</sup> representative)
7. BDO Advisory Services – Mrs. Noel Ashpole
8. Civil Engineering Solutions – Mr. Georg Wolff
9. Danieli – Mr. Alessandro Menocci
10. Danone Specialised Nutrition – Mr. Danish Rahman
11. Dextra – by proxy Mr. Jan Eriksson
12. Diageo Moët Hennessy – Mr. Puneet Narang
13. DLA Piper by proxy Mr. Jerome Kelly
14. East Eight – by proxy Mr. Robert Fox
15. Fair & Easy – Mr. Thomas Fernandez
16. FDC International – Mr. Sébastien Laurent
17. Havas Riverorchid – Mr. Santiphong Pimolsaengsuriya
18. IWG (Regus) – Mr. Thitiwat Thanapornnithinan
19. JT International – Ms. Isaraporn Kitcholwiwat (2<sup>nd</sup> representative)
20. KPMG Thailand – Mr. Nicholas Bellamy
21. LawtonAsia Insurance Brokers – Mr. Jerome Kelly
22. L'Oréal – Ms. Onanong Pratakphiriya
23. Luther Thailand – Mr. Fabian Lorenz
24. M2M Technologies – Mr. Jan Eriksson
25. Mazars - by Proxy Mrs Noel Ashpole
26. MDA Consulting SEA – Mr. Luca Vianelli
27. MultiCORE International Group – Mr. Michael Saif Ghanima
28. Novegion Consulting and Services – Mr. Nirut Kunnawat
29. Pacific 2000 Recruitment – Mr. Anders Lundquist

30. Pernod Ricard Thailand – Ms. Anchalee Surapanpairoge (2<sup>nd</sup> representative)
31. Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association – Mr. Kengkran Louvirojanakul
32. PKF Holdings – Mr. John Sim
33. Roche Thailand – Mr. Farid Bidgoli
34. Saint-Gobain – Mr. Matthias Alber
35. Siemens Mobility – Mr. Armin Rosocha
36. Sodexo Services – Mr. Arnaud Bialecki
37. Spica – Mr. Jan Eriksson
38. ST1 Renewable Energy - by Proxy Mr. Robert Fox
39. United Overseas Bank – Mr. Yuttana Saithai
40. Vovan & Associates – Mr. Roland Amoussou (2<sup>nd</sup> representative)
41. Zuellig Pharma - Mr. Laksaman Choosiri

**22 Members present electronically and voting electronically:**

1. Acteus – Mr. Yann Bary
2. Adidas – Mr. Georges Youssef
3. Allen & Overy – Mr. Chris Burkett
4. Boehringer Ingelheim – Mr. Rodrigo Lau
5. Cavagna Group Asia – Mr. Manual Sguazzi
6. Chandler MHM – Mr. Jessada Sawatdipong
7. DFDL – Mrs. Audray Souche
8. DHL Global Forwarding – Mr. Thomas Tiber
9. Ecco – Mr. Gitsada Boonchirt
10. Eurofins Food Testing – Mr. Nithiwat Yingkitwiwat
11. Fronius – Mr. Porameth Shinno
12. GlaxoSmithKline – Ms. Somrasa Pongpermpruek
13. LawPlus – Mr. Kowit Somwaiya
14. Leschaco – Mrs. Christine Russel-Wittebrood
15. Philip Morris Trading – Mr. Gerald Margolis
16. PriceWaterhouseCoopers – Mr. Paul Sumner
17. Rittal – Mr. Chatchai Wajakiet
18. Takeda – Ms. Praphaphan Phrommart
19. The Match Box – Ms. Jutamat Pattamavipart
20. The Scottish Whisky Association – Mr. Martin Bell
21. Tilleke & Gibbins – Ms. Kasama Sriwatanakul
22. Ziehl-Abegg – Mr. Mario Koenig

**Observers**

1. Mr. Guillaume Rebiere, EABC
2. Dr. Charanya Nopnukulvised, EABC
3. Ms. Thitikan Viboonphong, EABC
4. Mr. Tayan Chinawongwatana, EABC

And special observers:

5. Mrs. Isabelle Stobelleir EUD as voting scrutineer
6. Mr. Gonzalo Herrera EUD as voting scrutineer

## **Meeting started 17.00**

### **Welcoming**

Mr. Guillaume Rebiere, Executive Director of EABC was the MC of the AGM. He introduced Mr. Jan Eriksson, President of EABC, Mr. Jerome Kelly, Treasurer, and Mr. Bob Fox, Vice-President and Advocacy Development Board member, to present the items in the meeting. Mr. Guillaume REBIERE asked Mr. Jan Eriksson (President) to Chair the meeting.

The President welcomed all members and stated that the quorum was established with 41 members present in person or by proxy which is at least 15% of members, even apart from those participating electronically. Mr. Guillaume Rebiere thanked event sponsors Multicore, Husqvarna, L'Oréal, Samitivej Hospital, Aviation Pro, Civil Engineering Solutions, Diageo Moët Hennessy, and Loka Brew Works.

Mr. Guillaume Rebiere reminded all members present at the AGM about the rules and the proceedings, especially those related to voting. Members participate in person via their representatives, or by proxy or via their representatives electronically.

### **1. Approval of the Minutes of the EABC Annual General Meeting of 2021**

The 2021 AGM was held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 by Zoom meeting. A copy of the minutes was provided to all participants in the AGM and had been posted on the EABC website. EABC President.

EABC President Mr. Jan Eriksson explained that resolutions (such as approving minutes) would be addressed by use of voting cards (YES/NO) for all resolutions other than voting for ordinary directors (which would be done by secret ballot).

He asked the meeting for their approval of the Minutes of AGM 2021. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried; the minutes were approved.

### **2. Report of the President**

Mr. Jan Eriksson presented a reminder of the history, mission and purpose of EABC, as well as of the main activities and services implemented by EABC. It also introduced EABC's team to all participants.

EABC President Mr. Jan Eriksson presented the President's Report.

### **3. Presentation of Activity and Advocacy Report 2021**

Mr. Bob Fox, Vice-President and Advocacy Development Board member, presented the Advocacy Activity report. He also referred to the Activity Report 2021 which can be downloaded from EABC website.

The activity and advocacy report included a reminder of the work done by the 12 Working Groups of EABC and other cross working group and EABC-wide engagements, about the Top Set of policy issues, of the advocacy engagement means followed by EABC, of the advocacy development strategy of EABC, of EABC's advocacy partners, of the 2022 European Business Position Paper (wherein the Introduction chapter explained EABC approach and provided other background), and of the events, meetings and activities carried out by EABC in 2021.

### **4. Presentation of Financial Report 2021**

The Treasurer Mr. Jerome Kelly presented the financial report for 2021 with indicators for 2022. The material was also posted in the EABC website and made available in advance to all members before the meeting. He noted that EABC was in a very good financial position.

The Financial statements and the Treasurer's Report for 2021 were approved by the meeting.

### **5. Approval of Appointment of Auditor**

The Treasurer Mr. Jerome Kelly stated that the auditor fee is reasonable, and the auditors had provided a reliable service. The Treasurer recommended the meeting approve the appointment of the auditor.

The meeting approved auditor Ms. Kanaratp Kijtanapobrung. Her yearly fee is 35,000 baht.

### **6. Amendment to EABC ByLaws (office address only)**

MC Mr. Guillaume Rebiere conducted the business for change of Bylaws. As EABC has moved to a new address now, and as the address is required to be stated in the ByLaws, it was proposed that the ByLaws be amended by changing the address to: 87 M Thai Tower, All Seasons Place 23rd Floor, Office 2306, Wireless Road, Lumpini, Phatumwan, Bangkok 10330 Thailand.

The motion was seconded and carried.

### **7. Presentation of candidates standing for election as Ordinary Directors to the Board of Directors**

Mr. Guillaume Rebiere, Executive Director of EABC, explained the voting process for Ordinary Directors, and reminded the participants that the voting would take place online, using the secured electronic platform [www.electionbuddy.com](http://www.electionbuddy.com) for all members.

He referred to materials already distributed and on the EABC website about voting instructions. A controlled and authorised ballot card had been distributed to members eligible to vote with a QR code allowing them to vote online. Eligible voters also received an email, on 28 April 2022, at 5.30 PM, with a personalized and unique link allowing them to vote online. The QR code or the link could only be used to vote once. Eligible voters not attending the AGM in person could still vote online during the AGM. The online electronic voting platform was open on 28 April 2022, from 5.30 PM to 6.30 PM.

Members were advised to vote up to 11 candidates; including more than 11 would render the voting ballot card invalid. There was no preferential order. There were 15 candidates for 11 positions. Each candidate for Ordinary Director candidates was given 2 minutes to introduce themselves to the attending members of EABC or if not physically present, to show a 2 min video clip. Profiles of 15 candidates standing for election were also on the EABC website and were sent by email in advance to all members.

## **8. Election of Ordinary Directors to Board of Directors**

Mr. Guillaume Rebiere, Executive Director of EABC, explained again that eligible voters could vote online using their QR code or personalized link between 5.30 PM and 6.30 PM. The 15 candidates starting their 2-minute presentations at 5.45 PM. This left 15 minutes to all eligible voters to select candidates to vote.

The 15 candidates were (in alphabetical order by family name):

- Mrs. Noel ASHPOLE – BDO
- Mr. Yann BARY – Acteus
- Mr. Nicholas BELLAMY – KPMG
- Mr. Farid BIDGOLI – Roche
- Mrs. Anne COULON – DFDL
- Mr. Jan ERIKSSON – SPICA
- Mr. Anthony HOGLUND - Amadeus
- Mr. Jerome KELLY – LawtonAsia
- Mr. Fabian LORENZ – Luther
- Mr. Tomasz MAZUR - Siemens Mobility
- Mr. Paul SCALES – EastEight
- Mr. John SIM – PK Holdings
- Mr. Thitiwat THANAPORNNITHINAN – IWG
- Mr. Georg WOLFF – Civil Engineering Solutions
- Mrs. Cosma ZACHERO – L’Oreal

63 electronic votes were cast, out of 103 eligible voters and of 63 present in some form or other at this AGM. 63/103 which represents a participation rate of 61%. There were two scrutineers from the EU Delegation: (1) Mrs. Isabelle De Stobbeleir (2) Mr. Gonzalo Herrera. Voting results appear immediately on the electronic voting platform after the closing of the vote at 6.30 PM.

## **9. Election Results and Confirming Good Standing Status of new Directors and Special Director**

Mr. Guillaume Rebiere, Executive Director, announced that there were 63 valid votes cast. He announced the election results using the order in which the candidates appeared (alphabetical by family name), not in order of number of votes received. The 11 elected candidates were :

- Mrs. Noel ASHPOLE – BDO
- Mr. Nicholas BELLAMY – KPMG
- Mr. Farid BIDGOLI – Roche
- Mrs. Anne COULON – DFDL
- Mr. Jan ERIKSSON – SPICA
- Mr. Anthony HOGLUND - Amadeus
- Mr. Jerome KELLY – LawtonAsia
- Mr. Fabian LORENZ – Luther
- Mr. Tomasz MAZUR - Siemens Mobility
- Mr. Thitiwat THANAPORNNITHINAN – IWG
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Mr. Guillaume Rebiere, Executive Director, then explained about the Good Standing motion: Just as there are basic requirements of good character, not being a bankrupt etc. in Article 11 of our ByLaws for members representatives (all here today), there are similar basic factors for being of good standing for directors. This is standard in Thailand. In addition to those 11 Ordinary Directors elected today are four Special Directors appointed where there has been no general meeting since appointment.

The confirmation of good standing can also be done by a senior public official for each director, but it is more convenient to use this route.

He then asked for confirmation of good standing of all 11 ordinary directors and 4 special directors who were appointed at different times by the EABC President after being elected chair of their respective Working Groups by EABC members in those Working Groups: Mrs. Paranee Adulyapichet (Chair of Healthcare and Pharmaceutical), Mr. Bob Fox (Chair of Digital Economy/ICT), Mr. Roderich Hoffmann (Chair of Transport and Logistics), and Mr. Alessandro Menocci (Chair of Industry).

The resolution was proposed as one resolution for all ordinary and special directors.

The meeting approved the good standing of the 11 newly elected Board members and 4 special directors.

The Chairman thanked the event sponsors for this AGM and for all attending.

Meeting was adjourned at 19:00 hrs.



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Mr. Jan Eriksson  
President, EABC



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Dr Charanya Nopnukulviset  
Operations Director, EABC