

# **EMiL Committee Meeting Minutes – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

## **(To be approved by Committee)**

**Attendees** – Petros Fassoulas, Mark Paterson, Del Hosain, Richard Wassell, Catja Gaebel, Eva Eberhardt, Bryony Hoskins.

1. **Apologies:** Soon Yeng Chiam, Arjan Geveke, Chris Maddox, Aine McGuire, Alwyn Williams, John Preston, Anna Arki, Nick Lowe, Hilary Naqvi.

### **2. Last Meeting's Minutes**

Approved

### **3. Future Events**

#### **EU Financial Supervision Event**

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Speaker: Sharon Bowles, Liberal Democrat MEP, Chairwoman of the Economic & Monetary Affairs Committee, European Parliament.  
Venue: Clifford Chance's Offices in Canary Wharf.

Registrations are going well, majority of participants registered are attending an EMiL event for the first time. 50% of them are from the financial services sector. There are still a few places left and all those interested can register up until 15 April.

MP to send out reminder to those on the EMiL mailing list.

#### **Next Social:**

The committee debated the future format of our monthly socials and it was decided to make it more varied and give it a European taste by moving it to bars, social clubs and restaurants across London that offer food and drink from a variety of European countries. A list of German and Belgian bars, Greek and Italian restaurants, Czech and Estonian social clubs is being compiled by PF and it will be circulated to members shortly. Committee members and all other EMiL members are invited to contribute ideas.

A picnic to celebrate Europe Day on Sunday 9 May will kick off this new season of social activity. The picnic will be held at Regents Park and members are invited to meet at 12.00 at York Gate (click here for a [map of the park](#), nearest Tube Baker Street). The event will be advertised in The European and an e-mail will also be sent to EMiL members in due course. BH and CG are responsible for running this event.

#### **4.0 Recruitment and Fundraising**

In an effort to utilise the large number of people (approximately 350) we have been getting access to through our events in the past few months PF will send a letter-e-mail to encourage membership/donations.

Details of British Commission trainees to be obtained and such contacted in order for EMiL to provide a platform for them to move on with their careers once they return to the U.K.

## **5.0 Communications and Members' Services - Update**

### **- Website**

Work on the new website is now complete and PF and AW will be meeting with web-designer to finalise details on the new layout and operational system. The cost for the website design and implementation will be £250. Committee members to fund cost of such.

Once new site is in the place all visitors accessing [www.em-il.org.uk](http://www.em-il.org.uk) (as well as the old domain [www.cleg.org.uk](http://www.cleg.org.uk)) will be pointed to the new site.

### **- Facebook**

Facebook group membership continues to grow. Information on our events and activities as well as our newsletter is posted there, reaching out to users that are not necessarily members of EMiL or EM. Also event announcements have given us access to tens, even hundreds, of facebook users.

Committee members are encouraged to post articles, views and commentary.

### **- Twitter**

Over 50 organisations, political parties and on-line news publications are following EMiL on Twitter, which is used as a tool to advertise our activities and communicate our views on EU related issues.

- **EMiL Newsletter** – Articles for the April issue to be submitted by Thursday 31st March.

## **6. Education Initiative**

BH running a course on EU Citizenship. Information/links on EU Citizenship to be centralised on EMiL website.

PF is putting together a small research team of students interested in conducting research projects on behalf of EMiL-EMUK. BH to help with research co-ordination.

## **7. International Activities**

Next Eurocapitales Event to be held in Athens in September.

Closer links with EM branches in other EU and non-EU states to be encouraged.

Oslo Branch to visit London in early autumn and PF is assisting them with the organisation of their activities while in London.

The Cannes branch is also planning a visit to London and EMiL will be participating in their activities while they are in town.

## 8. AOB

### AGM

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30 pm

To be held in the offices of the EU Commission Representation in London. Claude Moraes MEP, EMiL President, to be invited to attend.

### Banking Arrangements

RW reported EMiL had the following funds:

Current Account:	£2,700.02
Cheques for Christmas Event:	£290.00
PayPal:	£125.89
Building Society A/C	<u>£1,761.72</u>

**Total** **£4,877.63**

(This amount ignores contributions for the new website.)

Despite the lack of income over the past few years EMiL has managed to organise a large number of events and offer a variety of services to our members with very limited costs, something that has allowed us to remain at a very healthy state financially. Until we are able to secure a steady stream of income we intend to continue operating under a very tight regime.

Considering the financial difficulties the EM is in nationally it was agreed that EMiL will contribute financially to assist EM-UK with its operations. EMiL contributions to EM-UK will be made without conditions attached but EMiL will express its preference for the money to be used for campaigning and recruitment.

RW to close Building Society account. RW will seek to both change the name of the current CLEG account to EMiL and to open a new account in order to safeguard against contradictory advice from our bank, NatWest.

### Next Committee Meeting

Monday 26th April 2010.