MINUTES
of the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
on Wednesday, 28 September 2022,
Online-Meeting via Zoom

Start: 15:00 CEST (Berlin time).

Attendees: 73 voting members, see attached list

Chairperson: Dr. Hamid Peseschkian

Agenda (in accordance with the invitation of 25 August 2022) see annex

1. Opening and welcome by Dr. Hamid Peseschkian
   a) Greeting members and guests at their devices at home
   b) Determination of the convocation of the meeting in accordance with the statutes
   c) The meeting will be held in English and simultaneously translated into Polish (Wojciech Dobi-ala), Russian (Valentyna Pshoniak) and Ukrainian (Sofiia Yukhimova).

2. Determination of the quorum
   a) The meeting has a quorum.
   d) Appointment of the minutes writer Stefanie Heinen

3. Approval of the agenda
   Confirmed.

4. Approval of the last minutes of 29 November 2021
   The minutes were sent to all members together with the invitation to the current general meeting. It is confirmed by a majority of the members present.

5. Report of the Board of Directors
   Dr. Hamid Peseschkian, President of the Association, reports on the following activities and decisions of the Board of Directors for the financial year 2021:
   a) Introduction: Since the last World Congress in Kemer in 2019, there have been many changes in very many areas that affected us all: pandemic, climate and energy crisis, and this year Russia's war in Ukraine. Nevertheless, the association is currently on about 2,300 members, which means that we have once again reached another level. We have become more professional, but also more decentralized, and have had to introduce new regulations. What is and remains important is our "spirit of unity", that political developments do not separate us and that we maintain our positive mood.
   b) Association: In 2021, the number of members increased to 2,074 in 38 countries. 4 new centers were added (out of a total of 53 PPT centers worldwide). A total of 146 trainers were recognized to conduct trainings. 1,173 training certificates were issued.
c) **Working groups:** 3 committees have been established: "Governance, Membership, Finances", "Training Standards", "Publications and Media". Each member of the association could volunteer for one or more working groups. The Board determined the size and composition of the committees.

d) **Office:** The secretariat now consists of 3 people: Stefanie Heinen in Wiesbaden, Kateryna Lytvynenko in Odesa, Ukraine, and Elisabeta Canja in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

e) **Trainings:** In 2021, a special focus was placed on the training area of self-discovery, and the criteria for training candidates and future trainers were defined more precisely.

f) **Publications:** In 2021, our scientific journal was relaunched. It is now called "The Global Psychotherapist" and is published twice a year. The published articles come from our members and are peer-reviewed by the Editorial Board. It is available for free to everyone and can be downloaded from the Internet. Furthermore, we have started a "PPT blog" on our website www.positum.org, to which everyone can contribute their own reports. On Facebook, we dedicate ourselves to a specific topic every month (e.g. resilience, balance model, etc.).

g) **Digitalization:** The WAPP website was completely redesigned and relaunched in 2021. We have also initiated our own YouTube channel, where new and old videos on the subject of PPT are regularly published.

h) **Outlook:** There will be more news in 2022, e.g. online events such as "PPT in Action" or the new WhatsApp groups. In addition, the election of the new board of directors will take place this year, as well as an online trainer seminar and an online world conference.

6. **Cash report**

The assets of the association amounted to € 253,236.64 on 31.12.2021. The income of the association comes from further training activities (certificates) within the framework of training in Positive Psychotherapy, from membership fees, and from the profit of the participation fees of the international online seminar. The account balance has increased again since the year 2020.

The cash auditor, Dr. Sheyda Rafat, examined the documents and found them to be in order.

7. **Release of the Board of Directors**

Etion Parruca proposes the release of the Board of Directors. It was adopted with 54 votes in favor, one against, and 18 abstentions.

The new Board of Directors would like to thank you for the trust you have placed in us.

8. **Appointment of the cash auditor for the year 2021**

Dr. Sheyda Rafat is re-proposed as auditor and accepts the office.

9. **Amendments to the by-laws**

In its last meetings, the Board of Directors discussed various amendments to the by-laws of the Association, which are to be put to the vote at this General Meeting. These relate to the possibilities of online meetings and online general meetings as well as the necessary data protection regulations.
9.1 Supplement to § 5 (2) c.:

Previously:
Members of the Board of Directors are voted in at the general assembly of members. Members of the Board of Directors serve for 2 years. Re-election of the members of the Board of Directors is possible. Members are voted in on the basis of the number of votes they receive.

New:
Members of the Board of Directors are voted in at the general assembly of members. Members of the Board of Directors serve for 2 years. Re-election of the members of the Board of Directors is possible. Members are voted in on the basis of the number of votes they receive. The election of the board of directors can take place in-person at the general assembly as well as by postal vote or online via a suitable online election portal.

Vote:
Yes: 57 votes, No: 0 votes, abstentions: 16

The amendment is adopted.

9.2 Addition of another subparagraph § 5 (2) i.:

New:
Board meetings as well as meetings of committees and working groups can take place in-person, online, or hybrid.

Vote:
Yes: 53 votes, No: 0 votes, abstentions: 20

The amendment is adopted.

9.3 Supplement to § 5 (3) b.:

Previously:
The Board of Directors annually calls for an ordinary member assembly of the WAPP. Extraordinary member assemblies of the WAPP can be called for, if it is in the interest of the Association or if a 3rd of all the members ask for a meeting to be held, stating in writing the reasons and aims of the assembly to be held and submitting this request to the Board of Directors.
New:
The Board of Directors annually calls for an ordinary member assembly of the WAPP. Extraordinary member assemblies of the WAPP can be called for, if it is in the interest of the Association or if a 3rd of all the members ask for a meeting to be held, stating in writing the reasons and aims of the assembly to be held and submitting this request to the Board of Directors. *General meetings can take place both as face-to-face meetings, or in the form of online meetings, as well as in mixed form (hybrid).*

Vote:
Yes: 59 votes, No: 0 votes, abstentions: 14

The amendment is adopted.

9.4 Amendment to paragraph 7:

New:
"§ 7 Data protection

(1) In order to fulfill the purposes and tasks of the association, personal data about the personal and factual circumstances of the members of the association are processed in compliance with the requirements of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the German Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG).

(2) Insofar as the requirements described in the respective regulations are met, each association member has the following rights in particular:

a. the right to information under Article 15 GDPR,
b. the right to rectification under Article 16 GDPR,
c. the right to erasure under Article 17 GDPR,
d. the right to restriction of processing under Article 18 GDPR,
e. the right to data portability under Article 20 GDPR and
f. the right of objection under Article 21 GDPR.

(3) The organs of the association, all employees or other persons working for the association are prohibited from processing, disclosing, making available to third parties, or otherwise using personal data without authorization for purposes other than the fulfillment of the respective task. This obligation also exists after the above-mentioned persons have left the association.

Vote:
Yes: 57 votes, No: 0 votes, abstentions: 16

The amendment is adopted.

10. Miscellaneous

Etion Parruca asks the Board to address the issue of conflicts of interest in job interviews for candidate-trainers. Therapists who intend to teach Positive Psychotherapy and work for the WAPP as certified
trainers must, among other things, take an online interview in the form of an examination in front of two Board members and a third examiner of their choice. Etion Parruca points out that the examining Board members must not know any sensitive personal data of the examinee, as he suspects a conflict of interest here. The Board will forward its question to the Training Standards Committee so that it can discuss this issue.

In this context, the chairman of the meeting also points out the need to revise the "Ethical Guidelines", a topic to which the Board would like to address in the near future.

The Board thanks for the participation in the general meeting and closes the event.

End of the Annual General Meeting: 16:15 CEST (Berlin time).

Wiesbaden, 12 October 2022

Stefanie Heinen  
Keeper of the minutes

Dr. Hamid Peseschkian  
Chair of the meeting