

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FLORENCE – Italy

The General Assembly was held at 9:30 in the city of Florence (Italy), Saturday November 17, 2012, in Villa La Stella facilities - Fiesole, of the Oblate Sisters (convened in a timely manner according to statutes).

Prior to the Assembly, we shared the Eucharist which was presided by Monsignor Mario Meini, Bishop of Fiesole.

The board of the General Assembly is chaired by Ms Paola Mancini, President of OMAEC, by Mr. José Ramón Batiste Peñaranda, General Secretary of OMAEC with Mr. Alain Badiane, Vice-President, serving as moderator.

The General Assembly began with the following AGENDA:

1 - Welcome. The verification of the voting rights and powers.

The President welcomed the attendance and participation of this House and the work done by the Italian CONFEDEREX logistics preparation thereof. The Secretary proceeded to inspect the representation and proxy voting, with this result:

Nombre	País	Representación	Votos
Paola Mancini	Italia	Hijas M ^a Auxiliadora	6
José Ramón Batiste	España	UMAEL La Salle + CONFAEC Argentina	4
Laurent Grégoire	Francia	COFAEC Francia + Pax Hungárica	7
Federica Germani	Italia	AMASC Sagrado Corazón+ OMAEC JOVEN	4
Ángelo Andrianarivony	Madagascar	UNAAECM Madagascar	1
Claudio Andreoli	Italia	CONFEDEREX Italia + OMAEC Perú	6
José Antonio Cecilia	España	CEAEC España	2
Huber Da Costa	Senegal	FESAEC Senegal + FFSCS Malta	2
Salvatore Bevilacqua	Italia	Salesianos Don Bosco + COPAEC Portugal	7
Giuseppe Chirchiano	Italia	Tesorero General	0
Anne-Marie Audic	Francia	Delegada UNESCO	0
Giuseppe Mariano	Italia	UNAEC Europa	0

Also involved were several components of CONFEDEREX Italy as observers:

- F. Giuseppe Turrin - Ecclesiastical Assistant
- Liliana Beriozza - Vice
- Giovanni Della Valle - Secretary General
- Maurizio Dossena - Management Board Member



2 - APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (Dakar 2009)

All attendees have in their file copy of the minutes of the General Assembly in Dakar, prepared by former Secretary General Dr. Claudio Andreoli, for reading and review. It has noted that in the same figure erroneously that Mr. Eric de Langsdorff representing the alumni of the Jesuits, their share was a representative of UNAEC Europe. With this correction, the minutes were approved unanimously.

3-REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE PRESIDENCY

The Prof Paola Mancini, president of OMAEC, read his report which states that at the end of his previous term difficulties persisted regarding credibility with a cultural world and the Catholic Church, without resolving the legal status to the Holy See, difficulties in finding funds and a decline in youth participation in the member Associations. She stated that she appreciated the trip to Mexico in December 2010 to support the foundation of the Mexican Federation, welcomed the commitment of the people who work for and support the OMAEC and José Ramón Batiste was commended for his work in the General Secretariat, Ana Maria Audic and Christina Roche as Delegates to UNESCO, to Federica Rossi Germani, Giuseppe Chirchiano treasurer, Laurent Grégoire, Claudio Andreoli and all other project participants. She asked the Holy Spirit to guide our decisions, avoiding individualism.

4 REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

Mr. José Ramón Batiste Peñaranda, as general secretary, read out his report of activities, highlighting the preparation, negotiations and calls for the seven meetings held by the Executive Committee, minutes, documents, etc. Special thanks were given to COFAEC France and its President Laurent Grégoire for their help in the editing and translation into French and English of all OMAEC documentation. The DIRECTORY OMAEC has been updated and various communication projects have been implemented: Internet Web (www.omaec.info) account on Facebook, and 4 newsletters (e-OMAEC world).-

5-FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER GENERAL. REPORT Auditor.

Mr. Giuseppe Chirchiano, general treasurer, gave a breakdown of the financial year 2012. The Assembly were informed that as today, the 17th November 2012 there remained a balance at € 1,881.65. It was noted that among the revenues and expenses included contributions received and payments made by headquarters toward rental costs amounting to €300 per month.



Accounts Commissioner Hubert Dacosta, expressed his inability to file a report with the lack of information and establishment of a broad debate with contributions from all members of the Assembly, taking the following decisions:

- Must be open a bank account in the name of OMAEC after legalization process.
- All movements of income and expenses must be registered through the account
- In a General Assembly there must be presented a balance, and income statement, which integrates the period since the last Assembly
- All documents and accounts should be sent to an Auditor prior to a General Assembly in order that they can check the report and bank statements.

6 - DEBATE ON REPORTS AND VOTING

Following the reports of the Chairman, Secretary General and Treasurer General, all questions, proposals and reported submitted to the vote, were adopted unanimously.

7 - YOUNG OMAEC REPORT

YOUNG OMAEC delegated Federica Rossi Germani to act as their representative in the General Assembly. This section has participated in the World Youth Day in Madrid (2011) and is involved in the preparations for the World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro (2013). In brief it was reported that the President Sophie Quacchia-Blanchin will retire and the presidency will be occupied by Frederic Gaiffe. The report was verbal with no written documentation.

8 - DELEGATION REPORT FROM UNESCO

Mrs. Anne-Marie Audic delivered an elaborate report of its activity as OMAEC Delegate to UNESCO, highlighting the importance of CCIC (International Catholic Communication Centre for UNESCO) which represents more than 60 INGOs (International Non-Governmental Organizations) and following a recent restructuring, has as its president Mrs. Christine Roche (deputy delegate to UNESCO OMAEC).

Mrs. Anne-Marie reported its participation at the 35th General Conference, the meeting of the liaison committee on new UNESCO guidelines and a symposium organized by the Holy See.

Finally the Delegate to UNESCO expressed her desire to be informed of the projects and activities of international organizations to develop OMAEC members in relation to the issues addressed by UNESCO.



9 - MEMBERS REPORT OMAEC (GLOBAL UNIONS, continental unions, national confederations).

The General Secretariat of OMAEC had requested all OMAEC members a report of their activities from 2009 to 2012, whenever possible in the three official languages (French, Spanish and English), the preparation and shipping must be before the 30.10.2012. All reports received had been translated by the COFAEC and will be incorporated as "riders" to this act, for which approval will be required before publication to OMAEC members. These reports reflect the vitality of our member organizations, but unfortunately there were some member organizations which haven't prepared the report.

10 - PRESENTATION PROPOSAL FOR CHOOSING OMAEC CHARACTER BETWEEN PUBLIC LAW, PRIVATE LAW AND CHRISTIAN INSPIRATION ASSOCIATION. DEBATE AND VOTE.

A synthesis was given of the actions taken during the last three years:

- Consultation of all OMAEC members on their views to the various options, with contribution of information documents.
- Analysis of the results at the first meeting of the Executive Committee in Paris in December 2009. Most opted for the Association of Public Law
- The chairman informed the Vatican (Pontifical Council for the Laity) of this decision and received a rejection of this decision by the Pontifical Council for the Laity.
- The Pontifical Council for the Laity sent a letter to President of OMAEC arguing the impossibility of recognizing OMAEC after their admitting to having among its full members non-Catholic Christians or people of other religious denominations, although they can participate and contribute to the activities.
- Moreover, the Vatican Secretary of State notified the Secretary General of OMAEC that since the enactment in 1983 of the Catholic Law Code (CIC), the mention of ICO (International Catholic Organization) has no validity whatsoever, and that since 2003, the Pontifical Council for the Laity is responsible for the Vatican to begin the process of adapting the old statutory organizations recognized as ICO before the enactment of the CIC.



In view of these findings, there opened up a rich and varied conversation among participants, highlighting the following contributions:

- On the Internet home page of the World Confederation of Alumni Salesians of Don Bosco, is the following message: "The World Confederation Past Pupils regroupes regardless of ethnicity or religion, giving the appearance of Confederation and international solidarity, promoting continuing education of its members and promoting the education of the young, especially the poor, according to the method of Don Bosco "
- In Senegal, only 10% of the population is Catholic.
- The Second Vatican Council made a universal call to holiness (LG39-42).
- We have evidences of international associations that have been recognized by public or private law and have non-Catholic members.
- The UMAEL (World Union of Lasallian Former Students) has a "Decalogue" and No. 10 precisely states: "Our federations and associations should be open to interreligious members. We are all children of God, we are all brothers in Christ".
- To mark the World Alumni Congress of Salesians of Don Bosco, held in Turin on April 29, 2012, the Rector Major, Pascual Chavez, gave a lecture and among other posts said: "The Association and the Confederation declare their belonging to the Church, but are members in full title and right, people of different Christian denominations, as various levels refer to the acceptance and practice of the faith, and of other religions".

The following three points were adopted unanimously:

1. The General Assembly wants that the OMAEC is, de facto, recognized by the Vatican as a Christian-based INGOs (International Non-Governmental Organization of Christian inspiration) that are particularly invited to the Forum of Rome of INGOs of Christian inspiration (with the participation of the OMAEC President) and Forum Secretariat which is located in the Palacio San Callisto.
2. The General Assembly decided to take steps to obtain recognition of Association of Private Law at the Pontifical Council for the Laity.
3. The General Assembly gave the mandate to the new Executive Committee to continue and finish the dialogue with the Holy See to obtain such recognition. This acquisition requires the amendment of the Articles. The



General Assembly requested the creation of a Rules Committee,-as soon as possible, to make this change and other necessary charges. The proposal will be discussed at the next Executive Committee and later at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

11 - ADMISSION AND LOW MEMBERS OMAEC

There was no proposal from high or low OMAEC members; however we were made aware of the signing of the documents of the South African and the Mexican Federation. It was requested for that the next statutes should include the documentation and requirements for joining the OMAEC, and the criteria for writing off.

12. OMAEC HEADQUARTERS - PALACE SAN CALISTO – ROME

The General Assembly unanimously agreed that they cannot sustain the monthly rental of the venue (€ 300) and authorized the new Executive Committee to seek new solutions, whether sharing the seat with other organizations or looking for a new headquarters in Rome.

13 - APPOINTMENT APPROVAL CORRESPONDENTS OMAEC

HIGH - During these three years, the Executive Committee has approved the appointment of three Correspondents OMAEC:

- VENEZUELA - Vladimir Gómez Escartín
- ECUADOR - Elías Mora Soriano
- BOLIVIA - Alvaro-Dante González Gámez

LOW – it was proposed to end links with the SWITZERLAND correspondent, Mr. Alberto Cremonini.

These appointments were approved unanimously.

14 - NOMINATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE OMAEC

The Secretary General explained the whole procedure performed for these elections:

- A call for nominations for president of the OMAEC, accompanied by specific documentation, was sent to all members by June 30, 2012.



- Applications received were as follows, in order of arrival:
 - José Antonio Cecilia Ferrón (España) Chairman of CEAEC
 - Angelo Andrianarivony (Madagascar) Chairman of UNAAEECM
 - Laurent Grégoire (Francia) Chairman of COFAEC.
- The Secretary-General called for the "Nihil Obstat" of candidates to the Vatican Secretariat of State.
- The Vatican Secretariat of State replied stating that since 2003, all of these issues had been borne by the Pontifical Council for the Laity.
- The Secretary General sent back the documentation of the candidates to the Pontifical Council for the Laity.
- The Pontifical Council for the Laity did not respond to the OMAEC and therefore the General Assembly unanimously decided to consider as valid the three candidates.

Then each of the candidates was asked to submit to the General Assembly his personal, professional and alumni commitment and work program for the coming years. Each candidate was given an opportunity to present their projects.

15-ELECTIONS TO OMAEC PRESIDENCY

It then proceeded to the voting process, remembering that according to the Statutes in order to be elected president the successful candidate must receive more than 2/3 of the vote. Messrs. Alain Badiane and Giuseppe Mariano facilitated the ballot, conducted by secret ballot; with the following result:

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| 1. Mr. José Antonio Cecilia: | 26 votes |
| 2. Mr. Laurent Grégoire: | 12 votes |
| 3. Mr. Angelo Andrianarivony | 1 vote |

Before the counting, it is observed that the candidate Mr. José Antonio Cecilia does not exceed the 2/3 of the vote, so we need another voting process.



Mr. Lauren Grégoire request the turn to speak for the withdrawal of his candidacy, avoiding the difficult decision in the Executive Committee, as in the past two General Assemblies. Mr. Angelo Andrianarivony, candidate, does the same.

Finally the president of the OMAEC is elected. Mr. José Antonio CECILIA FERRON, received a standing ovation from the Assembly. He is the 10th president since the founding of OMAEC.

16 - PRESENTATION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Every candidate, taking advantage of their presentation, had proposed their activities program.

17- PREPARATION NEW STATUTES; DEBATE AND LINES OF ACTION. LEGAL STATUTS.

This topic has been delegated to the new Executive Committee and the future Statute Committee.

18 - MISCELLANEOUS

New issues haven't been raised due the rich participation. The President thanked enormously Paola Mancini's work and dedication done during the past three years, and wished the new President José Antonio Cecilia's greatest achievements on behalf of our organization and the defence of Catholic education.

The General Assembly ended at 22.00 hours.

José Ramón Batiste Peñaranda

Paola Mancini

General Secretary

President

