

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

This informal virtual General Assembly, held on March 27th, 2024, using Microsoft TEAMS, follows the dissolution of EPERC-AISBL, a Belgian not-for-profit company having its seat in Brussels. The main purpose of the meeting was to see whether the possibility exists to continue EPERC in a different form: that is, without an officially registered association, possibly based in the office of its operating agent, as it was the old EPERC before the constitution of the Belgian AISBL. For this reason, the invitation to participate has been addressed not only to all the members of the former AISBL, but also to all the individuals and organizations who could possibly supply a similar service, or at least give an indication about possible candidates.

The general assembly has been convened and chaired by Mr. Lidonnici, who has been the last Chairman and the liquidator of the former AISBL.

The attendance list is attached. Among the members, Mr. Becherini (Ener Consulting), Mr. Nash and Mr. Furtado have excused their absence. Mr. Hans D'Hooge, the desk officer of the European Commission, has also excused his absence.

No remarks have been made on the following agenda:

- 1 - legal form of the new EPERC**
- 2 - membership fees: individual members and company members**
- 3 - operating agent**
- 4 - activity: task groups and conferences**
- 5 - contacts with CEN and the Commission**
- 6 - management of the web site**

These are the results of the following discussion.

Point 1. In order to come back to the situation of the old EPERC, a new not-for-profit association should be established in the country of its operating agent, provided the local legislation permits such a "de facto" association.

Point 2. It is possible to draw a statute of the association in which individual members are accepted free of charge, while company members pay a reasonable annual fee. Individual members may then be required to pay a ticket for every Task Group meeting they wish to attend, while company members may take part in any Task Group meeting simply registering the names of their authorized employees. All papers presented at the meetings, as well as the minutes, should always be accessible to all the registered individual and company members. In any case the discussion on the statutes must be made with the future Operating Agent, whose work has of course to be paid with the income of the new association.

Point 3. At present there are no candidates for the role of Operating Agent.

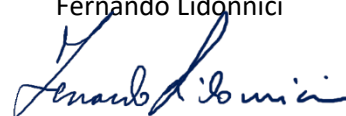
Point 4. EPERC-AISBL in the past years has actively worked in several Task Groups: Fatigue, Non-linear analysis, Rules for bolted flange connections, Recertification of existing Pressure Equipment. The result of this work is clearly visible in the EPERC-AISBL web site. Continuation of this work will only be possible after the appointment of an Operating Agent.

Point 5. It is recognized that EPERC may play an important role in the pre-normative activity, in all cases in which the establishment of a mutually agreed theory is essential before the preparation of a CEN standard. The experience has shown that a discussion on the theoretical approach among the CEN experts will result in a loss of time which is not compatible with the CEN rules: such discussions may be much better performed in an EPERC Task Group, free from any time constraint. The Commission has promised that EPERC experts can always take part in the Commission’s working groups. However, CEN doesn’t seem to be much interested in a collaboration with EPERC.

Point 6. Sant’Ambrogio has already used the remaining funds of EPERC-AISBL (around 500 Euro) to assure the continuation of the web site (and the relevant e-mail) up to the end of 2024. Therefore, in this period of time the content of the web site will remain accessible to all the registered members of the former AISBL, as well as to all individuals and organizations which will require the access to the “Members’ area” of the web site by sending an e-mail to info@eperc-aisbl.eu .

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