



12h July, 2019

efsli AGM 2019 - Invitation

Dear efsli Full Members,

Our Annual Meeting is rapidly approaching and we are looking forward to seeing you at the 2019 AGM of the European Forum of Sign Language Interpreters (efsli), which will take place in the beautiful city of Malmö, Sweden, 6th September 2019.

With this invitation, as stipulated by the efsli constitution, please also find:

- the agenda of the AGM 2019
- 2018 efsli budget and 2018 narrative budget
- proposals to vote submitted by the efsli board
- final report of the working group on efsli governance

The half-year accounts statement for 2019, the provisional budget for 2010 and the annual report 2017/2018 will be available four weeks before the AGM (9th August 2019).

AGM and Conference

The efsli AGM will focus on issues relating to the activities of governance and management led by efsli since September 2018 and will introduce the activities to be undertaken during the second half of 2019 and next year 2020. You will be invited to take part in our first efsli Community Café, a structured conversational process for knowledge sharing among efsli full members and the efsli team.

The AGM will be preceded by the efsli Deaf Interpreters (efsliDI) Seminar on 4th – 5th September. We kindly remind you that the annual efsliDI seminar is open to all efsli members and non-members being able to use International Sign.



Our annual conference, efsli's biggest event of the year, is scheduled on 7th - 8th September. This year's conference theme is *"Let's have a fika – culture in a cup!"* *Interpreting in, between and about Cultures.*

We are grateful to all presenters for their contributions and to the Scientific Committee for selecting such an exciting programme exploring the conference theme from different perspectives.

Please browse the 2019 efsli conference website for further details and updates: <http://efsli.org/2019/>

Preparing for the AGM

As in previous years, the Voting Proxy Form and the Form with the names of the 1st and 2nd Delegates of your National Association, both of which are attached to the email, should be completed as required and sent as an email attachment to team@efsli.org

Please note that the Delegates and Voting Proxy forms will not be valid unless they are signed by an appropriate officer of your organisation, e.g. President/Chair, Board member, etc.

The deadline for sending both forms is **19th August 2019.**

Materials

Motions and the report from the working group on efsli governance are herewith attached. They will be used to open up discussion on matters of common interest for the efsli community.

Membership fees

In order to vote at the AGM, full members must be in *good standing*, i.e. must have paid their membership fee. At the AGM in 2007 it was decided that the membership year should be based on the calendar year. This means that all members should have already paid their dues for 2019. If you have any questions, please contact the efsli back office at: admin@efsli.org



Voting

During the meeting, delegates will be asked to vote on the minutes of efsli's previous annual meeting, financial reports, the annual report and motions. At the AGM in Oslo, Norway, 2002, efsli adopted a new voting system, which is structured as per the resolution below:

Article 14.7 Internal Rules

Each Full member will hold two votes. The exercising of these votes is the responsibility of the member. In the case of a country with more than one Interpreters Association with the same spoken and /or Sign Language, the votes will be shared between the elected representatives. If only one representative attends from a country that has two fully paid Associations, they may use the second vote with written permission from the other Association. However, there is also the possibility to use a postal vote (that can be sent directly to the Board, and kept confidential), or use the vote by proxy (give the voting right by written permission to another Full Member Association). If the country has more than one national association, but only one is a Full member of efsli, then the efsli Full member of that country will hold the two votes.

efsli elections

A reminder call for nominations was sent to Full Members on 16th June 2019.

At the upcoming efsli AGM in Malmö two positions as board members (for the functions of treasurer and secretary) and one position for the efsli presidency will be open for election as their respective terms will come to an end in September 2019.



According to our internal rules:

4.2. The Nominated Member, as a Candidate for Election on the efsli's Board, shall be entrusted by an efsli's Full Member Organisation with a signed Nomination Form by the NASLI President/Chairperson.

4.3. The Nomination Forms will be shown to the AGM members only upon their request, only the Names and Curriculum Vitae will be circulated amongst the members via electronic mail.

Names of nominated members and their CVs received by Friday 12th July 5pm (Brussels time) will be sent out by separate email to efsli Full Members on 9th August 2019.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the efsli team at: team@efsli.org

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Malmö!

On behalf of the efsli board/team,

Ivana Bučko
efsli President - ivana.bucko@efsli.org