

# **54<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN CONVENTION**

**5 JUNE 2021**

**ONLINE**





Dear Kiwanis Friends

It was with great pleasure that I took over the office of European President on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020. I invested a lot of time in the preparation and everything was well planned. Unfortunately, a lot has changed in the world in the last months, requiring a lot of flexibility from all of us and one thing is clear: The crisis we are facing is different. It can hit each and every one of us - certainly with varying force, but we all experience limitations and no one can buy his or her way out of them. What protects us is keeping our distances. Very simple things from our perspective.

But how are people supposed to keep their distance in overcrowded refugee camps? How are people supposed to wash their hands where there is not even water, let alone soap? The coronavirus is not just a health crisis. In view of this disaster, it is a moral obligation to help.

As members of one of the largest volunteer organisations, which primarily works to help children thrive, we as Kiwanians also have a role model function! People around the world need our solidarity. We must be aware of this responsibility and live up to it.

In order for us to be able to tackle this task in a united way, we need the new structure of our organisation.

I do urge all of you to defer to our proposal in the interest of the continuity of our organization and the protection of our members. Time has come to focus on the huge task that lies in front of us – serving the children!

Let's now move forward together - our goal is the same, let's reach it together!

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Jon Fadri Huder  
European President

## Executive Committee



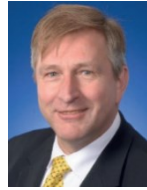
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## 54<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN CONVENTION PROGRAM

Tuesday, 18 May 2021

19:00-20:30 Meet the candidates

Tuesday, 25 May 2021

19:30-20:30 Q&A on transition from KI-EF to KI-E

Thursday, 27 May 2021

19:30-20:30 Q&A on transition from KI-EF to KI-E

Saturday, 5 June 2021

9:00-12:00 House of Delegates

*Note: prior registration is needed in order to attend each session*

- Registration for “Meet the candidates” and “Q&A on transition from KI-EF to KI-E”:  
<https://academy.kiwanis.eu/54th-european-convention-meet-the-candidates/>
- Registration for the House of Delegates:  
<https://academy.kiwanis.eu/events/54th-european-convention/>

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## AGENDA FOR THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

### KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL-EUROPEAN FEDERATION (KI-EF)

- Opening of the online convention  
Opening address and moment of silence
- Administrative decisions
- Approval minutes of KI-EF special online convention (in lieu of 53rd Convention in Bruges)
- Report on the activities
- Report on the financial situation 2019-2020  
Summary of the results and remarks by Chris Decorte, KI-EF immediate past president, with detailed explanations by Jan de Jonge, KI-EF treasurer 2019-2020  
Auditors' report and acceptance of the annual accounts with discharge of the board.
- Confirmation of transformation KI-EF into KI-E
  - Confirmation: transfer of the membership of KI-E from KI-EF according to the charter of KI-E
  - Confirmation: KI-E as universal successor of KI-EF
  - Confirmation: transfer of all assets and activities to KI-E

### KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL-EUROPE (KI-E)

- Welcome of all members to KI-E
- Administrative decisions
- Presentation and vote on amendments
- Confirmation of PP&Gs of KI-EF for KI-E
- Election and confirmation of KI-E officers
  - Confirmation of the KI-E president
  - Confirmation of the KI-E president-elect
  - Election of the KI-E vice president
  - Election of the KI-E treasurer
  - Presentation of the KI-E secretary
  - Nomination of the auditors for 2021-2022
  - Election of the KI trustee
- Greeting messages
- The year 2021-2022 by KI-E President designate Sepp Schachermayr
  - Presentation of goals and objectives
  - Presentation and approval of the budget
  - Presentation of the KI-E board
  - Presentation of the city for the 2022 KI-E Convention
- Miscellaneous
- Closing remarks by Jon Fadri Huder.



To the Members of the Board  
Kiwanis International–European Federation

## Auditor`s Report on the 2019/2020 Financial Statements

In accordance with the terms of our appointment, we have audited the accompanying financial statements of Kiwanis International-European Federation as of and for the year ended September 30th 2020, partly with a video conference, which show a balance sheet total of EUR 515.036, - and also the annual total result (income statement) with an amount of EUR 145,099, -, composed of profit from "Operations" in the amount of EUR 63,896, -, of a "Zero" (balanced) result from the "Contractual Programs" and of a profit from "Conventions" in the amount of EUR 81.203, -. The obviously better results than those of the previous years are due to corona-related video events and video meetings.

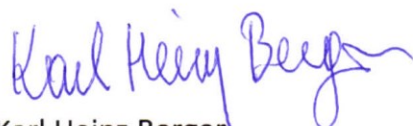
These financial statements are the responsibility of the members of the KIEF-Board. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit activities.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made, as well as evaluating the overall financial statements presentation.

We have obtained from the Treasurer the explanations and information necessary for performing our audit. We believe, that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Kiwanis International–European Federation as of September 30th, 2020 and of its results for the year then ended, in accordance with the generally accepted accounting standards and the requirements of Kiwanis International–European Federation.

December 31th 2020



Karl Heinz Berger  
Kiwanis Club Ried / Innkreis  
(Austria)



Luc H. Joos  
Kiwanis Golden Club Gent Prinsenhof  
(Belgium)

## BALANCE SHEET FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

| Kiwanis International-European Federation<br>Balance sheet | 30-09-2020     | Result<br>2019/2020 | Out of<br>reserves | 30-09-2019     |
|--|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Debtors  | 93             |                     |                    | 706            |
| Dues to be received  | 520            |                     |                    | 272            |
| Receivables current year                                   | 3.310          |                     |                    | 600            |
| Expenses carried forward next year                         | 4.213          |                     |                    | 54.587         |
| Prepayments convention                                     | 0              |                     |                    |                |
| Cash   | 0              |                     |                    | 37             |
| Bank   | 506.898        |                     |                    | 292.606        |
| <b>Total assets</b>  | <b>515.036</b> |                     |                    | <b>348.808</b> |
| Reserve KIEF Operations                                    | 219.501        | 63.896              | -2.618             | 158.222        |
| Reserve MOU Contractual Program                            | 0              | 0                   | 2.618              | -2.618         |
| Reserve KIEF Convention                                    | 259.225        | 81.203              |                    | 178.022        |
| <b>Total reserves</b>                                      | <b>478.725</b> | <b>145.099</b>      | <b>0</b>           | <b>333.626</b> |
| Creditors  | 9.311          |                     |                    | 2.228          |
| Payables current year                                      | 4.410          |                     |                    | 3.154          |
| Grants to be paid  | 19.975         |                     |                    | 9.800          |
| Prepayments participants convention                        | 2.615          |                     |                    |                |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                                   | <b>515.036</b> |                     |                    | <b>348.808</b> |

| Kiwanis International-European Federation<br>Cashflow statement | 30-09-2020 |
|---|------------|
| Cash and bank at the beginning of the year                      | 292.643    |
| Result current year   | 145.099    |
| De /Increase of receivables                                     | 48.028     |
| De /Increase of payables  | 21.129     |
| Cash and bank at reporting date                                 | 506.898    |

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

| KI-EF OPERATIONS                    | YEAR 2019/2020<br>30-09-2020 |                | YEAR 2018/2019<br>30-09-2019 |                |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| REVENUES                            | 128.521                      |                | 133.001                      |                |
| Federation dues                     |                              | 128.324        |                              | 132.721        |
| Federation dues previous years      |                              |                |                              | 57             |
| Financial income                    |                              | 197            |                              | 222            |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>               |                              | <b>128.521</b> |                              | <b>133.001</b> |
| EXPENSES                            | 64.625                       |                | 135.450                      |                |
| Office Fees MSC Gent                |                              | 1.799          |                              | 2.422          |
| Directory + fanions                 |                              | 7.754          |                              | 4.471          |
| Translation meetings                |                              | 2.505          |                              | 3.899          |
| Telephone Fax & Email               |                              |                |                              | 425            |
| Bank charges                        |                              | 113            |                              | 107            |
| Accounting fees                     |                              | 282            |                              | 182            |
| Audit Expenses                      |                              | 723            |                              | 3.474          |
| Insurances                          |                              | 2.097          |                              | 1.776          |
| Miscellaneous                       |                              | 36             |                              | -50            |
| Costs previous years                |                              | 604            |                              | 782            |
| President expenses                  |                              | 3.445          |                              | 8.058          |
| President-elect expenses            |                              | 1.020          |                              | 9.347          |
| Vice President expenses             |                              | 1.086          |                              | 9.820          |
| Imm. Past President expenses        |                              | 1.648          |                              | 5.910          |
| Secretary expenses                  |                              | 592            |                              | 5.223          |
| Treasurer expenses                  |                              | 1.028          |                              | 3.651          |
| Advisors expenses                   |                              | 2.239          |                              | 6.216          |
| Trustee expenses                    |                              | 5.632          |                              | 11.200         |
| Personal assistant expenses         |                              | 311            |                              | 2.438          |
| Representation Conventions Expenses |                              | 21             |                              | 1.037          |
| Board Travel Expenses               |                              | 12.773         |                              | 15.142         |
| Board Lodging Expenses              |                              | 8.449          |                              | 11.860         |
| Board Meal Expenses                 |                              | 2.833          |                              | 12.278         |
| Board Meeting Facilities            |                              | 4.847          |                              | 7.110          |
| Executive committee expenses        |                              | 100            |                              | 7.124          |
| Board Guests expenses               |                              | 758            |                              | 1.153          |
| Board Standing Committees           |                              | 1.934          |                              | 399            |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>               |                              | <b>64.625</b>  |                              | <b>135.450</b> |
| RESULT OPERATIONS                   |                              | 63.096         |                              | 2.449          |



## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

| KI-EF CONVENTION                       | YEAR 2019/2020<br>30-09-2020 |                | YEAR 2018/2019<br>30-09-2019 |                |
|--|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| REVENUES                               | 102.107                      |                | 107.044                      |                |
| Convention dues                        |                              | 102.107        |                              | 105.606        |
| Grants from local government           |                              |                |                              | 1.438          |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>                  |                              | <b>102.107</b> |                              | <b>107.044</b> |
| EXPENSES                               | 20.905                       |                | 66.698                       |                |
| Rent convention Hall                   |                              | 6.000          |                              | 7.103          |
| Decoration Convention Hall             |                              | 110            |                              |                |
| Opening Session Entertainment          |                              |                |                              | 1.085          |
| VIPS - KI+KIEF Lodging & Meals         |                              |                |                              | 524            |
| Gifts (participants)                   |                              |                |                              | 3.214          |
| Audio & Video Equipment                |                              | 9.290          |                              | 9.353          |
| Interpreters & Equipment               |                              |                |                              | 9.664          |
| Outsourcing Handling                   |                              |                |                              | 3.950          |
| Convention Host Committee              |                              | 2.973          |                              | 923            |
| Charges MSC Gent                       |                              | 166            |                              | 8.889          |
| Convention Brochure & Other Materials  |                              |                |                              | 10.326         |
| Bank Charges Registration Participants |                              | 748            |                              | 606            |
| Miscellaneous                          |                              | 1.617          |                              | 3.212          |
| Transport and shuttles                 |                              |                |                              | 2.137          |
| Partner program less contributions     |                              |                |                              | -236           |
| Friendship dinner less contributions   |                              |                |                              | 2.003          |
| Gala dinner less contributions         |                              |                |                              | 3.945          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                  |                              | <b>20.905</b>  |                              | <b>66.698</b>  |
| <b>RESULT CONVENTION</b>               |                              | <b>81.203</b>  |                              | <b>40.346</b>  |

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

| KI-EF CONTRACTUAL PROGRAMS          | YEAR 2019/2020<br>30-09-2020 |               | YEAR 2018/2019<br>30-09-2019 |                |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| REVENUES                            | 99.508                       |               | 144.400                      |                |
| KI Contractual Revenue              |                              | 99.508        |                              | 120.000        |
| Out of the reserves                 |                              |               |                              | 24.400         |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>               |                              | <b>99.508</b> |                              | <b>144.400</b> |
| EXPENSES                            | 99.508                       |               | 149.545                      |                |
| Training - DOT Conference           |                              | 22.656        |                              | 35.158         |
| Training - TTT Conference           |                              |               |                              | 19.972         |
| Growth - Summit                     |                              | 26.736        |                              | 22.305         |
| Field Service Representatives       |                              | 12.520        |                              | 7.590          |
| Growth - Grants Districts           |                              | 24.744        |                              | 27.134         |
| Chair's Meeting                     |                              | 68            |                              | 19.018         |
| KIEF Website + Webmail              |                              | 4.913         |                              | 931            |
| Marketing                           |                              | 155           |                              |                |
|                                     |                              | <b>91.793</b> |                              | <b>132.108</b> |
| Growth - rejuvenation               |                              | 2.505         |                              | 13.782         |
| Happy Child Project                 |                              |               |                              | 1.863          |
|                                     |                              | <b>2.505</b>  |                              | <b>15.645</b>  |
| Governors-elect training            |                              | 4.864         |                              |                |
| Training - Committee expenses       |                              | 346           |                              | 1.792          |
| Financial - District Pilot Programs |                              |               |                              |                |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>               |                              | <b>99.508</b> |                              | <b>149.545</b> |
| <b>RESULT CONTRACTUAL PROGRAMS</b>  |                              | <b>-</b>      |                              | <b>-5.145</b>  |

## CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT 2021-2022

### Josef-Peter Schachermayr

District Austria - District Pennsylvania



|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Age        | 55  |
| Family     | Married with Ruth Gabler-Schachermayr<br>2 daughters, 1 son         |
| Education  | University - Marketing and Management                               |
| Occupation | IT and Marketing Consultant   |
| Hobbies    | Kiwanis, Diving, Golf, Badminton, ...                               |
| Club       | Lentia i-Kiwanis Club<br>Wien Europa 1<br>Centennial e-Kiwanis Club |

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|---------------|--|
| Club          | Secretary (1), Vice President (3), President (9), Treasurer (2), Board Member (4), Chairs and Committees (a lot)   |
| Division      | Lt. Governor, Eliminate Division Coordinator (4)   |
| District      | Governor 2014-15, Chair Marketing (8), Chair Communication (6), Chair/Committee Training and Education (12), Database Manager (15), District Conventions (16)                      |
| Europe        | European Secretary (1), Committee Training and Education (4), European Trainer, Branding Marketing and Communication (4), European Convention (11), other District Conventions (6) |
| International | Committee for Marketing (2), Kiwanis International Conventions (5), KI Instructor (3), KI Master Instructor (4)  |
| Honours       | Distinguished President (3), George Hixon Fellow, Walter Zeller Fellow, Centennial Award, Outstanding Award  |

### Personal motivation

Growing together, doing good and changing the world. Let me express my motivation with a simple sentence: I love our common organization - I love Kiwanis. After my first Kiwanis years, I already realized that there are like-minded people in other clubs, divisions, and districts. However, this not only led me to exciting new Kiwanis friendships around the globe with fun and action but also more work in different chair and committee functions in the districts and in the European Federation. My most important goal has always been and will be to push and further develop our common organization. A community with more than 100 years of history has evolved structures. But do these still fit into a digitalized and changed world? Even and especially after this long period there is a need to adapt. To ask unpleasant questions and do things new and differently. And we will do that in the next few years too. Together with every one of you.

Because not the wishes and ideas of an individual are important, but the whole community. I would like to enjoy your friendships for years to come - in a healthy and ever-expanding Kiwanis world. In a world that helps and supports the weakest of us, because they are our future - children. True to my slogan: Share your happiness, and you will change the world.

## CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT-ELECT 2021-2022

**Martien van der Meer**  
District the Netherlands



|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Age        | 60   |
| Family     | Happily married with Veronica, 1 son and 1 daughter      |
| Education  | Hotel School The Hague –Hotel Management                 |
| Occupation | Account manager facility management<br>Compass group PLC |
| Hobbies    | Music (trumpet), cooking, scouting and soccer (Ajax)     |
| Club       | KC Laren   |
| Division   | Noord-Holland en Flevopolders 't Gooi (1/15)             |

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>Club</b>          | Board member (3 years), President in 2009, various Chairs and Committees (Art Laren, fund spending, wine selling, charity dinner) |
| <b>Division</b>      | Lieutenant-governor 2013-2015, club builder 2011-2013   |
| <b>District</b>      | Governor 2016-2017, Board member (3), Committee International (1), District conventions (9)                                       |
| <b>Europe</b>        | European conventions (8), other district conventions (4)  |
| <b>International</b> | Kiwanis International convention (3)  |
| <b>Honours</b>       | Kiwanis Life time member 2017   |

### Personal motivation

I was raised in a happy and relatively wealthy family. Now I want to help other kids to have the same. Many kids in this world are still waiting to be happy, healthy, safe and loved.

So our mission is far from over. And together, we can achieve more.

I believe in our Kiwanis organization. We run it with a wide base of volunteers, supported by a small and professional staff. We rule our own democracy and our membership contribution pays basically for all cost. So largely all our efforts go to our mission, be it with helping hands or with financial funds.

Our European goals for a better future for Kiwanis are clear; attract more members; helping as many children as we can; modernize where possible (while keeping all the good stuff) and involve more women and young Kiwanians. I am ready to serve you in this role!

## CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT 2021-2022

### Axel Götze-Rohen

District Germany



|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Age        | 58  |
| Family     | Married with Anja, 1 daughter                     |
| Education  | High school degree                                |
| Occupation | Entrepreneur, Journalist                          |
| Hobbies    | Kiwanis, photography                              |
| Club       | KC Xanten-Niederrhein & KC European Professionals |
| Division   | 3   |

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|----------|---|
| Club     | <b>KC Xanten-Niederrhein:</b> Founding President (2008-2011), Chairman PR, Club-Webmaster; <b>KC European Professionals:</b> President 2020/21                        |
| Division | Lt. Governor (Div.3) 2013-16  |
| District | District Secretary (2016/17), Governor 2018/19, KIAR, Chairman/Editor in Chief Kiwanis Magazine, Member of the board of "Kiwanis Stiftung Deutschland"                |
| Europe   | Chairman BMC  |
| Honours  | George Hixson Fellow since 2012, Kiwanis International Distinguished Service Award 2019, Walter Zeller Fellow since 2020, Golden Kiwanis "K" District of Germany 2020 |

### Personal motivation

My motivation comes from the future. How can and how should Kiwanis look like in 10 and 25 years, so that we can still fulfil our mission "Serving the Children of the World"? I am deeply convinced that **Kiwanis can be the future!** – if we all roll up our sleeves. And we have to find answers to crucial questions: How do we confront developments where each individual has more and more options? How do we respond to ageing, digitalisation and a mentality of "*My club is my Kiwanis Island*"? One double question is particularly critical: Are we attractive enough in the competition for the voluntary commitment of (young) people - and how do we deal with uncomfortable answers?

My involvement with Kiwanis has enriched me personally and taught me a lot. I would like to express my gratitude by putting myself at the service of Kiwanis in Europe. The potential of the 28,000 Kiwanians in Europe is immense. Our talents, our creativity and our diversity in cultures, languages, traditions and experiences are the decisive factors for a bright future for Kiwanis. I will use all my energy and creativity to ensure that Kiwanis in Europe achieves a strong position in the global Kiwanis family. And because Europe "ticks" differently, we need more autonomy.

The best explanation for "Nunc kee-wanis", the native American expression of our name is "We share our talents!" I am convinced that we can achieve our goals in Europe, if we all share our talents. Looking beyond the borders of one's own club and district is always valuable. The pandemic has shown that with digital tools we can come together at any time and without borders. I am firmly convinced, that we can shape the future - with **focus, flexibility** and **fun**.

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## CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT 2021-2022

### Josy Glatigny

District Belgium-Luxembourg



|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Age        | 70   |
| Family     | Frédérique Delhasse<br>3 children: 1 daughter minister in Belgium, 2 sons including a Kiwanian!  |
| Education  | University of Liège 1973: Degree in Business Administration  |
| Occupation | Retired, former company manager (2x)   |
| Hobbies    | Taking our grandchildren to the mountains in summer and winter, skiing, summer mountain walks, cycling tours, vintage cars... and Kiwanis! |
| Club       | KC Durbuy, the smallest town in the world, since inception 47 years ago  |
| Division   | Deux-Luxembourg  |

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Club          | Founding member of the Kiwanis Club of Durbuy; Treasurer, secretary (2) in 1998 & 99, club president (1985); participation in practically all the social projects of the club of Durbuy.   |
| Division      | 2004-2005: Lieutenant-governor of Division Deux Luxembourg (Distinguished).  |
| District      | 2007-2008, 2008-2009: President of the Social and Cultural Commission of the Belgium-Luxembourg District.<br>2008: Founding president of the Kinshasa School Committee, with the support of the International Kiwanis Foundation.<br>2017-2018: District Governor Belgium-Luxembourg (Distinguished)<br>District convention (15) |
| Europe        | 2018-2021: KI-EF Chair of the "Happy Child" project.<br>Other district conventions: France-Monaco (2), Switzerland-Liechtenstein (1)<br>European Convention (7)  |
| International | 2020: Member of the Kiwanis International Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.<br>Kiwanis International convention (4)   |
| Honours       | K.I.D.S. Award 2019; Certificate of Appreciation 2015 (District Belgium-Luxembourg).   |

### Personal motivation

Retired, I am willing to put myself at the service of the Children of the World within the large framework of Kiwanis Europe. I am convinced that the new Kiwanis Europe structure will be able to provide tremendous added value to the districts, clubs, members and children of the world. "Together, we do things we couldn't do alone": my ambition is to promote collaboration and unity in the service of our core business: « Serving the Children of the World ». There is so much to do for the benefit of all! When I became governor, I initially settled ambitious objectives and to my surprise, most of them were overpassed thanks to profitable and pleasant teamworking. This comforts my enthusiasm when it comes to promoting Kiwanis Europe the same way.



## CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE 2021-2024



**Eliane Ott-Scheffer**  
KC Sélestat Lazare Weiller  
Division Alsace Nord  
District France-Monaco

### **Biography**

I am married to Edmond, also Kiwanian and past Governor of the District France Monaco. Our two daughters, Camille and Capucine, allowed us to be the happy grandparents of 5 grandchildren, three boys and two girls. We live in Alsace, near Strasbourg, European capital. Education and management have been at the center of my professional choices. My family life, walking, art and especially painting and reading are some of my favorite hobbies.

### **Why did you decide to run for office?**

My Kiwanian experience, the creation of my club "Sélestat Lazare Weiller", my learning of the Kiwanian function as Secretary General of the district France-Monaco, the discovery of the functions of club and division officers, my commitment as Governor and the international challenge of the ELIMINATE campaign that I coordinated, the desire to see Kiwanis develop in our districts for the good of the community and to "serve the children of the world" motivated my candidacy!

### **What qualifies you to become an officer of Kiwanis International?**

The willingness to carry out development projects of our organization, so that Kiwanis can engage even more clearly and more effectively with children, nationally and internationally. We all know that the children of today are the adults of tomorrow!

### **What do you hope to accomplish during your term in office?**

**I am convinced that young people want to get involved!** Let us make sure we get them interested in our organization! And this is possible, thanks to our clearly defined will, our acquired experience, our tolerance for difference and our desire to exist. The computer tools and social networks are excellent vectors of communication. Let us have confidence in our image, in our skills, let us be "attractive" in order to consolidate our organization with partners, friends, companions, accomplices who will appreciate and share our commitment.

**Let our today's youth be the Kiwanians of tomorrow,  
Let us now experience a Kiwanis with multigenerational relationships!**

TREASURER AND SECRETARY

Treasurer

Jan de Jonge  
District the Netherlands



Age 70  
Family Married with Lily de Jonge, 3 children and 6 grandchildren  
Occupation Partner at ESJ Accountants & Tax Consultants  
Hobbies Golf, Billiards  
Club Bergen op Zoom  
Division West-Brabant

Honours George Hixon Fellow; Life-membership Kiwanis International  
Club Treasurer, President (2)  
District Treasurer (4), treasurer of Kiwanis Netherlands Foundation (5)  
Europe Treasurer (5)

Secretary

Jan Boen  
District Germany



56 Age  
Married with Heidi, 2 daughters Family  
Senior Director Kiwanis Europe Occupation  
Karate, model train Hobbies  
Internet Club Club

Secretary (1) Club  
Secretary (1) Europe

# **SUPPORTING PAPERS FOR THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

## TRANSITION KI-EF TO KI-E

There were several reasons to advocate for the reorganization of Kiwanis International on a European level, which was also envisioned and desired by KI. There are different views on what has already been done and what still needs to be done, and this is mainly what is triggering the whole discussion.

- The affiliate program model represents a unique opportunity to grow again with Kiwanis in Europe. Based on the fact that it is essential for an organization like Kiwanis to be active in all geographic regions, this model is meant to be able to operate in areas that are opposed to an original US idea at the moment. Therefore, Europe is a key starting point not only for Kiwanis but also for all other service clubs with similar ideas that have their headquarters in the US.
- KI itself recommends that all clubs, districts, and other parts of the organization be established as registered legal entities. According to this model, in the new KI Bylaws, which should be decided this year, regions should be created, which act as so-called Affiliates to KI. Europe (KI-E) is to be thereby the 1. Affiliate in the world-wide Kiwanis organization. The same should be created with ASPAC and other regions like China and India.
- As an "Affiliate," we need our own legal entity - in our case, an association. Therefore, we decided to do so in January 2017 at the extraordinary Convention in Luxembourg.  
This extraordinary Convention permitted to establish a legal entity and to transform KI-EF into KI-E without any further approvals. In order to comply with the KI recommendation, a legal entity was established in Luxembourg with the name "Kiwanis International Europe asbl" (KI-E), where ASBL stands for "not for profit organization." The transformation is thus almost complete; we operate in Europe as KI-E. The legal position of an "Affiliate" allows us to be very independent and take into account the specifics of the European region in Kiwanis's development. In the past years, this way was contested, and with slightly adapted statutes (exclusively those, which were necessary due to the Luxembourg legal situation) were finally found.
- As "Affiliate," we are the partner of Kiwanis Int.  
As a "Subsidiary" - as the office in Ghent is one - we would be a 100% subsidiary of KI, and therefore KI could decide about us alone without any influence from us.
- The now achieved legal position of an affiliate is the result of the implementation of KI's wish.  
As an aside, had we not formed the Association, we would have been developed into a Subsidiary by KI. The threat was there, which Imm.-Past President Int. Daniel Vigneron made an issue several times. Stan Soderstrom had also made comments along these lines.
- The members of KI-E are the individual clubs in Europe as at that time with KI-EF. All clubs and members will continue to be direct members of KI, as before.
- Being a legal entity also has the positive effect to limit the personal liability of the individual members, as part of the responsibility is transferred to this legal entity.
- Finally, the partial "non-understanding" of the European culture, history, and language of the Americans also speaks in favor of European independence. Be it in leadership, Kiwanis programs, or the complicated entanglements of the individual districts among themselves.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

for consideration at the  
54<sup>th</sup> European Online Convention on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021

March 2021

To all Kiwanis clubs in Europe

Proposed amendments will be presented for action at the 54. European Online Convention

During the House of Delegates that will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> June, delegates will consider and vote on the proposed amendments. Complete information regarding these amendments is included in this booklet.

In accordance with the Bylaws, these proposals are being sent to the secretary of each chartered club 60 days prior to the convention. The basic motivation for each proposal is stated and the current provisions of each Bylaws article and section are shown. Text that would be added by the proposed amendment is underlined (underlined), and text that would be deleted is lined out (~~lined out~~).

### *Example:*

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Original wording       | Each club may hold a program.  |
| Proposed changes shown | Each club <del>may</del> <u>shall</u> hold <del>a</del> <u>an annual</u> program |
| New wording would be   | Each club shall hold an annual program.  |

We hope each club will be present with three delegates at this convention, ensuring that important decisions on the organization's future are made by a wide array of Kiwanians.

Sincerely,



Jon Fadri Huder  
President 2020-21

## Proposed Amendment 1

### Article: 5.2.

#### Basic Motivation:

This clarification is necessary so that everything is clearly regulated for the future. The third sentence is a consequence of the fact that a Kiwanis club is not automatically member of KI-E.

#### Original wording :

5.2. All organized and chartered Kiwanis clubs within the territorial limits of region of Europe, even the Clubs in non-districted countries, become automatically members of the organization “KI-E”. The members remain as long as their status as Kiwanis Club has not been revoked by KI.

#### Proposed changes :

5.2. All organized and chartered Kiwanis clubs within the territorial limits of region of Europe, even the Clubs in non-districted countries, ~~become automatically~~ shall be members of the organization “KI-E”. The members remain as long as their status as Kiwanis Club has not been revoked by KI.

In case a Kiwanis club does not register for membership in KI-E, the Organization will report this to KI and to the relevant District, with request to revoke its status as Kiwanis club.

#### New wording :

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## Proposed Amendment 2

### Article: 10.4.

#### Basic Motivation:

Luxemburg Law provides a maximum of one/fifth of all members to call for a special convention. The organized, not yet chartered Kiwanis clubs are also members.

#### Original wording:

10.4. Special conventions shall be called by the President upon the request of the majority of the char-tered clubs in good standing, or upon the request of three fourths (3/4) of the members of the Board.

#### Proposed changes :

10.4. Special conventions shall be called by the President upon the request of ~~the majority of the~~ one fifth of the KI organized and chartered clubs in good standing, or upon the request of three fourths (3/4) of the members of the Board.

#### New wording:

10.4. Special conventions shall be called by the President upon the request of one fifth of the KI organized and chartered clubs in good standing, or upon the request of three fourths (3/4) of the members of the Board.

## Proposed Amendment 3

### Article: 10.5.

#### Basic Motivation:

The KI organized, not yet chartered Kiwanis clubs are also members.

#### Original wording:

10.5. The nominated Secretary shall send to all „KI-E“ officers, district governors, district secretaries, all representatives of the nations, each chartered club, and the Executive Director of Kiwanis International, an official call to the Convention with the Agenda no less than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the annual convention, and no less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of a special convention.

#### Proposed changes:

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## Proposed Amendment 4

### Article: 5.5.

#### Basic Motivation:

Insertion to express that all members of organized and chartered clubs are welcome (if not a delegate or delegate-at-large: without voting rights) at the European Convention.

#### Original wording:

5.5. To become an "affiliated member" of "KI-E", every legal or public person or representative of this district or nation is obliged to respect the charter of "KI-E", take an interest in the objectives and activities of the organization and promote those objectives and activities.

Affiliated members are authorized to participate in an advisory capacity at the General Assembly (Point 10).

#### Proposed changes:

5.5. To become an "affiliated member" of "KI-E", every legal or public person or representative of this district or nation is obliged to respect the charter of "KI-E", take an interest in the objectives and activities of the organization and promote those objectives and activities.

Affiliated members and all members of KI organized and chartered clubs are authorized to participate in an advisory capacity at the General Assembly (Point 10).

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