

Report of TCI 5th AGM – Hotel Dolce La Hulpe, Brussels, Belgium 27 April 2019

Present: 12 nations; 6 Board members including President Paula; 8 full member countries' voting Councillors including me; over 20 Tangent members of GB&I including Lynn Bennett and Barbara Middleton (the Minute Secretaries) and current and past National Officers; 5 members of our overseas club France Niort-Atlantique; Associate TCI members from Belgium (Martine lit the Candle of Friendship) and the Netherlands; LCI President Kenza and V-P our own Alex Bennett; Agora Int President Anna (who all brought greetings) and her V-P; and representatives of LC Norway and LC Romania.

Other Greetings: 41 Club International outgoing President Ulrich, and incoming President Luc; 41 Club Belgium President Bob and Conference Chairman Didier; and Round Table International V-P Sebastian.

Before the coffee break the Board and Councillors gave their reports (you can read mine on the website where I clearly explain the importance of the feelings of our members towards TCI). Paula was presented with a cheque from Tangent Sweden for €4,500 for the LCI Project we support, 'Happy Hearts'. Voting took place for TCI Vice-President 2019-20. Liat Wallenstein was the only candidate.

Voting took place on the Proposals and 13.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 were all **agreed**.

13.6 was our Proposal to change the existing Rule 5diii (concerning Nominations to the TCI Board) to '*Candidates shall be active members of their Full Member Association and either have been on their National Board, or have been a member of Tangent for over 5 years and have been Chairman of a Tangent Club*'. After my explanation that GB&I felt that the criteria should be based on Tangent experience and proven commitment, there was much positive discussion and support of the principle.

A suggestion was then put forward by Denmark that the sole criteria should just be '*All candidates must be approved and supported by their National Board*'. This was to our advantage as it imposed no other restrictions, and would be acceptable to our own members as well as countries who were geographically and historically unable to fulfil the requirements of our proposal. This was looked on favourably by those present, but they did not ask for the proposal to be amended. Just before the voting took place Jill Harris asked for our proposition to be amended to that suggested by Denmark.

The Councillors then voted to accept this amendment, 6 for, – 2 against (50% needed to accept it as an amendment).

The Councillors needed then to vote to accept this as a Rule, (75% needed to accept a change of Rules).

It was pointed out at this stage that as this statement was already one of the Rules, at 5dii, we only needed to remove the existing Rule 5diii *Candidates shall be active members of their Full Member Association and have been members of Ladies Circle or wife or female partner of a current or past member of Round Table*.

The Councillors voted to delete this Rule, 5 for - 3 against It was therefore sadly **lost** and that Rule therefore remains.

All I can say is that at the 2018 AGM when the original Rule 5diii was brought in, the voting of the then 6 Councillors, was 5 for, 1 against (us!). During the meeting this year we have made huge strides now in gaining the understanding and support of the other countries who appreciate the narrowness of the existing Rule.

13.9 The Board's Capitation fee proposals and the two amendments from India and Israel were discussed. After GB&I pointed out that the 'fairness' of India's €1 per member did not extend to 'fairness' in the ability to stand for the TCI Board, and that with no cap GB&I with over 10,000 members would bear the majority of the income for TCI, the amendment was **lost**. Once it was explained that Israel's amendment for no Capitation for over 65 year olds would generate much less income, both now and in the future, from GB&I than they had thought, **Israel withdrew** their amendment.

After much discussion just the first part of the TCI Board's proposal ('As of April 2020 each full member country will pay €2 per member based on the numbers supplied under Rule 8e. This fee will be capped and be no greater than €4,000 per country') was **agreed**. Therefore GB&I's TCI Capitation remains as now (namely €1,000) for 2019-20 but will increase to €4,000 from 2020-21.

Congratulations to Paula for her preparation and running of the meeting.
Following the hand over the new TCI Board is:



The new TCI President is Nina Leppakangas (Suomi Finland) her motto is 'Proudly Unique – Boldly Tolerant' and her emblem is the Lily of the Valley flower. Liat Wallenstein (Israel) was confirmed as the Vice President.



Jill Harris as your International Relations Officer will be GB&I's representative on the Board and our own President Sue Hill will be the voting Councillor.
Good luck to all! I leave you in their capable hands.

Afterwards with Morag and Glynis!



Cheers and goodbye!

Melodie Brookes x