

**Minutes Type: National Annual General Assembly (NAGA) 2008**

**Date: March, 14, 2008**

**Venue: Hilton Hotel, Shanghai**

**MINUTES**

**Chairperson of the Meeting**

Cyrill Eltschinger, Chairman, SwissCham China

**Keeper of the Minutes**

Michaela Scarpatetti, Executive Director, SwissCham Beijing

**Voting Procedure**

- ⌚ Total voting members on national level as of March 14, 2008: Total: 234, Guangzhou 11, Shanghai: 149, Beijing: 74,

	GZ	SH	BJ	Total
Voting members	11	149	74	234
Quorum needed	2	15	8	25
Voting member present	1	27	4	32
Proxies	2	29	9	40
Total (proxies & voting members present)	3	56	13	72

- ⌚ A valid quorum 20% of total membership, 10% each of regional membership was achieved.

**1. Welcome, Status of Quorum**

The Chairman Cyrill Eltschinger welcomed the assembly, including the President of SwissCham Shanghai Christian Guertler, the President of SwissCham Beijing John Liebeskind, the National representative of SwissCham Guangzhou Cedric Thinard, The quorum of 20 % was achieved.

**2. Approval of Agenda, ev. applications for changes**

The agenda was approved by acclamation.

**3. Approval of the minutes taker**

Michaela Scarpatetti, Executive Director of SwissCham Beijing was approved as minutes taker.

**4. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly March 16, 2007**

Christian Guertler commented on the minutes from last year that only Stefan Titze and Max von Zedwitz were elected. The other ones didn't need to be elected. The minutes were approved.

**4. Activity report 2007/ Regional Chambers**

The three regional chambers presented their activities for 2007.

## 5. Treasurer's report and Auditors' statement

The National Treasurer, Max von Zedtwitz, presented total profit and loss. The Honorary Auditor delivered her report and explained that the three regional chambers had been audited and this has been conducted with accordance to Chinese Law. In her opinion the regional organizations are fair and according to Chinese regulations.

## 6. Discharge of the Board

The National Board of 2007 was discharged by all votes.

## 7. Election of the Board Members

National Board Members need to be approved by simple majority.

- Beijing: Peter Troesch and John Liebeskind
- Guangzhou: Cedric Thinard

*All other members did not need to be re-elected.*

### SwissCham China Chair:

Extended to Beijing +1 year (total 3), so as to allow Shanghai to secure Chairmanship during 2010 World Expo. John Liebeskind was elected as Chairman China.

## 8. Voting

Election of the Auditor: SJ Grand was elected.

## 9. Budget 2008

	Beijing	Shanghai	Guangzhou	Total
Revenue	1'302'050	1'517'900	25'000	<b>2'844'950</b>
Expenses	1'262'024	1'515'600	22'000	<b>2'799'624</b>
Profit/Loss	40'026	2'300	3'000	<b>45'326</b>

The budget was approved.

## 10. Membership

	Guangzhou	Shanghai	Beijing
Membership fee in RMB			
<b>Corporate</b>	<b>2500</b>		<b>4500</b>
With less than 100 employees		3500	
With more than 100 employees		6000	
<b>Corporate Associate (non CH-companies)</b>			
With less than 100 employees		3500	
With more than 100 employees		6000	
<b>Corporate Affiliate (additional members of Corporate companies)</b>			<b>500</b>
<b>Individual</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>2000</b>
Associate		1800	1000
New: Young professional		500	

The membership fees were approved.

#### 11. Amendments of the bylaws

SwissCham Shanghai Board proposes to change Article 3 of the regional bylaws as following:

"Article 3

Membership: Admission, Right & Obligations, Cessation

Admission

Membership categories are as per article 3 of the Chamber's Articles.

Additionally, associate membership & young professional and student membership status (both without voting right) are provided for by the (national) Chamber bylaws and are offered to persons whose situation does not match the above membership options."

SwissCham Beijing Board explained the BJ amendments:

JL explained that applicants should apply for corporate membership unless the Board considers special cases as exceptions. All changes had been discussed and approved by the Beijing RAGA. Another proposal was to extend BOD numbers up to 11, the attendance of BOD members and some typos. The changes needed to be added to the NAGA presentation.

CG mentioned that according to the national articles of associations, Swiss can join the chamber as individuals. As the members expressed some concerns as the Chinese Articles of Association might be harmed.

The amendments were accepted subject to a new wording delivered from SwissCham Beijing before the next NAGA.

#### 12. Adjourn

Christian Guertler and John Liebeskind thanked Cyrill Eltschinger for his support and commitment to the chamber for the last years as a Board member, President and Chairmen.

The former Chairman wished all members a good appetite for the following dinner.

Beijing, March 14, 2008

Cyrill Eltschinger  
Chairman SwissCham China

Michaela Scarpatetti  
Executive Director SwissCham Beijing  
Minutes Keeper

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