

MINUTES OF THE MILSET 19TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Puebla, Mexico & Online Microsoft Teams

1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

The President welcomes the participants to the meeting and presents the Executive Committee members.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE QUORUM

It is noted that 64 members are in order of payment of their membership fees and that the quorum should be 25% of that number.

Acting as scrutineer, Mrs Berenice Suarez, MILSET Managing Director, confirms the quorum as there are 36 members' representatives present in Puebla and online. The General Secretary declares opened the 19th General Assembly.

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda is unanimously approved as presented.

4.0 APPROVAL OF THE MILSET GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021 MINUTES

The minutes of the MILSET General Assembly, held online on October 25, 2021, are unanimously approved.

5.0 MILSET PRESIDENT REPORT

Before starting the presentation of the MILSET Report of Activities for 2021-2023, Mr. Roberto Hidalgo congratulates the regional offices and host organisations to have successfully organised in 2022, despite the challenges with the pandemic, the MILSET Regional Expos-Sciences: Asia in Dubai, Europe in Romania, Vostok in Kazakhstan,

6.0 MILSET REPORT OF ACTIVITIES – 2021-2023

An overview of the MILSET Annual Report of Activities for 2021-2023 is presented. The report has been sent to all the members and will be posted on the website. There will be no printed report this year taking into consideration environmental issues.

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS – 2021-2022

The Treasurer, Mrs Carole Charlebois, presents the 2021 & 2022 Financial Results and the Statements of Financial Position, as approved by the Executive Committee.

The 2021 and 2022 Financial Results are showing balanced expenses on revenues of 40,336,20 € and 55013,61 €. The revenues are balanced with the expenses in using part of the ESI registration fees collected in 2019.

The Total Assets as per December 31, 2022, shows an amount of 72346,38 €, that amount includes a balance of 35701,19 € of the ESI 2029 registration fees.

Due to the pandemic and a limited budget, the 2021 EC meetings were held online, but a face-to-face meeting was held in 2022 in Dubai with the financial support from MILSET Asia. Despite having a small budget for an international organisation, MILSET managed to deliver its programs and events.

8.0 MEMBERSHIP FEE – 2024-2025

It is proposed by the Treasurer and unanimously approved to keep the MILSET membership fee at 100 € per year for 2024 and 2025.

9.0 STATUTES - AMENDMENTS

The MILSET Statutes were revised and approved by the Executive Committee; the modifications were sent with the General Assembly convocation documents.

The revised Statutes are ratified by the majority as presented. The final version will be uploaded on the website.

10.0 STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2029 - REPORT

Mr. Reni Barlow, Vice-President, and Chairperson of the MILSET Strategic Planning Committee, presents the approved Strategic Plan for the period 2024-2029. The Strategic Plan was built with the inputs received during round tables organised during the World Virtual Summit and from surveys to the members and the Regional Executive Committees.

The Strategic Planning Committee has defined six strategic priorities and twenty-six objectives that will shape our future:

1. Promoting the role of youth STEAM and MILSET in global and sustainable development, prosperity, and peace.
2. Establishing a global online community of regional offices, members, and youth STEAM leaders.
3. Delivering excellent global and regional programs and events.
4. Expanding MILSET's membership of national youth STEAM organizations.
5. Achieving long-term financial stability and ensuring a systematic renewal of governance leadership.
6. Providing expertise and training valued by members and recognized internationally.

To ensure the successful implementation of this Plan, the Executive Committee will determine, on an annual basis, the priorities. This strategic alignment will guide our actions and allocate the necessary resources to achieve our goals.

Mr. Barlow emphasizes the importance for all the members and the Regional Executive Committees to review the MILSET Strategic Priorities and to identify how they can be aligned with your activities and actions.

11.0 MILSET ESI 2025 - PRESENTATION

Mr. Hidalgo announces that the MILSET ESI 2025 will be organised by ACTVET in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Mr. Ali Al Marzouki, the ACTVET representative, presents a report showing the main facts related to the preparation of ESI 2025. The dates of the event will be announced soon.

12.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with the MILSET Statutes, the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than seven (7) and not more than nine (9) Directors, including the President who is appointed. It is noted that there are six (6) Director positions available this year and that Mrs. Carole Charlebois is ending its mandate at the end of the actual General Assembly.

The Executive Committee confirmed that the candidates have met the criteria required for nomination. As there are no more candidates than the number of vacant positions, the following candidates are presented for election by acclamation:

- Adnan Almeer
- Housseem Eldine Boulkour
- Driss Louaradi
- Renata Melo
- Antoine van Ruymbeke

The actual Directors Reni Barlow, Roberto Hidalgo and Ksenia Salnikova have still a two-year mandate.

It is unanimously approved to confirm the election by acclamation of the five Directors to complete the composition of the MILSET Executive Committee.

Mr. Barlow mentions that MILSET Executive Committee is facing a significant period of transition with challenges but also significant opportunities. In addition, with the departure of Carole Charlebois, three EC members will soon end their terms and a process will be implemented to decide who will leave the EC in 2025, 2026 and 2027. Additionally, Roberto Hidalgo informed the Executive Committee that he will end its mandate at the end of ESI 2025.

The Executive Committee is using that opportunity to make a call to all the members to consider their role in the next few years either at the regional or global level. The EC will be looking for new volunteers to bring their expertise, talent, and passion for MILSET and STEAM activities.

At the same time, the EC started a process to clarify its role in matter of governance and operations. A transition and succession plans are under development.

13.0 QUESTIONS PERIOD

One question is related to the order of MILSET strategic priorities, Mr. Reni Barlow explains that all priorities will have to be considered equally important and that they have the same level of significance.

14.0 MILSET VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Created in memory of Rune Thode Nielsen from Danmark, the ET Volunteer Award is awarded to less than 30 years old volunteers, in recognition of their values, passion and commitment to promote and support science and technology education for youth.

On behalf of MILSET Executive Committee, Mr. Reni Barlow announces that the MILSET Executive Committee has chosen two winners for the edition 2023 of the MILSET Volunteer Award:

- Miss Aysha Almeer from Kuwait who has exceptionally volunteered at MILSET Asia.
- Mr Mateus Alex Barbosa Dedê from Brazil who has outstandingly volunteered at MILSET AMLAT.

15.0 CLOSING OF THE MEETING

As stated earlier in the meeting, Mr. Roberto Hidalgo officially announces that he will end his mandate after ESI 2025. He takes that opportunity to recognize the support of UPAEP during the last 16 years and particularly the inspiration and strength he received from Eugenio Urrutia and Johanna Olmos.

Mr. Roberto Hidalgo officially closes the meeting and thanks everyone for their participation and support to the development of MILSET.



Renata Melo
MILSET Secretary