

LIGHT & GLASS European Chandelier Research Association
PROTOCOL 24th General Assembly Jablonec 12.6.2024

After the Board of Directors had met for its preparatory meeting in the Na Baste restaurant, the twenty-eight members gathered were welcomed by the Director, Mrs Milade Valeckova, in the Museum of Glass and Jewellery in Jablonec and were able to view the magnificent collections in the museum beforehand.

At 5.30 p.m. our President opened the General Meeting with the request to proceed according to the agenda sent out.

1) Welcome, full attendance and adoption of the 2023 minutes as published.

Mrs Director celebrates 120 years of existence of this museum this year and announces the protection by UNESCO, and the processing of the craft techniques.

2) Introduction of new members, this year Mrs Margit Kohlert joins us, formerly in the Lower Austrian State Monument Office and currently active in researching the chandelier inventory in churches, as well as in the working group inventory of chandeliers in Austria
Apologies from Karel Kanak who could not make the long journey, Julia Hennig, Marleen Greil, Maria João Burnay, Annette Jakob and Bettina Levin.

3) Election of the election counter. Verena Wasmuth volunteers to count votes.

4) President's activity report for 2023-2024 and preview 2024 - 2025.

The report has been published and a reading is not necessary.

The President reports on the exhibitions "200 Years of Lobmeyr in Bohemia" and "300 Years of Porcelain", also curated by Dr Jan Mergl.

The search for new members is important and their contribution should be rewarded.

The search for a host for the 2025 annual meeting is discussed, with one of the Baltic countries being considered - Riga or Vilnius? Later, Belgium or the Netherlands were also mentioned as possibilities. Potsdam could be possible in 2026, Verena Wasmuth thinks that it will take two years to prepare.

The reports are unanimously acknowledged.

5) Annual financial report presented by Jaroslav Svacha and Christina Perrin. Due to time constraints, the controller could not check everything before the meeting.

It must be noted that the number of members is decreasing, also that some members who do not attend the meetings, then do not pay, here also the municipality of Steinschönau owes the contributions. (This should be remedied after the secretariat has met the new mayor)

Normally the membership fees are in the range of KCz 130.000.-, but in the past year only KCz 90.000.-, this year only 62.000.-.

With a bank base of KCz 249,917.44, events with KCz 135,000.00 were on the books. Even with secretarial costs of KCz 48,212.60, we are still in the black, despite the high expenses for travelling, personnel, increased bank charges and inflation.

An insight into the annual budget is available on request; it is important to use the funds to maintain our good secretariat in Zurich, and we are particularly grateful to Christina here.

The financial report is accepted unanimously and the treasurer is thanked.

6) Discharge of the Board and election of new Board members. The resignation of Peter Rath as "Recording Secretary and Rapporteur" is currently pending. Verena Wasmuth has agreed to take over this task and is unanimously accepted.

The actions of the Board of Directors are unanimously approved.

7) Activities in other countries, chandelier inventories and academic studies:

Kristine Budze has published a book on the chandeliers in Rundale Castle, bilingual English/Latvian, featuring chandeliers from 1750 to 1850, which all came from Bohemia. The book is available from the Rundale Museum for € 35 + postage.

Käthe Klappenbach researched the early Bohemian glass chandeliers in Rastatt Schloss Favorite, Peter Rath intends to continue the working group "Inventory of Chandeliers in Austria" in autumn. Frank Möller's research on white glassware is fascinating; he is still working on his publication.

8) Miscellaneous: Tereza Svachova is congratulated on her work on the new façade for the Glass Museum and gives us a little background on it.