

Minutes # 1

Of the meeting of the Election Committee (EC) for the MCA-Armenia Program's Stakeholder Committee (SC) and the Governing Council (GC) Civil Society Elections Dated April 30, 2010

Present at the meeting were EC members:

Artak Saribekyan, Marianna Yeghiazaryan, Tigran Shahinyan, Vahagn Asryan, Hamazasp Danielyan, Mariam Osipyany, Amalya Balabekyan, Anahit Hakobyan, Gayane Gevorgyan, Gayane Arsenyan, Khachatryan Barseghyan, Tatevik Avagyan, Lilit Qamalyan.

Attending the meeting were also:

Ester Hakobyan, MCA-Armenia Coordination Officer

Victoria Grigoryan, SC assistant

The Agenda included the following items:

1. Election of the EC chairperson
2. Election of the EC secretary
3. Setting the date for the next EC meeting

On the first Agenda item:

Candidacies of Vahagn Asryan and Artak Saribekyan were put forward for the position of the EC chairperson. It was proposed that the candidates have a chance to speak, following which Vahagn Asryan and Artak Saribekyan gave small speeches.

Vahagn Asryan's candidacy was voted for and received 5 votes.

Artak Saribekyan's candidacy was voted for and received 6 votes.

Two EC members abstained from voting.

Thus, Artak Saribekyan was elected into the EC chairperson position by a majority vote.

On the second Agenda item:

. Candidacies of Amalya Balabekyan, Gayane Arsenyan, and Marianna Yeghiazaryan were put forward for the position of the EC secretary. Gayane Arsenyan withdrew her candidacy. A. Balabekyan and M.Yeghiazaryan spoke about their candidacies.

In the result of voting 4 EC members voted for A.Balabekyan, while 8 EC members voted for M. Yeghiazaryan. Only one EC member abstained from voting. Thus, Marianna Yeghiazaryan was elected into the EC secretary position by a majority vote.

There was a suggestion to add the post of the deputy chairperson (proposed by Vahagn Asryan) based on the fact that the membership of the Election Committee has been expanded and there may be instances when the chairperson should be replaced. Other EC members also expressed opinions on this issue. H.Danielyan noted that he did not consider the addition of the EC deputy chairperson position justified given the requirement that all EC members should be present at the EC meetings.

The proposal was voted for with 5 votes for it, 3-against and 5 abstained. The proposal did not pass because of insufficient votes.

On the third Agenda item

Following a general discussion 5 p.m. May 4 was fixed as the date for the next meeting. MCA-Armenia was fixed as the venue.

Signed by
EC Chairperson Artak Saribekyan,
EC Secretary Marianna Yeghiazaryan,

EC members:
Mariam Osipyan,
Amalya Balabekyan
Gayane Gevorgyan
Gayane Arsenyan
Khachatrur Barseghyan
Tatevik Avagyan
Lilit Qamalyan

Not signed by:
Tigran Shahinyan
Vahagn Asryan
Anahit Hakobyan
Hamazasp Danielyan

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