

ONLINE AGM 2020 Minutes - October 10th 2020

Attendees

1. Martin Gerrits, LEGATO Board, Philhomoniker
2. Annette Zahl, LEGATO Board, Melodiva
3. Juancho Almenara, LEGATO Board
4. Alice Simone, Qoro Turin
5. Andrew Potter, Edinburgh GMC
6. Angel Hurtado, Barcelona GMC
7. Anthony Alston, Federation of Gay Games
8. Barry Dowling, Homonics
9. Beate Sagcob,
10. Bram Buijze, Galakoor Amsterdam
11. Christophe Cordier, Sing Out Brussels
12. Clara Sanchez VOCES LGBT Madrid
13. David Fullman, Sing With Pride Norwich
14. David Barcelona Rainbow Singers
15. Davide Caltabiano Qoro Turin
16. Dirk Meetschen, Mainsirenen
17. Dominik Jakob, LEGATO Board, Vielhomonie
18. Emelyne Beucler, Omphalos Voices
19. Erwin Moll, Cantatori del duomo
20. Flora Schierano, Checcoro Milano
21. Frank Möllerbernd, Männer Minne
22. Fred Homomannenkoor Zangzaad Groningen
23. George Battrick, Regenbogenchor München
24. Gerard Näring Het Herenakkoord
25. Inga Gorgon, Krakofonia
26. Isabella Weiß, WEibrations
27. Joanna Dobkowska, Voces Gaudii
28. Lisa Gummersheimer, Weibrations
29. Marion Kroeze, Gemengd Dameskoor Groningen
30. Martin Cantatori del Duomo
31. Martin Brophy, LEGATO Board, EQC
32. Martin Kaufman, London GMC
33. Michael Cheetham, London GMC
34. Misza Czerniak, LEGATO Board
35. Nicola Mainardi, Komos
36. Paola Mainaci, Qoro Turin
37. Paul Charlton Brighton GMC, EQC
38. Paul Selous, Vox Rosa
39. Petra Pechacek, Weibrations
40. Rafael Vigata, Barcelona Rainbow Singers
41. Rene Driessen, Roozenkoor Amsterdam
42. Riccardo Strappaghetti, Cromatica
43. Richard Clawson, OurSong Atlanta
44. Richard Mohr, Schola Cantorosa
45. Rudd Kieboom, Mannenkoorts
46. Silvio Grasso, Brighton GMC
47. Tatjana Naujocks, Gemengd Dameskoor Groningen
48. Ulrike Lachmann, Schrillerlocken Miss Klang
49. Valeria, Bologna VV Team
50. Willem Jager
51. Finola Brophy, Rainbow Chorus Brighton
52. Marina, Sing Out Brussels
53. Stephens Coote, Pink Singers, Diversity
54. Graziano, Choreos, Florence

1. Welcome - Martin Gerrits, President of LEGATO Choirs welcomes attendees and thanked the outgoing Board including retired Past President Ian Doyle and Board member Julie Loriaux for their Board service

2. In Memoriam - We offered condolences on the passing of many family members, friends and singers from choirs all around the world due to COVID-19.

3. Report of the Board - presented by Annette Zahl, Vice President LEGATO, Juancho Almenara, LEGATO Board

Link to report:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1snQsOgcirbVKKFHnB5mhGuwjCglCh6Sx/view?usp=sharing>

4. Financial report outline - presented by Dominik Jakob LEGATO Board, Treasurer.

Auditor Report - by Richard Mohr - I am convinced that the accounts of LEGATO are reliably managed by the treasurer Dominik Jakob. I recommend the discharge of the board for the year 2019. Hamburg, den 19.07.2020

5. Voting Results - presented by Martin Brophy is **Change to articles vote results recorded** - Special Resolution 2020 to change the Articles of Association to comply with the request of the German authorities that a maximum of seven members can be elected to the board.

72 members agree to the change - more than 50% - **passed**

Election result of board member vote results

Validating the vote

No of Voting members 124
 No of votes to validate election 50% 62
 No of votes cast 68

The Ballot is **valid**

Annual Report, Accounts, Budget and Discharge of board

Votes cast 69
 Approved votes 67 97%
 Not Approved votes 2 3%

Annual Report Accounts, Budget and Discharge of board **Approved**

Vote for Board Members

402 valid votes cast
 9 sets of votes were invalid - These were multiple or non-eligible voters

The votes cast for the Board			
1. Annette Zahl	56	82%	Elected
2. Dominik K. Jakob	52	76%	Elected
3. Juancho Almenara R	50	74%	Elected
4. Martin Brophy	52	76%	Elected
5. Martin Gerrits	59	87%	Elected
6. Martin Kaufman	40	59%	
7. Misza Czerniak	57	84%	Elected
8. Petra Pechaček	56	82%	Elected

All candidates achieved more than 50% of eligibility votes cast
 The seven candidates with the highest number of votes are elected.
 The eighth candidate to be consulted about non-voting service

Martin Gerrits Welcomed the new Board members.

6. Welcome by Martin Gerrits, introduction and handover to Team Bologna

Report from Bologna 2023 Various Voices Festival - Powerpoint presentation of key parts
Powerpoint presentation link here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E_nKnJdsEGoMB2DEXsL2k4aqIHA1I_Ae/view?usp=sharing

7. Questions here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w2WewVgOfHMqh5rORlajL_B3W9O2yQGPahi9tMrqkns/edit?usp=sharing

8. Additional questions asked during the meeting:

On Italy Tour:

From Richard Clawson - OurSong (Atlanta, USA): Who coordinates the pre-festival performances hosted by other Italian choirs?

Answer: The list of hosting choirs and cities will be made available during the registration process. Cromatica will then connect the registered choirs with the hosts.

On support for 'underprivileged' choirs:

From Inga Gorgoń - Krakofonia (Cracow, Poland): Is the list of countries for those 3 levels already available?

Answer: This is unclear, but it will be based on the LEGATO and Various Voices policy (see the link in the FAQ document in point 7).

From Gérard - Het Herenakkoord (Arnhem, The Netherlands): How many choirs will be supported?

Answer: This is still unclear.

From Finola Brophy - Rainbow Chorus (Brighton, UK): Where will the money for this support come from?

Answer: VV2023 team hopes to get it from sponsors, but this is not guaranteed yet.

9. Close the meeting - Martin Gerrits thanked all for attending, notes and a feedback questionnaire will be sent out and Introduce the:

Time to talk and share Chaired by Martin Gerrits

Thoughts were exchanged about how LEGATO could collate ideas about what choirs are doing to maintain interest during Covid and any virtual projects. Choirs were encouraged to send in thoughts, ideas and suggestions into LEGATO.

The chat list from the zoom meeting

15:06:39 from Gérard Het Herenakkoord: I thought the Pink Singers made that already

15:07:55 from Paul Selous, Vox Rosa: this is an example of what I mean


15:07:56 from Paul Selous, Vox Rosa: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t923MzhS6_E

15:08:48 from Paul Selous, Vox Rosa: The Pink Singers are now doing this for a second song

15:10:53 from Gérard Het Herenakkoord: Paul, one of our choir members can tell you more about it. We did it too, but only one third of the choir members participated. You need one technical choir member who is willing to invest a lot of time

15:13:52 from Christophe Cordier - Sing Out Brussels: I'm leaving the meeting now. Thanks a lot, and see you soon

15:14:04 from Misza Czerniak, LEGATO Board, Voces Gaudii PL: Thank you, Christophe! See you!

15:15:27 from Rafael Vigata - Barcelona Rainbow Singers (secretary): This is part of what we did during confinement  <https://youtu.be/cBI7Sh01Qzw>

15:16:26 from Fred Homomannenkoor Zangzaad Groningen NL: we are lucky to have found a new venue and are able to come together to rehearse again with the whole choir

15:16:56 from Marina -Sing Out Brussels: Goodbye everybody! Thank you for so much great work

15:16:59 from Richard Clawson OurSong (Atlanta, USA): We are definitely interested I in finding people to hire to compile our virtual choir pieces.

15:17:02 from Clara Sánchez VOCES LGTB MADRID: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvPeSYfyXLY> During the hardest days of the lockdown in Madrid we did some videos like this ones!

15:17:37 from Silvio Grasso BrightonGMC (He/Him): This is our first video we did: https://youtu.be/yn_yVD_DVsU

15:17:56 from erwin moll (Cantatori del duomo NL): tnx to all...good luck and stay safe! leaving...got some other work lined up.

15:17:57 from Martin Kaufman London Gay Men's Chorus: Bye bye, good to talk and see you.

15:18:17 from René Driessen Rozenkoor Amsterdam Camera not working: Thank you all fot your efforts, hope to meet you all in Bologna, warm regards Rozenkoor Amsterdam. Leaving the meeting now. Bye

15:18:24 from David Barcelona Rainbow Singers: Great Juancho!! Thank U ;)

15:18:59 from Barry Dowling - Homonics: Here is the first one we (Homonics) did during lockdown, but it's easier with just 3 :) <https://youtu.be/SO9f0RDR34w>

15:19:03 from Inga Gorgoń/Krakofonia: Krakofonia's virtual choir: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1y_WvRM-ac

15:19:22 from Clara Sánchez VOCES LGTB MADRID: Thanks!

15:20:11 from Richard Clawson OurSong (Atlanta, USA): OurSong did this over the summer <https://youtu.be/IXgpGgX6yvk>

15:21:02 from Finola Brophy she/her Rainbow Chorus Brighton: before everyone goes can I say it is lovely to see people's faces and hear how things are going to give us hope to meet again in Bologna

15:21:30 from Alice Simone (Qoro - Turin): Our try!

<https://www.facebook.com/642439505792202/posts/2961992930503503/?vh=e&extid=0&d=n>

15:25:00 from Paul Selous, Vox Rosa: i have some experiences

15:25:17 from Riccardo Strappaghetti-Cromatica Italian LGBTChoirs:

<https://youtu.be/zkjDojlqriY> this is our Cromatica virtual choir project involving Italian LGBT singers from our choir and friends from LGBT choir all around the world

15:26:20 from Stephen Coote Pink Singers/Diversity: HAND IN HAND FESTIVAL 2020

<https://youtu.be/GYzB5HceWnU>

15:26:35 from Willem Jager: Thank you all; and stay safe and healthy!

15:26:45 from Andrew Potter, Edinburgh Gay Men's Chorus: Thanks everyone!

15:26:46 from Nicola Mainardi, Komos: bye everybody

15:26:56 from David_Barcelona Rainbow Singers: By everybody and thak u all

15:26:57 from Graziano, Choreos, Florence and Martina Kohlhuber (Privat): Bye everyone

15:27:09 from Paul Selous, Vox Rosa: bye from The Hague and thanks for a great meeting!