

Follow-up regarding reimbursement for claimed expenses by Niamh E. for EURYPAA Dublin

To Niamh E., Chairperson of Dublin 2011 EURYPAA Convention,

1. The EURYPAA board had agreed to help in reimbursement for claimed expenses associated with EURYPAA Dublin convention at the EURYPAA Denmark convention in good-faith. At the time of that decision the Convention was in financial peril so we could not offer any assistance until after the convention concluded. We did pay a vendor an outstanding debt owed for the EURYPAA Dublin convention. Our Treasurer at the time contacted this vendor and confirmed the amount owing and they were paid. The other amounts presented were considered primarily estimates in good-faith.
2. Again our offer was to assist in good-faith, keeping in-mind the overall welfare of convention and offering help when we could. We explained this very clearly and multiple times that any assistance would be provided when the convention was more financially solvent.
3. We have also decided to consolidate our banking base with an updated bank. This proved much more complex than we initially realized. This caused an in-direct delay in our ability to resolve pending financial consolidations. Thankfully this appears to be moving again and should be completely resolved soon.
4. After this last year's convention in Malta we elected a new treasury officer. In their due diligence to consider what disbursements we could consider after our banking updates were concluded, keeping the overall financial welfare for the convention in-mind, we re-reviewed the detail that Niamh E. submitted. After more discussion with members of the Board we felt it may be prudent to re-confirm the numbers based on the lack of actual receipts, vendors details listed, missing and/or inaccurate details in the spreadsheet submitted and other claimed expenditures that appeared possibly in error because of what seemed to be amounts far in excess of what has been traditional cost for other such events based on other past conventions. The spreadsheet of claimed expenses was distributed to the board and our group decision was that we needed updated actual verification before any money could be distributed from the EURYPAA event. Keeping the overall welfare of the AA member's money uppermost in-mind. Please know we are not seeking to stop assistance, we are only seeking to be financially responsible with the AA member's money that was given in for the EURYPAA events.
5. It was also brought to the attention of our board by a member of GSO that we should not be paying anyone without actual proof of expenditure because of the liability of VAT concerns and it would likely put the EURYPAA event in a position of unpaid tax liability.
6. All verifications will be reviewed & confirmed by the EURYPAA board treasury officer.
7. The EURYPAA board will forward a courtesy 300.00 euro amount to Niamh E. as confirmation of our ongoing good-faith decision to provide assistance while we verify & update on the claimed expenses.
8. Any claimed expenses from Niamh E. will be reviewed under this outline
  - a. Any amounts claimed will require an actual receipt and/or name of vendor and confirmation from the vendor of the amounts.
  - b. Any receipt and/or name of vendor & related amounts will be verified by the EURYPAA Board treasury officer.
  - c. All claims for payment will be taken on case by case basis.
  - d. Keeping in-mind the overall welfare of the EURYPAA convention, any payments will only be released after review of the EURYPAA board officer and approval from the EURYPAA board.
  - e. Any payments will only be paid by the EURYPAA board.
  - f. As stated in prior messages, any payments will be released in consideration of the overall welfare of the convention. Only after updated confirmations, any payments will be made over a period of time so that it does not endanger the welfare of the convention. Any possible payment/s will adjust according to the actual outcome of the convention.
  - g. Any record of balances and payments will be listed on the EURYPAA.org website

All contact regarding this matter will ONLY be with Niamh E. We remain dedicated to our good-faith decision to help in consideration of the items stated above. We hope to avoid any further in-direct damage to this events spiritual heritage over futile disputes over property, money, and authority. Many enjoyed the Dublin convention and we remain thankful for the great AA experience in Dublin.

We respectfully ask please allow for the spirit of AA's Concepts and Traditions to continue to be our guide in this matter.

In Service

The EURYPAA Board

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