

Minutes of the G.A. of BIEN Switzerland of June 18, 2022

1. Greetings

The president welcomed those present, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. The assembly approves the nomination of Gabriel Barta as minute taker. A round table discussion followed. It was decided that the interventions will be identified by name in the minutes unless specifically requested.

2. Minutes of the General Assembly of June 19, 2021

The minutes were approved without objection.

3. 2021-2022 Annual Activity Report

International

The president informs the audience that at the international level the citizens' initiative in the EU is coming to the end of its collection period, and most probably will not succeed, since only a quarter of the required number of signatures has been collected. According to Gabriel Barta, who represents BIEN Switzerland, UBIE has difficulties to gather enough really active members.

Federal Initiative RBI n°2

The current Swiss initiative basically takes up the points of the previous initiative, but in the opinion of the president is more to the left (e.g. regarding the sources of financing). Its current status is around 20'000 signatures collected, well below the expected situation at this stage. Gabriel Barta is our representative in the committee of the French-speaking campaign.

Raffael Wuetrich has been hired by the initiative committee to try to save the national campaign. BIEN.CH collaborates with him for the communication. The signature sheets of the Swiss initiative have also finally arrived at our secretariat, thanks to him, this five months and a reminder after our first request.

Adriano talks about the sometimes incoherent attitude of some Greens towards the UBI, and we go on to discuss the support or otherwise of members of the State Council. The relationship to social insurance, including social assistance and AHV, gave rise to further discussion, which showed, among other things, the different conceptions of financing and the effect on social insurance. The president proposes that this discussion be postponed until after the formal agenda items.

Geneva : Motion 2587 for a pilot experiment of the UBI

The president talks about his hearing with Gabriel Barta by the Economic Commission of the Grand Council. To learn more, he recommends reading the report of the commission. The committee rejected the motion by 9 votes (PLR-UDC-MCG-PDC) against 5 (PS-V) and one abstention (EAG). The committee report has not yet been presented or voted on in plenary, but this could happen on 23 June 2022.

Ticino

Donato Anchora has published a book on the UBI in Italian, which Bernard Kundig is currently translating.

4. 2021 accounts, auditors' report and discharge of the committee

The treasurer-secretary reported on the accounts for 2021, which showed a small loss. He read the report of the auditors, who recommended the acceptance of the accounts and the granting of discharge.

The auditors are ready to run again; they are re-elected unanimously.

The approval of the accounts and the discharge are voted together and are unanimously accepted.

5. 2022-2023 dues

Unanimously the current regime is renewed, that is normal contribution : Fr. 50.-, small budget : Fr. 20.- and support : Fr. 100. - or +

6. Elections

Ralph invited someone to take over the chairmanship, but no one considered it necessary. He asked if there were any other candidates for the chairmanship; there were none, either before or during this meeting. Ralph was re-elected unanimously.

Gabriel is a candidate for the vice-presidency, while stressing that he does not want it and that another candidate would be welcome; no one is running. He was re-elected to this position unanimously.

The current members of the committee except Anne-Béatrice Duparc are standing for re-election. Together with the President and the Vice-President, Bernard Kundig, Mathieu Despont, Martino Rossi, Bernard Genoud, Jean-Philippe Bezat and Magali Orsini were re-elected.

7. Proposals

Adriano Pirelli proposes himself as editor for the Facebook page of BIEN Switzerland. His proposal is unanimously accepted with enthusiasm.

8. Miscellaneous

No one is proposing a variety.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 pm.