

MELTA COMMITTEE MEETING

5:00 – 6:30 p.m., February, 14, 2025

Online via Zoom

Committee members

present: Elie Hazeem (from 5:30 pm)
Michael Hofmann
Randy Perry (Chair)
Catherine Pilgram
Michael Saunders (till 5:30 pm)
Ruth Stegmann
Joan Walsh

Minutes: Ruth Stegmann

AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting on January 17, 2024
2. Preliminary discussion of the budget for 2025
3. Discussion of the organization and agenda of the AGM on March 22
4. Date for the next committee meeting
5. Other business

Agenda item	Discussion	Action
Item 1	<p>Discussion and final approval of the minutes of the last committee meeting.</p> <p><u>Additional comments:</u> Cathy: Deutsches Ehrenamt only asks for a Datenschutzbeauftragter if there are more than 20 people regularly involved in data issues. This does not seem to apply to MELTA e.V.</p> <p>Joan: It would be good to distribute an electronic feedback form after online meetings.</p> <p>IATEFL Voices, maybe other ELTA magazines to be uploaded on MELTA website.</p> <p>Show'n'Tell workshop postponed until after the AGM.</p> <p>Some adjustments regarding workshops / webinars to follow.</p> <p>Podcasts to be promoted at AGM and in Melta News.</p>	<p>Michael Saunders to upload minutes onto the Melta website.</p> <p>Elie will look into this.</p>
Item 2	<p>Increase in annual membership fee to be discussed at AGM, would only apply as of 2026 and increase annual income by at least €1,000.</p>	

	<p>Additional comments: Bulgarian teachers association has asked for contributions to their magazine. Increase visibility of MELTA: Public school teacher association (GMF e.V., headed by Gerhard Finster) has reached out to Randy.</p> <p>Rejuvenate/Intensify contacts with LMU, TUM.</p> <p>Ask for members willing to support social media channels at AGM.</p> <p>Item 10 on AGM agenda: Ideas for special projects / workshops / podcasts / Melta News (Committee to make a few suggestions for discussion)</p> <p>Election committee: Normally Jo Westcombe</p> <p>Although a “Datenschutzbeauftragter” is not required, it would be good to have someone look into proper procedures for MELTA. One committee member should dedicate to data protection. NEW position?</p> <p>Most important: ➔ Change old passwords, old members having access. Verzeichnis with people who have access to certain accounts, update necessary</p> <p>Main focus of AGM on Item 9 (Social media) and Item 10 (Activities)</p> <p>Aim: Get more people involved in taking over jobs.</p> <p>Invitation to be sent out by February 22, 2025 No need to send out the invitation in German. Translation of minutes for Finanzamt/Amtsgericht. Sending out the invitation on time is essential!</p> <p>Discuss: podcasts – 1) Change from just listening to someone’s story to an interview mode 2) Outline in the future: get members more involved by inviting them to send questions beforehand to Elie.</p> <p>Elie requested free hand to proceed with everything related to podcasts. Committee members consented.</p>	<p>Randy will talk to Gerhard at IATEFL conference</p> <p>Ask for volunteers at AGM to help contact universities.</p> <p>Randy to contact Jo</p> <p>Project for committee after AGM</p> <p>Project for committee after AGM</p> <p>Discuss at AGM</p> <p>Elie via email blast</p> <p>Elie in charge</p>
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	<p>Elie has some people for podcasts in mind. He'd like to ask at AGM for interests and topics and also people to be on a podcast. Possible topics: multilingualism in English teaching, AI in EFL, difficulties teachers face in their job.</p> <p>Elie wants to make the podcast a long process, not only focus on storytelling, but also give the opportunity to discuss the challenges they face in coming to Germany, etc.</p> <p>There is high potential for podcasts and also the MELTA News</p>	
Item 4	Meeting for finalizing AGM -	Randy will send possible dates.
Item 5	No other business	

Munich, February 15, 2025

Randy Perry
(Chair)

Ruth Stegmann
(for the minutes)

Attachment
Invitation to AGM March 22, 2025