



Paper 2 - Public Europeana Foundation Governing Board Meeting

4 March 2019
9h30 – 16h30 CET
[Koninklijke Bibliotheek Prins
Willem-Alexanderhof 5, 2595
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Koopman Room I5.200

Election and appointment of founding members

Action proposed: Board to formally appoint new founding members

Background

As stipulated in the 2015 deed of amendment to the statutes of Europeana Foundation, the European organisations acknowledged through legal process as founders of the Foundation include:

- 1) National Library of Spain
- 2) Spanish Ministry of Culture
- 3) National Library of France
- 4) Institut National de l'Audiovisuel (InA)
- 5) National Library of The Netherlands

Two founders sit on the Governing Board as voting bestuurders while others can participate as observers with no voting rights.

Currently the Spanish Ministry of Culture, Education and Sport and Institut national de l'audiovisuel de France sit on the Board as voting members while the National Library of France and the National Library of The Netherlands have taken the role of observer. The National Library of Spain has not participated in the Foundation's Governing Board since 2015 when the Foundation adopted the new governance model.

The two-year term of the current founding members is coming to end on 31 March 2019 for InA, Agnes Manien; and 30 June 2019 for Spanish Ministry of Culture, Concha Vilarino.

Procedures of appointment

In line with the procedures set out in the statutes, the founding members nominate two members amongst them to succeed or to be re-appointed by the Board for a second consecutive term. The nominees will be appointed by a majority vote if two-thirds of the Board members have cast a vote.

Article 5 clause ii of the statutes:

“two members of the Governing Board shall be appointed by the founders, to represent the founders”

Article 4:

“members of the Governing Board shall be appointed for the period of two years”

Election of new founding members

In January the founding members were invited by the Executive Director to nominate two organisations for election and appointment on the Board. On behalf of the founders, Lily Knibbeler Director General of the National Library of The Netherlands announced their joint decision on the nomination of two founding members to the board, and one observer:

- InA, Agnes Manien to continue as founding member
- KB, Elsbeth Kwant as founding member
- BNF, Elisabeth Freyre to continue as observer

The National Library of Spain (BNE) is considering to study its position and the legal and strategic consequences of being part of the Foundation.

At the Board meeting of 4 March 2019, the Board formally appoints the new Board members effective the dates the vacancies occur, i.e. on 31 March 2019 for InA, Agnes Manien; and 30 June 2019 for the Spanish Ministry of Culture, Concha Vilarino.

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