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| <p style="text-align: center;">ITEM 7/1: ELECTION OF OFFICERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOR DECISION</p> |
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Members are invited to consider nominations for the EDEN Executive Committee. EC members are elected for a three year term of office, and can hold office for a maximum of two consecutive three years terms.

A. Continuing Members

The following members of the Executive Committee will continue to serve after the 2013 AGM:

Antonio Teixeira, Universidade Aberta, Portugal
elected in 2011 for a second three year term of office until 2014

Alan Bruce, Universal Learning Systems, Ireland
elected in 2012 for a second three year term of office until 2015

Wim Van Petegem, EuroPACE, Belgium
co-opted in 2009, elected in 2012 for a first three year term of office until 2015

Lisa Marie Blaschke, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, Germany
elected in 2012 for a first three year term of office, until 2015

Grainne Conole, University of Leicester, United Kingdom
elected in 2012 for a first three year term of office, until 2015

Fabio Nascimbeni, MENON Network, Belgium
elected in 2012 for a first three year term of office, until 2015

B. Retiring Members

The following member completes this term of office and is not eligible for re-election:

Morten F. Paulsen, NKI Distance Education, Norway
elected in 2010 for a second three year term of office until 2013

The following members complete their term of office and are eligible for re-election:

Deborah Arnold, University of Burgundy, France
elected in 2010 for a first three year term of office until 2013

Ene Koitla, Estonian Information Technology Foundation, Estonia
elected in 2010 for a first three year term of office until 2013

Costas Tsolakidis, University of the Aegean, Greece
elected in 2010 for a first three year term of office until 2013

Airina Volungeviciene, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania
elected in 2010 for a first three year term of office until 2013

The Executive Committee is supporting unanimously the re-election of Deborah Arnold, Ene Koitla, Costas Tsolakidis and Airina Volungeviciene for another three year term of office.

According to the EDEN Constitution (Article 7.3):

„Every voting member of the Institution Section has the right to nominate candidates for election to the Executive Committee. The invitation for nominations shall be included with the announcement of the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee shall see that there are nominations of at least one candidate for each of the vacant seats.

No person other than an Executive Committee member retiring at the meeting shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee at any general meeting unless not less than 3 or more than 21 days before the date set for the meeting notice in writing has been sent to the Secretariat Office. The notice must be signed by a member qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which notice is given of the intention to propose such a person for election, and notice must also be given in writing by that person of their willingness to be elected.”

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APPENDIX

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE EDEN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The procedures of nominations and elections are laid down in detail in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and in more general terms in the Constitution of EDEN.

Unless otherwise decided by the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee shall have nine members representing member institutions or networks, and elected at the Annual General Meeting. Among the elected members of the Executive Committee shall be one President and one or more Vice Presidents. In addition, the elected Chair of the Network of Academics and Professionals is also a member of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be so constituted that it includes as much as possible members from the various regions of Europe and various sectors of education. The term of office is normally three years.

Every member of the Institutions Section has the right to nominate candidates by notice in writing, together with a notice in writing signed by the person nominated of her/his willingness to be elected. Such notice has to be received by the EDEN Secretariat (fax number: +36 1 463 1858, e-mail: secretariat@eden-online.org) not less than 3 days before the meeting. Notice should be accompanied by a written statement from the candidate confirming that he/she would be ready to serve, if elected, in the EC, becoming member of the Board of Directors of the European Distance and E-Learning Network Ltd. (Registered number: 2715308 England).

Candidates should have influential positions or broad contacts in national systems of distance education. They will also need institutional backing from a member institution or network.