

# Board meeting 13th and 14th June 2017

## **1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened at 14:00.

## **2. Participants and legality of the meeting**

Present: Tarja Cronberg (chair), Ingo Arnason, Janne Giese, Kolbrun Halldorsdottir, Björn Ross, Suzanna Tavazzi. As the intern Simon Karlsson was attending a meeting organized by the Svenska kulturfonden and will return to work 14 June, it was decided that Ingo Arnason would be the secretary for the meeting on the 13th June. The meeting was declared legal.

## **3. Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved.

## **3. Presentation of the statutes and code of conduct**

The board went thoroughly through the statutes of the association and the code of conduct that the former board had agreed on.

## **4. Feasibility study (Strategy part)**

The board went thoroughly through the strategic plan and agreed on the next step to increase the activity of the association.

The board discussed if Circolo Scandinavo should create some kind of theme where applications that have projects that are focused a certain thing, for example refugees as was a suggestion, would get extra attention. The board decided to make an executive decision about this during the fall meeting. The director will gather information on associations that work with refugees in Rome in order to facilitate dialogue.

## **4. Rental agreement**

The board decided not to look for another location for Circolo and renew the contract with Accademia di Lincei with the following conditions. The director will start a dialogue with the landlords and try to get them to lower the rent. It is important to inform the landlord about the intended renovation and the repairs needed for the apartment.

The landlord has already agreed to take out of the contract that Circolo is responsible for extra maintenance of the apartment.

It was also discussed if Circolo could make some kind of deal and take care of some of the repairs needed in the apartment and get a lower rent that way.

It strengthens the economy of CS to increase the number of artist in residence each month by changing the director's apartment in a studio, that could be a feasible option especially for visual artists.

The cost of renting an apartment for the director should not go over 1200 euros including all expenses and Circolo could rent the studio for 750 euro so the increase in rent cost would be 450 euro per month

The meeting was postponed until 9:00 14/06/2017

Meeting reopened 14.6 at 9:15. Present: Tarja Cronberg (chair), Ingo Arnason, Janne Giese, Kolbrun Halldorsdottir, Björn Ross, Simon Karlsson (secretary)

#### **4 Rental agreement**

The rearrangement of the director's current apartment was discussed further.

The board is willing to follow up previous attempts with the NMR and seek an increased support related to the increase in the activity of Circolo Scandinavo as proposed in the Hohti report.

The board discussed the financial calculation of these ideas and underlines how important it is not put Circolo in permanent financial difficulties.

The calculations presented at the meeting show how the idea changing the director's apartment into a studio could be carried out without putting Circolo's economy at risk.

It was decided that in case of cancellations and when it is not possible to get a replacement then we would advertise to members the possibility to rent the room, which should further strengthen the economic grounds for the decision.

This board has decided to start the implementation of the strategic plan, which is partly being done through renovate the current director's apartment. A 5-year plan should be worked out to show to NMR. Then we can submit gradual requests of raised funds over the coming years.

The director pointed out that the rooftop will be used more; via sponsors and agency rentals, which in turn will create a new source of income.

#### **5. Artists selection**

A discussion about how the artists' selection process could be done differently in the future. It was pointed out that discussion and advice can be done online, between the selection 'committee' members, and that the old practice of meeting up for that sole purpose is unnecessary.

#### **6. Other business**

Karlsson will ask for and distribute board member information.

#### **7. Closing of the meeting**

The meeting was concluded at 12:30.