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WEI General Assembly
WEI GA Stockholm – 25 September 2025
minutes

1. Opening

Mr Erik Karlsson welcomes all participants and opens the meeting.

2. WEI finances

Mr Lauwaert reports on the financial situation of the association.
Expenses are in line with the budget that was agreed during the 2024 General assembly. The only two headings that were below what was budgeted are the ones related to travel and representation. As very few physical meetings could take place, almost no expenses had to be done.
As income has been in line with budget, a loss of around 6.000has to be reported.

Expenses	**Budget 2024/2025**	**Result 30 June 2025**
Secretariat	55.000,00	55.000,00
Office costs	6.000,00	203,13
Travel - representation	5.000,00	3.917,05
Accounting	1.500,00	637,50
CEI-Bois/IRG/CEN	12.000,00	12.058,30
Commissions	15.000,00	6.244,62
Various	1.000,00	314,25
WEI Activities	30.000,00	23.630,33
Advocacy	75.000,00	76.047,24
TOTAL	**200.500,00**	**178.052,42**

Income		
Contributions	160.000,00	155.448,00
Wood Poles LCA		
Various	10.000,00	16.207,84
Sub-total	**170.000,00**	**171.655,84**

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The finances for working year 2024-2025 are accepted by the GA and discharge is giving to the WEI Executive Committee and the WEI Secretariat.

Mr Lauwaert also presents a budget proposal for 2025-2026. This Budget is in line with expenses for the past Working Year.

Expenses	**Budget 2025/2026**
Secretariat	55.000,00
Office costs	6.000,00
Travel - representation	5.000,00
Accounting	1.500,00
CEI-Bois/IRG/CEN	12.000,00
Commissions	15.000,00
Various	1.000,00
WEI Activities	30.000,00
Advocacy	75.000,00
TOTAL	**200.500,00**

Income	
Contributions	160.000,00
Wood Poles LCA	
Various	10.000,00
Sub-total	**170.000,00**

3. WEI Activity report

Mr Lauwaert and Clason report on the activities that took place during the working year 2024-2025.

This activity report is adopted by the participants to the GA.

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4. Revision of statutes

Mr Lauwaert and Westin report on the work that has been done on bringing the statutes of the association to a new modern world.

These changes are accepted by the general Assembly. The full text is attached to these minutes.

5. Nominations

a. Presidency

Mr Lauwaert reports that the mandate of mr Karlsson as EWPA president comes to an end. The executive Committee has been working the last couple of months to look for a successor and is very pleased to inform that they unanimously propose Mr Gilbert Leyens as the new president.

Mr Karlsson thanks the participants for the active cooperation during his mandate. Mr Leyens thanks the embers for their trust to nominate him as president.

b. WEI Executive Committee

Mr Lauwaert report that the following persons are nominated to the Executive Committee:

Mr Benjamin Corbat, representing Switzerland
Mr Miguel Palminha, representing Portugal

These nominations are accepted by the General Assembly.

The GA also confirms the end of Mr Erik Karlsson in the Executive Committee.

c. Honorary members

Mr Clason proposes to nominate three honorary members of the association. All three have been contributing in an extraordinary way to the growth of the association.

Mr Tommy Karlsson,
Mr Patrick Corbat
Mr Antoine Jobbé-Duval

These nominations are accepted by the General Assembly.

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6. WEI meetings 2026

Mr Lauwaert informs that the WEI Spring Meeting will take place in Brussels on Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 March 2026. The format of the meeting will be in line with the previous editions.

Mr Hodge informs that the 2026 Annual meeting will take place in Bath. More information to follow.

7. Any other business

As no other issues are tabbed, Mr Karlsson thanks all participants for their support and closes the meeting.