

**LIGHT & GLASS European Society and Documentation Centre for Chandeliers,  
Light and Lighting**

**MINUTES**

**26th Annual General Meeting**

**Berlin, Charlottenburg Palace, New Wing, Germany, June 8, 2026**

President Helena Koenigsmarková warmly welcomes all participants. In a brief review, she looks back on the program of last year's annual conference in Belgium and once again thanks the local organisers, Bertin Verstraete and Valérie Montens. She recalls that the association was founded 26 years ago in Kamenický Šenov and has since had the opportunity to hold its meetings in a wide variety of locations, which have provided interesting insights into European art and the history of glass and chandeliers. All minutes and conference reports can be found on the association's website.

Koenigsmarková thanks the organizers Christina Perrin, Olivier Perrin, and Verena Wasmuth for putting together the program, as well as the Prussian Palaces and Gardens Foundation Berlin-Brandenburg for its generous hospitality. Peter Rath presents a portrait he painted to Verena Wasmuth.

The President then opens the meeting and announces the agenda, which was approved, and confirmed that a quorum was present.

The following new members are welcomed: Jaroslav Bejvl, Johannes Rath, Oliver Schach, Gysbrecht Speyart, and Jutta Page (as well as Toni Lorenz, who joined during the conference). New members continue to be expressly welcome and encouraged to join. Secretary Christina Perrin lists the members who were unable to attend this year.

Treasurer Jaroslav Švacha reminds members to use the correct name of the account holder (without Háčeks or diacritical marks) when transferring membership dues in the future: **Light and Glass – Evropska Spolecnost A.**

Due to changes in EU banking regulations, some members have had problems making transfers this year; simply entering "Light and Glass" no longer works.

The following is the financial report by Jaroslav Švacha and Christina Perrin; see the separate statement.

The auditor, Julia Hennig, confirms that the financial statement is correct.

Oliver Schach agrees to count the votes, and as a result, the board is unanimously discharged.

Christina Perrin reports that approximately 11,000 EUR has accumulated in the association's account. She suggests that a portion of this amount could be used to provide financial support to students who give presentations at the next annual conferences. The funds would be awarded (on a pro-rata basis) to cover travel expenses. This idea is discussed and approved. The board will draft a proposal to determine the details of such a scholarship program. The board will evaluate the applications. It remains to be determined how many travel scholarships can be awarded and up to what amount.

Next on the agenda is a vote on whether to change the account currency from CZK to EUR, as this will save on fees and simplify bookkeeping: The change is unanimously approved.

A reserve of approximately 500 EUR in cash is to be kept on hand at all times. This amount will be held in safekeeping by Jaroslav Švacha.

Peter Rath proposes actively supporting a project in Vienna that he has been promoting for some time, which aims to compile an inventory of chandeliers in Austria. The proposal is

debated at length. Many variables seem unclear to the participants and pose obstacles, such as who will carry out this enormous task and who will provide the funding. Alante Valtaite-Gagac recommends using an open-access database. She also notes that she was paid for this work (did not carry out the project on a volunteer basis) and that there were significantly fewer chandeliers to inventory in Lithuania than in Austria. It might be possible to use EU funds for Vienna, though these would first have to be applied for through a complex process. If anyone knows a suitable person (a student?) for this project, please contact Peter Rath!

Beat Lüthi suggests updating the association's website and making it more appealing. The costs could be covered by the savings. This proposal is well received by everyone. Beat Lüthi, Tereza Švachá, and Michelle Leliveld will work together to develop a plan for the update. Christina and Olivier Perrin will assess the technical requirements for moving forward.

Outlook: At the suggestion of Helena Koenigsmarková, the 2027 annual conference could take place in the Czech Republic again (with a focus on Moravia). She will kindly explore the possibilities for a program.

According to Julia Hennig, a meeting in the Netherlands might be possible in 2028. She will examine this option together with Gysbrecht Speyart and explore the possibility of involving Marleen Greil and Rob van Beek. Peter Rath also suggests organizing a gathering in the United Kingdom. Some participants are sceptical about this, as interesting luminaria there are often located in geographically distant places, also very rarely on display in museums. All members are warmly encouraged to actively participate in planning future annual meetings.

Minutes: Dr. Verena Wasmuth, 17.06.2026