

Secretary's Report July 2018 – November 2019

More than a year ago we held our 2018 Executive Committee meeting in Berlin, Germany. The minutes of that meeting were prepared and sent to Executive Committee members for correction. Corrected minutes were sent to all member organizations in November 2018.

The editors prepared the new edition of DIAKONIA News No.104 which was sent by email in November 2018 to Executive Committee members, member organizations, and subscribers. It was also uploaded on the DIAKONIA website.

Thanks to the editors, who prepared a special edition DIAKONIA News No.105 in September 2019 about the three Regional conferences this year.

Membership fees

In cooperation with regional Presidents and Treasurers, member data was updated. Invoices for the 2019 membership fees for DAP member groups were sent in July to the individual organizations or payed cash during the DAP Conference in Nadi/Fiji. Invoices for DOTAC and DRAE members were issued by the Treasurer for both the DRAE and DIAKONIA membership fees.

DIAKONIA World Federation e.V.

The official founding formalities took place in Neuendettelsau, June 29th, 2019.

In the transitional period, some formalities still need to be completed during the EC meeting 2019. The cooperation with Neuendettelsau is very positive.

The formalities with the Chamber of commerce and the ING Bank in the Netherlands were easily accomplished and the liquidation of the Stichting DIAKONIA in the Netherlands is dated April 25th, 2019.

A new Bank account was opened at Sparkasse Ansbach by January 3rd 2019. The bank account at Evangelische Bank Kassel will be closed by December 31st, 2019.

The Bylaws are still in a draft version. Thanks very much to Jan Cherry for her work on it.

The **DIAKONIA Prayer** is always available at the beginning of each month. The request from some communities is, to get to know more about the worries and hardships of the communities of the region where the prayer comes from, to enable special prayers.

Regional Assemblies

I took part in two regional conferences as a participant. It is impossible for me to put the impressions into a few sentences but there are memories I will never forget.

DRAE Regional Assembly at Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh, Scotland, 19-24 June 2019

DAP Regional Assembly at Wailoaloa Beach Resort in Nadi, Fiji, 8-12 July, 2019

Traude Leitenberger, November 2019