

## **ENVIRONMENTALISTS FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY, INC. (EFN-USA)**

EFN-USA is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, incorporated in the State of Delaware, providing objective and straightforward information to the public on questions of energy and the environment.

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### **Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2013**

The meeting of the Board of Directors was held at 11 A.M. (local time) at 70 Park Street - Apartment 32, Brookline, MA, 02446 USA.

Present (in person): Berol Robinson (President),  
Present (by phone conference): Daniel Giovansily (Treasurer),  
Bruno Comby (Executive Director),  
John Shanahan (invited as spectator, not taking part in the votes, not yet member of the Board of Directors),  
Richard McDonald (invited as spectator, not taking part in the votes, not yet member of the Board of Directors),  
Excused and represented by the President: Claire Brazillier (Secretary)

#### **Meeting of the Board of Directors of EFN-USA**

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Board of Directors and of the previous General Meeting, held last year on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012, were presented and approved unanimously.

The Board of Directors accepted all applications for new memberships submitted during the past year. The membership fees are unchanged and remain as follows: Supporters: gratis, Sympathizing members: US\$ 30, Active members: US\$ 60, Donating members: US\$ 120.

The future composition of the Board of Directors and the organization of the following Annual General Meeting were discussed.

The Board of Directors decided to transfer the office currently in Houilles (at the headquarters of EFN International) to John Shanahan's postal address in Colorado.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 P.M. to participate in the Annual General Meeting which followed.

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

The General Meeting was held at 12 P.M. on the same day at the same location. Members present: as above.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (held last year on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012) were approved.

EFN-USA accounts for the past year (year 2012 accounts): were presented by the Treasurer, Daniel Giovansily. \$60 was received for new memberships and \$535.47 was expended, leaving a deficit of \$475.47 for the year. There was enough in the bank account to cover the deficit and leave a small balance. Anticipated expenses include \$5 per month for the phone line, an IRS fee of \$30-40 to maintain the 501(c)(3) status, and some administrative costs. Berol made a generous contribution at the beginning to cover several years of losses.

The Treasurer's report was approved by the participants in the meeting.

The Activities Report was presented by the President, Berol Robinson:

The web site of EFN-USA <http://www.ecolo.org/base/baseus.htm> was further developed. Members can subscribe / renew membership on-line and pay their dues directly on the web site via Credit Card or PayPal.

The President, Berol Robinson, said that because of his old age he would be pleased to retire and transfer the destiny of the organization into new younger hands. EFN-USA will be 10 years old in a few months (it was formed in November 2003). Mr. Robinson was much applauded and received many thanks for his crucial work since 10 years in setting up and Presiding the destiny of the organization until now.

John Shanahan was contacted about 6 months ago, as had been suggested in last year's Annual General Meeting and he volunteered to re-organize EFN-USA, and act as the new President to develop the organization. He proposed a new Board Directors (list attached): 8 of them are located in the United States (Colorado, California, Montana, Illinois, Georgia, Washington State) and 4 are international: liaison with FEN-International, AEPN in France, FEN-India and FEN-South Africa). This new organization was approved by FEN-International / AEPN in France prior to this meeting. All these future members of the Board have paid their dues (or have agreed to do so in the very close future) as members of EFN-USA and are therefore eligible members of the Board.



*Photo : Berol Robinson, Historical founder of EFN-USA and his wife Shirley Robinson in the UK in 2003, en route to meet their good friend Jim Lovelock in Cornwall (historical father of environmental thinking).*



The growth of paid membership of EFN-USA and of the number of local correspondents was noted and discussed. EFN-USA now has members, supporters and local correspondents in 32 American states: AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, KS, LA, MA, MD, MI, MO, NC, ND, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI.

The number of dues-paying members has recently increased and should be increased furthermore to improve and consolidate the nation-wide representation of EFN-USA in all 50 American States.

EFN-USA was incorporated in Delaware in 2003 and is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization . The official incorporation will be kept in Delaware, but the official address will become a PO Box in Glendale CO (a suburb of Denver) in close proximity to John Shanahan's residence.

To make it easy for our members to reach us, a toll-free telephone and fax line is in operation: (866) 445-0599. This toll-free number is automatically redirected to the principal office of EFN-USA (which will be transferred to Colorado in the close future). The membership application form and presentation of EFN-USA are available on our web site: <http://www.ecolo.org/subscri/subscri.htm>

One of the priorities of the new year will be to contact the 100-130 members we have information for in the U.S., get them up to date on dues, and let them know the new organization of EFN-USA and our proposed activities.

Dozens of new documents were posted on line this year : go to <http://www.ecolo.org> click on the stars and stripes to access EFN-USA's web site, then click on "Documents" and finally on "Documents in English" or go directly to : [http://www.ecolo.org/documents/documents\\_in\\_english/](http://www.ecolo.org/documents/documents_in_english/)



In the last General meeting we mentioned the visit of Patrick Moore, (co founder of Greenpeace in 1971, co-Chairman of CASE in the USA and Honorary Chairman of EFN-CANADA) at AEPN (EFN-International headquarters in Houilles, France) where he stayed in Bruno Comby's ecohouse with his wife Eileen to exchange views with Mr. Comby on the strategy and development of EFN around the world. The interview with Mr. Moore is now on-line:

<http://www.ecolo.org/video/video-Patrick-Moore-08-06-2012.mp4>

*Photo : Patrick Moore and his wife Eileen visiting EFN international headquarters in France © IBC*

### **Election of the Board of Directors:**

The following candidates were presented: All have submitted their CV (resumes and photo, see Exhibit 1 ). They all are members of EFN-USA (founding members, dues-paying members or benefactors). By unanimous vote, the following Board of Directors has been elected and are listed here (by alphabetical order) :

Mary-Claire Birdsong, Writer, Debater – Georgia  
Bruno Comby, Founder of EFN International / AEPN - France  
Daniel Giovansily, Nuclear Engineer, former secretary of EFN-USA  
Kelvin Kemm, Nuclear Physicist and Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow  
Kenneth Kok, Nuclear Engineer - Washington State  
Richard McDonald, Physicist, Secretary of EFN-USA – California  
Berol Robinson, Historical Founder of EFN-USA - Massachusetts  
Robinder Sachdev, President of Imagindia Institute, President of EFN-India  
Karen Sackett, Elementary & Environmental Education – Montana  
John Shanahan, Civil Engineer – Colorado  
Sarfraz Taj, Nuclear Engineer – Illinois  
Gary Young, Mechanical Engineer, Treasurer of EFN-USA – Colorado

Election of Officers: The following directors volunteered to serve as officers of EFN-USA and were unanimously elected by the Annual General Meeting : John Shanahan as President, Richard McDonald as Secretary, Gary Young as Treasurer.



*John SHANAHAN  
New President of EFN-USA*



*Richard McDonald  
New Secretary of EFN-USA*



*Gary Young  
New Treasurer of EFN-USA*

Bruno Comby was confirmed as Executive Director in the short term until he transfers this function to a new Executive Director. He will remain in any case as a member of the Board of Directors.

Berol Robinson shall of course remain as the Historical Founder and Honorary Chairman of the organization.

The new President, new Officers, and the new Board of Directors were welcomed and warmly applauded, and are invited to pursue the growth and work of the organization.

The new President, John Shanahan is designated to deal with the administrative tasks of EFN-USA, to represent EFN-USA formally, and sign all documents necessary to this effect.

### **Meeting specific to the EFN-USA Board of Directors**

Berol Robinson discussed the history of EFN-USA. He formed EFN-USA as a result of his work translating Bruno Comby's book "Environmentalists for Nuclear Energy". Recently, he identified John Shanahan as the best person to continue the organization following his retirement from active participation. Mr. Robinson will naturally stay on as Historical Founder and Honorary Chairman and we all appreciate his past contributions and value his advice into the future.

John Shanahan became acquainted with Berol Robinson and Bruno Comby via work on a letter to John Holdren (President Obama's science adviser) in 2010. This letter, signed by 228 people, mostly from the U.S., but many from other countries, requests the Science Adviser to recommend a strong nuclear energy program to President Obama, including light-water reactors, fast reactors, and medical radio-isotope production. While AEPN combined "pro nuclear" with "environmentalists" in France, such an organization was non-existent in other countries until recently (e.g. EFN-USA, and EFN-other countries) and the new Board of Directors for EFN-USA reflects pro-nuclear people with strong interest in environmental issues. John Shanahan has put together a board with broad experience as well as one that spans generations and connections with a variety of communities. Mr. Shanahan is honored and grateful that Mr. Robinson asked him to take over as President of EFN-USA.

The first step is to get the Filemaker data bases transferred from Mr. Comby to Mr. Shanahan. EFN-USA will implement a procedure for new membership whereby the membership will be acknowledged by email and the new member welcomed into the organization. The procedure will be on the website. (Richard McDonald commented that he joined last week and the process was easy and complete and he soon received acknowledgment and duplicating this system would certainly be a good start. We should accept PayPal as well as credit cards.)

The organization's phone will be connected to an answering machine with call-forwarding capability. We may want additional direction of email, such as [Treasurer@EFN-USA.org](mailto:Treasurer@EFN-USA.org), [Board@EFN-USA.org](mailto:Board@EFN-USA.org), etc.

Berol Robinson discussed his meeting with James Lovelock who is originator of the "Gaia theory" about the capability of the ecosystem to adapt to changes in temperature and other parameters. Dr. Lovelock did the preface to Berol Robinson's English translation of the book "Environmentalists for Nuclear Energy" He also discussed Patrick Moore, who was the founder of Greenpeace, but has since renounced that organization and stated his pro-nuclear preferences. He is Honorary Chairman of EFN-CANADA.

### **Election of the new board of directors**

The proposed membership of the Board of Directors of EFN-USA include people who understand nuclear power and are concerned about maintaining quality life for people, animals, and the ecosystem. Mary-Claire Birdsong has worked with John Shanahan for the past several years and contributed to essays on the "Go Nuclear" website. She is presently a college student and can speak to the young people. Karen Sackett is a teacher and is the wife of John Sackett who worked on the fast reactor at Idaho. While not a nuclear engineer/physicist herself, she is familiar with the technology. Sarfraz Taj is a nuclear engineer in Illinois who has worked on educational outreach with the American Nuclear Society.

The new board of directors were approved along with officers: John Shanahan as president, Gary Young as treasurer, and Richard McDonald as secretary. Mr. Robinson will remain Honorary Chairman of the organization.

There will be no change in the incorporation, the bank account will move to Colorado, and Richard McDonald will keep hard-copy notes of the meetings and will distribute electronic files of the agenda and will sign the final copy of the minutes.

Mr. Comby noted that AEPN (and the related EFN) are trademarks that he owns. He authorizes EFN-USA to use his trademarks as long as the goals of EFN-USA remain the same as those of AEPN. The trademark will need to be renewed every 5 years. Mr. Robinson will send the paper archives to Mr. Shanahan. Board meetings will be held quarterly via phone conference, everyone has each other's emails, and we will begin outreach to new members.

By unanimous vote, EFN accepts the new board members and the new officers and Daniel Giovansily and Bruno Comby will remain as Honorary Members of the board.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 EDT

6th August 2013

Signed and certified by the newly elected Secretary

Richard J. McDonald

Attached: Exhibit 1, members of the Board of Directors of EFN-USA

# New Board of Directors of EFN-USA

(by alphabetical order)



**Mary Claire Birdsong**  
Writer & Debater  
Georgia



**Bruno Comby**  
Founder of EFN-International  
France



**Daniel Giovansily**  
Nuclear Engineer  
France



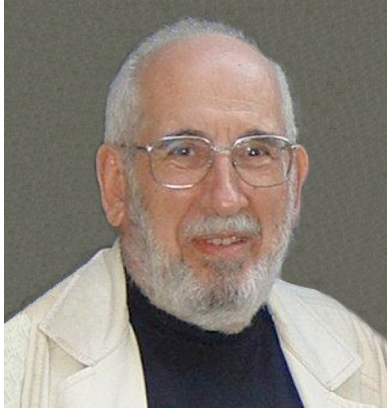
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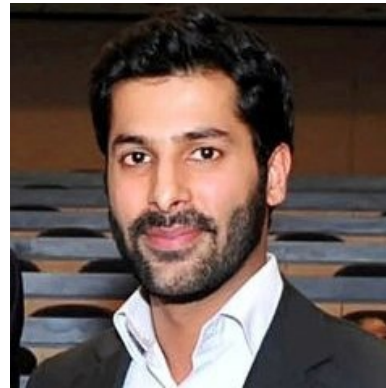
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