



European Naginata Federation (ENF)  
General Assembly Minutes  
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## Participants :

### - ENF Board :

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France – CNK – : [coordonateur.nf@gmail.com](mailto:coordonateur.nf@gmail.com) represented by Fanny Hamot

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### - ABSENT:

Czech Rep – Gorenkai – [hrbacjan@gmail.com](mailto:hrbacjan@gmail.com) : proxy representation by Mark Berghaan

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Russia - IRNA- [naginata.ru@gmail.com](mailto:naginata.ru@gmail.com)

### - ENF temporary member federation and representatives:

Spain - [Leodpz@outlook.es](mailto:Leodpz@outlook.es) : proxy representation by France Fanny Hamot

### - ENF invited:

Kazakhstan - [adil.tleubayev.3.14159@gmail.com](mailto:adil.tleubayev.3.14159@gmail.com) represented in-person by Adil Tieubayev

### - TOTAL:

5 board members

8 members present

3 members that delegated their vote to Mark Berghaan by proxy

3 members absent and not represented

1 temporary member that delegated their presentation to Fanny Hamot

1 nation who came to present themselves

### - Vote for Chair the meeting

David D'Hose – write the Minutes, Kirsi Nording Cronsten lead the meeting

Vote for Secretary for the meeting David d'Hose

Vote for two people to check the Minutes Mark Berghaan and Rachel Hahn-Morris



## 1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting started at 7.45pm due to the lateness of some representatives.

From the outset, the Swedish representative pointed out what he considered to be essential changes to the agenda before starting the meeting. Although this was mainly a clarification of the points contained in the presentation, we agreed to take up his agenda proposal but keeping the new member presentation at first:

Suggested agenda by the Swedish member :

### 1. Listing of the Representatives

*1.1 Registration of the representatives' and observers' names and eventual absences.*

### 2. Opening of the meeting and Organisational Report by the ENF President

### 3. G.A. Minutes 2023

### 4. Financial Topics

*4.1 Current financial status report by the ENF Treasurer*

*4.2 Financial Report 2022-2023 + preliminary FR 2024.*

*4.3 Auditors Report for 2022+2023*

*4.4 Presentation of Budget for 2025*

*4.4.1 Proposed ideas for usage of the federation funds*

*- Help new countries (a set amount that a country can apply for?)*

*- Travel expences for a sensei? Do we have a limit for how much this can be?)*

*- Shinpan seminar (pay for a hall, any other costs?)*

*- Suggestions that has been sent in by the membership countries*

*4.4.2 Membership Fees 2025*

### 5. Report of the Technical Director

### 6. ENF events 2025 (planned events)

### 7. Membership issues

*a) Election of Spain as definitive member?*

*b) Kazakhstan is in the European Zone.*

### 8. Technical topics

*a) New rules for the ENC*

*b) ENC/ENF seminar 2026, 2027 or 2028?*

*c) Host for the next ENC after 2025*

### 9. Other

*a) Information about the Ikeshima Fund.*

*b) Information from the INF board.*

*- 2025 INF Seminar in Japan (Ehime, Matsuyama)*

*- 2026 INF Seminar in Melbourne, Australia*

*- 2027 WNC and INF Seminar in Japan (likely Ehime, Matsuyama again)*

*- Administration of the fees to INF*

*- Census - want to know the number of kyu-grades and dan-grades*

### 10. Closure of the GA

## 2. Official Agenda:

### 1. Membership

a) Spain

b) Kazakhstan

### 2. Financial topics

a) How ENF money was used ?



- b) Auditory of 2022 and 2023
- c) How much money do we have and what could it be used for ?
- 3. Technical topics
  - a) European Naginata Championship 2025 / Seminar
  - b) New rules for ENC by Technical Director
  - c) Host for next ENC after 2025
- 4. Other topics
  - a) Information about Ikeshima fund
  - b) Information from INF board
  - c) Others
- 5. Questions

### 3. Membership

#### a) Spain

Nice presentation of the activities during the last 2 years but the statutes did not mention Spain but Catalogna, which is a region of Spain and the question concerning the future relation with the country federation meant no decision could be covered as the country representative weren't present.

The GA decided to postponed (6 votes for ; 3 for against and 1 abstention) the issue about permanent membership until next GA.

#### c) Kazakhstan

In-person presentation of a new Naginata country that INF board has already approved to join Europe over the Asia zone due to the logistical ease of travelling to Europe, and challenges and greater expense traveling East to Asia. Before including them in ENF we ask them :

- Federation name recognize in their own country
- Statutes
- An official board

### 4. Financial topics

#### a) How the money was used ?



	2022	2023	IN	OUT
		Bank Account		-157,83
		Dominios Site		-56,20
		Ita Nag ENC		-1 858,75
		Eesti Nag	115,00	
		Nagibel		-400,00
		Brito(cash 2022)	235,00	
		Brito(fees Protugal)	377,00	
		Dutch Nag Federation Graduation		-551,34
		Hamot		-392,20
		Berghaan		-450,00
		Guillaume		-450,00
		Vanneste		-450,00
		Morris Rachel		-162,00
		Pouchard		-450,00
		SWED : 2022-2023	230,00	
			957	-5378,32
TOTAL				
RESULT			-4421,32	
TREASURY	14,028,26		9606,94	

	2024	IN	OUT
	GER – 2023/2024	284	
	FRA – 2023/2024	720	
	POR – 2024	115	
	CASH(2023) Grade ENC 2023 + RU2023	647,34	
	ISR – 2020-2022	245	
	SWISS 2024	96	
	NETHER – 2023/2024	230	
	ITA – 2023/2024	230	
	EST for Israel 2023-2024	230	
	EST 2024	115	
	CZESH	273	
	BEL – 2021 – 2024	345	
	Bank Account		-137,33
	Bank Bill		-5
	Finland(2023-2024)	192	
	WebSite 2024 (Domain Name)		-35,09
	WebSite 2025 (Domain Name)		-35,09
	Website server until 2027		-229,17
	Sensei Reimbursement		-507,12
	Registration Graduation ≈	444	
		4166,34	-948,8
		3217,54	
		12824,48	
	Sweden(2022)	115	
	Russia ?	96	
	<b>Missing fees Total - 16/09/2024</b>	<b>211</b>	
	<b>ESTIMATED TREASURY</b>	<b>13035,48</b>	

## European Naginata Federation BALANCE SHEET 2022-2024

The purpose of this report is to present the financial situation between the years of 2022 and 2024. It will be a two-year review, because the money from the ENF is used mainly for the ENC, which will give us a clearer picture.



The main source of income is the membership fees paid by the countries concerned, plus enrolment fees for grade levels such as those at this w.e. and part of the profits from ENF seminars.

### Main Incomes

- 1787€ fees for one year
  - 3574€ fees for two years
  - 679 € grade registrations 2022-2023-2024
- Total incomes = 4253€

### Main expenses

- 1858,75€ for the ENC in Modena
  - 2354,20€ for the referees reimbursement
  - 355,55€ Website
  - 300,16€ Bank Account
- Total expenses = 4868,66€
- The difference between costs and expenses is: -615,66€

So we have a non-profit over two years, but ? :

- All countries paid their fees (except Sweden and Russia, but it will be done this w.e), thank
- We have new countries members in the ENF and the number of naginata continue to increase as well
- Today the bank account as to be 12824,48€

The financial situation is in pretty good shape. however, the ENF office felt that some adjustments could be made :

- We can change bank for lower charges. The treasurer is planning to contact the Triodos bank, which offers account fees of just €5 per month in order to change to 2025.
- The cost of hosting the ENF website is above market rates, so as the server is paid until 2027 (included) The treasurer will be look for an alternative solution for 2028.
- Another area the treasurer recommended to work on is :

The biggest expense for the last ENC was the reimbursement of referees, and of the 7 invited people to Modena, 6 are from Belgium, France and Holland. So by trying to prioritise the organisation of ENCs once every 2 or 3 ENCs in these countries, we can also reduce costs.

Of course, the main challenge and concern is to be able to invite as many referees as possible to ensure the smooth running of the ENC.

### b) Auditory of 2022 and 2023

The Auditor Joren Zandstra validated the financial analysis. Though the auditor will ask for more detailed information for next time as the information this time was very limited. The GA voted for approval of the financial years 2021-2023.

### c) How much money do we have and what could it be used for ?



The ENF GA discussed what is the best use of our funding. The suggestions sent to the meeting and on the meeting were:

- a) Help new countries by sending a teacher
- b) Shimpan seminar (to better prepare and raise the standards for the ENC)
- c) General shimpan seminar and shimpan exams
- d) Naginata teaching methods -seminar
- e) Help countries without a high level teacher by sending a renshi there to teach
- f) Free sayonara party at the ENF events

These suggestions were discussed and all countries got to vote for two of them.

Most votes: alternatives :

- a) Help new countries by sending a teacher,
- b) Shimpan seminar (to better prepare shimpan for the ENC) with the addition of « Japanese sensei »,

**The first solution was voted as the best alternative**

## 5. Technical topics

### a) European Naginata Championship 2025 / Seminar

Our President have presented the European Championship that will be organized in 2025 in Uppsala SWEDEN the 25-26/10 and followed by a seminar the 27-28/10

- Address: Torgny Segerstedts Allé 2, 756 44 Uppsala

### b) New rules for ENC by Technical Director

- I. Presentation of the technical committee :
  - It's an open group accessible to high-level practitioners, all applications for membership will be submitted to a vote by the technical committee.
  - Members ; David D'hose (Renshi, BEL), Mark Berghaan (Renshi, NED), Kirsi Nording Cronsten (Godan, SWE), Charlotte Vandersleyen (Godan, BEL), Loïc Delalande (Godan, FRA), François Dermine (Godan, BEL), Dominique Pouchard (Yondan, FRA), Andreas Nicol (Yondan, GER)
- II. Guidelines for next ENC
  1. Host the ENC during the autumn (late October, early November).
  2. Schedule the seminar and examination after the competitions.
  3. Provide a quiet space for the written examination (desks and chairs).
  4. Arrange a location for briefing meetings the day before the competition (shimpan meeting, manager meeting).
  5. Have a meeting room for the General Assembly.
  6. Offer meals during competition and seminar periods (including vegetarian and/or vegan options).
  7. Minimum size of the sports hall (excluding stands) = 18m x 40m.



8. Create a program with photos of participants from each delegation, including the brackets for various competitions.
9. Organize the festive evening after the official competition or after the goodwill competition.

### III. ENC 2025

Saturday						
Morning				Afternoon		
Opening ceremony	Engi: Shikake Oji	Engi: Zen Nihon Kata	Lunch	Shiai Men Team	Shiai Men Individual	
Sunday						
Morning				Afternoon		
Shiai Women Team	Shiai Women Individual	Closing Ceremony	Lunch	Goodwill shiai Kyu	Goodwill shiai Dan	Closing Ceremony

#### New rules :

- Official competitions in two days
- Zen Nihon Kata included
- 2 substitutes
- Participation limit: Godan
- No hantei decision
- Half day goodwill competitions

(General rules in annex01)

#### c) Host for next ENC after 2025

The GA have decided to organize an ENC in 2026 because the WNC is organize in 2027 in Japan. France is candidate to organize the 2026 ENC and GA have decided not to organize an ENF additional seminar the same year, in 2026.

## 4. Other topics

### a) Information about Ikeshima fund

The objective of the Ikeshima fund is to spread naginata through a seminar and all the INF members can send a request to Imaura sensei : [imaura86417chinobu@gmail.com](mailto:imaura86417chinobu@gmail.com) and the request must be send before the end of December

Japan will choose up to 2 country members per year for a seminar and send the answer in March. The selected country can open the seminar to other country and organize grade examination. The Ikeshima fund include the payment of the flight ticket and the lodging of the sensei.

### b) Information from INF board

The 2025 INF Seminar will be organized in Japan the 9, 10 and 11 July in Ehime Budokan in Matsuyama City, Ehime Prefecture. On Sunday the 13th of July, the All Japan Naginata Federation's 4th and 5th Dan examinations will be held in Nara Prefecture.





In 2026 the INF Seminar will be organized in Melbourne, Australia

In 2027 the WNC will be organized in Japan and followed by a seminar

INF suggest to the members to pay several year fees in one time

- Census - want to know the number of kyu-grades and dan-grades.

### c) Others

Contact :

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Germany	DNAGB	Ines Klose	<a href="mailto:praesident@dnagb.de">praesident@dnagb.de</a>	54	7	3
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