

COMMENTS ON THE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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ATHEIST UNION OF GREECE: SECTION F9

Section F9 rebutted the false allegation that Fotis Frangopoulos never received a single vote from a single AAI Affiliate Member group. The allegation included a comment that Fotis had been expelled from the Atheist Union of Greece. The Disclosure Document mentioned that Fotis had sought a court decision on his expulsion from AUG, and the court ordered his reinstatement.

AUG has pointed out that following the court order, Fotis was expelled a second time on November 16, and currently Fotis is not a member of AUG. AAI accepts this clarification and stresses that this is not evidence that Fotis received no votes. In fact, Fotis was elected by 10 affiliate members on July 24, 2021.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER: SECTION D7

This section discusses the failure of six co-opted directors to be re-elected at the 2018 AGM. Para 7 of this section suggested two ways the board could have avoided this problem but a member pointed out that the second way would not have worked. Accordingly, the board requests that the final sentence of para 7 be deleted.

HUMANIST UNION OF GREECE: SECTION F14 et al

The Humanist Union of Greece (HUG) made several points about Section F14, and commented upon Section F9 (see above) and on out-of-date AAI email signatures which the board has since acted on.

Since the board did not agree with HUG's points on Section F14, I reproduce below HUG's full comment and the board's response.

<p>HUG email</p>	<p>HUMANIST UNION OF GREECE'S COMMENTS ON AAI'S "DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT" THAT HUG ASKS THEY ARE PROMPTLY SHARED WITH ALL RECIPIENTS OF THE "DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT"</p> <p>9 December 2022</p> <p>In the "Disclosure Document" under "False allegations" the AAI Board has a section entitled "F14 Humanist Union of Greece denied voting rights". The AAI Board knows that "false" means "intentionally untrue" hence they are accusing HUG of "intentionally untrue" claims. That in our legal systems is a slander unless the AAI Board can prove that our claim was "intentionally untrue." As there is no such proof, let alone that some of the AAI Board counter-arguments are not correct, by listing HUG's claim about denial of voting rights which did happen as the AAI Board admits as "intentionally untrue" is simply an "intentional slander" by the AAI Board and all others who are legally and ethically responsible for the "Disclosure Document".</p> <p>Turning to the AAI Board effort to counter HUG's claim, they argue that "The Humanist Union of Greece is a long-established and active group that has no bylaws or constitution. Consequently, when the organization joined AAI, they were correctly classified as an informal organization as defined in the bylaws." HUG challenges the AAI Board to show proof that they informed HUG, when HUG was joining the AAI, that they classified it as an</p>
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	<p>informal organization without voting rights, as there was and is no such proof. This allegation "Members were required to submit their bylaws/constitution as part of their application, and the formal/informal classification was made at the time," was never implemented when HUG joined. Had the AAI Board told HUG this when it joined, it would not have joined. On the contrary, HUG informed the AAI Board with the message quoted below that under Greek law it is a fully formal organization. As the AAI Board did not reply nor did they share it with the members as HUG asked the AAI Board, HUG published it (https://greekhelsinki.wordpress.com/2021/07/25/1-526/). The fact that in the "Disclosure Document" the AAI Board makes no reference to this HUG reply and also falsely claims that they informed us about our arbitrary assignment of informal status in violation of AAI's own status, as HUG argued, is another unfortunate dishonest decision of the AAI Board.</p>
<p>AAI Reply</p>	<p>December 13, 2022 F14 Humanist Union of Greece denied voting rights</p> <p>You said, "The AAI Board knows that "false" means "intentionally untrue" hence they are accusing HUG of "intentionally untrue" claims."</p> <p>The word "false" does not mean "intentionally untrue". Intentionality is not part of the definition; false simply means "not according with fact; incorrect."</p> <p>You said, "HUG challenges the AAI Board to show proof that they informed HUG, when HUG was joining the AAI, that they classified it as an informal organization without voting rights, as there was and is no such proof."</p> <p>It was not our practice to write to affiliate members when they joined to advise them whether they have been classified as "formal" or "informal". This is because it was very clear in our bylaws that organizations without bylaws were classified as "informal" members and no judgement was required on our part. So, whether or not you were advised, without bylaws, your organization was correctly classified as an "informal" organization.</p> <p>You said, "Had the AAI Board told HUG this when it joined, it would not have joined."</p> <p>I'm sorry if you were unaware of how the process worked when you joined AAI. However, I note that Fotis Frangopoulos wrote to you on March 20, 2022, asking if "you wish to terminate your affiliation with AAI."</p> <p>You replied the same day, "No we do not want to terminate our affiliation with AAI."</p> <p>You were aware that HUG was classified as an informal organization by March 2022, so I assume you have now changed your mind?</p> <p>You said, "HUG informed the AAI Board with the message quoted below that under Greek law it is a fully formal organization."</p> <p>Greek law and AAI bylaws use different definitions of "informal", so an organization could legitimately be formal according to Greek law and informal according to AAI's bylaws. The important thing is that AAI's bylaws (2020) defined how the words "formal" and "informal" were used.</p>

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