



studievereniging europese studies

General Assembly III

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Start: 19:00

Location: Zoom

Attendees Board 2019/2020: Sophie Eisenberger (SE), Leonard Kersting (LK), Ruben Wiltgen Georgi (RW), Alexandra Kovalcikova (AK), Viktoria Simon (VS)

Attendees Candidate Board 2020/2021: Renata Rimbu (RR), Luca del Negro (LdN), Twan Walpot (TW), Nell Detre (ND), Jeroen van Osnabrugge (JvO).

Attendees: Bela Hulsman (BH), Tobias Fisch (TF), Julia Gieseck (JG), Julija Filipovic (JF), Maximilian Lehmann (ML), Lieke van Dijk (LvD) Jette Kok (JK), Myriam (MI), Elsky Kelly (EK), Jesse Schipperjin (JS), Daniel Adam (DA), Oscar Hammarstedt (OH), Matthieu van den Beld (MvdB), Bas de la Rie (BdlR), Milena Jacob (MJ), Nabila van der Veen (NvdV), Elias Hidoussi (EH), Stijn Hoogvorst (SH), Dario Boot (DB), Pearse Quinn (PQ), Tom Dautzenberg (TD), Finn McCartney (FM).

Note: As the GA was held over Zoom and there was no official attendance list, not all attendees are listed above. However, the votes were counted precisely and are correct.

AGENDA

1. Opening

SE: Welcome everyone to the third GA of the year! We know it has been a strange couple of months for everyone and definitely different then we personally and from the point of view of SES anticipated. It has to be said that first of all, I hope everyone is healthy at the moment and somewhere safe. It is strange that we are not all in PCH or in Amsterdam in general, but we will try everything we can to make this general assembly clear and efficient. Today we will be focussing on reflecting on the last SES year by going through the main points of the Annual Report and additionally the financial report as well. The second half we will focus more on SES'

future, when we will see who are selected as candidate board and candidate advisory board for next year. We also have some nice prizes to hand out, so make sure to stick around till the end.

SE: Since the second GA from the 11th of February, SES has been on the Ski Trip which was a lot of fun. Moreover, we have seen a lot of familiar faces at a very fruitful Think Tank and nice Committee Borrel afterwards. I want to thank the Educational Committee for hosting the last real-life SES event this year, which was the very interesting documentary screening.

Unfortunately, ever since then SES was not able anymore to host events besides from online. All committees and actually all members in general have been very committed to the association during these tough times, which also resulted in so nice pub quizzes and game nights online. Before we go on with the next agenda point, I really want to mention that we all, as a Board and association, truly hope that next year we are able to start fresh again. Seeing this new candidate board, I am sure that besides all the insecurities the next academic year might carry, it will anyway be really amazing.

2. Setting the minutes GA II (11.02.2020)

SE: You all received the minutes of last GA in your email. Assuming that everyone read them, are there any comments on these? Any questions? Please send it in the chat if you have any

SE: No, okay good.

SE: Then the minutes are set.

3. Setting the agenda

SE: This is the agenda for this GA. It changed a bit compared to the one that was sent out in the email. Anyone any comments or something to add?

SE: Then the agenda for today is set as well.

4. General announcements

SE: Since we do not have a paper attendance sheet, I would like to ask everyone to write their full name in the chat right now.

SE: This same system we will use to vote today by messaging 'pro', 'against', 'blank' or 'withhold'. Is everything clear? Yes, then moving on.

5. Agenda Points

5.1 Annual Report

SE: The academic and therefore SES year is coming to an end. In order to reach the full potential of the association and the functioning of the Board, this Annual Report reflects on everything that has been done the past year. This is done by means of the Policy Plan that was written at the start of the academic year. Critically assessing the Policy Plan, gives the Board the chance to reflect on what went well and where there is still more room for improvement. We commented on the respective policy points, we will present the most relevant points here today.

SE: The Annual Report is structured as follows. The Introduction will highlight the importance of the report and state the article from which the report derives its basis. The second section is a review of the Policy Plan, including the original document and additional comments, which form the reflective part of the report. In the document, the comments made in the Annual Report are highlighted in green, whereas the Annual Report additions are highlighted in blue. Moreover, there will be a conclusion summarising the statements made.

SE: The Annual Report is part of the transparency policy of the SES. In the interest of openness, the report is established to not only to reflect but also more importantly to give the members the chance to get a deeper insight in the current developments and future plans of the association. This has been set out in article 2.4:

2.4 Transparency

2.4.1

Three General Assemblies will be organised during the academic year. The assemblies will be open to all members. The purpose of the assemblies is to present any developments and how the association is being managed. The General Assemblies are also a platform to present the Policy Plan, the (Semi-) Annual Report, and the year's budget plan.

2.4.2

The official documents of the association, comprised of the Policy Plan, (Semi-) Annual Report, and the minutes from each of the General assemblies will be published on the website of the association. Links to the documents will also be included in the newsletter where relevant.

SE: The Annual Report was attached in the reminder email about the GA and will be published on the website if the document is clear and approved upon. Right now we would like to highlight some parts of the AR, which the Board felt like are the most important. If anything is unclear or if there are any questions, please waive to your camera. If a question could wait till the end, this

would be the most helpful. The PowerPoint slides will state the original articles of the Policy Plan and I will summarise the comments made in the Annual Report. Please mute yourself if you are not talking.

1.2.4 Commissioner of Internal Affairs

The post of Commissioner of Internal Affairs for this board year, 2019-2020, will be held by Alexandra Kovalcikova. The Commissioner of Internal Affairs will be the contact person for the members of the study association and for the committees. Furthermore, she is responsible for organizing the General Committee Assemblies and the Active Members Weekend, as well as monitoring the Gouden Borrelaar Prize. Continuing the introduction of the Social Media Manager from last year, the Commissioner of Internal Affairs will take over this position again and ensure the correct and regular usage of the social media platforms used by the SES. This year, Alexandra is coordinating the Debate Committee and Educational Committee.

SE: This is our first comment. We wrote that the function of Social Media Manager officially remains part of the task description of the Commissioner of Internal Affairs. We felt that the consistency was very useful and therefore added this as a recommendation for the next year.

2.1 Recruitment and integration of new members

2.1.1

Considering the lower number of first-year students expected for the coming academic year, 2019/2020, the Board will strive to ensure that the SES maintains its accessibility. Therefore, effort should be placed on the recruitment and integration of new SES members. This applies to both Dutch and international first-year students.

SE: Every year we need new members. SES has seen a slight decline of membership sign-ups compared to the previous year. However, considering that more than 50% of the current first years have become SES-members, the Board believes that recruitment and integration efforts were successful, and that SES has maintained its accessibility. We have a lot of active first years at both social and educational events.

SE: Because it was successful last year, SES is planning to become more visible during the Intreeweek by organising association specific events besides the Committee Market where new students will get their first impression on the variety of SES. Especially during the Introduction Period of the academic year 2020/2021, the organisation of such events is increasingly

significant. Due to the Covid-19 virus, the Intreeweek has been cancelled. Therefore, SES, the Introduction Committee and both the new and old board will have to do everything within their mandate and according to the official measures in September to attract new members and stimulate the integration of these in the association. Due to the cancellation of Intreeweek, the focus will lie on the first days of the new academic year to approach as many students as possible. Together with the new Board and the Introduction Committee, the Board will find solutions to the challenging environment and ensure the presence of a new generation of SES-members. It is not an official AR statement, but we have seen that coming first years are already getting touch with us over the internet, which is nice to see.

2.1 Recruitment of Board members

2.2.1

Members of the board need to be recruited for the subsequent year. In order to form the best board possible, efforts will be put into attracting more members to consider undertaking a board year. A specific meeting, The Board Information Evening will be held around mid-April in order to provide the necessary information. People interested in a board position will also be granted the opportunity to have a one-on-one conversation with a current board member. Furthermore, Facebook and Instagram will be used to inform members about the specific roles within the board.

SE: You will see this later. In spite of corona we are still proud of the Candidate Board, which has recently been selected by the Board Selection Committee. The Board is glad to see a diverse, skilled and motivated board, who will take over its tasks in the coming months. Considering the interest shown in becoming a board member as well as from the positive feedback we received regarding our promotion, the Board concludes that the recruitment efforts were successful.

2.3 Promotion/communication

2.3.1

As in past years, the SES will use social media for promotion. This year, the association will be using four different media platforms. Firstly, the newsletter will be used for general announcements, the promotion of SES events, the promotion of sponsors and to provide information about the association to all members on a weekly base. Secondly, Facebook will be used for general announcements and the promotion of events as well as the promotion of sponsors. A separate Facebook event will be created for each event. Thirdly, Instagram will be used to display pictures of events that have taken place or promoting events that are going to take place. Lastly, LinkedIn will be used to present the SES in a professional manner and to create a professional network for the association. In

addition, it will be used to maintain contact with guest speakers and people that are involved with SES as well as finding new ones.

SE: In general, the activities of the association have been frequently shared through the respective social media channels. However, the Board recommends a clear division of tasks and a time schedule within the Board and the respective committee regarding the handling of photos, as this process can still be improved. Event pictures were posted sooner after the events, which is recommendable for any future activities. The Board still has not made full use of the LinkedIn account. However, giving certain committees (e.g. the Career or Conference Committee) access to the account could prove to be useful in the coming year.

2.3.5

The new SES website will be maintained and updated by the Secretary on a regular basis. It will contain all useful information regarding the SES and its activities.

SE: The website has been kept up to date over the course of the whole year. The Board recommends the next Secretary to continue in the same manner. Particularly, the SES calendar, which shows all upcoming events on the website, has been proven useful according to individual feedback and the Think Tank. As the payment system of SES is very convenient, the SES website has been used for payments of both SES events and in case of collaborations with other associations, for example for the Christmas Gala or several parties. However, the Board believes that the promotion of the non-SES related information, namely vacancies, internships, study advice and further similar topics could have received more attention.

2.3.7

The Board will continue the sale of the SES merchandise. As the current stock is almost finished, the board is considering redesigning the sweater, most probably with a connection to the Lustrum year.

SE: At the beginning we stated that we wanted to continue but then the stock was finished. Currently, the Board is working on the design and production of the new merchandise stock. Since most printing companies are closed, the new stock will only be launched at the beginning of the next academic year, with pre-order options available beforehand. SES will be able to invest in this project since the cancellations of several events left this year's Board with a larger budget than anticipated at the beginning of the year.

2.3.8

The Board highly values communication with the European Studies department in order to use their network and knowledge to improve the quality of - educational - events. It is the task of the Board to maintain an overview of the contacted persons throughout the year, in order to extend the network and establish easier communication. The Board should make the committee members aware of this possibility.

SE: Unfortunately, the Board and the Committees did not have a chance in the second semester to improve the communication and relationship with the European Studies department. The initially planned Tutor Borrel and Masters' Day were upcoming events, which would have been mutually beneficial for SES and the European Studies department. The Board strongly recommends continuing this jointly valuable relationship for next year's events.

2.5 Internationalisation

2.5.5

Being aware of the decline of interest of students within the Dutch track for the study association, the Board is committed to making the SES equally accessible for everybody. The Board will strive to maintain an association that is appealing for the Dutch track by offering them events that are more engaging within a group of SES members.

SE: At the beginning, we had the feeling its more international hence this statement. However, the current number of Dutch and international members is well-balanced. However, the Board is not sure about the degree of influence of SES events on this matter. In general, remaining accessible and inclusive is the primary concern of the association. Interestingly, the second round of committee applicants were to a large extent Dutch student. The focus of the Board on the reintegration of Dutch students seems to be successful this year. The association should continue providing events that are accessible and interesting for everyone.

2.6.1

The Commissioner of External Affairs will have the task of providing students the opportunity to order their required books with a discount through the SES. Students will order their books directly at the supplier. However, they will still receive the SES discount. The Commissioner of External Affairs will be in contact with the supplier and if students experience any issues during the process, the Commissioner of External Affairs will try to resolve them.

SE: Sometimes there is a little struggle its mainly the difficult communication with athenaeum. The next online meeting this year between the Commissioner of External Affairs and the book

supplier will be about the introduction of a new contract. New regulations will hopefully result in better conditions for next year. There was one last meeting a few days ago with probably improved conditions next year.

2.7 Committees

2.7.1

The committees, excluding the Hitchhike Committee, Introduction Committee and the Board Selection Committee, should be formed as soon as possible. In line with this, the applications for the various positions within the committees can be submitted from the start of the Intreeweek. The application period ends on the 29th of September at midnight, since this marks the end of the Introduction Weekend. This does not apply to the Lustrum Committee. This committee will be formed earlier. (see 3.12.2) This gives sufficient time for the new committee members to be familiarised with what being in a committee entails before they start operating and for the committee functions to be assigned.

SE: The discussions throughout the second Think Tank as well as the own conclusions of the Board show that the only adequate approach to ensure a higher degree of continuity is to make committee members aware of the possibility to re-apply for a committee and encourage them to do so. In the specific case of the Travel Committee and the Conference Committee, the Board will find an adequate solution together with the new Board as members of both committees have been working on their respective event all year and were not able to realise it.

2.9 Methods of payment

2.9.1

The method of pre-authorized debit will be completely replaced by payments through iDeal and the portable pin machine. For larger amounts, bank transfers will also be possible, as it can be more suitable for some members.

SE: PayPal has proved to work very well over the last period, though the system uses higher fees than other payment methods such as iDEAL. Therefore, PayPal is not the most preferred method, yet the Board experienced that it is a valuable option for internationals without a Dutch bank account.

2.10 SES Office

2.10.1

The SES office is open every weekday between 11am and 1pm. Members are welcome to come to the office during these hours and at other times when a board member is present. Members are not allowed in the SES office if there is not a member of the board present.

SE: As the Board has built up a very good relation to the members, who frequently visit the SES office, this policy has not been followed at all times as the Board trusts all members sufficiently.

2.10.3

The aim of the Board is to promote the existence of the SES Office and make it more accessible for its members in general. Most promotion will be through social media and signs within Bushuis.

SE: Due to the closing of Bushuis, the Board shifts were not able to take place over the last few months. Board members are reachable via email or through social media. The Board strongly hopes that the board shifts are able to be re-established at the beginning of the next academic year.

2.12 Environmental policy

2.12.1

In light of the ever-growing awareness about climate change, the Board will strive to adopt more environmentally friendly measures in order to contribute to a more ecologically conscious association. Therefore, the Board will strive to establish a cooperation between the SES and the UvA Green Office to organise educational events.

SE: We had a lot of plans, but at the beginning of the year we did not have the time for it. And at the end, we honestly did not do that much besides the Green policy plan signing. Great aspirations but not much outcome.

3. Committee Specific Policy Plan

3.1 Introduction Committee

The committees will organize several activities, events or trips throughout the year. Often examples are taken from the previous years. However, new ideas can always be discussed with the board and are always encouraged.

SE: No party, no weekend, we mainly have to stay flexible. The Introduction Committee is expected to be flexible and work around the regulations at the time. There have been initial plans to e.g. organise a brunch in the SES office during Intreeweek in order to introduce a large group of European Studies students to the association and the office, but this might be an idea for 2021. The new Board and current Board will remain in close contact about this situation in order to make the introduction period as fruitful and interesting as possible. Board committed to helping out in the first months.

3.2.2

The Acquisition Committee should consist of a chair, a secretary, and two general members. The committee with the Commissioner of External Affairs will maintain a database of all the external communications and contracts made by the committee.

SE: Unfortunately, the Acquisition Committee was so far not able to establish a partnership this year. Ideas and contacts that the Committee was focussed on have been cancelled due to *he virus*. Moreover, the Committee was planning to host an acquisition training for its members, which was highly recommended and would help interested members to gain skills within this field. Besides, the Committee had planned to host either one or two events in collaboration with AIESEC towards the end of the year. These professional trainings would have been open for all members in order to help with topics such as CV training, public speaking, etc. Unfortunately, these group trainings had to be cancelled as well. Thank you, great job, just sad how it turned out.

3.8 Eurovisie

3.8.6

Awareness about the existence of the online version and the Facebook page should be raised. This will be done by means of highlighting the online version on the website and

other social media channels. Moreover, older articles might be posted if they become relevant for an upcoming SES event or applicable to emerging news.

SE: During the second semester, Eurovisie has been working on its new website and Instagram account which have been very beneficial for the promotion of the online version of the magazine, became more visible. Especially now when the next edition of the magazine as hard copy has been cancelled, the online channels make sure that the Eurovisie articles can be distributed amongst interested members. I hope everyone has been reading a lot. No hard copy as no means of distribution.

3.12 Lustrum Committee

3.12.1

This year the SES will celebrate its 35th year of existence. For this occasion, the Lustrum Committee will be formed, whose task will be to organize a series of events throughout the year. The framework of these events will be decided by the committee and has to be approved by the board.

3.12.3

It is necessary that the Lustrum Committee will be formed as soon as possible. Therefore, the Board has decided that the application deadline ends on the 15th of September at 23:59. Interviews will be held the following week.

3.12.4

In order to make all members aware of the Lustrum year, the Board will use social media to promote its existence and the upcoming Lustrum event.

SE: For Lustrum at least, the Gala was a big thing and we would have had a lot of participants. We decided to go for it so thanks for feedback at think tank etc and the advice from advisory board. Unfortunately, the Lustrum Gala has been postponed due to the COVID-19 to either the beginning of September or June next year. This depends on both the next Board and the official regulations at the time. The Lustrum Committee will partially stick around next year to host this last event. If the Committee can host the event somewhere within the next year and with a similar number of participants, no financial risks are involved.

SE: That was the last point of the AR at the moment. Are there any comments and or questions?

RW: Can everyone write their names in the chat who came later, thank you.

SE: Any comments from the advisory board?

BH: As the chair I can say something. My fellow advisory board members looked at the annual report and it was good to talk through it with the Board and in general in general it as nice to keep up with them throughout the year, we had a lot of meetings and got a feeling how they tackled this yar. The virus was a difficult situation and the handled that well. The report has our approval and god bless you.

SE: Thank you.

SE: Dario, you want to add something?

DB: I just had a random thought; it might be an idea to create a whatsapp group with all intreeweek parents and to organise something together during that week with the people who are in Amsterdam so they can get to know each other better online through there

SE: Nice advice, we'll discuss it at the think tank.

ND: We already have a whatsapp group chat with first years who will want to join. We are already talking to them, also the new board will be part of online intreeweek.

DB: Okay, it was just an idea, but what you're saying is good to hear.

SE: We move on to the voting procedure. Does everyone know how it works? You can vote in favour or against. In case you do not agree with the whole system in general you can also vote blank. Everyone who wishes no to be part of the voting at all can also withhold.

Pro: 38

Against: 0

Blank: 0

Withhold: 6

SE: Thank everyone, the AR is approved (Imagined hammer slam)

5.2 Financial Report

SE: Now I would like to proceed to the financial update. Can I please ask Ruben our Treasurer to unmute yourself?

5.2.1 From our Treasurer

RW: I'll share my screen, hopefully

Hello, first of all, thank you that you are here and secondly thank you to Sophie for the presentation of our annual report. Th

First of all, I want to emphasize the fact that this is the second last budget presentation as I will still present the final budget on the first GA of the next academic year. So all the income and costs, I present today are not the final incomes. Secondly, as a student association, is it not our aim to make a profit. At the moment, it looks like we are making a profit, but there are still different payments which will be done. I will get back to that later. I will not explain every detail of the budget, because many things are similar to the last GA, as big events like the Study Trip or Active Members Weekend did not happen. So the costs, which would typically have been there, went away. If you have a question, please tell me, and I will be happy to answer it.

Before we discuss every single committee, let me explain some points of the General incomes and expenses. We got 123 new members this year, and 22 members extended their membership. Regarding the other costs and revenues, we have the committee sweaters which are not fully paid of yet, but that will happen as soon as possible. I will not explain every expense here, as most of them like the ALPHA disaster fund were already explained last time. I can add that the Mollie expenses and the Izettle fees are our "payments" to use these services, to let members pay their tickets or membership. All in all, we raised €1726,80.

The first committee is the Acquisition Committee. Until now we made €78 through the promotion of the Dutch courses and €61,18 through selling the Athena Summaries.

From the Booksale we got so far, a profit of €326,11.

Next up is the Career Committee. The Career Committee organized this year's career dinner, which was a great success. Through subsidies from the College of Humanities, AuF and Alpha, we were able to prevent a loss. The Career Committee broke even entirely.

The next committee is the Conference Committee. The Conference Committee organized this year's Conference, but unfortunately, we had to cancel the event due to the Corona outbreak. We got a €500 fund, and nearly refunded everything to AuF, but due to participants refunds, we used €3,53 from this subsidy. The rest is ultimately refunded to AuF now.

For the Debate committee, SES did not spend anything yet, because no costs were demanded back, and therefore this field is blank.

For the Educational Committee, the costs are the same as last year, just that they hosted in the meantime the Online Quiz in April and the Film Screening, which raised the costs a bit. With the committee, SES made a loss of €46,77, but that was already predicted.

Next up is Eurovisie. This committee is usually an expensive one. But this year, we were lucky as we got a 500€ sponsorship and an Alpha subsidy. An extra cost which came up this year was the new website, which costs us €44,63 for a year.

Until now, we made a loss of €201,27, but we are still waiting for the last subsidy from Alpha, which was also accepted already, but not transferred yet.

Next up is the Event Committee. For the Borrel de l'amour, is written a loss of €29,43, which is due to Paypal Fees and Exchange rates differences, but that is fine, as SES could easily cover that money. With the Event committee, we made a win of €200,84, and this will also not change anymore.

For the Introduction Committee, we have the same costs as in February.

The Introduction Weekend Prepayment is for the next edition and was 500€ so far.

For the HitchHike Committee, we had to cancel it too, but there were no costs so far, so that committee also breaks even,

Furthermore, we have the Lustrum Committee. On the ski trip, we made a loss of €679,85, which was mainly due to unexpected electricity costs for the accommodation. But this loss is not fatal as the lustrum committee already expected to make a loss on this event. The Lustrum borrel happened in January. Therefore, these costs were previously treated during the last GA.

The Lustrum Gala was postponed, and therefore we did not get the prepayment back. For the participation fees, we asked the participants if they want their money back or if we are allowed to keep it so far. Therefore, we also have €645 in refunds. All in all, there is a profit of €650 on the Lustrum Gala, but if it will happen next year, the gala would turn out to break even.

So far, the Lustrum Committee made a loss of €716,79, which was already expected and which will be covered by the lustrum savings. There are no expected expenses anymore for this committee, and I would say it was a successful lustrum committee.

Finally, last but not least, the Travel Committee. This committee is a bit more challenging to explain, as the Study trip was cancelled, and we did not receive all refunds yet. We paid €1700 for the two buses and €607,92 for the accommodations. These are payments that we will not receive back. The €1372,50, which were paid for train from Bucharest to Chisinau, will be refunded, but as it is a state-owned company, they take a little bit longer. The Travel Committee will do everything to get the refund back as soon as possible, there that money should be paid back soon. For the flights, we received a voucher back from KLM. Therefore, it is not included in the budget.

Furthermore, we received all in all €15350,80 in participation fees and refunded €11989,60. If we get other refunds back, we will also refund more to the participants. In general, we lost €186,72 with this committee.

The ES Master Trip was cancelled this year. Therefore, I transferred the money back to the University of Amsterdam, and it breaks even.

With Merchandise, SES raised €240 this year.

The Boards dinner was a dinner for this years' board and the last four boards. We paid for the dinner with the SES bankcard, but everyone had to transfer the money back to SES; therefore, it also breaks even.

To conclude, for the total, we received €47981,42 and spent €47388,18, which will let us finish with a profit of €593,24 so far.

But as SES is a non-profit organization, this money will be spent until September. The board is still looking into producing new merchandise, which would be paid on my budget, or in refunding more study trip participants. We will make sure that SES will not go out with a profit. If we compare it to my predictions at the beginning of the year, we can also see that a loss of €2719,11 was predicted. We did not reach that loss because events that were expected to make a loss did not take place due to the corona crisis. But as said, we know that we are not allowed to make any profit, and therefore it will also not occur.

Thank you for listening to me, and are there any questions about the budget or anything I should explain more clearly?

SE: Looks good, no questions as I can see.

5.2.2 Comments of the FCC

SE: Thank you Ruben. Now I would like to invite the Financial Control Committee to come forwards to tell us their take on this budget.

FM: Hey guys, we, the Financial Control Committee, have looked over the SES budget and all relevant documents to make sure that all payments, receipts and declarations have been accounted for. Having talked with Ruben, the Treasurer, we are confident that this budget is correct. We therefore recommend that you vote in favour of passing this budget. Does anyone have any comments or questions?

SE: No, doesn't look like it. Thank you very much. I would like to continue with the voting on the budget. You can always email us.

Pro: 38

Against: 0

Blank: 0

Withhold: 9

SE: Hereby, the budget is approved (more imagined hammer slamming)

5.3 Candidate Board

SE: Leonard, please unmute yourself and tell us a bit about the procedure and present your candidates?

LK: I'll let Julia Gieseck have this one.

5.3.1 Presentation of the Candidates

JG: On behalf of the board selection committee, consisting of Max, Flip, Leo and myself, I will explain our decision. We believe to have composed a very adequate Candidate Board with Renata Rimbu as Chair, Luca del Nero as Secretary, Twan Walpot as Treasurer, Nell Detré as Commissioner of Internal Affairs and Jeroen van Osnabrugge as Commissioner of External Affairs.

This Candidate Board is composed out of five very motivated members, who have a vision for the future of the association. As a team, they will be able to tackle the problems the association will face and to ensure the standard that preceding boards have set. Renata seems to have a natural sense of leadership, which will help her to lead the other board members in the right direction. She has a strong, professional work ethic as well as a kind and approachable personality. The systematic and technical side of the association will be upheld by Luca. He has a very reflective and analytic personality, which will be in service of both himself and his fellow board members. Moreover, his supportiveness and awareness for mental health will solely improve the cohesiveness of the board. Another very knowledgeable addition to the board is Twan Walpot. Twan has a profound interest and knowledge for programming and other technical matters, which can be very beneficial for the development of the administrative side of the organization. Moreover, his eye for detail and his reflective personality will help him to ensure the financial health of SES. Nell is an obvious team player, with a strong drive to include everybody and to ensure everybody's well-being. She has a strong vision for the future of the association with new ideas to adapt to surprising situations. Her social skills, knowledge and incredible work ethic are essential for her position and as support for the other board members and the general members of SES. The contacts with external parties and companies will be handled by Jeroen. Jeroen has a great knowledge of study associations in general and has experienced multiple. He has shown to have a clear idea of the broader impact of the association, focusing on the importance of external contacts. His enthusiasm, networking skills and clear vision of the association make him a perfect fit for the position of Commissioner of External Affairs.

This board has been selected on not solely individual qualities, but also based on the cohesiveness of the members as a team. We believe that this board consists of five highly qualified individuals, who will create an exceptionally motivated, professional and enthusiastic board that will ensure the success of the association as we have seen in previous years. This decision-making process has been revised by the Advisory Board and they have expressed their support for our decision.

Supported by the Advisory Board, we highly recommend you to vote in favor of this board.

5.3.2 Voting

SE: Thank you very much. I would like to continue with the voting on the candidate board 2020/2021.

SE: Thank you very much. I would like to continue with the voting on the candidate advisory board 2020/2021.

Pro: 21

Against: 0

Blank: 2

Withhold: 15

SE: Well, congratulations new board!!! Anything you would like to say?

RR: We are very excited and grateful. We are still in difficult circumstances so thanks again for the vote and confidence you have in us. We cannot wait to see each other again and everyone here in person.

5.4 Candidate Advisory Board

SE: Tobias, please unmute yourself and tell us a bit about the procedure and present your candidates?

5.4.1 Explanation Procedure

TF: The interviews were held by Lieke, Sophie and me. Bela reviewed the report. We were looking for people with new ideas but also a group, who will give the new board stability in the coming months.

5.4.2 Presentation of the Candidates

TF: Two weeks ago, we selected candidates, which we saw as the best fit for the task of the Advisory Board, we had a lot of applicants and everyone would have made a great candidate. In the end, we chose Alexandra Kovalcikova, Max Lehmann and Cara Råker.

Alex convinced us with her experience, new input and embracing personality, which will come handy if any board member will experience a difficult time.

Max who is a very efficient communicator and will be able to critically assess decisions and ideas by the new board.

Cara Has proven her diligence in Eurovisie and with her set of skills will make an outstanding chair.

SE: Thanks Tobi, then we will move on to the voting, procedure as usual.

5.4.3 Voting

Pro: 25

Against: 0

Blank: 0

Withhold: 15

SE: Then I hereby approve the new Advsiory Board. If there are no comments or questions, we'll move on to the Gouden Borrelar.

5.5 Gouden Borrelaar

SE: I would like to invite our Commissioner of Internal Affairs, Alex, to unmute herself and reveal the winner of the Gouden Borrelaar award!

PQ: Can I do this, would be an honour as former Gouden Borrelar.

SE: Sure...

PQ: For those who don't know me, I was in the Board a while ago together with Tom. First of all congrats to the new board and all the best for the coming year. The Gouden Borrelar is very prestigious, it's lots of work, week after week, every Tuesday, you should be proud. As far as I know it is Oscar Hammerstedt, congratulations man!

OH: Cheers folks!

SE: Unfortunately, the trophy is still in Belgium.

AK: Charlotte liked it so much, she took it. You'll get it in a few days

5.6 Baaf Award

SE: Now we are moving on to the last part of tonight: the BAAF award.

AK: To be fair, it took me a while to find out who Baaf is. For those who still don't know, it is someone who has contributed a lot to SES for many years, so it somehow is even more prestigious than the gouden borrlar. It was named after a 2006 secretary named Baaf. Last year it the trophy went to our dear Kevin, who is still very dear to our hearts after five years. The new Baaf winner has been in several committees, advirsory boards, she's our prikker master, bubbles queen, and ses office host and study advisor: Congratulations Lieke! Extend your ses membership for one more year!

LvD: I'm honoured, and I've enjoyed it, I'm amazed to be in this row of people. I'll give the painting a special spot in my house.

SE: Oscar and Lieke, massive congrats!

Usually I would say let's go to the borrel, but sad times so drink on your own.

6. Any Other Business

SE: Is there any other business that anyone would like to discuss?

7. Questions at the end of the meeting

SE: Are there any questions?

No? Remember you can always email us.

And before I forget, happy birthday Nell!

8. Closing

SE: Then is second GA is closed at 8:24pm. We hope that we are able to see you all soon again. Join the think tank, we need help. Let's all drink a beer on Nell.