

# Minutes

## General membership meeting Jan. 8, 2024

President Charlie Smit  
Note-taker Noah Benjamins

Date: 08-01-2024  
Time: 19:00-22:00  
Location: Room 3.12, CREA

### Present:

Presidium: Charlie Smit, Noah Benjamins

Board 79: Izabella Voortman, Ilona Polle, Henk van den Bosch, Quinten Dam, Lily George

Members: Simon van den Oever, Cas van Soestbergen, Lois Lagerweij, Violet Willems, Noah Pellikaan, Senna Leezenberg, Saskia Koe-Krompecher, Teun Otte, Bor van Zeeland, Carlos van Eck, Rebecca Maayeshi, Kade McEwan, William Clairbois, Coen Kooijman, Isene Boudrie, Nina Niehe, Emms Buining

Member associations: Saskia Koe-Krompecher (ROSA, voting), Tönjes Caliën (Kleio, voting), Ernst de Lange (Kleio), Sven van Mullem (Kleio), Brechtje van der Brug (Helios, voting)

### 1. Opening 19:14

### 2. Communications

- a. Several people have to leave early; we are on the verge of quorum.
- b. Recording
- c. Authorizations

The following authorizations were received for the GA:

Milena de Swart has authorized Bor van Zeeland.

Joaquim Becker has authorized Carlos van Eck.

Christiaan Baart has authorized Charlie Smit.

Senna Leezenberg has authorized Teun Otte if she has to leave the meeting early.

Indi Braun has authorized Saskia Koe-Krompechter.

Noah Pellikaan has authorized Noah Benjamins if he must leave the meeting early.

Titus van der Valk has authorized Nina Cortez Niehe.

NOTE: The two presidium members are also authorized. These members presented this to the meeting, with the proviso that they do not use their own vote and for other votes purely vote what they have been told, and as long as the GA is okay with it; due to the low turnout, there are also few members who could be authorized, and the presidium, in consultation with board, considered it more important for members to be able to express their vote. There is no objection from the GA.

- d. There is an interpreter.

### 3. Adopt minutes of the December 6, 2023 AGM

No comments.

- a. Action Items

Action items going through. Most of the action items have been met, the GA rules are something that will be taken up by the Presidium early in this calendar year.

#### 4. Setting the Agenda

- a. Amend: BDS just after budget, after break. Many people still want to attend this. No objection.

#### 5. Board update

Izabella explained the board update that was sent in writing. There were no questions.

#### 6. New SoCo

*Due to the candidacy of Charlie Smit, chair of the presidium, Noah Benjamins, the presidium's note-taker, will take over as chair of this agenda item. The minutes for this item were taken by Henk van den Bosch, secretary of the board.*

##### a. Presentation

Ilona: New round, new opportunities. New people have been added. Now there is a full SoCo, complying with the regulations. Tyrone, who did SoCo last year. Charlie Smit. She now does presidium. Sven van Mullem, Sam de Jong, Maartje Geels, Quinten and me. Tyrone is not here, so I'll do that one. He did SoCo last year from ASVA. That succeeded, there is a board. he graduated from HRM at the HvA in 2022. He gained experience as an HR consultant at a construction company. An extremely suitable member.

Charlie: I'm Charlie Smit. I'm in my third year as a front desk clerk. Got a lot of experience, so I know what works for ASVA and what doesn't work for ASVA. I am good at judging whether someone can be a good board member for ASVA and not just a good board member, since ASVA is different from other associations.

Ilona: I want to add that Charlie is front desk clerk. Front desk is the most in the office and works most physically with board. so that adds value, so that understands what skills someone needs to have. then we have Sven.

Sven: My name is Sven. I am secretary of sv Kleio from history. I'm on two committees and I'm doing that for the second year. There I got to attend the applications and lead one. I work at a campground, Julianadorp, and attend the job applications there. I look there: how is someone in the team, etc.? I was able to learn quite a bit. I was allowed to do 70 to 80 job applications and I can take that into account in the SoCo of ASVA.

Ilona: Then we have Sam. Sam is 23 years old and this year he is doing full-time student council at TU Delft. Through ISO, he knows ASVA. I have to do a lot of scanning. Because of his position of managing the faculty bar, he has done applications for his successor and has been involved in selecting teachers at his program. Maartje is 32 and works as a journalist, now at NOS, later at a national newspaper. Years ago she worked at ASVA, but she does not know how long ago. She is also involved as a board member in the alumni association and has the old ASVA knowledge.

I am vice president at ASVA, so it is beneficial that I am in the SoCo. I do Applied Psychology and there I am constantly assessing people.

Quinten: In the previous nomination, we had nominated Izabella. There we were told that the president must be available for cup of tea. Therefore, now we have another board member and that's me. I am treasurer. That is a technical position on the board and so I have an analytical skill and I will focus on that in the SoCo.

##### b. Questions

Bor: First of all Sven. You have a great resume at your age. If you have attended 80 job applications, what class will you take?

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Sven: I'm going to see if someone fits on a team and look at the composition on the board. What does someone enjoy doing on the board? But also, what is someone like in daily life? And find a balance in that.

- c. Vote  
No vote, adopted by acclamation.

### 7. Financial Plan

Charlie takes over the chairmanship of the meeting again.

- a. Presentation  
Quinten briefly explains the financial plan. The idea is to reduce reserves first, but then eventually break even. For the next five years, the plan gives concrete ideas for new income and savings.
- b. Questions  
There are no questions on this piece.
- c. Vote  
No vote, adopted by acclamation.

### 8. Budget

- a. Presentation  
Since the last GA a number of adjustments have been made, which was a condition demanded of the previous GA. The deficit has been reduced to €46,000. Cuts have not been made in staff hours, but in other things.
- b. Questions  
Bor: On behalf of Milena, in the policy plan it says about the MBO employee: is the GA aware that there will be an MBO employee?  
Izabella: We will have the MBO plan piece shortly, where this will be discussed. Last year this staff member was there, so we will take this into the new year.  
Bor: Last year it was decided by agreement of the GA that the position would expire with the completion of the study, but something specific has not yet been agreed upon for this staff member. Therefore, Milena still wanted to bring this up.  
Quinten: If the GA wasn't already informed, she is now.  
Charlie: But if it's agreed to there now  
Bor: But that's what the policy plan is for.  
Quinten: Two options: Either we vote this in with the idea that we seek an MBO staff member, or we file an amendment that we seek a collaboration with an MBO institution before we seek a staff member.  
Charlie: If the current form is voted against, then we can still vote on it a second time with the point of the MBO employee changed.  
Kade: As KasCo we have looked at the new budget, we are happy with the elaboration of the points: that some of the cuts come from checking the points. Our advice on dealing with reservations remains the same. Also about congresses and activities, our advice remained the same. Otherwise, the budget presents a correct and realistic picture.  
Bor: Why does personnel cost coordinator WO and HBO still say non-substantive?  
Quinten: Carried over from last year.
- c. Vote  
Adopted with 11 in favor, 6 against, 2 blanco.

### 9. Break until 20:03

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### 10. ASVA goes BDS

#### a. Presentation

Teun Otte briefly presents the ASVA goes BDS motion submitted on behalf of the proposers.

#### b. Questions

Quinten: The board discussed that it is in favor in principle, but still has a practical point: we cannot give our staff a list of 1,000 brands they can no longer buy. We have financial regulations with things they can buy. I would like a list of products that ASVA could buy (Alpro, Garden Gourmet, McDonalds) and I would agree which brands and products we include in our regulations in consultation with the submitters.

Teun: I can add to this myself, the international products are pretty easy to find: if you have any questions about them, know where to find me.

Senna: About point four, boycott on the meat industry: how does that have to do with BDS?

Teun: That is rather that there is precedent that ASVA is against an industry.

Lois: To what extent is it the idea to radiate this outward, and what does the UvA think about it?

Teun: It comes with a working group, so not us alone. It's also done for example by the national student union of England, and it's mainly about not buying or engaging certain things: so I don't expect there to be violent reactions to it.

William: Israel is a state that sends people all over the world, that takes land, that makes nuclear weapons, why would they give in to a boycott? It mainly causes irritation and that people who are on the side of boycott are affected by it. Same for sanctions: all people in the state are affected. Why not humanitarian aid?

Teun: I agree that we need to support Palestine much more and this is a very small step, but a very small step that we still need to take. If you want to think further about further steps in terms of solidarity.

Charlie: About supplying weapons, we as an association of students can't do much either.

William: So why do we take sanctions? Sanctions that the government does take?

Teun: Sanctions are there because of the line BDS, which is a specific movement. So this can also be done from governments, but of course that depends on the group that is doing it. As ASVA, we cannot give sanctions to the state of Israel, but we can participate in the movement by boycotting.

#### c. Vote

Charlie moved to vote on this with Quinten's addition that approximately 7 companies be added that cannot be declared from. The proposers agree.

Vote:

15 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 blanco.

The motion, subject to Quinten's addition, passed.

### 11. Policy away board

#### a. Presentation

Henk presents the submitted policy for the removal of the board. If it is left to the GA no more specific regulations need to be changed

#### b. Questions

Bor: I'm happy with this choice, and I think it gives you some guidance to the GA in the tragic event that the board falls away.

Henk: Thank you, and good luck in that case.

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- c. Vote  
Adopted by acclamation.

### 12. Vision Members

- a. Presentation  
Lily presented the vision members on behalf of the board, for working toward a more stable membership base.
- b. Questions  
Bor: I am very happy with this piece, I would have liked to do more with this myself in my year. I do have questions about the categorization, I think it is a lot and that there are categories that are not exclusive. Someone can be a member because of union ideology but at the same time be an employee.  
Lily: This is more internal to see what groups are there and what pools. What we mainly work with are groups: People who become members for service, people who want to become active but don't know how and people who become active out of union ideology: these are more the different pools that we can get members from.  
William: There are some rules for renewal of the organization, at some point board, staff, everyone you tie yourself to may be gone, if we want to do any of those things differently.  
Lily: I'm not saying it's bad that there are staff and board members, but mainly that it's bad that the only active members are board and staff.  
William: I also mean to say that the only people you can bond with have an expiration date, staff and board members. It's a shame that alumni have to leave.  
Lily: I agree it's tragic, but unfortunately as a *student union* we all have an expiration date.  
William: But will alumni still stay involved?  
Lily: Yes, they can just do that from the alumni association.
- c. Vote  
Adopted by acclamation.

### 13. MBO integration

- a. Presentation  
Izabella explains the paper that was sent.
- b. Questions  
Lois: Why do you want an employee per institution? I think there are also a lot of things that overlap and you can also have an employee with more hours.  
Izabella: I thought it was practical to also have a staff member from the institution itself, for contact and networking within the institution. Basically someone could have switched institutions and represent both, but then you don't have a direct line from one institution anymore.  
Nina: Does that imply that you also hire a new employee per HBO institution? For example, in appointments with AHK.  
Izabella: That is not described here. Can we come back to that, but that has not been adopted in the budget yet for this year so for this year it will be difficult. That part for MBO employees is also long-term, so for now I hope to start with an MBO employee.
- c. Vote  
16 in favor, 1 against, 0 blanco. The plan for MBO integration as presented by the board was adopted.

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14. WVTTK

15. Round question

Sven: For member retention, we are here now as a board of a member association. Do you want to come back to member associations on this?

Lily: We also want to introduce ourselves to member associations every year from now on, and contact member associations.

Charlie: Where are the after-drinks?

Board: Kriterion.

16. Closing

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