

Minutes SAR General Assembly 2019

The SAR General Assembly 2019 took place at the Zurich University of the Arts, Pfingstweidstrasse 96, 8031 Zürich, on Sunday 24 March at 10.30.

Agenda:

1. **Approval of the Annual Report from the President**

The Report was unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

2. **Approval of the Annual Financial Statement 2018**

The Annual Financial Report for 2018 was unanimously approved.

3. **Approval of the Working Budget 2019**

The Working Budget for 2019 was unanimously approved.

4. **Proposal on Change of General Assembly Cycles/Election Procedure**

Based on the attached document (Attachment 1), the Ex.B had invited the General Assembly 2019 to endorse the following:

1. From 2020 onwards, the SAR General Assembly will take place every second year, while the SAR International Conference on Artistic Research should continue to be arranged on an annual basis.
2. The timespan for election to the SAR Executive Board will be transferred to four-year election periods, with the option of one re- election in accordance with the directions presented in Appendix B. This attachment is considered as an integrated part and modification of the Election Procedures endorsed by the GA in 2016.
3. Consequently, the SAR Articles of Association are hereby amended as outlined in Appendix C.

The General Assembly did not endorse point one in this proposal.

The General Assembly endorsed with more than 2/3 of the votes point two in the proposal. Consequently, the following amendments in the association's articles were also endorsed:

Article 21.1:

The term of office of a member of the Executive Board is four (4) years, to be implemented in accordance with the amended Election Procedure endorsed 24.03.2019.

Article 21.2:

Re-election is permissible once, to be implemented in accordance with the amended Election Procedure endorsed 24.03.2019.

5. **Presentation of the list of nominees for elections and the Elections Committee's recommendations**

The Election Committee presented its recommendation for the elections and all candidates gave a short statement.

6. **Election of President, Treasurer/First Vice President and one other Executive Board Member**

The elections were carried out in accordance with the amended SAR Articles and the amended Election Procedure endorsed by this General Assembly.

The outcome of the elections were:

- Deniz Peters was elected as SAR President for a period of three years.
- Geir Strøm was re-elected as First Vice President/Treasurer for a period of three years.
- Gabriele Schmid was re-elected as Executive Board Member for a period of three years.

7. **Presentation of our new institutional members**

The following new institutional members gave a presentation to the membership:

- Anton Bruckner Private University
- NTNU Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- Newcastle University Institute for Creative Arts Practice
- Westminster School of Media, Art & Design

Endorsed 06.06.19.

Deniz Peters
President

Giacco Schiesser
Vice President