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## ***SAR Executive Board Meeting # 20-04***

### ***MINUTES***

**Date & Time:** 01.10.20 – 10:00-18.30  
02.10.20 – 10:00-13:00

**Location:** Online by Zoom – With breaks approx. every 50 min.

**Present:** Deniz Peters, Geir Strøm, Jaana Erkkila-Hill, Ang Bartram,  
Michaela Glanz, Chrysa Parkinson, Gabriele Schmid and  
Johan A Haarberg

**Next meeting:**  
**Location:** Online by Zoom  
**Time:** 11.12.20 – 10:00-18:00  
12.12.20 – 10:00-16:00

**1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda**

The agenda were agreed, without any adjustments.

**2. Endorsed Minutes June Meeting**

The minutes from this meeting had been distributed before, no comments have been received and the minutes are by that endorsed.

**3. Information**

There was a joint exchange of information and updates on issues regarding artistic research and organisational matters from all present.

**4. Action Plan**

- Updates
- Delivery

The Action Plan was checked for deliveries and updated.

**5. Finances**

- Preliminary Financial Report 25.10
- Estimated Final Accounts 2020
- List of unpaid memberships

The Treasurer and Ex.O presented the preliminary accounts from 25.10.20, and an estimate for final annual accounts. The Ex.B took the reports into account.

**6. Members**

**a. Institutional Members**

- Status Report
- Recruiting Activities Ex.O
- Potential for Recruiting Activities Ex.B Members

The Ex.O reported on recent recruiting activities based on on-line communication. As a result of this, the EX.B could welcome the Academy of Fine Arts Vienna and the Research Institute in Art, Design and Society, Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Porto as new portal partners.

Several options for recruiting new institutional members were discussed.

**b. Individual Members**

- Status Report
- Ideas for Recruitment/Community Building

Only a few new individual members have requested membership since the conference in Bergen was cancelled, and the total number of members this year is comparatively low.

How to strengthen the community building for new members was addressed during the strategy discussions on the second day of the meeting.

## 7. SAR Conferences

- SAR Conference 2020
  - Status Report/Further Actions

Based on the discussions in the meeting, a proposal on how to move forward will be presented to our host in Bergen.

- SAR Conference 2021
  - Status Report
  - Revised Draft Budget
  - Participation Fee Pricing Considerations

Members of the Conference Committee reported on progress, and that there has been good response on the call for submissions. There was a discussion on possible levels for participation fees in view of a revised budget.

- SAR Conference 2022
  - Inputs to Revised Draft Agreement from BUW
  - Negotiations Status Report – Further Actions

Based on the latest draft agreement presented by BUW, the Ex.B authorised the Ex.O to sign the agreement if the final version is in line with this latest draft.

- Future Conferences: Draft Conference Host Call – *Subsequent Attachment # 7-4*

A first draft of how a conference call for future conferences could be constructed, was presented and discussed.

## 8. General Assembly 2021

- Change to Online Format – Legal Aspects

Based on advice from the Swiss law company Kellerhals, the Ex.B could clarify that – due to a special regulation implemented by Swiss authorities as a consequence of the covid epidemic – the planned online format for the GA in 2021 legally can take place without any members physically present.

However, a permanent change to only online presence will not be in accordance with Swiss regulations, as under current regulations and normal societal conditions a specific physical space for the GA must always be identified and available for participation of the membership.

- Date and Time
- Information to the membership

Based on the information provided above, the Ex.B confirmed that the next GA will take place as an online event on Saturday 10.04.21.

The membership will be informed when the first invitation will be distributed at the end of this year. DIKU will be able to offer support on the technical solutions.

## 9. RC + Portal Partners

- RC Developments:
  - NTNU Log-In Functionality / Leiden Repository Alignment / Aalto Journal Adaption / Helsinki Development Initiative
- Renewal of the RC Server Hosting Agreement with KTH

The Ex.O informed on requests from portal partners and institutional members on specific adoptions of the RC. The renewed agreement with KTH for hosting the RC server for the next seven years were distributed

- Report June Online Portal Partner Meeting
- Portal Partner Thematic Online Seminars: Status/Plans

Ex.B members and the Ex.O reported on the latest activity for the portal partners and future plans.

- Status Report RC Module Development

Based on the distributed report, the Treasurer and the Ex.O informed on the ongoing work regarding RC Module Developments.

## **10. JAR**

- Status Report/Publishing Regularity/Budget Considerations

The EX.B discussed if there is need for clarifications of the SAR/JAR interface in regard to the Ex.B's responsibilities as publisher and the responsibilities held by the JAR Editor in Chief/JAR Editorial Board. An input preparation will be provided by Ex.B members before next meeting.

## **11. Funding Agency Seminar – Autumn 2020/Spring 2021**

- Next Seminar – Preliminary Plans

An input preparation will be provided by Ex.B members before next meeting.

## **12. Partnerships + Networks**

- European Networks for Joint Position Papers on Artistic Research
  - Endorsed Vienna Declaration on Artistic Research
  - Further Actions of the Network

The final version of the Vienna Declaration will be uploaded to the SAR website and referenced in the upcoming Newsletter.

- Policy on Partnership ELIA and others

This was referred to a later meeting.

- Information on the Erasmus Supervisor Project

An update of activities in this network was presented during the meeting.

## **13. Further SAR Activities and Events**

- SAR Academy – Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
  - Status Report

The SIG initiative will be reactivated by Ex.B members towards the end of November.

## **14. Announcement Services**

- SARA Status Report

After the reduced activity during spring, there has been a growing interest and higher activity from the summer onwards.

## **15. Documentation and Communication**

- Basecamp Alternative(s)

The organisation will be looking for alternatives to the existing communication platform and file server at Basecamp.

- Status Website Updates and Content

A sketch for adjustments to our website will be presented to the next Ex.B meeting.

## **16. Newsletter**

- Next Newsletters – Status Report / Updates / Date of Publication

Action is taken for the Newsletter to be published soon, and a second issue later this year.

## **17. Next Meetings**

- 11.12.20 – 10:00-18:00 / 12.12.20 – 10:00-16:00  
Online
- 11.02.21 – 10:00-18:00 / 12.02.21 – 10:00-16:00  
Venue to be confirmed

**18. Any other Business**

There were no issues under this agenda point.

The Ex.B also dedicated most of the second day for discussing future challenges for the organisation, and this will be taken further in similar strategy sessions in later meetings.

Bergen, 02.10.20/24.10.20 – Jaana/Johan

Endorsed 05.11.20.

Deniz Peters (sign.)  
President

Jaana Erkkila-Hill (sign.)  
Secretary