SAR Executive Board Meeting # 20-05

DRAFT MINUTES

Date & Time:  
11.12.20 – 10:00-18.00  
12.12.20 – 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:  11.02.21 – 10:00-18:00  
12.02.21 – 10:00-16:00
1. **Welcome and Approval of Agenda**  
The agenda were agreed, without any adjustments.

2. **Endorsed Minutes Meeting 20-05**  
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 30.11  
  - 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.
  
  - Cost distribution RC  
  Distribution of costs related to RC for this year was presented and taken into account.

  - Sketch for RC Training Service  
  A sketch for establishing a RC Training Service was presented and referred to be decided on at a later time.

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.

   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.

7. **SAR Conferences**  
- **SAR Conference 2020**  
  - Status Report/Existing Material  
  - Further Actions  
The Dean Frode Thorsen and Vice Dean for Research Anne-Helen Mydland at KMD joined this part of the meeting. Based on a presented draft, a possible way forward with the aim to provide some sort of re-visit to the Bergen Conference during our upcoming on-line event this year was pointed out. This will be discussed further between the Vice Dean at KMD and our President, as a small steering group for this action.
• **SAR Conference 2021**
  - Status Report
  - Experiences from recent conferences
  - Participation Fee Pricing Considerations

Members of the Conference Committee reported on progress, and, based on recent experiences, some formats for informal discussions between participants were outlined. There was a discussion on possible levels for participation fees in view of a revised budget.

• **SAR Conference 2022**
  - Signed Agreement with BUW
  - Start-Up Status Report

The agreement with Bauhaus University Weimar for the hosting of the SAR 2022 Conference has been signed by both parties. The Conference Committee will have its first meeting in early January.

8. **General Assembly 2021**
   - Draft Invitation
     The draft invitation to the membership was endorsed with minor adjustments.

   - GA Presence from Ex.Board and Ex.Officer
     This issue was moved to a later meeting.

9. **RC + Portal Partners.**
    The RC Managing Officers Luc Döbereiner and Casper Schipper joined this part of the meeting.
    - Portal Partner Thematic Online Seminars: Status/Plans
      A number of RC Thematic Seminars has been organised during the autumn for the portal partners with regular and good attendance. New seminars are planned for the spring.

    - Renewed RC Front Pages
    - Status Report RC Modules Development
      Delivery of the first three modules of the development project is close to finish, and the new developments were introduced to the Ex.B by our RC Managing Officers. The new features will be presented in a RC Thematic seminar in the beginning of January.
      SAR has succeeded in getting support also for the next steps in this project.

    - Basecamp Alternatives
      An alternative platform was briefly discussed and will be investigated further.

10. **JAR**
    - Considerations in Regard to the SAR/JAR Responsibilities Interface
      It was agreed that the Editor in Chief should be invited to next meeting, and that his report should be available before the meeting.
      A group within the Ex.B will prepare this session in co-operation with the Ex.O.

11. **Funding Agency Seminar – Autumn 2020/Spring 2021**
    - Next Seminar – Preliminary Plans
      It was agreed to move a next physical meeting to next autumn, and that an on-line shorter meeting could be considered for late spring.
12. **Partnerships + Networks**
   - European Networks for Joint Position Papers on Artistic Research
     Further Actions of the Network
     The editorial working group within this consortium will prepare second step early next year.
   - Policy on Partnership ELIA and others
     This issue was moved to a later meeting.
   - Associate Membership for Research Collectives
     A practical solution for this specific request was outlined without any need for adjustment of membership categories.
   - 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 Group
     A revitalization of such groups, including invitation to be present online in connection to the upcoming conference was discussed and will be taken forward.
   - RC Annual Prize 2020
     A priority list for jury members were established.

14. **Announcement Services**
   - SARA Status Report
     After the reduced activity during spring, there has been a growing interest and higher activity in the second part of this year.

15. **Documentation and Communication**
   - Status Website Updates and Content
     A sketch for adjustments to our website will be presented to the next Ex.B meeting.
   - Social Media
   - Annual Adjustments Wikipedia Entry
     These activities are monitored by the appointed members of the Ex.B.

16. **Newsletter**
   - Newsletter November 20
     This newsletter has been published by a SARA announcement.
   - Next Newsletter – Status Report / Updates / Date of Publication
     Our next Newsletter will be published approx. mid-February.

17. **Future Conferences**
   - Draft Conference Host Call
     This issue was moved to the next meeting.

18. **Next Meetings**
   - 11.02.21 – 10:00-18:00 / 12.02.21 – 10:00-16:00
     On-Line with Zoom
   - 25.03.21 – 10:00-18:00 / 26.03.21 – 10:00-16:00
     Venue to be confirmed
19. 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, 12.12.20/31.01.21 – Jaana/Johan

Endorsed 11.02.21.

Deniz Peters (sign.)
President

Jaana Erkkila-Hill (sign.)
Secretary