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SAR Executive Board Meeting # 21-01

DRAFT MINUTES

Date & Time: 11.02.21 – 10:00-11:00 and 14:30-18:15 (CET)
12.02.21 – 10:00-16:00 (CET)

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

Next meetings:
Strategy Meeting
Location: Online by Zoom
Time: 02.03.21 – 09:30-12:30

Regular Meeting
Location: Online by Zoom
Time: 25.03.21 – 14:00-18:00
26.03.21 – 10:00-18:00
1. **Welcome and Approval of Agenda**  
The agenda were agreed, with two additions.

2. **Endorse Minutes December Meeting**  
The minutes from this meeting was 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. **SAR Conferences**  
   - **SAR Conference 2020**  
     A plan has been agreed with KMD, University of Bergen for the transfer of existing material to RC as a permanent documentation. There will also be a launching presentation of this exposition during the Vienna Conference.

   - **SAR Conference 2021**  
     - Status Report  
     - Preliminary Programme Schedule  
     - Revised Budget  

     Members of the Conference Committee reported on progress, including Keynotes, participation fee levels and adjusted plan for opening of online registrations.

   - **SAR Conference 2022**  
     - Status Report  
     - Preliminary Timeline  

     Members of the Conference Committee reported on start-up planning, including discussions on overall framework, formats and budget considerations.

6. **JAR**  
The Editor in Chief Michael Schwab joined the meeting for part of this point in the agenda.

   - **JAR Report 2020**  
   - **Ex.B group further liaison responsibilities**  
   - **Budget 2021**  

   There was a constructive discussion with the Editor in Chief (EdC) based on his extensive and informative report.  
   It was decided that the established group, with some adjustment, will be responsible for regular contact with the EdC during the coming year.  
   The budget requests from the EdC will be taken into account when the Ex.B agree the financial framework for this year.
7. **Finances**
   - Preliminary Financial Report 30.12.20
     - SARA Activity 2020
     - List of unpaid memberships
   The Treasurer and Ex.O presented the preliminary annual accounts. The Ex.B took the report into account.
   - First Draft Working Budget 2021
   The Treasurer presented the draft working budget for this year. The Ex.B endorsed the draft working budget with an adjustment in relation to JAR.

8. **Members**
   a. **Institutional Members**
      - Status Report
      - Recruiting Activities Ex.O
      - Potential for Recruiting Activities Ex.B Members
   The Ex.B welcomes two new portal partners till now this year: Swedish Research Council (VR) and International Center for Knowledge in the Arts, Denmark (ICKA), as well as the institutional membership request from Technology University MARA, Faculty of Art & Design – Shah Alam, Malaysia.
   b. **Individual Members**
      - Status Report
      - Ideas for Recruitment/Community Building
   There are still only a few new individual members with membership requests since the conference in Bergen.

   A draft on how to secure better recruitment of individual members will be discussed at the strategy meeting planned for Marc 2nd.

   An issue regarding eventual membership for collectives was moved to a later meeting.

9. **General Assembly 2021**
   - Call GA / Dead Lines
   The call for participation in the GA was distributed to the membership as planned in early January. The dead line for presenting the GA documents to the membership is March 31st.

   - Annual Report 2020/21 – Distribution of Tasks
   The tasks to prepare the drafts to the annual reports was distributed within the Ex.B and Ex.O.

10. **RC + Portal Partners**
    - Status Report
    The commissioned request from Leiden University is close to delivery. The work on the next development modules has started up and results are expected in September this year.

    - Portal Partner Thematic Online Seminars: Status/Plans
    The RC Thematic Seminars have been organised from early autumn onwards. They are special tailored for our portal partners, and have had regular and good attendance. New seminars are planned for the spring.

11. **Funding Agency Seminar – Spring 2021 / Autumn 2020**
    There will be no Funding Agency Seminar this spring. Otherwise this issue was moved to the next meeting.
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 meet in the beginning of March to agree on alternative formulations to those parts of the Frascati Manual that now address either art or artistic expression. This next step is based on preparations made by the executive officers of AEC and SAR.

13. **Further SAR Activities and Events**
- SAR Academy – Special Interest Group
  A request for a new SIG endorsement was discussed, and action agreed.
- RC Annual Prize 2020
  Status Report / Preliminary Overview Submissions
  The deadline has been moved to February 15th, and more than twenty submissions has been received at this stage. Membership of the Jury was clarified.

14. **Documentation and Communication – Website / Social Media etc.**
After a short discussion, the issue was moved to the next meeting.

15. **Newsletter**
- Next Newsletter – Status Report / Updates / Date of Publication
  Collection of material to the next issue was discussed, and deadline for presenting such material was set to the second part of the coming week.

16. **Next Meetings**
- 02.03.21 – 09:30-12:30
  Online by Zoom
- 25.03.21 – 14:00-18:00 / 26.03.21 – 10:00-18:00
  Online by Zoom
- 10.04.21 – 14:00-16:00
  Venue to be confirmed

17. **Future Conferences**
- Draft Conference Host Call / SAR Conference Brief ver4
  This issue was moved to the next meeting.

18. **SAR Visions and Strategies**
*These topics were moved to a special meeting called for March 2nd.*

19. **Any other Business**
There were no issues under this agenda point.

Bergen, 12.02.21/16.02.21 – Jaana/Johan

Endorsed 08.03.21.

Deniz Peters (sign.)
President

Jaana Erkkila-Hill (sign.)
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