

SAR Executive Board Meeting # 23-08

Preliminary Endorsed MINUTES

Date & Time: 23.11.23 10:00-24.11.23 17:00 (CET)
Charles University, Prague

Present: Florian Schneider (on Zoom second day), Geir Strøm, Blanka Chládková, Esa Kirkkopelto, Michaela Glanz and Johan A Haarberg

Excused: Florian Schneider (first day), Ang Bartram and Jaana Erkkila-Hill

Next meetings:

- 02.02.24 09:00-14:00 CET – On Zoom
- 14.03.24 10:00 – 15:03 17:00 CET – Vienna

1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda

Due to acute illness the President Florian Schneider could not join the meeting the first day, and First Vice President took over the role as chair for the whole meeting. Schneider joined the meeting on Zoom for the second day.

The agenda was endorsed, but rearranged so that the issues most related to strategy development was directed to the second day.

The minutes are aligned with the first planned order.

There was some updated information from our Czech Host regarding the evenings meeting with Czech Art Universities.

2. Information Exchange

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

3. Finances

Update Incomes and Costs

And updated overview on income and costs was presented, Overall, the annual income may be somewhat lower than estimated. However, as we will have a similar situation on the expenses, we still expect the final outcome for this year to be in balance.

The report was taken into account.

4. Institutional Members and Portal Partners

- Status Portal Partnerships

The EO's presence at the AEC Conference has given some positive responses on new portal partnership from 2024 onwards.

5. RC

- RC Developments – Status and Actions

The RC developers have presented us with an updated status and plan for migration of the RC framework software and further updates. This formed the basis for the proposal of upgrading, that was circulated before the meeting. The Ex.B endorsed the starting of this process to start as early as possible in 2024. There will be a meeting between the developers, the President, the EO and some members of the RC Managing Team.

- COST Action Application developed with the Research Institute in Art, Design and Society, Porto

The submitted COST Action Application had been distributed and received positive remarks from Ex.B members.

6. SAR Special Interest Groups

- Status

There is a need to update the SAR SIGs webpage.

7. Strategy Work – Part 1

The Ex.B discussed future policy issues based on an input from Esa Kirkkopelto, see also point 11.

8. Strategy Work – Part 2

- Organisational Re-location <> Establishment of Second Location

A summary from the meeting between the EO and a representative with Kellerhals Carrard had been circulated. The Ex.B concluded that at this stage no action will be taken regarding to move SAR from Swiss jurisdiction, but that options for a second unit should be further investigated.

9. Strategy Work – Part 3

- First Draft SAR Communication Officer

A first draft of for the requirements for a SAR Communication Officer was discussed, and a revised version will be discussed in our next onsite meeting.

10. Strategy Work – Part 4

- Membership Categories and Relations
 - Portal Partners and Institutional Members
 - Individual Membership Options

The Ex.B discussed benefits and membership rights in regard to the different membership categories. There is still need for investigations on how benefits for Individual members and institutional members could be strengthened.

At the same time, in the current situation there is an unbalance in voting influence between the majority of short-term individual memberships and the long-term interests of the institutional members. The Ex.Board agreed to present some amendments to our articles of association to change this balance, and at the same time open up for online or hybrid GAs.

11. Strategy Work – Part 5

Presented by Florian and all

Based on the complete results for the discussion on points 7 to 10, the Ex.B revisited the Mission Statement. A revised document will be presented in the next on-site meeting.

12. Funding Agency Initiative

There was a short discussion on how this initiative may be re-activated. An invitation letter to participate at the Tilburg Forum and perhaps arrange an informal meeting will be sent.

13. SAR Conferences

14. SAR Conferences 2022 and 2023

There is no recent update on further documentation of these two events.

- SAR Conference 2024
 - First Announcement
 - Status / Further Concept Outline
 - Role of SIGs
 - Portal Partners Stakeholders' Meeting

The SAR Forum Working Group members presented update on plans and processes, and first draft announcement of the event was distributed. The first announcement text was distributed, together with the outline for the first day of the event.

There was a first discussion on the format of the Stakeholders Meeting that will take place on Friday April 12th.

- SAR Conference 2025
 - Status

The agreement documents are now planned to be signed in February 2024.

15. GA 2024 – Election Preparations

- Election Committee Composition

Geir Strøm as the chair of the committee informed that the two other members now confirmed will be Maria Topolcanska, Rector Fine Art Academy Prague (AVU) and Franco Ripa di Meana (individual member).

- Elections – Draft Call and Procedure

Draft call and agenda for the General Assembly was distributed and discussed. Agreed to make presentation of all candidates, the recommendation from the Election Committee and the actual elections into three separate agenda points.

The invitation to the GA and the call for nominations will be sent in January within the three months deadline. A reminder should be sent at a later stage.

16. JAR

- Annual Report

The Annual Report from the Editor in Chief had been distributed. The report was well received. Issues regarding how to achieve recognition by certain journal indexes will need to be discussed with both the Editor in Chief and the RC Management Team.

17. Strengthening of AR on EU and OECD levels / Frascati Changes

- Update Briefing Document to Georg Häusler *)
- *) Director for Culture, Creativity and Sport in the European Commission (DG EAC)
- Policy Forum EIT Culture & Creativity

Short updates on these issues were presented by the President and the EO.

18. Newsletter – Next Issue

- Items, Distribution of Inputs and Deadline

This agenda point was referred to the next meeting.

19. Next Meetings

- Proposed Meeting Dates Spring 24 – Result of Doodle

After renewed consultations the following meetings were confirmed:

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20. Any Other Business

There were no issues under this agenda point.

24.11.23 – Johan

Preliminary Endorsed 09.04.23

*Florian Schneider (sign.)
President*

*Geir Strøm (sign.)
First Vice President*