

***SAR Executive Board Meeting # 24-01***

***Preliminary Endorsed MINUTES***

**Date & Time:** 02.02.24 09:00-14:00 (CET)  
On Zoom

**Present:** Florian Schneider, Geir Strøm, Jaana Erkkila-Hill (during parts of the meeting), Ang Bartram, Blanka Chládková, Esa Kirkkopelto, Michaela Glanz and Johan A Haarberg

**Excused:**

**Next meetings:**

- 14.03 10:00 – 15.03 – 17:00 CET Vienna / Academy of Fine Arts
- 12.04 15:00-17:00 CEST Tilburg / Fontys Academy of the Arts

## 1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda

With an additional point regarding Newsletter, the agenda was endorsed.

## 2. Information Exchange

There was a joint exchange of information and updates on issues regarding artistic research.

## 3. Finances

- Preliminary Accounts 2023

Overall, the income is somewhat lower than estimated in the GA endorsed working budget, but this is compensated by all-in-all lower expenditures, providing an expected estimated annual result close to zero. This should be seen in relation to the endorsed budget, which was agreed without a surplus.

It is estimated that SAR at least will keep the non-committed reserve / working capital of approx. € 55.000 by the final accounts for 2023. First Draft Working Budget 2024

The preliminary accounts were taken into account.

- First Draft Working Budget 2024

The Ex.B endorsed the first draft working budget 2024. Some adjustments may be needed before presented to the GA.

## 4. Institutional Members and Portal Partners

- Status Portal Partnerships

Stavanger University and mdw-University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna has registered as portal partners during the last months. Some more are expected in the coming months.

- Thematic Seminars and Portal Partners Meeting Spring 24

Plans for thematic seminars and portal partner meeting was distributed and positively received.

- Stakeholders Meeting

Draft invitation and agenda for the Portal Partnerships Stakeholders Meeting was discussed and agreed.

## 5. RC

- RC Developments – Status Report after Meeting with the Developers

A verbal report was given from a very constructive meeting with the RC developers.

- Webinars Spring 24

Plans for two webinars this spring, including one for creating advanced expositions was distributed and supported.

## 6. RC Prize 2023

- Status Report

- Appointment of Jury

- Prize Procedure Tilburg

Twenty-five valid submissions were received.

The Ex.B appointed Blanka Chládková as chair and Paulo Luís Almeida representing the portal partners. Chládková was given authority to find the third member among the previous winners.

## 7. SAR Special Interest Groups

- Update

The Ariga SIG has informed us that they will close their activities as SIG.

Consequences of such decisions need to be discussed at a later stage.

## 8. Strategy Work – Part 1

- Amendment of Articles

The Ex.B endorsed in principle to propose the following two amendments to the GA:

First Amendment:

SAR General Assemblies(GA) will take place every second year, to be implemented from 2024 onwards(which will mean that next GA will take place in 2026).In the year of no GA, the Ex.B will call a members' meeting to discuss current affairs and further developments.

Second Amendment:

Voting rights for individual members will only be available for those members that has been registered as paid members continuously for more than one year by the end of the year before the GA takes place. Individual members that fulfil bullet point one and institutional members may participate and vote in online/hybrid GAs–conducted according to Swiss laws and regulations.

Draft for the final wording of the amendments will be presented in the March meeting.

## 9. Strategy Work – Part 2

- Second Draft SAR Communication Officer

The draft for the requirements for a SAR Communication Officer was endorsed.

The call shall be made public, but will first be announced at the GA and to the participants for the Stakeholders Meeting. Deadline should be set to mid-May.

## 10. SAR Conferences

- SAR Conference 2022

One of our Ex.B members is in contact with Weimar regarding publishing alternatives.

- SAR Conference 2023

No new information available.

- SAR Conference 2024

- Second Announcement
- Funding Agency Initiative/Invitation
- Overall Time Schedule and Roles

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.

- SAR Conference 2025

- Status

Time is set for signing of the agreement in Porto later this month.

## 11. GA 2024

- Invitation GA and Agenda

The Ex.B. endorsed the agenda for the GA

- Call for Nominations and Election Committee Status Report

The Election Committee has at this stage not receive many nominations.

A reminder will be sent to our institutional members and portal partners.

- GA Documents – Distribution of Tasks

Distribution of tasks for preparing the Presidents Report and deadline was agreed.

- Amendment of Articles – See *Point 8*

## **12. JAR**

- Draft JAR Editorial Objectives and Financial Framework 2024  
The Ex.B endorsed the Editorial Objectives and Financial Framework 2024.  
The Editor in Chief should be invited to join by Zoom in our next meeting.

## **13. Strengthening of AR on EU and OECD levels / Frascati Changes**

- Update on Action within the Taskforce
  - Policy Forum EIT Culture & Creativity
- Short updates on these issues were presented by the President and the EO.

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## **15. Any Other Business**

There were no issues under this agenda point.

**22.02.24 – Johan**

**Preliminary Endorsed 09.04.23**

**Florian Schneider (sign.)  
President**

**Geir Strøm (sign.)  
First Vice President**