



VMI General Assembly

Tuesday, 25.11.2021 13:00

Protocol

1. Welcome by VMI president Alexander Viand
2. Election of the scrutineer and keeper of the minutes
 - Felix Linker and Linard Arquint are elected as scrutineer and keeper of minutes, respectively, with great majority
3. Adoption of the agenda
 - The agenda is accepted with great majority
4. Adoption of the protocol of the last General Assembly
 - The protocol is accepted with great majority
5. Reports on the activities of the VMI since the last GA
 - Welcome to D-INFK finally back to standard in-person format
 - Summer Retreat 2021 (back-to-back double retreat)
 - Continuation of the Scientific Excellence & Well-Being Initiative, now also with funding from D-INFK
 - Diversity Delegate Activities and cooperation with CSNOW
6. Announcement of upcoming VMI events
 - Plans for for a retreat-like event in winter, Eleanor McMurtry suggests naming it “Winter-Not-Really-A-Retreat-But-A-Workshop-Somewhere-Other-Than-ETH”
7. Presentation of 2022 Budget

Financially, VMI leaves 2021 with a significant surplus due to significant additional revenue from D-INFK sponsoring and a one-time gift from Prof. Paterson. Budget categories have been slightly restructured to enable flexible reaction to event ideas that come up during the year and to account for potential changes. The budget for 2022 does not assume any possible sponsorship that VMI might get in 2022.

Tobias suggests increasing the coordination budget for the mental strength & scientific excellence initiative as more events than in 2021 are planned.

Eleanor suggests as alternative that some money could be used to reduce the participation fee for the summer retreat in case someone has not enough money.

Karel, Alex, Matilda, and Tobias mention that VMI is open to such cases but events other than summer retreat are more likely to be subject to something like this as the summer retreat is mostly sponsored by the department.

Alex suggests increasing the budget for coordinating the mental strength & scientific excellence initiative from 3k to 5k CHF.

Karel mentions that it's good to have some 15k CHF in the bank account to prepay for the summer retreat before D-INFK pays back the money. However, Peter Koschitz has recently started to pay some money in advance such that the treasurer does not need to use his private bank account and get reimbursed later on.

The budget for coordination has been adapted to 5k, which results in a 5k negative budget for 2022. However, the department might extend its support for the mental strength & scientific excellence initiative.

The adapted budget is accepted (13 yes, 1 abstention)

8. Elections

- President and vice-president, secretary, treasurer
- Representatives in the Department Conference
- Representatives in the Studies Committee
- Auditors for 2021

Voting for the above positions were combined and unanimously:

Matilda Backendal is elected as President,
Alexander Viand as Vice-President,
Karel Kubíček as Treasurer and
Anupama Unnikrishnan as Secretary.

Linard Aruqint and Felix Linker are unanimously elected to the board.

Alexander Viand, Karel Kubicek, Matilda Backendal, Felik Liner, Anupama Unnikrishnan, Sverrir Thorgeirsson, Michael Hoffmann, Linard Arquint, Eleanor McMurtry, Tomas Hruz, Charlotte Knierim, Julia Hörrmann, Tobias Klenze and Xenia Hofmeier are elected as representatives for the departmental conference.

Sverrir Thorgeirsson, Michael Hoffmann, Eleanor Mcmurtry and Linard Arquint are elected as representatives for the studies committee.



Lukas Burkhalter and Reza Sefidgar are elected as revisors.

- Diversity Delegate

Elenaor *McMurtry* is elected unanimously.

9. AOB

No other business