

## Minutes of the General Assembly 2018-04-27

**Location:** Bern, UniS  
**Time:** 18:15 – 20:30  
**Minutes:** Marcel Waldvogel

### 1 Opening

**Roxana:** Protocol by Marcel Waldvogel as replacement for Wolf Ludwig, who is not present.

Due to train replacements, some members have to leave early; expresses hope for efficient meeting.

### 2 Election of two vote counters

Olivier Crépin-Leblond and Gabor Farkas are selected.

#### Member attendance

Present	19
Absolute majority	10
Two thirds majority	13

### 3 Agenda Bashing

**Roxana:** Second event for eVoting planned with more time.

### 4 Presentation & acceptance (or rejection) of reports

#### 5 Preceding GA

The footer should say „final“, not „draft“. Corrected in the online version.

**Olivier:** Please add page numbers (corrected in the online version) and typo of Bernie Hoeneisen's last name.

**Hernâni** opposes the changes.

**Robert** pleads for earlier publication of the drafts.

#### Acceptance of preceding GA minutes (with changes)

For	17
Against	0
Abstain	2

The minutes of the preceding GA are accepted

#### 5.1 Board

Activity report is published on the web page.

**Bernie:** Additional involvements with press etc. (RaBE, Luzerner Zeitung, ...)

#### Acceptance of board activity report

For	17
Against	0
Abstain	2

The board activity report is accepted

#### 5.2 PPAC report 2017

**Richard:** Active discussions; link to the archive.

Published sample letters to ask secret services about the data they have.

Representation by Richard at the chapter meeting. Active discussions by Bernie with the parliament.

Member attendance update	
Present	21
Absolute majority	11
Two thirds majority	14

  

Acceptance of PPAC report	
For	20
Against	0
Abstain	1

The PPAC report is accepted

### 5.3 Financial statement

Will be included on the web page.

**Gabor:** Travel costs: What is the policy and where are they?

**Michael:** Board travels to membership events on their own; others are in PPAC and P≡P.

**Robert :** Will there be accounting for the P≡P project?

**Roxana:** The financial year is June 2017 to Mai 2018. It has been spent starting January (except what was reported under Technical Aspects Committee) and this will be included in the financial statement 2018.

**Michael:** P≡P would not be required to be mentioned on both sides of th balance sheet, but it is there to clarify.

Policy Aspects Committee will be used to educate about network blocking.

Technical Aspects Committee is for P≡P, for both P≡P budget years (June to May).

In case a policy meeting is going to happen, the members will be asked on the mailing list.

**Hernâni:** Can the Geneva Fund be used for political activities?

**Roxana:** Probably not, mainly for educational activities in Switzerland.

### 5.4 Oversight Committee

**Marcel** reads statement

Nobody wants to have a separate vote of the four items presented by Michael.

Member attendance update	
Present	20
Absolute majority	11
Two thirds majority	14

Acceptance of financial report including budget and four action items	
For	19
Against	0
Abstain	1

Financial report, budget, items are accepted

### 6 Discharge of Board members

Discharge of the board	
For	15
Against	0
Abstain	5

The board is discharged

### 7 Proposal for modification of the Statutes (see Invitation )

**Markus:** One member had health problems, so the board had only four active members, which made activity hard. This change would increase flexibility and possibilities for diversity. Not make-or-break.

**Bernie:** Two independent aspects: (1) Simplifying voting procedures; (2) the more people there are, the more complicated it gets and the more overhead is generated. As a chairman, I found it hard to get time slots for all five to be present. Proposal: Core board plus up to five additional members in the extended board.

**Gabor:** In case of vacancies on the board, who decides whom to advance from the extended board to the core board?

**Bernie:** The core board selects someone based on the now missing skills.

**Gabor:** Would that promote choosing similar-minded people?

**Roxana:** The board is still functional for the rest of the year.

**Markus:** Does not like the idea of two classes of board members.

**Bernie:** The quorum according to the statutes is three; not the majority.

**Markus:** Would be useful, but was not proposed.

**Norbert:** Complexity cost of the proposal for a rare event.

**Imai:** When was the position vacated and why did the board not ask for an extraordinary GA?

**Roxana:** The board was at no point officially informed of the problem. When it became apparent, it was only three months before the official GA.

**Bernie:** Clarifies that the proposal is not just an arbitrary replacement.

Voting procedure: First, the two proposals against each other, then for the adoption.

Selection of proposal	
Counter-proposal	2
Board proposal	13
Abstain	5
The board's proposal is selected	

Acceptance of proposal (two thirds majority required)	
For	14
Against	2
Abstain	4
The board's proposal is accepted	

Next vote: Change of voting procedure as proposed by Bernie (open vote, en bloc, if there is no opposition).

Change of voting procedure (two thirds majority required)	
For	18
Against	0
Abstain	2
The changed voting procedure is accepted	

## 8 Funding an educational campaign around the risks of network blocking (in the context of the casino law referendum)

**Bernie:** Possible additional money from ISOC International. Will be used together with our budgeted money for education by the network community/green/left committee.

**Hernâni:** Could ISOC International say anything publicly? Or at least get key figures.

**Roxana:** ISOC International is not political, but we will try to get high-profile speakers.

## 9 Elections

### 9.1 Members of the Board

Candidates and their positions:

- Michael (Chair)
- Richard (VC External)
- Markus (VC Internal)
- Federico (Secretary)
- Marcel (Treasurer)
- Gabor (Open)
- Panayotis (Open)
- Imai (Open)

**Norbert** requests individual voting, **Bernie** seconds that. Voting will be individual and thus secret, according to the statutes.

#### Member attendance update

Present	18
Absolute majority	10
Two thirds majority	12

#### Results

Michael (Chair)	17
Richard (VCE)	17
Markus (VCI)	18
Federico (Secretary)	13
Marcel (Treasurer)	18
Gabor (Open)	15
Imai (Open)	15
Panayotis (Open)	17

All candidates are elected to their proposed positions

### 9.2 Members of the Oversight Committee

Candidates:

- Charles Geiger
- Alexandre Suter
- Jürg Inniger (Backup)

#### Candidate election in globo

For	17
Against	0
Abstain	1

The oversight committee is elected as proposed

## 10 Presentation & acceptance (or rejection) of Budget 2018

See Financial statement for presentation and Oversight Committee for acceptance.

## 11 AOB

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## 12 Discussion with members: e-voting in Switzerland (20 mins)

Postponed to the separate event; to be announced (see also Agenda Bashing).

## 13 Closing

**Roxana** closes the meeting and invites to the social part with apéro.