

Meeting Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Assembly meeting of the Internet Society Switzerland Chapter

Date / Time

Thursday, 2022-12-15
18:00 - 19:07

Location

Zoom

Agenda: <https://www.isoc.ch/events/general-assembly-2022/>

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- Welcome, explanation of the voting procedures, election of vote counters (10')

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One vote counter volunteered. Voting is recorded via the chat functionality in the Zoom App.

There are 16 participants (15 of whom are voters) in the room at the time of the volunteer election.

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- Approval the General Assembly 2021 minutes (5')

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The meeting minutes were approved*:
13 in favor
0 against
0 abstained

* 14 ISOC members were present at the time of voting. One participant could not cast a vote due to not being an ISOC member in line with our statutes at the time of the voting.

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- Presentation & ratification of Activity report and financial statement (15')
 - Board Reports
 - Financial Statement
 - Oversight Committee

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Panos presents the activity report. 7at7 is paused until March 2023. More discussions are needed to see if we want to continue.

The Big News for the period is the launch of the new website. Panos encourages everyone to submit texts and topics for discussion for the blog part.

Public Policy activities: Bernie has been the driver for this part. More details will be discussed in the next General Assembly planned to take place in February 2023.

Please refer to the activity report to learn more about the details.

Panos gives the floor to Michael. Re: 2021 - books have been reviewed by the oversight committee. Most of the spending was spent on the 7at7 events, plus a bit for running the website. Overall ISOC made a little more revenue than expenses (+ CHF 439.59) that should be carried into the books.

One question was raised with regard to the budget line item 2810 (ISOC Geneva Fund) in which ISOC Geneva transferred their capital to ISOC CH after their dissolution. There are minor restrictions to keep it as separate budget items, mostly on account that the money has to be spent in Switzerland. There is a request to allocate the money for concrete projects. Board will discuss and submit a proposal at the next general meeting in Feb. 2023.

Report from the Oversight Committee: The Committee recommends that the GA approves the balance sheet and accounting for 2021.

Budget 2022. Michael presents the 2022 budget. Most of the revenue was spent on the new website. The board made the decision not to collect membership dues in 2022 because of the limited activity that took place / was planned for the year.

Michael Hausding, Treasurer, explained the details, more specifically the capital gains, in the P&L Statement 2021.

Alexander Suter, member of the Oversight Committee, considers the balance statement in line.

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- Board Reports: [ISOC.ch Activity Report 2021.pdf](#)
 - Financial statement [ISOC.CH Financial Statement 2021.pdf](#)
 - Oversight Committee [ISOC CH OC Report 2021.pdf](#)
 - Acceptance of the Financial Statement
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13 in favor
0 against
0 abstained

** 16 ISOC members were present at the time of voting¹.

No questions or remarks were expressed.

The financial statement was approved, and the financial report was accepted.

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- Discussion of grant proposals 2022 (10')
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Stéphane gave an overview of the grant proposal made by Kiwix. Stéphane explained the offline platform that brings internet content to people with poor and/or no internet connectivity by converting entire websites (i.e. Wikipedia) to the offline openzim format.

Panos asks if there is any interest from the members to apply for grants. More discussions will take place regarding potential proposal requests.

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- Release from obligations of Board members (5')
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13 in favor
0 against
0 abstained

** 16 ISOC members were present at the time of voting.

The current board is released.

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- Elections (10')
- Members of the Board
- Members of the Oversight Committee
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Chair: Panayotis Antoniadis
Vice-Chair: Markus Kummer
Secretary: Berna Alp
Treasurer: Michael Hausding
Vice-Treasurer: Robert O Riordan
Organizational Member: Marianthe Stavridou

¹ The Financial statements and release of Board members from obligations were voted on together.

Organizational Member: Stéphane Coillet-Matillon

Organizational Member: Loïc Modoux

The candidates gave a brief introduction, and overview of their roles and responsibilities.

13 in favor

0 against

0 abstained

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The oversight committee was voted collectively to stay as last year:

14 in favor

0 against

1 abstained

** 16 ISOC members were present at the time of voting.

Panos thanks everyone for participating in this most formal part.

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- AOB (5')

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Panos asks ISOC to keep supporting L200 as a space holder (CHF 100.-/mo = 1,200CHF/year). ISOC would be allowed to share this credit to other orgs or ISOC CH can use the space as a base for events. Panos clarifies that he is both president of ISOC and L200 and will not vote on the issue.

New policy for Beyond the Net grants: there will be a queueing system whereby people have two months to send their application, after which the next group/person in line gets to submit their project.

Explanation of board decision to sign the ["Grundsätze zur zukünftigen Plattform-Demokratisierung"](#) but not the [corresponding press release](#)

Preparation of General Assembly on February 2023

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- Closing (2')

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Panos Antoniadis, newly elected Chair, gave the closing remarks.

Panos thanks everyone for attending and participating. He encourages everyone to participate in the new website. The meeting is adjourned at 19:07.

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Minutes taken by

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