

Minutes EAM General Assembly

Date: Thursday February 17, 2022, from 11am to 11.45am

Location: Zoom meeting

This meeting was announced via email to all members on February 2. A correction of point 4, with the right date of the last EAM General Assembly was sent to members on February 3.

The agenda for the General Members' Assembly is as follows:

1. Calling the participants and ascertaining their presence
2. Opening of the virtual meeting, welcoming of the members by the president and ascertainment of the regularity of the summons
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Approval of the minutes of the EAM Members' Assembly held on July 22, 2021
5. Vote on the proposed changes to the statutes
6. Discussion on how to deal with surplus money
7. Miscellaneous

The EAM president, Albert Sesé, opens the meeting at 11.05am after 5 minutes of courtesy for participants to connect.

1. Calling the participants and ascertaining their presence

Albert Sesé informs that the report from the ZOOM meeting with the list of participants will be obtained (see list of participants in Annex 1 at end of the minutes).

2. Opening of the virtual meeting, welcoming of the members by the president and ascertainment of the regularity of the summons

Albert Sesé welcomes all participants and verifies that the regularity of the summons is ascertained and that we can proceed with the General Assembly.

3. Accepting the agenda of the meeting.

No one is against the proposed agenda and there are no abstentions; hence the agenda is accepted.

4. Accepting the minutes of the virtual general assembly of the EAM, July, 2021.

The minutes, which were distributed by email on February 3, are unanimously accepted.

5. Vote on the proposed changes to the statutes

Albert Sesé reminds that the statutes need to be changed to meet the legal requirement of naming a tax-privileged institution or legal person of the public law who will receive the association's money in (unlikely) case of EAM dissolution. The proposed institution is the Deutsche Leukämie-Forschungshilfe (DLFH).

The following change is unanimously approved:

“§ 13 (3) In case of dissolution, the Executive Committee regulates the finances of the EAM, which must be used exclusively for non-profit and non-commercial purposes. The decisions must be approved by the tax authorities in charge of the EAM before they can be executed.”

Will be changed to:

“§ 13 (3) In the event of the dissolution of the Association or the discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes, the funds of the Association shall be allotted to the Deutsche Leukämie-Forschungshilfe (DLFH), which shall use them directly and exclusively for charitable, benevolent or ecclesiastical purposes”

6. Discussion on how to deal with surplus money

Carmen Köhler shares a presentation summarizing the EAM finances during the last years and the proposals of the EC to spend the surplus money. Albert Sesé thanks Carmen for her work and explains that, because EAM does not pay Hogrefe for the journal anymore, the current economic balance of EAM is 26.643 €, and it is expected to accumulate about 8.000 € more per year from now on. Thus, it is necessary to discuss what to do with the money

The proposals of the EC, considering the suggestions made in the last General Assembly are:

- Online workshops that are free for EAM members. A survey to gather members' preferences and suggestions regarding the workshop topics could be launched.
- Grants for young researchers
 - Travel grants for young members who will benefit from doing a research stay abroad.
 - Scholarship for graduate/PhD students to support their methodological research projects
 - Travel grants to attend the EAM congress.
- Journal activities
 - Par-time salaries for the Methodology Journal staff
 - Grant for assistant editor (junior researcher)
 - Increasing the number of pages per number

Miguel A. Sorrel and Eduardo Estrada intervene to thank the EC for the proposals. Eduardo asks if all action can be implemented, or we need to choose among some of the actions. Albert indicates that initially we can try to implement all the actions. The EC committee will work on the different possibilities and propose a timeline for action implementation and will send an email to all members to ask for their collaboration.

Marek Matejun suggests starting a regular scientific competition for best methodological papers and presentations. Albert indicates that the EC committee is also considering that options but not linked, at least exclusively, to the EAM congress. At least there will be two regular awards: Early Career Award, Life time Career Award.

7. Miscellaneous

As a new member, Marek Matejun thanks the association for its work. Albert Sesé encourages him to have an active participation.

Albert thanks the new members of the Editorial Board of Methodology for having accepted to be part of the committee and work on ways of improving the journal functioning and impact.

Albert closes the meeting at 11.45am.

ANNEX 1. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. M. Teresa Anguera
2. Ana Hernández
3. Luis M. Lozano
4. Nekane Balluerka
5. José Luis Padilla
6. Albert Sesé
8. Eduardo Estrada
9. Isabel Benítez
10. Arantxa Gorostiaga
11. Carmen Köhler
12. Paco Abad
14. Johannes Hartig
15. Axel Mayer
17. Inés Tomás
19. Susana Sanduvete Chaves
20. Marek Matejun
21. Miguel A. Sorrel
22. Maria Dolores Hidalgo
23. Vesna Buško
25. Mirjam Moerbek
26. Juan Ramón Barrada
27. Salvador Chacon Moscoso
28. Rolf Steyer
30. Eduardo Doval

Excused absences

1. Marcelino Cuesta
2. M. José Blanca