

## Minutes EAM General Assembly

Date: Thursday March 4, from 16:00 to 18:00

Location: online meeting

This meeting was announced via email to all members on January 19, 2021

The agenda for the General Memembrs' 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 extraordinary general meeting held in Kiel on September 15, 2019
5. vote on the election regulations
6. miscellaneous

*1. calling the participants and ascertaining their presence*  
25 EAM members participate

*2. opening of the virtual meeting, welcoming of the members by the president and ascertainment of the regularity of the summons*  
Rolf Steyer opens the meeting at 16:07

*3. adoption of the agenda*  
The agenda is adopted without any additions

*4. approval of the minutes of the extraordinary general meeting held in Kiel on September 15, 2019*  
The minutes are approved without any additions. No one opposes approving the minutes.

*5. vote on the election regulations*

The entire regulations are new.

Some background: mainly because of the pandemic it has been decided to do all future elections online. Advantage is that all members can vote, even those not participating in the conference. In the General Members' Assembly in Kiel the statutes were changed so that elections can be done online. Johannes Hartig and a lawyer worked on the electoral regulations.

We need an Election Committee, consisting of two persons. The committee sets up the electronic system, sends out a call for nominations, and organizes the elections. The Election Committee will have to certify and document the results of the election and send these to the District Court and all EAM members

Basically, we need two General Members' Assemblies: one to decide on the regulations, and another one to decide on the Election Committee. We use a trick to bypass this procedure: the first Election Committee will be included in the election regulations. For future elections we will vote on the Election Committee in the General Members' Assembly.

The election committee will use the system DIPF (CBA ItemBuilder\*), so a third (commercial) party will not be involved. Ulf Kröhne explains the system can be perfectly used for electronic voting.

Ulf Kröhne and Elena Gervilla are candidates for the Election Committee. Ulf for assistant and Elena for chair.

The Executive Committee will come up with candidates and the members of the Election Committee will send out a call for nominations to all members. After that, a call for voting will be send out.

The aim is to have a new Executive Committee before the next General Members' Assembly. The elections will be in spring. The minimum of the election period is two weeks; the Election Committee will decide on the duration of the elections and send out reminder a few days before the deadline.

An unanimously vote was casted for the election regulations and Election Committee.

#### *6. miscellaneous*

##### Conference in Valencia, July 2021:

Proposals can be sent by March 10. The Organization Committee is still working on a hybrid option, and will make a decision on the final format within about a month.

##### The following conference in the cycle:

As the conference in Valencia was postponed, the next conference in Gent will be in 2023, organized by Yves Rosseel and colleagues, most likely in the first half of July.

##### General information about conferences:

2022 is pretty full with conferences, so the next conference is in 2023. We will talk about whether we want to return to the original cycle during the General Members' Assembly in Valencia.

### Methodology Journal.

José-Lius Padilla gives a short update. One year after going to new publisher (PsychOpen) we were able to publish four issues. The transition went well. There will be a proposal to improve the submission and editorial processes and this will be discussed in the next General Members' Assembly.

### Social Media

There will be a Twitter account on the journal's website. Elena Gervilla will take care of this account and its content. Messages could be about the journal and articles in it, but also about more general EAM issues, such as next conferences.

Rolf closes the meeting at 16:46.