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SAR General Assembly 2017

MINUTES

Date: April 30, 2017

Location:

University of the Arts Helsinki
Theater Academy
Haapaniemenkatu 6
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** All the documents to be endorsed during the GA 2017 were sent to the membership in advance, together with the invitation to the General Assembly*

1. Approval of the Annual Report of the President*

The president and members of the Executive Board presented the Annual Report. The President also informed the GA that due to the expansion of the organisations activities, there is a growing need for administrative support for the Executive Board.

The Annual Report was endorsed by the membership.

2. Approval of the Annual Financial Statement 2016*

The Vice President (Treasurer) presented the Annual Account of 2016.

The Annual Account of 2016 was endorsed by the membership.

3. Approval of the Working Budget 2017*

The Vice President (Treasurer) presented the Working Budget of 2017.

The Working Budget was endorsed by the membership.

4. Amendment of Art 28 of the SAR Articles in case of liquidation*

Johan Haarberg presented the Amendment of Art 28 of the SAR Articles in case of liquidation. The amendment of Art 28 has become a necessity to be eligible as a non-profit partner.

The amendment was endorsed by the membership.

5. Information on the launching of the SAR Announcement Service, the RC Exposition Prize and SAR Correspondents*

The *Announcement Services* were presented by Henk Borgdorff and Alexander Damianisch. The goals of the Announcement Services are: Providing resources and community building.

The *RC Exposition Prize* was presented by Giaco Schiesser. The Prize for Excellent Research Catalogue Expositions is a new activity of SAR in order to foster innovative, experimental new formats of publications. The Prize will be awarded for the first time at the General Assembly 2018 for published RC expositions in 2017. The Prize sum is 500 Euro.

SAR correspondents: A concept will be developed.

6. Presentation of the list of nominees for elections and the Election Committee's recommendations*

The Election Committee's recommendations were presented by Johan Haarberg (chair of the Election Committee). The Election Committee recommended Henk Borgdorff for election as President. As Board Members the Committee recommended Gabriele Schmid (Ottersberg, Germany) and Geir Strøm (Norwegian Artistic Research Program; Bergen, Norway).

There were two more candidates, who also presented themselves at the General Assembly:

Guadalupe López Íñiguez (Helsinki, Finland) and Elisabeth L. Belgrano (Gothenburg, Sweden).

7. Election of the President and two other Executive Board Members for a period of two years in accordance with the SAR Articles and the Election Procedure endorsed by the GA 2016*

Johan A. Haarberg introduced the procedure:

There is a separate voting for the Presidency and for the two other Executive Board Members.

Presidency: Henk Borgdorff has been elected unanimously.

Two Executive Board Members. There were votes for Geir Strøm (31), Gabriele Schmid (28), Guadalupe López Íñiguez (12), Elisabeth L. Belgrano (5). Elected are: Geir Strøm and Gabriele Schmid.

The president thanks Anya Lewin in the name of the Executive Board for her work in the Board during the last period.

8. Presentation of the new SAR members*

Of the new members, the following ones presented themselves or were presented:

Rhythmic Music Conservatory, Copenhagen/Denmark

Danish National School of Performing Arts, Copenhagen/Denmark

Hochschule für Künste im Sozialen, Ottersberg/Germany

Dansehallerne, Copenhagen/Denmark

Filmuniversität Babelsberg Konrad Wolf, Potsdam/Germany

Norwegian Academy of Music, Oslo/Norway (Portal Partner)

Theatre Faculty, Janaček Academy of Music and Performing Arts, Brno/Czech Republic

Universität für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Wien/Austria

Amsterdam University of the Arts/Netherlands

Bergen University of the Arts/Norway (has become a faculty of the University Bergen).

9. General Discussion

Some aspects and items were discussed and suggested.

The Executive Board will take them into consideration.

Minutes: Giaco Schiesser

Endorsed:

Henk Borgdorff

Johan A. Haarberg