

Minutes Financial General Member Meeting – Monday 24 September

Speaker: Suzanne Klein Wolterink

Minute taker: Susanne Luijff

Present: Mats, Thom, Eline vL, Sabine, Janne.

The quorum is set on 11 persons.

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1. Opening

Suzanne opens the meeting at 7:09 pm.

2. Agenda

Thom: I would like to add the question round ("rondvraag") to the agenda as number 17.

3. Announcements

Suzanne: Before we start, I have two announcements. The first one: In our policy we wrote that we want to start a SV Babylon Community on the website for students to share summaries and ask each other questions. Unfortunately, we do not have the administration rights to the website. If we want that the company that owns our website creates this Community, it will cost us 2000 euros. We are not going to spend this amount of money on the Community, because it is not 100 percent sure that members are going to use it and the price is too high to take that risk. We are very unsatisfied that we cannot continue this plan, but it is the way it is.

Eline vL: How are you going to provide summaries to the students if not via the Community?

Suzanne: We are not going to provide summaries this year. The previous board has advised us to stop with the summaries because SV Babylon cannot assure the quality and

that will get us in trouble with the lecturers. We are still going to offer the members help with studying by organising exam tip hours and Study Evenings.

Suzanne: The second announcement is that we are probably going to change the name 'SV Babylon' today, but the domain name of the website remains 'svbabylon.nl' and the e-mail addresses remain '@svbabylon.nl'. This is because there are no suitable alternatives. However, the e-mail addresses will be in English, for example: 'secretary@svbabylon.nl'.

Thom: I am not sure if this is the right move, but I believe that you have thought this through.

4. Approval minutes of the GMM: Change of the board

Thom: I would like for you to put the phrases that Sabine recited in my name can be put between quotation marks. That way, it will be clearer that these are my words and not Sabines.

Susanne: I will add these.

Eline vL: There are also no page numbers in the document.

Susanne: I saw that too, I will also add the page numbers!

5. Approval minutes of the Additional GMM

The minutes of the Additional General member meeting of 10 September have been approved.

6. Change of the articles of association

During this meeting, the following will be discussed:

- The change of the articles of association regarding the Advisory Board;
- The change of the articles of association regarding the change of the name;
- The change of the logo. The logo is not in the articles of association, so a vote is not necessary.

Suzanne: We are going to discuss these topics very quickly, because it is already discussed during the previous General Member Meetings.

Thom: When is this discussed?

Suzanne: On the Additional General Member Meeting on 10 September.

Thom: I was told that my point would be discussed during this GMM.

Suzanne: No, we had to organise an additional GMM to discuss the possible changes, because there will never be enough members present during one GMM to vote about it. That is why we discussed the changes in detail during the Additional GMM, and we are going to vote about it during this one. However, if you don't understand something, you can ask, and we will discuss it more in detail.

7. Advisory Board

At the moment of this GMM, there is nothing about the Advisory Board documented in the articles of association, so officially it is not required to have an Advisory Board. The thirtieth board wants to make this official by putting an article about the Advisory Board in the articles of association. In the articles of association (these are in Dutch), the following will be mentioned about the Advisory Board:

RAAD VAN ADVIES

Artikel 20

1. De algemene ledenvergadering kan besluiten tot het instellen van een raad van advies en wel door het nemen van het daartoe strekkende besluit. Tot instelling van een raad van advies kan slechts worden besloten door een algemene vergadering met een meerderheid van ten minste twee/derde van het aantal stemmen.
 2. Indien een raad van advies is ingesteld, stelt het bestuur een reglement vast waarin (onder meer) benoeming, werkwijze, schorsing en ontslag van de raad van advies worden geregeld. Vaststelling en wijziging van het reglement zijn onderworpen aan de voorafgaande goedkeuring van de algemene ledenvergadering.
 3. De algemene ledenvergadering kan besluiten tot het opheffen van een ingevolge lid 1 van dit artikel ingestelde raad van advies en wel door het nemen van het daartoe strekkende besluit. Tot opheffing van een raad van advies kan slechts worden besloten door een algemene vergadering met een meerderheid van ten minste twee/derde van het aantal stemmen.
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The board has only put the general rules concerning the Advisory Board in the articles of association, so only the fact that it is essential to have an Advisory Board and that another document will specify the election, procedure, suspension and resignation of this board. If there are a lot of details in the articles of association, there must be voted about every little change. That is very time-consuming and not efficient. Therefore, the more specific rules about the Advisory Board will be documented the internal regulations.

To be clear: the vote of today is about the addition to the articles of association that it is obligatory that the Babylon board has an Advisory Board.

Regulations:

What does the Advisory Board consist of?

- The Advisory Board must consist of at least three people.
- There is place for six former board members.
- There will be an extra position open for an active member (when there is a minimum of four former board members in the Advisory board).

Thom: Is the maximum for the Advisory Board 7 members?

Suzanne: Yes.

Thom: Why doesn't the General Member Meeting decide what the composition is of the Advisory Board?

Suzanne: We do not think that there will be a lot of enthusiasm among regular members to become a member of the Advisory Board. That is why there are six places for former board members and one for a regular member.

Thom: I would like to see this differently. I think members who are interested in becoming a member should be able to apply for a position in the Advisory Board and it shouldn't matter if these are former board members or regular members. It also shouldn't matter if there are four applicants or twelve. The GMM should decide who is elected to take place in the Advisory Board. In my opinion, former board members aren't more valuable than regular members if it concerns the Advisory Board.

Suzanne: The current Advisory Board and the thirtieth board do think that former board members are more valuable.

Thom: This is exactly my problem. The current board members have discussed with former board members that former board members are more valuable to the Advisory Board than regular members. That is why I brought this up. I believe that it can be very positive for an institution like this to have a few non-board members in the Advisory Board, to come up with different ideas. You take away the opportunity for regular members to have a say in decisions that concern the association by arguing that former board members are more suitable for the Advisory Board.

Maartje: I think it is a very nice idea to have more regular members in the Advisory Board, but if you look at the people present at this meeting, these are mostly former board members. Regular members usually don't show a lot of interest in the matters that concern the association.

Sabine: Maybe you can ask the attendees of the semi-annual GMM what their opinion is about the possibility of regular members to become a part of the Advisory Board? Maybe you can even decide to do a "trial" by adding a regular member to the current Advisory Board right now. However, I do agree with everything the board has said.

Suzanne: We do not just want anyone in the Advisory Board, we really want involved active members. These are mostly former board members.

Thom: I do not mean that there should be 3 or 4 regular members in the Advisory Board, but just let people apply. Maybe there will be one regular member who wants to join, maybe there are more members interested. The GMM should decide if they are more confident about former board members to take place in the Advisory Board, or a regular active member. This way, it will be the GMM who decides what the composition of the Advisory Board is. I just think it is weird to determine restrictions based on assumptions.

Mats: It has been this way for year that there are only former board members in the Advisory Board. We are used to it. Out of habit we continued this construction. When you asked the question if also regular members could take place in the Advisory Board during the GMM Change of the Board, we have loosened the rules by giving one spot in the Advisory Board to a regular member. I do not want to choose a side because I agree with both. I also understand Thom's opinion. If I may ask, Thom, how do you think the situation will approve by allowing regular members in the Advisory Board?

Thom: I trust in the power of co-decision. People who are alike (former board members) come up with the same solutions. Members of the Advisory Board are always former board members of two boards that have been involved in the association very close to each other. I think it can be very positive to add members with more distance from the board. Very important: I heard you guys say, "the Advisory Board was meant for former board members", but I see it as a mistake in the articles of association. You ask yourself: why does SV Babylon has an Advisory Board for years now, but there isn't one document that determines how the members of the Advisory Board should be selected? The GMM is the highest body. I point out something that has gone wrong for years, because the Advisory Board should not per definition consist of only former board-members. In other words, I do not see it as rules that are 'loosened' but I see it as a mistake that should be fixed.

Suzanne: Thom, how many regular members do you think should take place in the Advisory Board?

Thom: You can set a maximum and preferable also a minimum of members that can take place. A maximum of three out of six members should be good, then there is no superiority of regular members over former board members. You let the attendees of the GMM vote for every applicant. Another option is that there are six members in the Advisory Board on a yearly basis, but that every six months three members resign and three new members join. In that way, there are always fresh perspectives. For now, I agree what is going to be added to the articles of association about the Advisory Board,

but I do think you should think carefully about what will be written in the internal regulations about this board.

Mats: Maybe it is an idea to schedule a moment to brainstorm together about the content of the internal regulation?

Suzanne: We can vote about the internal regulations during the semi-annual GMM. Or do we have to organise another additional GMM for that?

Mats: This moment does not have to be during a GMM. The establishment of the internal regulations does not have to be as big as this meeting.

Sabine: The current Advisory Board only consist of four members (because one has resigned). The Advisory Board and the board were already thinking about asking someone to join us for the rest of the year, like Marco. But maybe we can look for a suitable regular member and vote about the new member during the semi-annual GMM.

Suzanne: We will discuss the content of the internal regulations later, but for now we are going to vote about the change of the articles of association. In the articles of association we will add an article that it is obligatory to have an Advisory Board every year.

Thom: I couldn't attend the GMM: Change of the Board, but I read in the minutes that it wasn't possible to look into the articles of association at that moment and that you would discuss the question I brought up at a later time. However, it is always an option to pause the GMM for a moment to look up the articles of association, or you could do it during the regular break. Those documents should be online somewhere, so it should have been possible to look them up at that moment and then it wouldn't have taken so much time. If the internal regulations will be discussed during the semi-annual GMM, then it is six full months since I asked the question that was actually quite simple.

Suzanne: You are right about that. We should have looked them up right away.

Suzanne: We will now continue with the other regulations that the current board and Advisory Board have discussed. But again, we will discuss the specific content of the internal regulations at a later date, most likely with a small group.

When can someone be qualified for the extra position?

- The person must have played an active and important role within SV Babylon.

When can you assign someone to become part of the Advisory Board?

- Former board members:
 - o The current and former board will assign former board members to become party of the Advisory Board.
- Active Member
 - o When the requirements are met, an active member can become part of the Advisory Board. This person must pass a selection procedure. When the current board found someone, who is suitable for the Advisory Board, this member will be introduced to the current Advisory Board. They will vote if the active member can join the new Advisory Board or not.

When can someone be dismissed from the Advisory Board?

- The Advisory Board members can resign, but there is a notice period of one month. Before, the board has set this period at three months, but they have changed it because that is too long. Members who resign from the Advisory Board always have a good reason for it, so if they announce that they want to stop they most likely cannot stay for another three months.
- Advisory Board members can be fired when they repeatedly do not give decent advice or no advice at all.

All of these regulations will not be added to the articles of association but to the internal regulations document.

8. Vote: Advisory Board

Suzanne: We are now going to vote about adding the obligation to have an Advisory Board to the articles of association.

- Vote in favour: 4
- Vote against: 0
- Withhold: 0
- Blanc vote: 1

More than two thirds of the attendees has approved this change in the articles of association. The board will therefore add the obligation to have an Advisory Board to this document.

Mats: I would like to say something about the last slide. I have mentioned before that sometimes there are mistakes in the PowerPoints or Facebook posts. In the last slide, the word 'solicitation' is written. But that is not the right translation. Pay attention to that so mistakes like these do not happen anymore.

Suzanne: Thank you for noticing.

9. Collateral changes and costs

The board wants to change the name of SV Babylon, because 'SV' is Dutch and the board wants to take another step in the internationalisation of the association. If the name changes, there are a few things that need to change with it. Some of them cost money.

- If the name of the study association changes, the name of the SV Babylon Facebook page must also change. It is officially not possible in the Netherlands to change the name of a Facebook page that has more than 500 likes. But the board has found a way to change it anyway. If the IP-address of the laptop or computer is changed into an American IP-address, then it is possible to change the name. This change will not cost us any money.
- On Instagram and Twitter, it is always possible to change the name. This change will also not cost us any money.
- If the name of the association changes, then this must be changed in the articles of association. This will cost SV Babylon €450,-.

10. Change of the name

Suzanne: We are not going to debate about the pros and cons again, because we already did this in the previous GMM. You can read this in the minutes. However, I will give a quick overview from all the pros and cons for the three different name options.

The options for changing the name of the association are as follows:

Option 1: "Babylon"

- Pro: It is already our unofficial name and it is understandable for international students.
- Con: It is not clear that we are a study association and not a student association.

Option 2: "Babylon Study Association", or "Babylon" for short.

- Pro: There is a possibility to refer to "Babylon" and it is understandable for international students because it is in English.
- Con: It is a pretty long name.

Option 3: Keep the current name "SV Babylon"

- Pro: Consistency and there will be no extra costs.
- Con: It is a Dutch name and that doesn't fit our international study association.

Thom: I do want to ask, why do you give the option "Babylon Study Association" but not the option "Study Association Babylon"?

Suzanne: Because if you shorten it, it will be "SA Babylon", and SA is the predecessor of the SS. We do not think that is very suitable for our association.

Thom: That seems like a good reason to me. Furthermore, I would like to give a declaration of vote: I am going to vote for "Babylon". Now that I know the website remains 'svbabylon.nl', I think it would be confusing if the official name would be "Babylon Study Association". If the name of the website could change, I would have chosen for the second option, but in the light of your story I'm choosing differently.

11. Vote: Name

- Option 1: 5
- Option 2: 0
- Option 3: 0
- Withhold: 0
- Blanc vote: 0

Every attendee of this GMM chose for option 1. The name of the association will officially change to "Babylon". This will be changed in the articles of association.

12. Logo change

Because of the internationalisation of Babylon, the board also wants to change the Dutch logo. For the logo's, the board presents the following options:

Option 1:



Pros:

- It is a very clear logo (not too much text);
- It is in English;
- If the name of the study changes again, then the logo does not have to be changed with it;
- It is clear that Babylon is a study association and not a student association.

Cons:

- It is not clear to what study the association belongs.

Option 2:



Pros:

- The name of the study is in the logo;
- The logo is in English.

Cons:

- If the name of the study changes again, then the logo must be changed with it.

Option 3: Keep the current logo



Pros:

- Consistency;

Cons:

- It is a Dutch logo and that doesn't fit our international association;
- If the name of the study changes again, then the logo must be changed with it.

Thom: Does this have to be changed in the articles of association?

Suzanne: No, we do not have to vote about the logo, but we would like to know the opinions about it of the GMM.

Thom: So, if it is doesn't have to be changed in the articles of association, it is not a con that it is possible that the logo in the future must change if the name of study changes. Secondly, you can also have multiple variations of the logo. For example, in the Orientation Week the logo with the name of the study in it can be used. So, if it is ever necessary for something to make clear of what study we are, the second option can be used. If not, the standard logo (option 1) can be used. Are you open for that?

Luuk: Yes, we prefer that option too.

Thom: What are you going to do if the logo we choose isn't the option you preferred?

Suzanne: During the previous GMM, the first logo was approved by the attendees. But we wanted to do it again because more members are present at this GMM. If most of you choose the second option, we are going to consider that option again.

Eline vL: Do you already have a flag with one of these three options?

Suzanne: Yes, for the Orientation Week we wanted to have a flag with an English logo, so we have a flag with the first option printed on it.

Sabine: I would like to give a declaration of vote: I am going to vote for the first option. However, I do not really like it that only 'study association' is written under 'Babylon'. I would prefer only 'Babylon' with the moon icon above it and the line under it.

Suzanne: We have chosen to put 'study association' under it because we want it to be clear that we are not a student association.

Thom: I also want to give a declaration of vote: I am going to withhold from voting, because I have the feeling that you have already made the decision and my vote isn't going to make the difference.

13. Vote: logo

- Option 1: 4
- Option 2: 0
- Option 3: 0
- Withhold: 1
- Blanc vote: 0

The attendees of previous GMM chose the first option and so did the attendees of this GMM. The preference of the members for the logo is option 1, so the board is going to change the current Dutch logo to this new English logo.

Thom: As the board you are also part of the GMM. So why shouldn't you also vote? If you don't think it is appropriate to vote as the board, then I would like to see you withhold from voting. In the future, I would like you to determine the quorum at the beginning of a GMM.

Suzanne: Okay, thank you. In the future, we will also vote.

14. Financial report '17-'18

Maartje presents the financial report of last year.

The result of the budget is €2707,29. That's a lot, but this is because of the new deal for printing the Babylon Magazine. The organisation BladNL prints the magazines for a much lower price. However, SV Babylon should get €450,- sponsoring money from VacanceSoleil ('European Leisure Job'), but they still haven't paid this and they do not react on any of our mails or phone calls. Without this money, the budget total is around €2200,-.

Thom: Are all the other incomes and outcomes settled?

Maartje: Not everything, a few costs from the Orientation Week still have to be settled.

Eline vL: What are the sums in italic?

Maartje: Ivo did that. Those are the sums that changed compared to what he first thought the costs would be.

The result of the budget of the Orientation Week is €3100,-. This should not be possible, because it is a very high amount of money. The committee has looked at the budget to find out how this is possible. They found out that Café Van Buren sent Babylon an invoice

of only €180,- for the lunch during the city tour. This is probably not right for the number of people that have had lunch that day.

Thom: Is it an option to not tell Van Buren and spend the money on the committee members of the Orientation Committee for their time and effort?

Maartje: I do not think we can do that, because it is not good for our relationship with Van Buren.

Thom: I find that very decent of you.

Mats: There was some commotion about the activity on Tuesday evening, because there was no budget to do this activity and participants needed to pay a few euros more for participation. It is weird that right now, there is such a high amount of money left.

Maartje: Every budget of the Orientation Week of the previous years have resulted in €300,-/€400,- positive. This is because not every participant goes to every activity, but they do pay for all the activities. Besides that, the activity on Tuesday has been 1 euro per person less than we thought before.

Dominique: You cannot assume beforehand that some people do not participate in activities. For example, the bowling activity on the last evening. You count the costs for every participant to come to this activity, but a lot of them do not show up. That is why every year there is such a high amount of money left.

Maartje: We estimate the participation of 200 people at every activity. We could consider making the price to participate lower for the upcoming Orientation Week.

Mats: What is the contribution of Babylon to the Orientation Week?

Maartje: 400 euros.

Mats : If you can make the contribution of Babylon to the Orientation Week a little bit higher, then you can lower the price for participations for the students next year. Have you already discussed the wrong invoice with Van Buren?

Maartje: No, I haven't contacted them yet. I am going to discuss with Dominique who is going to do this. One of us will contact them this week.

Mats: What is the purpose of the rest of the money?

Maartje: That will be transferred to the Babylon bank account. There's a lot of money left from last year, so that is a problem for our budget this year.

Sabine : You can also give the money to the Orientation Committee next year, so you can lower the participation price.

Maartje: Yes, but then the initiative budget of the Orientation Week will be €1000,-. That is quite high.

Thom: I don't have a lot of knowledge about finances, but I know you aren't allowed to make profit as a study association. However, you can have own resources (Dutch: "eigen vermogen"). So, what is the problem?

Maartje: We already have resources. The Committee of Informal Activities also makes profit every year. We can also think of another purpose for this money.

Thom: You cannot add the money to the resources?

Maartje: I don't know, I would have to look that up.

Maartje: Maybe we can think of a nice purpose for the money for Babylon, like how they bought a Babylon banner last year.

Thom: We can approve the budget right now, on the condition that the money that you have yet to receive, you will actually receive.

Maartje: Yes, everything except the sponsor money from VacanceSoleil.

Luuk: Yes, we are trying to get them to pay for months, but so far, we couldn't reach them.

Thom: I believe that you have given it careful consideration.

15. Vote Financial report '17-'18

- Vote in favour: 5
- Vote against: 0
- Withhold: 6 (the board members)
- Blanc vote: 0

All attendees have approved the financial report of 2017-2018.

16. Financial report '18-'19

Maartje presents the financial report for the upcoming year. Also this year, the board has the "problem" that there is a lot of spare money because of the new contract for the Babylon Magazine. The thirtieth board will spend a part of this money to the Congress, because they believe it is very important that the professionalism of the association is being maintained. This money will give the Congress Committee the opportunity to arrange more important/famous speakers. Furthermore, the board adds €500,- to the budget for the lustrum. Every year, €1000,- goes to the savings account for the next lustrum, but this year's board is adding €500-.

Maartje : Does anyone has questions about the budget?

Eline vL: Isn't it possible to let the Almanac Committee and the Lustrum Committee share that €500,- ?

Maartje: Right now, we have budgeted €2000,- for the almanac. Plus, members will pay €2,- to purchase a copy. So, if the costs of the almanac are more than expected, these incomes will compensate it.

Mats: With extra money you can almost think about giving the almanac away for free?

Maartje : We could check if that is possible.

Thom: I see that you budgeted €500,- of expenses for the change of the name, logo and the website. But the site isn't going to change, so it would be good to change this sum of money.

Suzanne: There won't be changing much, because the change of the articles of association will cost €450,-. But the description for this expense in the budget should change indeed.

Janne: In the budget is written "actief members" instead of "active members".

Eline vL : And "commision members" instead of "committee members".

Maartje: Thanks for noticing, we will pay more attention to that.

Thom: There is also an expense of €25,- for "announcement prospective board", what is the purpose of that expense?

Maartje: It is a financial contribution for the current board and the prospective board to do something fun together, to get to know each other.

Thom: So, it is more a fun thing than part of the announcement?

Suzanne: Yes, it is for the day of the announcement.

Thom: That is clear. Maybe you could specify that in the budget.

Maartje: I will do that.

Thom: I see that there is only budgeted an expense of €50,- for Facebook promotion. Where do you use this promotion for?

Maartje: We will use it for big open events. Like the Congress. We also used it for the Lustrum Opening Party. For a promotion period of two weeks, we paid €20,-. The video of Rapper Sjors has cost us €3,- for promoting.

Thom: I would really advise you to use it, especially when you want to reach non-members. Therefore, I would spend more money to the promotion on Facebook. Posts usually do not have a long reach if they aren't promoted.

Suzanne: We want to use the Facebook promotion for open activities indeed, so it is

mainly used to reach non-members. We still have to figure out how many people we can reach with the promotion and how much money we want to invest in it.

Thom: I would definitely raise the amount to €150,-.

Sabine: You must be careful that you do not promote too much, because then the members will not see the other messages. I would definitely not promote every single event.

Maartje: No, we will only use it for the big, open events.

Thom: Where are the unforeseen costs in this budget?

Maartje: They aren't in the budget. They also haven't been included in the budgets of previous years.

Thom: I don't think that is a good argument.

Maartje: No, you're right. But there probably is a reason why it hasn't been included all these years.

Thom: But it can be very practical. If you end up spending more than those €50,- on Facebook promotion for example, you can pay that from the unforeseen costs.

Maartje: I think these unforeseen costs aren't included in the overall budget because all committee budgets have their own amount of money for unforeseen costs. But I will look into it.

17. Financial report Lustrum '18-'19

Thom: Why aren't we going to vote about the financial report of 2018-2019?

Mats: That is not the purpose of this GMM.

Maartje shows the budget that is made for the lustrum.

Mats: Do you expect to sell 80 copies of the almanac?

Maartje: Yes, but this is a rough estimation. Of course, we will also give away a few copies. We must wait and see how many members will purchase a copy.

This year, €120,- will be spent on the lunches on the Babylon Room. The board is going to give away the lunches for free because of the lustrum.

Maartje: Are there any more questions about this budget?

Sabine : Will the cantus in the Lustrum week take place at Carolus again?

Suzanne: Yes, probably.

The Lustrum budget results in + €406,50.

Thom: The budget on the PowerPoint is very hard to read. I would like to have handed out a copy on paper the next time.

Maartje: Yes, I had copies on paper, but it contains quite some spellings mistakes, that is why I decided not to hand them out.

Thom: I see that there are no unforeseen costs included in the lustrum budget?

Maartje: Yes, I already advised Gina to do that.

Thom: Is it possible to give numbers to the "fun activities" of the lustrum in the budget? That would make it much clearer.

Maartje: Yes, only for this meeting, I changed the description of the activities, so we wouldn't ruin the surprise. But normally, the name of the activities is in the descriptions, so then it is clearer.

Mats: I see that a lot of money is spent on the cantus.

Thom: That sum also contains the security deposit, I see. But you always expect to regain that money, so it is as well an income as an expense. If you don't get the money

back, you can pay the money from the unforeseen costs.
Maartje: Okay, I will change that in the budget.

18. W.C.T.M.

Thom: I have checked the articles of association, because I suspected that board members must also vote during the General Member Meeting. It is indeed written in the articles of association that this is the case. You are regular members and not contributing graduates, so you have the right to vote. The board members didn't vote during the first two votings of tonight. It would be silly to let you do the voting again, but I would like to see that you will be added to the quorum in the minutes. Furthermore, there are a few spelling mistakes and formulation mistakes in the articles of association. For example: "Communicatie en informatiewetenschappen" without the hyphenate after "communicatie". And "raad van advies" is written without capital letters. My advice is to check the articles very carefully before you approve them.
Suzanne: Thank you for noticing, we will certainly check them.

19. Question round ('rondvraag')

Eline: I do not really understand what the question round means. What is the difference with the W.C.T.M. ("Whatever Comes To Mind")?
Thom: Thank you for asking, I will explain it, so everyone will know it from now on. W.C.T.M. are the subjects that come to mind but shouldn't be discussed during the specific agenda topic that you were discussing at that moment. The Chair could say: "this doesn't belong to this subject, we are wandering from the subject, so we will discuss this during the W.C.T.M.". The question round is where everyone in the meeting is asked individually if they want still want to say or ask something.
Thom: I want to say: thank you for this GMM and thank you for listening.
Eline vL: In the minutes of the previous GMM, we said we wanted to ask Marco to join the Advisory Board, because Amber has resigned. However, during the last meeting between the board and the Advisory Board, we discussed not to ask anyone to join.
Suzanne: Yes, it was suggested during the last GMM. We have asked Marco if he would be interested to join, but he wants to be in the Advisory Board next year, not this year. We have not asked anyone else.
Thom: In the context of my previous question, I find it strange that a specific person is asked to join the Advisory Board, and there hasn't been sent out a public vacancy.
Suzanne: We should start by adjusting the internal regulations document, before we are going to search for a new member of the Advisory Board.
Thom: You have done things for years that aren't determined in the article of association, so you can also do this in the light of what you're planning to do.
Luuk: If we send out a vacancy now, everyone can join the Advisory Board, because nothing is documented about who can or cannot join.
Sabine: You can do it in the light of what your demands will be.
Suzanne: There is no internal regulations document, so I do not think that is practical.
Thom: But you already approved the new Advisory Board after I have given the remark during the GMM: Change of the Board.
Suzanne: No, the Advisory Board was already announced. After that, you gave this remark.
Thom: It is strange that we do not vote about the approval of the new Advisory Board.
Suzanne: Yes, that's true. In the new articles of association, we have added that demand.
Thom: Make sure that everything is settled concerning the Advisory Board before the Advisory Board of next year is introduced. Furthermore, I want to be clear that I have nothing against Marco joining the Advisory Board, but we should think about the

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question: how do we, as an association, assemble an Advisory Board?

Susanne: Your comment is noted.

20. Closing

Suzanne closes the meeting at 8:36 pm.