

Dear members of Babylon,

Via this letter, I would like to apply for the Advisory Board of the XXXIII board of Babylon. In four years with our lovely study association, I gained some experiences which would make me suitable for a position in the Advisory Board.

Firstly, I have been a committee member of the following committees: Orientation Week Committee, Committee of Informal Activities, and Committee of Formal Activities. This gives me some experience in organising both formal and informal events.

Secondly, I have been the Commissioner of Activities of the XXXI board of Babylon. As Commissioner of Activities, I coordinated four committees: The Orientation Week Committee, The Committee of Informal Activities, The Sports Committee, and The Weekend Committee. This meant that I had to organise a lot of different activities during my board year. I could therefore give the XXXIII board a lot of tips and feedback for organising their activities based on my experience. During most of my board year, COVID was not yet present. This means that I organised most of my activities physically since there is good hope for next year's activities to become physical again, I think the board can gain even more from my insides. But I also experienced the last part of my board year online so if there will be a need for online activities I would also be able to contribute feedback from my board experience.

Lastly, I think that it is important for a member of the Advisory Board to both be critical and be able to give compliments (where they deserve them). I think I will be able to do both and I hope that I can contribute to the XXXIII board's year in a positive way.

Kind regards,
Dylan Zeevaart

Dear members of Babylon,

Via this message, I would like to express my interest in fulfilling a position in the Advisory Board for the XXXIIIrd Board of Babylon. I think I would be a valuable asset for the Advisory Board because of the committees I have participated in and the tasks I have had within my three active years at Babylon.

The highlight of these years would have been my board year, as a proud member of the XXXIst Board of Babylon. Due to this board year, I have the experience of a physical Babylon (board) year and I know of the struggles of organising online activities during the lockdown. I experienced all activities and was very active with the background processes of the board. I think I can be of help for the new board when they struggle with whatever issue concerning either dealing with the hectic of a board year, as well as making responsible choices.

As a board member, I coordinated the Study Trip Committee and the Study Program Committee for a while. I also participated in the Application Committee and as a result of my role as Treasurer, I am now in the Till Committee. Besides these committees, I participated in the Committee of Informal Activities (Team Promo), and this year the Committee of Formal Activities (Chair) and the Orientation Week Committee (Co-Captain Mentor).

Besides my broad and varying qualifications, I think that doing a year of the Advisory Board will be a fun and new experience for me and I hope that the new board and fellow applicants join me in my enthusiasm.

Niek van de Minkelis

Dear members of Babylon,

My name is Maud Weijers. I am the current Chair of Babylon and I hope to obtain my Bachelor's IBC degree within a couple of weeks. Hereby, I would like to officially apply for the Advisory Board of Babylon of 2021-2022.

I was first introduced to Babylon during the Orientation Week in 2017, and it immediately felt like a warm welcome. I became a member right away, but as I did not live in Nijmegen during the first year of my studies, I did not become an active member until I was in my second year. That year, I joined the Committee of Informal Activities and I enjoyed it a lot. In my third year, after coming back from studying one semester in Málaga, I was a part of the Orientation Week Committee.

After having been a part of these committees, I knew I wanted to contribute to Babylon even more. During the past academic year, I have been the proud Chair of our lovely association. Together with my board members, I did my very best to make the year an unforgettable one, despite the unfortunate circumstances.

Now, the time has come to take one more step within Babylon. As a fifth-year Babylon member and a former board member, I think I would be very suitable for a spot in the Advisory Board of 2021-2022. Over the past year(s), I have gained a lot of experience and knowledge about the ins and outs of Babylon. Therefore, I am convinced that could be of great help to the thirty-third board of Babylon.

I hope I will be a part of the Advisory Board next year, so I can keep contributing to (improve) Babylon. If you have any questions regarding my candidature, do not doubt to contact me or ask them during the GMM.

Sincerely,
Maud Weijers
Chair of the XXXIInd Board of Babylon

Dear Secretary,

After four active years within our association and careful deliberation, I feel my time has come to take on a new challenge in the form of a function within the Advisory Board.

I feel I have a lot to offer, since my experience with Babylon covers all aspects of the association. I have taken part in both formal committees (Career Committee & Congress Committee) and informal committees (Lustrum Committee & Weekend Committee). I am also a part of the Orientation Committee, which ensures that I will be an active member for the foreseeable time to come. My experience with these committees ensures that I have an understanding of all the different types of activities Babylon organises, and I can therefore provide the coming board with meaningful insights.

However, above all else, I feel what qualifies me the most for a position in the Advisory Board is the fact that I have done a board year myself. As Commissioner of External Affairs, I have taken part in every activity Babylon has organised in the year 2019-2020. As a member of the 31st board, I am in the unique position to have experienced organising both physical and online activities, which means that I can help the coming board no matter how the pandemic develops.

Apart from my qualifications, I feel that the Advisory Board would be both a logical and fun next step for me. I wish to remain active within Babylon for the next year, and a place in the Advisory Board (as well as another committee, hopefully) seems a perfect way to do so to me.

I hope to have informed you sufficiently, and I am looking forward to the General Member. Meeting.

Kind regards,

Thijs Buisman

Dear members of Babylon,

My name is Femke Elsinga, I'm 23 years old and currently the chair of study association Postelein. Postelein is the study association for student of Pedagogical and Educational Sciences, as well as PWPO and ALPO. Next to being the chair of Postelein, I'm taking some courses of the Master Pedagogische Wetenschappen, I like to visit the beach at the Waal when the sun is shining, drink craft beers with my friends, and take care of my 50+ houseplants. But the most important thing you must know about me is that I LOVE cheese.

Now you know a little about me and it's time to tell why I'll be a good addition to the advisory board of Babylon. Having experience at another association, I can bring a pair of fresh eyes and see things from a not-Babylon perspective, which can be useful sometimes. An external person in the advisory board can sometimes give advice from an unexpected angle which can be eye-opening, as I experienced myself through the external person in the advisory board of Postelein this year. But Postelein and Babylon are not too different since the activities the associations organize are quite alike, so the advice I will give will be relevant for Babylon.

But why me as external person in the advisory board? I like to describe myself as a friendly, yet critical person. I'm good at giving constructive criticism and I can make my voice be heard. Even if I think nobody agrees with the things I'm saying, I won't hold back and will still let my opinion be known. But I'm also not shy to give out compliments when something goes right, which is something that's very important for a board to hear: that they're doing a good job when they are. Currently being the chair, I'm aware of a lot of things and I know the goings of an association quite well. I'm sure I have some useful tips for the board and cannot wait to help them in any way possible.

I hope you have gotten to know me a bit through this motivation, and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!

Kind regards,
Femke Elsinga.

Dear members of Babylon,

With this letter, I would like to show my interest in becoming a member of the Advisory Board of Babylon in the upcoming academic year (2021-2022).

I have been an active member of Babylon since my second year, being a part of the Committee of Informal Activities. In the year after that, I have been part of two committees, which were the Orientation Week Committee and the International Committee. After those two years, I decided to take my efforts for Babylon to a higher level and apply for a position in the thirty-second board.

As the Commissioner of External Affairs of the thirty-second board I learned a lot about Babylon and I gained a lot of new experiences, both within Babylon but I also learnt a lot from board members of other associations. Moreover, I have been in contact with a lot of (external) parties during the past year. Although we have had a year that is different from others, I think I would be of great help as a member of the Advisory Board to assist the thirty-third board. During the past year me and my fellow board members have had to think in a very creative way and come up with solutions for problems that have not occurred in the past years, which can be very helpful with giving advice.

I will still be very involved within Babylon next year and it is important to me that the thirty-third board is functioning well. Moreover, I would really enjoy being so closely involved with the affairs of the thirty-third board and giving them advice whenever necessary.

I hope to have given you enough information with this letter and if there are any questions, I will happily answer these during the General Member Meeting.

Kind regards,
Renée Christophe

Dear members of Babylon,

I am Alyce and would like to elaborate on why I want to take a seat in the Advisory Board for the coming year. Last year I have seen how important and nice it is that the Advisory Board exists. It is always good to have multiple eyes on certain things and receive feedback on the ideas as these can be refreshing. Since I know and can assess the importance of it, I think that I will be a good addition to the Advisory Board next year. I think it is important and fun to be able to help Babylon out and stay updated about everything that is going on next year. I also think I can contribute because of my knowledge about certain things/arrangements we made in our board year, especially regarding the connection between Babylon and the study programme. Furthermore, I joined a committee in my first year, coordinated three committees in my board year and attended many activities, which shows that I know what is going on within Babylon. I always try to give proper feedback, not too strict but I do tell if there is something that needs to be adjusted for example. At last, because I will stay in the Netherlands instead of going abroad next year, it is easier to help the 33rd board (physically) out.

I hope my application will be considered!

Kind regards,
Alyce Hoeben