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AC/GA Minutes
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1. Opening of the General Assembly – Welcome the Delegations

Yoana Balchova<Chairperson IAPSS>:

Thanks the GA delegates for wonderful work. (Applause) Welcomes separately Associations members and then presents the GA board. (Applause)

2. Acceptance of the GA Board – Rules of Procedure, Reading Vision, Mission, Values

Yoana Balchova<Chairperson IAPSS>:

She presents the GA secretaries. She initiates the vote to accept the GA board.

Vote for GA Board:

In favour: 13

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

GA Board has been accepted with 13 votes in favour.

Raluca Teodor <Chairperson GA>:

Welcomes everyone and announces that formal debate will soon be started. In order to remind the members of the IAPSS Spirit there will be a reading of Internal Regulations of IAPSS.

‘IAPSS, as the globally leading association for political science students, aims to achieve cooperation through an international communication network. It generates and promotes opportunities for active engagement of political science students through activities on the local, regional and international levels.’

Sander van Haperen<Vice-Chairperson GA>:

‘We value political independence as we believe the association should not speak or act in a single voice on political issues. Declaring itself as non-political does not mean that IAPSS neglects the importance of democratic principles and the values of fundamental human rights.’

‘We value professionalism as we believe that every member should be committed to and act responsibly within the IAPSS community, which implies loyalty, belief in viability of the organisation and unrestrained, unselfish efforts in working towards

realisation of IAPSS' commonly recognized goals'

'We value diversity as we believe tolerance is of crucial importance for successful Communication, cooperation and exchange on the wide international scale.'

'We value knowledge as we believe it is a precondition for critical thinking and a sound basis for justified and active involvement. IAPSS honours and strives to promote intercultural and cross-academic exchange of theoretical and professional knowledge.'

'IAPSS values the principle of transparency, since we believe that the organisation is Internally strengthened by open dialogue between its respected members.'

Raluca Teodor<Chairperson>:

Reads the IAPSS mission:

'To expand and diversify its existing network with the aim to enhance communication, cooperation and implementation of activities on wider international scale so to create conditions for active engagement of political science students.'

Raluca Teodor<Chairperson>:

Suggests moving on towards the acceptance of the General Assembly (GA) agenda.

3. Acceptance of Agenda for the GA 2010

<Role call>

19 associations present, 13 associations voting.

Raluca Teodor<Vice Chairperson>: Are there any notions regarding the agenda for the GA 2010?

Notions regarding the agenda:

Alessio Sanguinetti (*Alumni Club*):

1st change: On Thursday 15th of April from 11: 30 onwards the financial reports will be presented and voted on individually. Alessio proposes to suspend voting on the reports until after all the reports have been presented. He suggests moving the voting to after the Lunch break.

Raluca <Chairperson>: Announces that there is a motion on the floor to change the agenda.

Vote regarding changes to the agenda:

In favour: 12

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Motion approved to change the agenda accordingly with twelve votes in favour and one against.

Alessio Sanguinetti (Alumni Club):

On the 16th of april at 12.20, Alessio suggests to discuss only the proposals. The resolutions which would otherwise be presented alongside the proposals ought to be presented at the end of the GA, according to Alessio.

Raluca Teodor<Chairperson>:

There is a motion on the floor to change the agenda so that the resolutions right at the end of the GA.

Vote:

In favour 13

Against 0

Abstain 0

Motion to change the agenda so that resolutions are to be presented at the end of the GA has been approved with thirteen votes in favour and zero against.

4. Presentation of New Association Members and Approval by the GA

Yoana Balchova<Chairperson IAPSS>:

Welcomes GRAPESS and AAIEP-Lisbon to GA. Invites them to come to stage to present their associations.

GRAPESS:

University of Macedonia in city of Thessaloniki presents their association using a Powerpoint Slide. (applause)

Raluca <Chairperson>: Asks if anyone has any questions for GRAPESS? Initiates vote to make GRAPESS full member.

Vote:

In favour 13

Against 0

Abstain 0

GRAPESS has been approved as a new member of IAPSS with thirteen votes in favour.

Raluca <Chairperson>: Asks AAIEP-Lisbon to come to stage to present their association.

AAIEP-Lisbon comes to stage to present their association using a video, showing their campus while blasting John Williams' Star Wars theme song. (Applause)

Raluca Teodor<Chairperson>: Any questions? Initiates voting to accept AAIEP-Lisbon within IAPSS.

In favour 13
Against 0
Abstain 0

AAIEP-Lisbon has been approved as a new member of IAPSS with thirteen votes in favour.

5. Approval of minutes GA 2009/ Approval minutes e-GA 2009/2010

Raluca Teodor<Chairperson>:

Next on the schedule is the approval of the minutes from GA 2009. Initiates vote to approve minutes.

In favour: 12
Against: 0
Abstain: 1

GA Minutes 2009 have been approved with twelve votes in favour and one abstention. .

Raluca <Chairperson>: Initiates voting on approving the minutes from e-GA 2009.

In favour 12
Against: 0
Abstain: 1

e-GA 2009 minutes have been approved with twelve votes in favour and one abstention.
Raluca <Chairperson>: Suggests moving on and skips coffee break.

Raluca <Chairperson>: Anyone currently have a proposal?

Alessio (Alumni Club): Comes up to present a proposal but can't find it.

Raluca <Chairperson>: We will have the planned coffee break now so that Alessio can find document.

<After coffee break>

Yoana <Chairperson IAPSS>: Before formal debate, she apologises for forgetting to mention the Macedonian member in opening speech (applause).

<Roll call>18 present, 13 voting. ***Raluca*** <Chairperson> gives floor to Alessio.

Allessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>: Proposes Amendments to the Internal Regulations. (using big screen and a word document).

2 amendments: Article 28 → Listing of Nationalities (In order to avoid conflict in the future over country names etc.)

SupCom: There is already an article 28. New amendment should be article 30 instead of 28.

The GA comes to the conclusion that Internet one is outdated. Everyone has the correct version of the IAPSS Internal Regulations at hand.

Machiavelli: Had the same question as the SupCom.

IAPPS CEU: What is the purpose of having this article in the Internal Regulations?

Alessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>:

It's a tradition in the GA to say where you are from. This way it will be formalized.

IAPPS CEU: How can you represent an ethnic minority?

Alessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>:

Nothing's to do with ethnic minority. It's just to represent a country.

Roma Tre: Suggests that it should be ISO code instead of internet country code.

IAPPS CEU: I propose association number or nationality for the association member.

StugA Politik: Purpose of listing nationality is just to inform?

Alessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>: No. It is also to avoid conflicts, which did happen in the past.

SPIL: It shouldn't be individual nationality, but association nationality. I say this because the speaker represents the association. There might be people studying abroad, so they don't necessarily have the same nationality as their association.

ASSP- UB: It ought to be very specific, so we agree that this should be individual members.

ISMUS: This discussion is superfluous. We don't see the problem because it's just an abbreviation, anyway.

Akropolis: DisCom has different nationalities so they need to say their own nationalities.

Alessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>: <Reads proposal>

GRAPESS: Maybe we should put 'individual member'.

Alessio: No, member covers all members.

Machiavelli: Are we voting per article?

Raluca <Chairperson>: Only this article.

Yoana <Chairperson of IAPSS>: Proposes to vote on Friday instead. It's ok to discuss for now, but vote on Friday.

<GA feels that amendments should be presented ahead of time, so that the members can prepare.>

Machiavelli: It would have been nice to have printed versions in order to study the amendments.

Alessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>:

These amendments can be presented and voted for at anytime. They don't need to be shown ahead of time.

Raluca <Chairperson>: Initiates vote to move vote to Friday. Asks for speakers against and in favour.

Alessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>:

(Against movement of vote to Friday) Alessio argues that there is not enough time to discuss endlessly about this amendment.

Yoana <Chairperson IAPSS>:

Suggest moving the vote to Friday, so associations who pay tomorrow can vote on Friday as well.

Raluca <Chairperson>:

Initiates vote to move the vote on proposed amendments to the Internal Regulations to Friday April 16th.

In favour: 10

Against: 3

The vote to move the voting on the amendments to the Internal Regulations has been approved with ten votes in favour and three against.

SupCom: Is it possible for these amendments to be printed and distributed among members?

ASSP-UB: If we postpone this vote, should we not just postpone all voting so that everyone has paid and can vote?

Raluca <Chairperson>: No, GA can decide which votes will be postponed.

<Iris Dupon takes the stage to present the Working Group which was responsible for moving the IAPSS capital from Ljubljana, Slovenia to Amsterdam, the Netherlands>

Iris du Pon:

Discusses Working Group's mandate to move headquarters from Ljubljana to Amsterdam. Discusses internet forum creation to facilitate communications between WG and IAPSS associations. WG experienced crucial problems, such as lack of time but most of all, lack of funds. The Dean promised an office and sufficient funds but due to substantial budget cuts, the University of Amsterdam said they couldn't support the plan anymore. The Working Group attempted to find other solutions but they felt that without the support of the University of Amsterdam, the continuation was pointless. However, the WG hopes the debate, which started in Thessaloniki, can continue. Iris thanks WG members. Thanks Sander van Haperen and Alejandro Dealmar in particular.

Raluca <Chairperson>: Asks if there are questions regarding the Working Group?

Milos Vasiljevic (SupCom):

May I make a comment? It's not a negative one. I would like to say that it's not bad that you didn't succeed because the resolution was not that good. I say this because it's impossible to achieve what you tried in a couple of months. It takes years, not months. Changing permanent seat takes a lot of time. I'd like to thank you for your commitment, regardless of the result.

Club PeP: What efforts are made to ensure that similar mistakes do not happen in the future?

Iris: Since the WG doesn't have an official mandate anymore, we can't do much about it. Most important reason was lack of funds promised by University of Amsterdam. I think that it's also important to note the lack of time we were given.

Gina Kosmidou(DisCom): Is there anything positive to leave to the next WG?

Iris: It's always a debate about money, so make that a primary focus. Also, next time make the resolution a bit longer.

IAPPS UB: In light of these events, shouldn't we (the IAPSS Headquarters) stay in Ljubljana?

WG: That's not up to me. But it's important to continue that discussion.

<Applause>

Raluca <Chairperson>: Questions?

6. IAPSS Projects 2009/2010

University of York

Club of PeP:

Introduces Autumn conference in York. Uses a PowerPoint presentation to present their plans. Theme is "Local Democracy for combating poverty and social exclusion". They will be utilizing a variety of learning methods such as lectures, workshops and papers. The best paper will win a prize and be rewarded in the closing ceremony. Use of 'democs' (simulation of

new ways of thought) and ‘Theatre of the Oppressed’ (encourages contributions from spectators). Other activities include the use of non-formal learning methods such as a citizenship quiz. Also, designing activities for youth at the local level will be on the agenda. Speakers such Teresa Rees, Ruth Levitas and Daniel Wood will be present. Social activities also accounted for (tourism, formal dinner, traditional pub dinner, citizenship quiz, and sightseeing day).

Machiavelli: Any indication of costs?

PeP: Not yet.

SPIL: When can we sign up?!

PeP: Details will be made available shortly.

Raluca <Chairperson>: We are almost out of time. I propose to close the debate now, see you all tomorrow.

<Minutes ended for Wednesday April 14th, 2010>

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10:48 **The Chair** opens the GA

A Role call is performed.

There are 17 associations present, 15 with voting rights.

IAPSS Projects 2009/2010

The Chairperson of IAPSS, **Yoana Balchova** addresses the GA about the structure of IAPSS and the Projects of IAPSS for this year.

- Annual Academic Conference in York
- Open Learning
- Theme of the year: Local democracy for combating poverty and social exclusion
- ADV. A different VIEW, online magazine
- POLITIKON, journal of IAPSS

The Chair of the GA confirms with Yoana Balchova that this was the presentation about the IAPSS Structure and Projects

Milos Vasiljevic (SupCom) informs the GA about the fact that people can ask Yoana Balchova questions about the projects. He also mentions that the projects are not solely the responsibility of the ExCom, but that the association members have responsibility too.

ExCom 2007/2008 Final Financial Report

Raluca (Chair of the GA) decides that we move to treatment of the Financial Report of the ExCom of 2007/2008.

Crt (Excom) states that there is no approved financial report of 2007/2008.

ASSP-UB raises a point of information, asks how it is possible that there is no such report.

Crt (ExCom) explains that it is because the last GA rejected it.

SPIL raises a point of information, questions if measures are being taken to prevent this from happening in the future.

Milos Vasiljevic (SupCom) responds that the report of next year it will be presented correctly. He states that a vote to move the topic on the agenda, as proposed by some delegations of the GA, is not needed. According to him the topic can be dropped as whole.

Raluca (Chair of GA) informs the GA that a vote is necessary according to the rules of procedure.

SPIL raises a point of information, asks if there is going to be a hardcopy report to be judged?

Milos (SupCom) replies that there are no printed copies available.

Lisbon raises a point of information, asks if it is correct that only the treasurer has the report? And if so that they are simply unlucky and do not get to read it?

Yoana Balchova (ExCom) informs the GA that there are no sanction possibilities yet.

IAPSS CEU raises a point of information, calls for proposals to take disciplinary actions.

Raluca (Chair of GA) states that proposals will only be handled tomorrow.

IAPPS Roma Tre raises a point of information. Asks to postpone this point on the agenda so that the documents can be copied and handed out, so they can be handled anyway.

Milos (SupCom) agrees that this should be possible.

The GA votes on a motion to treat the financial report of 2007/2008 after the lunch.

Yoana Balchova (ExCom) intervenes and states that the document won't be handled because the treasurer responsible for the report is not present.

IAPPS Roma Tre disagrees and states that if the document is printed and handed out later on, the GA will have the possibility to discuss it.

ISMUS raises a point of information, asks if SupCom had contact with former treasurer.

Milos (SupCom) replies that the contact was not good and that he is not responsible for this report. He states that therefore it will not be presented because he does not want to do it.

ISMUS adds that it would be useless to discuss a report that has been rejected and since then not has been changed.

Raluca (Chair of GA) informs that there will have to be a vote. She proposes to vote on the earlier mentioned motion once more.

- 15 votes in favor
- 0 against,
- the agenda point is move to the afternoon

Raluca (Chair of GA) moves to next point of Agenda.

ExCom 2008/2009 Final Report

Milos Vasiljevic (SupCom) presents the final report of the ExCom 2008/2009

Inesa Jasaravic (personal note) raises a point of information and has two questions. She asks to whom refers - us, the ExCom or IAPSS. And she asks how the members benefit from these projects.

Milos (SupCom) replies that it is for the benefit of the members of IAPSS because at the conference they represented all the members. He states that there were members of the Regional Centre of Latin America present at the conference and members from Russia.

Inesa (personal note) states that here question is answered, but that she has a follow up question. She wonders what the point is of IAPSS going to high schools.

Milos (SupCom) replies that it is because they will be potential members.

Inesa (personal note) asks if that is the goal of IAPSS.

Milos (SupCom) answers that it is an important project and that this is only the first step. Later on they will try to connect high schools and universities. IAPSS should be mediator between Universities and High Schools. The goal is that eventually, when good contact is established, IAPSS can withdraw.

Iris du Pon (personal note) raises a point of information, questions about Open learning. Asks if there has been a review of this pilot project to show its benefits?

Milos (SupCom) states that it is beneficiary. Because you have one more project that is unique. It is the future for universities.

Iris (personal note) has a follow up question. Should this really be an IAPSS project?

Milos (SupCom) replies that it should be the project of local organizations. But IAPSS needs to raise awareness at universities about the possibilities of Open learning.

Machiavelli raises a point of information, questions if there are reviews on the projects to see if it sorts effect?

Milos states that it is a pilot project and that it is therefore not possible to measure the effects. It is not possible for ExCom to run around all of Europe and see that all projects are implemented. It is also the responsibility of the local student organizations. It is not possible for ExCom to see the effects since locals implement it.

Stuga Politik raises a point of information, asks about the influence of UNESCO and Council of Europe or if this will be handled later.

Milos states this will be treated later. Adds that UNESCO and Council of Europe are partners that help promoting the goals of IAPSS.

Benoit Monange (Editorial Board POLITIKON) raises a point of information, addresses the GA about the fact that the projects are of value in itself, so review of the effects are not that crucial. He gives examples about the many possibilities that IAPSS has created to participate themselves.

Anna Tsokaleli (ExCom 2008/2009), requests the Chair of the GA that she is given time to give a presentation. The request is granted by the Chair.

Anna (ExCom 2008/2009) gives a presentation of two minutes about the Opportunity center.

Chair of GA asks if there are any points of information about the presentation. There are none. We move to the coffee break. GA suspended for 20 minutes.

12:25 Raluca (Chair of the GA) Reopens the formal debate.

Club PeP raises a motion to hold a caucus of 15 minutes.

A role call is held.

17 associations are present, 15 with voting rights.

There is held a vote on the motion to start a caucus.

- 15 votes in favor
- 0 votes against
- A caucus of 15 minutes is initiated

13.00 The formal debate is restarted

Once more a role call is held

17 associations are present, 15 with voting rights.

Excom 2008/2009 Final Financial Report

Milos (SupCom) presents the Final Financial Report, he apologizes for the fact that it is not printed and handed out.

SPIL raises a point of information, asks about the opening balance and closing balance on the bank account of IAPSS. SPIL states that 900 euro is missing.

Milos (SupCom) states that he cannot explain why the former treasurer wrote down that there was more money on the account of IAPSS. Milos states that hardcopy notes are coming directly from the bank and that therefore revision of what went wrong is impossible.

SPIL raises a second point of information, states that the projected costs were 37000 euros while there was a projected income of 31000 euros. Asks how they came to the projected income.

Milos (SupCom) states that they asked for more money from the European Commission (EC), but that it was rejected.

SPIL replies that they are worried about the fact that the projected income was not fully received and that the projection was overly optimistic.

Milos (SupCom) states that it is possible that the projection deviates from reality.

SPIL has a third point of information, questions how it is possible that the conference in Belgrade is paid for by IAPSS while normal GA's are not.

Milos (SupCom) replies that it is because there was no association member to organize the congress and therefore ExCom was responsible for paying the organization.

Machiavelli raises a point of information, question if the EC grant in the financial report is the full payment or that is only the 80% that was received immediately.

Milos (SupCom) answers that it is the full amount. He adds that the process of receiving the last 20% takes very long.

Machiavelli raises a point of information, asks if the money of the EC has a specific goal or if it can be spent freely.

Milos (SupCom) states that the goal of the money can be observed in the financial report.

Machiavelli raises a third point of information, questions if the application for the EC funding was done on a personal note or as the organization IAPSS.

Milos (SupCom) replies that you need to specify to the EC how many people there are in permanent seat, how many hours the work takes and what kind of work is performed. Next year more money will be spent on the meetings, since there is less money needed for equipment.

Inesa (SupCom) raises a point of information, questions if the ExCom had a hard time finding a member to organize the AAC?

Milos (SupCom) answers that the idea was to promote IAPSS on the Balkan because it is not very active there. There are two associations there that are not active. He states that it should not be the work of the ExCom to organize the AAC.

Inesa (SupCom) states that communication in the future would be better, considering the large amount of money that was spent. She then asks why the phones needed to cost 600 euros and if they are now property of IAPSS.

Milos (SupCom) states that there are mobile phones used for work are not private and that they are property of IAPSS.

Inesa (SupCom) asks where the phones currently are.

Milos (SupCom) replies that the ExCom members carry them.

Ismus raises a point of information, questions if there really is a need for six phones, why not less. They also ask if there are no other ways for internal communication.

Milos (SupCom) states that it is indeed quite a large cost, but that it is practical that all ExCom members have their 'own' phone. Who would carry the phone if there would be only one? It is also an investment.

Ismus raises a second point of information, asks about the teambuilding and if it was really necessary?

Milos (SupCom) replies that the ExCom had the teambuilding process at the beginning of October and it was necessary to get the new ExCom up to speed.

AAIEP raises a point of information, states that there was a profit during the mandate. They wonder how it can be that there is less money on the bank account?

Inesa (SupCom) replies that some money has not been received yet, since it is part of the 20% that the EC will provide once the final report is handled.

13:42 Raluca (Chair of GA) suspends the debate in order to have lunch.

Minutes 15/04/2010 – Afternoon

The Chair opens the GA at 15:02

A Role Call is performed

There are 16 associations present, 14 with voting rights.

Excom 2008/2009 Final Financial Report

Chair asks the delegations to respect each other. All the delegations should give each other enough time to speak properly.

All the questions are answered by **Milos**.

-Question asked before the break is repeated by **AAIEP Lisbon**: the final number is different from what it was in the opening balance (1400 Euros). **Milos**: it is included within 1400euro; the opening balance is always changing, you have to understand this in advance. Lisbon is satisfied with this answer.

- **Akropolis**: thanks treasurer for his work. What happened with 3000 euro? On the opening balance there is an amount of 3014,04 euro but then there was made a profit of 1408,94euro. In the closing balance there should be a bit more than 4000euro; where are the other 3000 Euros? **Milos**: it is 3000 Euros, which is recorded on the banknote. It was received by NATO in advance, so it is regarded as income. **Akropolis**: The question is not really answered, what happened with the 14, 04 then? **Milos**: The income of NATO is incoming balance, after that it was transferred. The total of donations should then be read as 23000 euros.

- **Stuga Politik**: could you explain what is meant by money spent on cell phones? **Milos**: 'cell phones' is equipment that is bought, for the IAPPS office. 639 Euros has been spent on phone calls.

- **PEP**: The 3000 euro of NATO arrived on the 1st of October 2008 so we declare it as income for financial year 08/09. PEP wants it to be corrected into 14,04euro. They are not satisfied with the accountancy. **Milos**: the opening balance and income are connected. **PEP**: depending on the date there are two ways of accountancy on this matter: 1. if the money from NATO is received 30th of September, then it's declared in the 07/08 account and needs to be removed from 08/09 so then the opening balance is correct. 2. Or the money from NATO is received on the 1st of October, then the 08/09 account and the opening balance should be 14,04 Euros.

Supcom 2008/2009 Final Report

Gina Kosmidou: Thanks the Chair. There is not a report from the committee because of some unfortunate events: resignation in the middle of the mandate, (personal) problems occurred to several of the members. The fact that these members resigned and that there is not report is very disappointing: a lot of work is done, and this situation is not honoring the work of the committee. They worked upon the meeting that the delegations had over internet. There is going to be a report presented next year; again she apologizes for the absent of the report, also on behalf on her 2 colleagues.

Machiavelli: who else is in the Discom board again? Alejandro Delmar and (?).

Yoana (Chair of IAPSS): Yes, he is, but in Dscom board 2009/2010. Now we are talking about Supcom 2008/2009 whose members are Gina Kosmidou, Harm-Berend Wiegmann and Edoardo Pisciotta.

Discom 2008/2009 Final Report

The members of the Discom are not present.

- **Machiavelli**: why is this point on the agenda? It is known that the report is not ready.
- Discom**: because somebody should stand up and apologize. As well, there should be an opportunity to hold people responsible.
- **Discom**: in the minutes there should be written down: there is no report and it should be discussed in the next GA. There should come up a report soon.
- **Acropolis**: The Discom acknowledges the difficulty to hand in a report in on time. We see this problem more often; we should invent a mechanism to avoid this problem in the future. So in the minutes: it should be accepted or not that there is no report.
- **Inesa Jasarevic**: the problem is that the report will be discussed next year and then this report won't be relevant anymore next year, as 08/09 is not relevant now; as well, the people who are responsible now will probably not be present anymore two years later.
- **SPIL**: there should come an extraordinary GA with an agenda consisting of all these reports, so all these reports could be checked off the list and they won't bother the next GA anymore.
- **Machiavelli**: shouldn't we vote on the proposal? **Chair**: the proposals will be voted upon tomorrow.

Voting: Financial Report 08/09:

- Comment before by **Benoit Monange**. At one point we have to adopt the financial report, otherwise we can't go on.
- **PeP**: does that mean that we have to vote on something we are not for?
 - 2 votes in favour
 - 9 against
 - 3 abstaining

The report is not approved.

- **Inesa Jasarevic**: what are we going to do next? What has to change so next year the GA will vote for?
- **SPIL**: at the very least, for example the former treasurer is going to look at the former reports and give some news/reporting about it.
- **Gina Kosmidou**: Maybe the Discom should look at it? **Sander van Haperen**: Discom can only look at it, not amend it.
- **Machiavelli**: Is there any way we can look at the internal audit report 07/08 – 08/09?
- **Alessio Sanguinetti**: what is the problem about this report? Is it the 900 euro or something else? **SPIL**: account for the 900 Euros is the least we can do; they have to be somewhere. The treasurer should look at it and give us a report.
- **Milos**: there is no such thing as a number in the report, so there is no reason to check. Milos said that he was just helping and he is transparent.
- **Inesa**: we should do what SPIL said.
- **Chairman**: written proposal will be voted upon tomorrow.

Voting Excom 2008/2009 final report

- In favour: 13
- Against: 0
- Abstaining: 1

The report has been approved.

- **Motion Alessio Sanguinetti**: voting on the financial report should be the first point on the agenda tomorrow morning.
- In favour: 13
- Against: 1
- Abstaining: 0

The motion has been approved.

Voting Supcom final report 2008/2009

Alessio Sanguinetti: voting on something like that is not of order, as there are no reports. There is no vote casted.

Voting Discom final report 2008/2009

The same problem occurs here, as there is no report. There is no vote casted.

Alumni Board Presentation

- **Alessio Sanguinetti:** we are the consulting and advising body to keep all the alumni together. The communication with all the bodies was really good. We succeeded to give good information to the bodies in order to keep some procedures going, which is the main role of the alumni group. Practical issues: **Sander van Haperen;** he is preparing a database to see where alumni are working now. We are also giving contact training, workshops to transfer knowledge of alumni to IAPPS members. **Alessio:** there is a possibility to subscribe as an alumnus (list on table) after at least 3 official IAPPS meeting. We are also planning a first initiative to meet more often with IAPPS members (first weekend of September in Rome).

IAPPS Liaison Officers: UNESCO and the Council Of Europe

- **Yoana:** Alexander Samaras (LO for UNESCO) and Iana Stantieru (LO for the CoE) didn't yet send their reports. Now **Constantina Karagiorgi** is invited. She underlines that she is not talking as a Liaison officer. IAPSS has signed relations with UNESCO which means they are invited at their GA but they don't have voting rights. IAPSS does have the opportunity to comment at their last General Assembly in the autumn of 2009 in Paris; it was a great opportunity to be there and it was a good opportunity to promote events of IAPSS. IAPSS was the only student NGO present there. She encourages local IAPSS members to take advantage of the UNESCO support.

Excom 2009/2010 Preliminary Report

- **Yoana:** the introduction in general says what ExCom is doing. It is better to start an open discussion about what has been done last 6 months. They started really enthusiastic but in October/November 3 persons resigned, in December one more. One is absent at the moment because of personal reasons. She tells that the ExCom really tried to fulfill basic programs and activities of IAPPS.

- **Machiavelli:** able to get operational grant from EU? **Yoana:** no, this year one from the EC was rejected.

- **Jeroen Huiting:** is there documentation about all the positions of the ExCom, like for example the position of a treasurer? Should these documents be extended? **Grapess:** it is a general guideline; they may follow it in as they wish. **Jeroen:** all the information should be easily available. **Inesa Jasarevic:** it is better that the person who is in a certain function makes this guideline. **Milos:** I made the guideline for every position. It is distributed at the beginning of September. One should bear in mind that there is an oral aspect as well when explaining a function that cannot be written.

- **Ismus:** question about fundraising: it would be good for member associations to get knowledge about it to use this knowledge in the advance of member associations. **Yoana:** the ExCom is always there for questions.

- **Iris du Pon:** asks about transferable knowledge; is there effective training with local institutions in Slovenia? Has there been any progress? **Yoana:** there is training on project management. There will be for next mandate as well.

Coffee break: 16:04 - 16.34.

Editorial Board 2009/2010 Preliminary Report

- Motion **Stuga Politik**: The entire GA should sing happy birthday to Eva Spanjer.

Yoana (Chair of IAPSS): The current Vice-chairperson for the Academic Department is absent from this year GA. Delegations are distributed with his preliminary report and can read it on their own. I'd like to thank for the work of Petar Ranguelov and for his good job on *Politikon* issue 15.2(November 2009), though in December he totally resigned from the IAPSS Excom and positions.

Ben Monange - Editorial Board: About '*Politikon*': they were able to get a lot of work done and it was coordinated very well. They had 30 articles proposals. They tried to set high academic standards. The result was that the articles received were very good and they attracted good academic potential. There is not a new issue of '*Politikon*' right now. They are still in the time frame of 2 issues a year but it to achieve that there has to be done a lot of work. Still, he is quite positive that they will stay in the time frame. '*Politikon*' is promoted at international conferences and there is a lot of good feedback from the academic community. This is good for IAPSS to get more legitimization worldwide.

- **SPIL**: will the ExCom take measures to make sure the ExCom member responsible and the member of the Editorial Board will work properly together again? **ExCom**: issues will be talked about. '*Politikon*' should come quite soon.

- **SPIL**: What kinds of decisions are made? **Editorial board**: ways to improve '*Politikon*', more benefits for member associations, publishing of book reports.

- **Iris du Pon**: are the articles mainly from graduates or undergraduates? **Editorial board**: 2/3 of the articles published are from graduates. Book reviews are an exception to this number.

Iris du Pon: most IAPSS students are undergraduate students. **Editorial Board**: there are no statistics, but we receive more proposals from graduates. They are first scanned by professors, and the scanning is necessary to reach good academic standards.

Supcom 2009/2010 Preliminary Report

Supcom: the main role is to help the ExCom on a daily base, to advise them and monitor them at the end. The problem this year is that the ExCom had a lot of problems and it affected their preliminary report because their team consisted only of 4 persons. Problem to problem were related to each other and there was a lack of motivation. It was not a good beginning for the year. The biggest problem happened in October; this was the time when the ExCom should be full and fully integrating; there were too many people resigning and this caused a lack of motivation.

Then the Supcom promotes all the benefits of the ExCom: when you decide to become a member of the Excom, you have to offer something but you gain a lot as well. The Supcom visited the Excom several times.

At the end of the speech, the Supcom asks to appreciate the members of the ExCom who were there from the beginning and understood in the right way what IAPSS is and what they can mean for IAPSS. We appreciate a lot this.

- **Machiavelli**: who is now the legal representative? **Excom**: Yoana.

- **SPIL**: Lack of motivation is a big problem; one of the reasons of this problem is the wrong expectation of what IAPSS is; whose responsibility is it that future IAPSS members know what it involves? **Supcom**: You have to be honest about what they will do, what their life will look like in Ljubljana. It was presented as if the problem couldn't be solved and they should go on to solve it to the end. The organization can't be perfect. **Inesa**: we are all a bit responsible; people should realize that Excom members are going to Ljubljana to work for all of us; have always problems and change their life-style, studies.

- **IAPPS CEU**: want to add a note on the motivation issue: it is important to know that many people resigned and we should learn from the past. A pragmatic way of solving this issue could be: pay back salary or half of it.

Discom 2009/2010 Preliminary Report

The Discom is there to deal with violations of article 21 in the statute.

This year it will focus on:

1. Realizing art 16. We have to develop Internal regulations for the DisCom and present it for the GA; it was never developed before. They made a lot of efforts so far and present them at the the GA in 2011.
2. Unfortunate events: there was an article published about IAPPS which was quite negative; DisCom concluded that no further action concerning this article could be taken.
3. Frequency of resignation has increased dramatically; light-mindedness should be avoided in the future. We all should work as hard as possible for the association.

- **SPIL**: could you tell more about the nature of the Disciplinary regulations? **Discom**: this nature of the Disciplinary regulations should be better clarified; they are working on that now. The work of the mandate is not over; it takes more time to be done properly. It cannot be developed overnight.

Excom 2009/2010 Preliminary Financial Report

The chairman announces that tomorrow the GA starts at 09.30am.

Opening balances: 1408, 94. 1st October

- **Machiavelli**: what is the reason the EC did not give a grant? **Excom**: there are certain requirements we did not fulfill.

- **ISMUS**: if you add the expenses up there is a difference of around 20 euros. Is it an error of typing? **Excom**: it is.

-**Roma**: what happened with the salary of Hasic? **Excom**: Hasic returned the salary of 2 months because she was not working last two months of her mandate.

- **Machiavelli**: is the University of Ljubljana still a sponsor? **Milos**: partnership doesn't mean that IAPPS automatically receives money. There is no concrete number they will give every year. But they provided a free office and telephone costs of about 40 Euros which is pretty good.

- **Machiavelli**: The salary of Hasic came from European Commission? Is it returned to the EC? **Milos**: this money should go to the ExCom.

- **SPIL**: The EC grand is denied, but on the budget it looks as if there is counted on this 32000 Euros. How are you going to solve this gap without the grant? **ExCom** we just don't have that much expenses. **SPIL**: does this mean you cut back on expenses? **ExCom**: yes. No new computers will be bought for now. If you read the reports, you will know there was a robbery as well in late January. The grant was officially denied 10 days ago so we didn't have time until GA to start working on fundraising. As well, we are looking for sponsorships. But we should realize that it is impossible to get money in 10 days. **SPIL**: You should have thought ahead of this. Now it's a big gap on the budget. **Excom**: We all should think ahead about that.

- **ASSP –UB**: we should all think about this to make a solution; we are here to help IAPPS, especially with such a small ExCom. It shouldn't be 3 against others.

- **Milos**: Bear in mind that we are applying every year, but that we don't get it for sure.

- **ExCom:** this is not the only grant. It is only one grant.

Roll Call: 19 present, 15 voting

Voting: Excom 2009/2010 preliminary report

- 15 in favour
- 0 against
- 0 abstaining

The Report has been approved.

Voting: editorial 2009/2010 preliminary report

- 13 in favour
- 0 against
- 2 abstaining

The report has been approved.

Voting: Supcom 2009/2010 preliminary report

- 14 in favour
- 0 against
- 1 abstaining

The report has been approved.

Voting: Discom 2009/2010 preliminary report

- 15 in favour
- 0 against
- 0 abstaining

The report has been approved.

Voting: Excom 2009/2010 preliminary financial report

- 5 in favour
- 2 against
- 8 abstaining

The report has not been approved.

- Motion from Alessio Sanguinetti to change agenda: PAM should come now, the other points on the agenda should be postponed for tomorrow.

- 15 in favour
- 0 against
- 0 abstained

The motion has been approved.

Presentation of Candidates PAM 2010/2011

The Chair asks who are willing to candidate?

AAIEP Lisbon is the only association and they give a presentation.

-**SPIL:** congratulates AAIEP Lisbon and compliments the association with the good presentation. Did they think about the money yet? **AAIEP:** we think of the Ministry of foreign affairs, European commission Portugal, NATO, City Hall of Lisbon, and the University. As well, we have got one year to prepare.

- **CeU**: contacts; did you have any preliminary negotiations? They point out it is not easy to get a lot of money. **AAIEP**: We cannot guarantee anything; we will try the best we can.
- **SPIL**: points out it should not be taken very lightly. They also offer to provide their information and experience.

The GA closes at 17:56.

GA IAPSS Minutes 16/04/2010

10:02 Raluca opens the formal meeting
A role call is performed
18 present, 14 present and voting

Vote for New Vice-Chair of GA

Since the Vice-chair from earlier on, Sander van Haperen, resigned, a new Vice-chair has to be installed to continue.

There is one candidate, Clara Friedrich (Germany)

A vote on the new Vice-chair is taken.

Vote: New Vice-chair Clara Friedrich (Germany)

14 in favor

0 against

Vote ExCom Final Financial Report 2008/2009

Alessio Sanguinetti (personal note) raises a point of information, asks if we are talking about the report as it is or if it is a modified version.

Milos Vasiljevic (SupCom) replies that it is the report as it is presented yesterday.

Raluca (Chair of GA) proceeds with the voting procedure.

4 in favor

0 against

10 abstentions

Report not approved

Presentation of Candidates for the Chair of IAPSS

Raluca (Chair of GA) informs the GA that we will now have the presentations of candidates for the position of Chair of IAPSS. She asks the ExCom if there have been any applications.

Crt Kaker (ExCom) replies that there is one candidate that has applied, **Luca Martinelli**.

A presentation of Luca Martinelli (Italy). He is open to questions.

Milos Vasiljevic (SupCom) raises a point of information, addresses the GA about the many problems there have been in the past few years with the candidates of ExCom. Therefore he is very happy with the candidature of Luca. He states he will always be available for advice and help.

Stuga raises a point of information, questions how Luca is going to support himself?

Luca replies that he is not from a poor family. He states that he will find some ways of funding himself as well.

Stuga raises a second point of information, asks if Luca has any experience with fundraising?

Luca replies that he thought about it. He wonders how can we arouse interest within IAPSS.

He wants to call in the help of experts to be more professional and get training.

Alessio Sanguinetti (personal note) raises a point of information, asks if Luca can tell us about his experience in working groups.

Luca replies that when he was in the Excom of Roma Tre he was involved with many projects and conferences. He will seek more contact with other international organizations.

Alessio (personal note) asks if Luca has any further experience.

Luca notes that he was involved in two more associations and a political magazine. He thinks he has a lot of experience.

Raluca (Chair of GA) asks the GA if there are no other candidates for this position? There are none.

Presentation of Candidates for the position of Vice-Chair of the Membership

Department

Raluca (Chair of GA) states that we move on to presentations for Vice-Chair of the Membership Department

Presentation from *Dragan Cvetkovic* (Serbia) he is open to questions.

ISMUS raises a point of information, asks if Dragan has any previous experiences?

Dragan replies that he was in the Organizing Committee of AAC 2009 and worked for private company as well. At the private company his main task was to maintain contact with customers.

ISMUS has a second point of information, states Dragan would have special attention for the Balkan regional center, and asks how he will deal with other members with establishment of other RCs?

Dragan answers that he will not focus solely on the Balkan Regional centre but that he just sees the need to further integrate them. He states that he will also focus on the other local associations.

Yoana Balchova (ExCom) replies to ISMUS if there is other future RCs the initiative should also come from the local associations there. One person cannot establish them, but can support and integrate.

Raluca (Chair of GA) asks if there are other candidates. There are none.

Presentation of Candidates for the position of Secretary-General

Raluca (Chair of GA) moves to the next point on the agenda, the presentations of candidates for the position of Secretary-General.

Raluca (Chair of GA) asks the ExCom if there are any candidates for the position of Secretary-General.

Crt Kaker (ExCom) responds that there are no candidates.

Raluca (Chair of the GA) asks the GA if there are any candidates. Loredana Urzica nominates herself.

Loredana Urzica (Romania) gives a presentation and states that she is open to questions

SPIL raises a point of information, ask if Loredana has any specific ideas about improving communication.

Loredana replies that we do not know each other so everybody should have possibilities to meet. We have to improve internal communications. We have to become friends. She also notes the possibilities that Facebook offers. She will make a plan of strategy before she moves in to Ljubljana.

Presentations of Candidates for the position of Treasurer of IAPSS

Raluca (Chair of GA) moves on to the presentations of candidates for the position of treasurer. She asks the ExCom if there are any persons that have applied.

Crt (ExCom) replies that nobody has applied and calls upon the GA to come forward with candidates.

Raluca (Chair of GA) notes that there are no candidates.

Presentations of Candidates for the position of ExCom Member (Externals)

Raluca (Chair of GA) moves to presentations of candidates for the position of ExCom member.

Raluca (Chair of GA) asks the ExCom if there are any candidates for the position of ExCom Member.

Crt Kaker (ExCom) replies that there is one, Alexandra Rentea.

Alexandra Rentea (Romania) gives a presentation and states that she is open to questions.

Anna Tsokaleli (personal note) raises a point of information, asks if Alexandra will apply for the position of Treasurer if she gets a scholarship.

Alexandra explains that she has talked with Anna on this topic, and that right now she is not ready. She will only move to this position when she does feel ready.

Milos (SupCom) raises a point of information, states that there are permanent and external ExCom members. For externals there are no specified tasks. So he asks if Alexandra has a basic idea about what kind of task she wants to perform and how she will assist permanent members.

Rentea replies that the most important thing is sharing the IAPSS spirit. She will do whatever the board asks her to.

Raluca (Chair of the GA) asks if there are more questions. There are none so we will move on.

Raluca (Chair of the GA) questions if there are more candidates for the position of ExCom member?

Raluca (Chair of the GA) addresses the GA about the facts that we can have four and that they do not need to move to Ljubljana. There are still no other candidates so we will proceed.

Presentations of candidates for a position on the Editorial Board of POLITIKON

ASP Roma Luis raises a point of order, asks to move the presentation editorial board on the agenda since a potential candidate is not here. The point is withdrawn since the candidate arrives at the moment he is speaking.

Alessio Sanguinetti (personal note) raises a point of order, asks if it is possible candidates to apply as a candidate at the later stage of elections.

Raluca (Chair of the GA) replies that you can also withdraw at a later stage and in that case there will be a new list of candidates. Therefore it should also be possible to apply at a later stage.

Raluca (Chair of GA) asks the ExCom if there are any candidates for a position on the Editorial Board of POLITIKON.

Crt Kaker (ExCom) states that there are four candidates.

Yoana Balchova (ExCom) adds that the last two candidates are not present but their video-presentations will be shown.

Benoit Monange (France) gives a presentation and states that he is open for questions.

Alessio Sanguinetti raises a point of information, questions if Benoit is wishing to maintain the same strategy as last year or propose a new one since he is already on the board for 1 year.

Benoit states that he will propose stricter deadlines and a clear task delegation within the board.

Raluca (Chair of GA) asks the GA if there are other questions. There are none.

Diego Garzia (Italy) gives a presentation and informs the GA that he is open for questions.

Alessio Sanguinetti (personal note) raises a point of information, explains he has a mix of a statement and a question. He thanks Diego for his inspiring words. He states that Diego clearly knows how to write an article. But he wonders if Diego has managing skills?

Diego replies that he already works for another respectful journal.

Raluca (Chair of the GA) asks if there are other questions. There are none.

Alexandra Dobra (UK) gives a video-presentation since she is not present. She is therefore not open to questions.

Raluca (Chair of GA) asks if other people are compelled to give more information about the candidate

Yoana (ExCom) states that Alexandra is an individual member since 2009, not able to be present at the GA but showed willingness to submit articles for ADV and the topic of the AC 2010.

Club of PEP, raises a point of information and informs the GA that Alexandra is not in their association and they do not personally know her.

Raluca (Chair of GA) confirms that Alexandra is an individual member and not a member of PEP.

Raluca (Chair of GA) declares that we move on to the next presentation.

Ozgur Taskaya (Turkey) gives a video-presentation, since he is not present. However the volume cannot be raised high enough, so the presentation is aborted.

Machiavelli raises a point of order, questions the ExCom if they can extend about this candidate since they have seen the video with audio.

Yoana (ExCom), states that they will show the CV of this candidate. She then elaborates that Ozgur Taskaya was born in Turkey in 1985 and studied at the University of Ankara.

The video of Ozgur is presented once more because the technical staff has fixed the volume problems. Of course Ozgur is still not open to questions.

Raluca (Chair of GA) assumes nobody knows him personally so nobody can expand on his presentation.

Raluca (Chair of GA) asks the GA if there are any other candidates. There are none.

Presentations of Candidates for a position in the SupCom 2010/2011

Raluca (Chair of GA) asks the ExCom if there are any candidates for the position of member of SupCom.

Crt (ExCom) replies that there have been three applications.

Filippo Pizzuti (Italy) gives a presentation and states he is open to questions.

ISMUS raises a point of information, asks if Filippo has concrete plans to keep the SupCom together, considering the problems in recent years.

Filippo replies that we all know the problems that have been met past years. He states that there needs to be more electronic communication. Communication about resignations should be made earlier.

Raluca (Chair of GA) asks if there are other questions. There are none.

Constatina Karagiorgi (Cyprus) gives a presentation and states she is open to questions.

Iris du Pon (personal note) raises a point of information, states that Constatina has a lot of experience as a former member of ExCom. But, she asks how about past controversies?

Constatina replies that she is willing to admit mistakes in the past and looks for good cooperation for the development of the association.

Raluca (Chair of the GA) asks if there are other questions. There are none.

Crt Kaker (Slovenia) gives a presentation and states he is open for questions.

Machiavelli raises a point of information, questions if there is a mingling of interest because of Crt's current ExCom function and his future SupCom function?

Crt reassures that there will be no mingling of interest. He will always be open to support the ExCom.

Benoit (personal note) raises a point of information, asks if Crt will be on the convention next year.

Crt replies that he will not be there but that he will be available through telephone and e-mail.

Raluca (Chair of the GA) asks if there are any other questions. There are none.

Raluca (Chair of the GA) asks the GA if there are any other candidates for SupCom. There are none.

Presentation of candidates for a function in the Discom

Raluca (Chair of GA) asks the ExCom if there are any candidates for a position in the SupCom.

Crt (ExCom) replies that there are none and calls on candidates in the GA to come forward.

Anna Tsokaleli (Greece) steps up and gives a presentation. She is open to questions.

Raluca (Chair of GA) asks if there are any questions. There are none.

Ivo Bronstring gives a video presentation, since he is not present. Naturally he is not open to questions.

Raluca (Chair of GA) states that questions can be directed at SPIL. She asks if there are any. There are none.

Milos Vasiljevic (Serbia) gives a presentation and states he is open to questions.

Iris du Pon (personal note) raises a point of information, states that Milos is in the SupCom right now, and that he just presented his report. She asks that if Milos is in the DisCom next year, he will have to judge the final report of the SupCom and how he thinks that is possible. She refers to the situation of Gina Kosmidou.

Milos replies that he will be able to separate his functions. He adds that there was no report on his ExCom in the past so he does not know how he was judged.

Gina Kosmidou (DisCom) raises a point of information, states that she is not taking the question of Iris personal. She states that there is no conflict between DisCom and SupCom and the problem is that the commissions were not complete. That created the difficulty in making the report, not the double function.

Iris uses her right to reply, states that it could be possible that Milos has to sanction himself. She adds that that is her concern.

Milos replies that we cannot act normally. But of course we can sanction the SupCom.

AIEEP raises a point of information, asks when he will be ready with the report.

Milos states that he cannot account for the missing of the report right now since it is not his responsibility. He will make sure that in the future it will be done better.

AKROPOLIS raises a point of information, state that although they are not comfortable mixing personal with business, but wonders if there is no problem with the special relation of two candidates (referring to Milos Vasiljevic and Anna Tsokaleli).

Milos replies that he thinks the question is very inappropriate. He adds that he can separate personal from professional.

Anna (personal note), uses here right to reply, she likes to inform AKROPOLIS that they are keeping personal and business separate.

AIEEP raises a point of information, asks if Milos wants to work closely with ExCom and if he is willing to apply sanctions.

Milos responds that this will not be his first preference. He will first try to resolve conflict.

IAPSS Roma Luiss raises a point of order; they state that they think it is very inappropriate to ask questions about personal affairs.

Raluca (Chair of GA) asks the GA if there are any more questions. There are none.

Benoit Monange (personal note) raises a motion to change the agenda. He suggests that all elections and held at the same time and that results are presented afterwards, both 20 minutes to save us an hour.

Alessio Sanguinetti (personal note) raises a point of order, informs the GA that the statutes state that elections must be held one by one. But he emphasizes that we can speed up.

Gina Kosmidou (DisCom) raises a point of order states that there can be no motion since it is in conflict with status.

IAPSS and Associations Projects 2009/2010 Plans & Discussion

Raluca (Chair of the GA) asks ExCom if there is going to be a presentation as stated in the agenda.

Gina Kosmidou (DisCom) intervenes with a point of information, asking the GA if it is necessary to have this presentation, since yesterday there has been a presentation quite similar to this topic.

Gina Kosmidou (DisCom) calls for a motion to remove this topic from the agenda.

A role call is performed

18 associations present, 14 voting

The motion to remove the topic is voted upon:

13 votes in favor

1 vote against

The topic is removed from the agenda

Alessio Sanguinetti (personal note) calls for a motion to move to the coffee break.

Raluca (Chair of the GA) notes that there is a gentleman's agreement to have the coffee break now.

A coffee break is held.

Reopening of formal debate

12:23 formal debate is reopened

A role call is performed

18 associations present, 15 associations voting

ISMUS proposes a motion to change the agenda. All elections will be held first, the GA proposals and resolutions will be treated thereafter.

A vote on this motion is taken:

15 votes in favor

0 votes against

The proposals will be treated after the elections

Raluca (Chair of GA) states that we move on to the elections.

Alessio Sanguinetti (Italy) and Timo Krebs (Switzerland) are installed as election commission

Alessio Sanguinetti (personal note) raises a point of order, Explains to the GA that there has been made a ballot booklet. They are distributed to all association members with voting rights. Then one by one the votes will be taken. The results will be presented to the chair.

Raluca (Chair of GA) further clarifies that the elections will be held election by election and not all at once. She adds that a qualified majority is needed for the positions of Chairperson, Secretary-General and Treasurer. For all other positions a simple majority is enough.

Raluca (Chair of GA) informs the GA that there are last minutes candidates for the position of ExCom members (Externals). She asks if there are more people who want to candidate themselves. There are none. There will now be held one minute presentations by the original last minute candidates.

Barabara Christopoulou (Greece) gives a presentation and is open for questions. There are none.

Tim Zuidgeest (Netherlands) gives a presentation and is open for questions. There are none.

Michail Hytioglou (Greece) gives a presentation and is open for questions. There are none.

Raluca (Chair of GA) asks if there any other last minute candidates for any function? There are none.

Raluca (Chair of GA) confirms with the GA that everybody with voting rights has the ballots.

Election of the Chairperson of IAPSS

Raluca (Chair of GA) moves to the election for the Chairperson of IAPSS.

A role call is performed.

18 associations present, 15 with voting rights.

The election is held.

Election results are made public:
Luca is elected
15 votes in favor.

Elections for Secretary General

Loredana Urzica is elected
14 votes in favor.
1 vote invalid.

Raluca (Chair of GA) informs the GA that the election for the position of Treasurer is skipped since there is no candidate.

Election for Vice-Chair of IAPSS

Dragan Cvetkovic is elected
15 votes in favor.

Election for ExCom members

Alexandra Rentea is elected
15 votes in favor
Barbara Christpoulou is elected
13 votes in favor
Michael Hytiroglou is elected
12 votes in favor
Tim Zuidgeest is elected
14 votes in favor

Elections for the PAM

AAIEP Lisbon is elected
15 votes in favor

Raluca (Chair of GA) calls the future ExCom to come up front the GA as well as a representative of the PAM.

The GA bursts in to spontaneous singing. The song is 'IAPSS Family'.

Raluca (Chair of GA) wishes the future ExCom good luck.

AKROPOLIS raises a point of order; they state that more attention should be paid to the door policy since it is not allowed for people to enter the room during elections.

Raluca (Chair of GA) sees to it that there is a better control of the door.

Elections on the editorial board of POLITIKON

Benoit Monange is elected
15 votes in favor
Diego Garzia is elected
14 votes in favor
Ozgur Taskaya is elected
11 votes in favor
Alexandra Dobra is elected
11 votes in favor

Election on the Alumni board

Raluca (Chair of GA) notes that this is not a formal election.

The GA reaches a gentlemen's agreement that the presentation of the alumni board will be postponed until after the formal elections.

Elections on the SupCom

Constatina Karagiorgi is elected

13 votes in favor

Crt Kaker is elected

13 votes in favor

Filippo Pizzuti is elected

14 votes in favor

Elections on DisCom

Anna Tsokaleli is elected

8 votes in favor

Ivo Bronstring is elected

14 votes in favor

Milos Vasiljevic is elected

7 votes in favor

Raluca (Chair of GA) states that we will move to the lunch break, she adjourns the formal meeting.

AC/GA minutes Friday April 16, 2010 /// Afternoon shift

Raluca <Chairperson>: Entering formal debate.

<Roll call>

20 associations present. 15 associations voting.

Raluca <Chairperson>: Calls upon volunteers for alumni board.

Alessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>: Asks if anyone else is willing to join the alumni board. Raluca joins as a fifth member (applause ensues).

Inesa: Suggests having a weekend with SupCom and ExCom to discuss the future of IAPSS.

Voting for establishment of GA alumni board consisting of Alessio Sanguinetti, Iris du Pon, Inesa Jasarevic, Gina Kosmidou, Raluca Teodor:

In favour: 15

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

the update GA alumni board has been approved with fifteen votes in favour.

Raluca <Chairperson>: Suggests moving on to proposals. However, there is a request from GRAPESS. They wish to represent the AAC 2011. Raluca asks the GA if there is a possibility for a gentleman's agreement so that GRAPESS can show their presentation for AAC 2011. Raluca asks GRAPESS to come up and show their presentation.

<GRAPESS comes up>

GRAPESS: Uses a PowerPoint presentation to present their proposal for AAC 2011. They announce institutions like NATO, the University of Macedonia, the Cypriot consulate, which are ready to support the AAC 2011. They display the courses at their University. Furthermore, they display the tourist sites in Thessaloniki. GRAPESS concludes by mentioning that professionalism and a scientific approach can be combined with fun. (Applause)

Raluca <Chairperson>: Suggests moving on with the agenda. Next on the agenda: IAPSS proposals.

Confusion ensues whether or not the SPIL proposal is a resolution or not. SPIL decides that the proposal will be changed into a resolution, which will be discussed at a later time.

Allessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>: Suggests a thirty minute caucus.

Raluca <Chairperson>: There is a motion on the floor for a caucus to discuss the proposals for the amendments to the internal regulations.

In favour: 15

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to have a caucus approved with fifteen votes in favour.

<Thirty minute caucus>

<Entering formal debate>

Allessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>: Withdraws his proposal.

<Applause>

Raluca <Chairperson>: Any other proposals? If not then we will move on to another point.

Allessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>: Point of information. There were two amendments proposed earlier. When will they be discussed?

Raluca <Chairperson>: So is this a motion?

Allessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>: Yes. This is a motion to change the agenda, to discuss the proposed amendments for the internal regulations.

Vote:

In favour : 14

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Motion passed to discuss proposed amendments for the internal regulations with fourteen votes in favour and one against.

Allessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>: Withdraws new article 28. Discusses new article 30.

‘Every second year the content of the Internal Regulations shall be revised and up to date by the Executive Committee with the advise of Alumni Club and final consent of the Supervisory Committee. The edited Internal Regulations shall be presented to the General Assembly at least two months prior the annual meeting and then adopted by a qualified majority in the first session.’

Raluca <Chairperson>: Questions?

SPIL: Is there anything in the regulations about the form on how something should be presented? Will everything be presented in a single, final document?

Allessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>: Yes. He’d like to stress the fact that ExCom and SupCom should work on this.

Machiavelli: Will the GA be given a chance to propose a change to the Internal Regulations 2 months prior?

Allessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>: Of course. The ExCom should deliver the amendments some months before.

Raluca <Chairperson>: Any other questions? We will now proceed to the voting for this article. We will need Qualified Majority voting.

In favour: 14

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Amendment has been made with fourteen votes in favour and one against. (Applause)

Raluca <Chairperson>: Let’s move on to the resolutions.

Resolutions:

#1

IAPSS ROMA Tre: We are here to present a resolution so the GA can be more democratic.

‘Noting with satisfaction that an increasing number of Individual Members from all over the world joins IAPSS and participate, the G.A., Guided by the universal concepts of Democracy, Brotherhood and Sisterhood, approves the establishment of an International Members Delegation, merging all willing individual members present at the G.A., at the beginning of the first G.A. session, having the same right as the Association members, authorizes the IMD

to have the right to vote during the G.A., declares accordingly that the IMD shall pay a membership Fee consisting of a multiple of 10,00 per participating individual member in order to acquire the right to vote, requests the IMD to elect an Head of Delegation among its members by consensus or by 2/3 qualified majority vote.'

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Stuga Politik: It's a great idea, but I have some critique. Concerned by the financial issue because the 10 euros looks random.

Crt <ExCom>: Responds.

Stuga Politik: Also, there's nothing about the size of the delegations.

IAPSS ROMA Tre: We can't know how many people come.

Stuga Politik: I have a suggestion. If there are up to 6 persons they can make an international member delegation. (Every international organization should have 6 members and the fee should be 120 euros, divided by the amount of people in the delegation.)

Lisbon: I'd like to comment on the Stuga Politik critique. We want a minimum fee paid in order to have the right to vote.

Milos <SupCom>: If this will work it has to be specified, it needs some structure. Are we establishing a space for them to organize? What's the structure? Is there another way to structure this room?

IAPSS ROMA Tre: If there are 8 members coming from the same country, I really don't care. If you don't have an association, you can still speak like any other.

Milos: You don't think it should be more structured?

IAPSS ROMA Tre: No, no, no. Of course it should be, but we should build the structure together.

Raluca <Chairperson>: Let's further this discussion later on.

ROMA Luiss: Response to Stuga Politik and Lisbon. A fraction of the annual fee, perhaps half or two thirds can be established. On a different note, we support this resolution but we place our doubts on the last two sentences. The sentences we mean are number 11 and number 12, because we are not convinced by the idea of electing a Head of Delegation by 2/3 qualified majority vote. Instead we propose a simple majority vote.

Iris du Pon <Personal Note>: Individual members have a voice. There are already members who haven't paid, who can't vote, but can make themselves heard. The same rights already exist, but these rights aren't being used right now.

IAPSS ROMA Tre: We don't just want to give them a voice, we want them to have a vote as well.

Ben: If you look at article 26 in the Statute, those members don't have right to vote. If you want to change that you have to change the statute, which we cannot do right this moment.

Raluca <Chairperson>: Motion to vote to close this debate.

In favour: 14

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Motion to close this debate approved with fourteen in favour and one against.

The heads of the delegation members must sign the minutes to acknowledge their presence and voting right. This is not an approval of the minutes.

#2

Deeply concerned by the rising difficulties that some Association Members are facing in order to pay the annual Membership fee. Aware that the particular economic conjunction that has increased these difficulties. Taking note that the number of Association who are not able to fulfill the payment is relevant. Observing that this situation may affect the democratic outcomes of the General Assembly.

Authorizes in case of significant and well documented difficulties, the payment exoneration of the Annual Membership fee for only one year for the Association Members which needs it, maintaining the right to vote during the general Assembly, further request to Association who need it to present the documents concerning the effective situation to the ExCom at least one week before the scheduled start of the General Assembly, declares accordingly that the

General Assembly, in case of a successive request of exoneration presented by the same association (which has already received the possibility concerned in the first operative clause), will vote whether to accept or not it. Voting procedure will be preceded by an explaining speech made by the Head of Delegation of the applicant association in front of the General Assembly delegates.

ROMA Tre: Suggests a 15 minute caucuses, so we can reach a consensus about amendments.

Raluca <Chairperson>: Motion on the floor for a caucus to discuss this matter.

Vote on caucus:

In Favour: 10

Against: 5

Abstain: 0

Motion accepted to go into caucus for fifteen minutes with ten votes in favour and five votes against.

<Fifteen minute caucus>

Raluca <Chairperson>: Back to formal debate.

Benoit <Editorial Board>: The GA expressed hard criticism on the ExCom, which was justified. However, some individuals didn't take their role seriously in accordance with IAPSS. This resolution is to show that the ExCom is being appreciated by the GA, and to make them feel comfortable.

#3

Benoit's Resolution:

Recognizing that the unfortunate resignation of several ExCom elected members throughout the mandate has been creating tensions within IAPSS; Noting with regret that the GA had no choice but to express strong criticism towards the reported activities of the ExCom, mainly because the actions of those elected individuals whose disregard for the commitment they made, seriously weakened the work of the ExCom; Full aware that due to those resignations, the current ExCom members faced tremendous challenges to fulfill the normal tasks of the ExCom; Realizing that the current ExCom members had to work twice as hard with half the normal number of people within its rank; Bearing in mind that when you cut its head the duck runs frantically without direction, and so does IAPSS.

Affirms that the blame and responsibility for the dysfunctions in the work of the ExCom is to be directed towards those careless individuals who did not respect their commitment, not towards the ones that courageously fulfilled their duty and kept the ExCom working under

difficult circumstances, wishes to sincerely thank the current ExCom members present at the GA for: positively carrying out the work of the ExCom under difficult circumstances despite the reduced number of members within their rank, thus having to dedicate more hours and energy to IAPSS than is normally required. Further wishes to express its appreciation for the effort shown by the current ExCom members present at the GA for accepting to take over positions they had not initially committed themselves to, in order to ensure the proper running of the ExCom activities. Reaffirms its full support of the current ExCom members present at the GA for the remaining duration of their mandate; Encourages the current ExCom members to ask the association members, individual members and other bodies of IAPSS for any help they may need in order to advance the work of the ExCom despite the fact that not all the positions are assigned.

Raluca <Chairperson>: Does anyone have questions?

SPIL: We are confused regarding the year of ExCom.

Lisbon: Do we want a resolution just to thank the ExCom? It's your ordinary work and it's not like everyone should get a 'thank-you' resolution every time they do their assigned job. Furthermore, there were four points which are nearly the same.

Benoit <Editorial Committee>: The point was to make the ExCom feel better. Furthermore, the ExCom has done much more than what was normally expected.

PeP: I'd like to express support for the ExCom.

IAPSS ROMA Luiss: We strongly agree with the resolution and give our support to the ExCom.

Lisbon: Are we going to do this every year?

<Silence>

Raluca <Chairperson>: Any other questions? If not, we shall move onto voting for Benoit's resolution.

Voting on Benoit's resolution:

In favour: 12

Against: 0

Abstain: 3

Resolution passed with twelve votes in favour and three abstentions.

Raluca <Chairperson>: Moving on to the next resolution.

<SPIL and PeP take the stage>

SPIL + PeP: In no way does this following resolution mean that there is any distrust in the ExCom or any other committee regarding IAPSS.

#4 – The McDonald’s resolution

Concerned by the continuous lack of financial transparency and clarity in financial reporting, recognizing financial stability as essential to the prosperous future of IAPSS, believing that IAPSS should be equipped with the means necessary to cope with fluctuating financial income. Considering that the General Assembly is the highest decision making body within the IAPSS framework. Arguing that the GA should at any time have a good insight into the current financial situation of the association, obliges the ExCom to keep all members of IAPSS informed about the financial situation, obliges the ExCom to present a forecast-budget for the year two months after the start of their mandate, obliges the ExCom to call for an extraordinary General Assembly within two weeks of the presentation of forecast-budget in order for the members to vote upon the proposed budget. Calls upon the Treasurer of 2008-2009 to publish the bank statement from the 1st of September until the 31st of October 2008, in order to be able to use the financial report 2008-2009 as a new starting point on which IAPSS’s future financial reports can be based effectively resetting the financial history of the association and providing a clean slate for the future. Calls upon the DisCom to formulate Financial Regulations to ensure that checks and balances are being maintained within the association, to be presented on the ACGA of 2011.

ROMA Tre: Could you clarify something? Obligations to the ExCom are redundant, because they already provide a preliminary and financial report. It’s too harsh to say this to the ExCom.

PeP: The report in 2008/2009 was one of the best reports we had in a long time, which we want to use as a default paper. We are not saying the financial report should hope to have a mile high income, but we do want to achieve a certain style and quality of reporting. On the preliminary report, it is not really a forecast budget but more like what has been done so far. This is not to see what we spend too much on, but rather a general idea of where expenditure is being made.

Allesio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>: My point of information is about clause 10. Why do you think this should be for DisCom and not SupCom?

PeP: They have good working knowledge of the association and they can gain relevant experience and expertise in the area. DisCom is the appropriate place to this, but not *just* DisCom.

< Article 19.1 (IR) is read out loud by SupCom>

PeP: If the GA finds it appropriate we are prepared to change DisCom for SupCom.

GRAPESS: How is an extraordinary GA ‘extraordinary’ if it occurs every year?

Milos: It’s an online thing (via email or forum), we don’t have to meet anywhere, so it doesn’t actually count as an extraordinary meeting.

Bucharest: We trust the treasurers and ExCom completely. Maybe we should make a resolution in the future, a real framework.

PeP: Sure, we would like to achieve a consistency of style and quality in the future.

Benoit <Editorial Committee>: When you give a mandate to someone, you show that you trust the person. This also gives flexibility to the ExCom so you aren’t always on their back. Also, line number 9 troubles me...because it shows mistrust for a particular treasurer and logically you cannot publish the bank statement anymore, because he shouldn’t have access anymore. We are putting the blame on the treasurer while the report is also the responsibility of the ExCom.

Alessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>: In clause number 10, can you specify which one of them (current, future). Also is it possible to vote clause by clause?

PeP: Maybe a working group with relative experience would be good.

Raluca <Chairperson>: Anyone else?

Machiavelli: We have no intention of blaming the treasurer, however, after the open audit there was no closure on opening and closing balance. We could use the 900 euros that was missing.

Gina: Maybe we should rephrase the resolution, because currently it is problematic.

PeP: It’s fine to rephrase this resolution. We were just hoping this would help treasurers achieve a certain quality.

Inesa: It’s strange that a treasurer doesn’t have access to information from last year.

Gina: Milos should not have access anymore, because he was *last* year treasurer.

Raluca <Chairperson>: Anyone have a point of order?

Alessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>: A motion to move this debate to a later date.

Benoit <Editorial Committee>: Change line 9. You should just state that the finances should be reviewed, not just in a specific space in time.

Alessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>: I change my motion, to a motion for a caucus.

Raluca <Chairperson>: Motion to go into caucus to rephrase resolution.

In favour: 12

Against: 3

Abstain: 0

Motion to go into caucus approved with twelve votes in favour and three votes against.

Raluca <Chairperson>: Back to the former debate.

Stiga Politik: Will a version be printed later on?

PeP & SPIL: Yes, after the vote.

(Altered Resolution #4)

Concerned by the continuous lack of financial transparency and clarity in financial reporting, Recognizing financial stability as essential to the prosperous future of IAPSS, Believing that IAPSS should be equipped with the means necessary to cope with fluctuating financial income. Considering that the General Assembly is the highest decision making body within the IAPSS framework. Arguing that the GA should at any time have a good insight into the current financial situation of the association, Obliges the ExCom to keep all members of IAPSS informed about the financial situation, Obliges the ExCom 2010-2011 to present a forecast-budget for the year ,two months after the start of their mandate, Obliges the ExCom to call for an electronic General Assembly within two weeks of the presentation of forecast-budget in order for the members to vote upon the proposed budget. Calls upon the ExCom 2009-2010 to publish the bank statement from the 1st of September until the 31st of October 2008, in order to be able to use the financial report 2008-2009 as a new starting point on which the form of IAPSS's future financial reports can be based effectively resetting the financial history of the association and providing a clean slate for the future. Calls upon the current SupCom to formulate a document to provide guidelines for the incoming ExCom on financial accounting to ensure that checks and balances are being maintained within the association to be presented on the ACGA of 2011.

Voting:

In favour: 14

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Resolution has been approved with fourteen votes in favour and one against.

#5

SPIL ‘Resolution’ – PROPOSAL TO VOTE ON MISSING REPORTS AND REPORTS THAT WERE NOT APPROVED DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A. Noticing that certain reports were not available for the GA although they formally should have been;

B. Concerned about the fact that other documents could not be approved without necessary amendments;

C. Strongly believing that transferring unapproved reports to a following General Assembly abstracts the smooth proceeding of that General Assembly;

We Propose that:

1. Within two months after the final day of the General Assembly (at the latest on the 16th of June 2010) the missing reports will be made available electronically to all IAPSS-Members.

2. Within two months after the final day of the General Assembly (at the latest on the 16th of June 2010) the disapproved reports will be optimized and made available electronically to all IAPSS-Members

3. An Extraordinary General Assembly is called by the ExCom one month after the missing reports and adapted reports have become available, and that they are to be voted upon by the Extraordinary General Assembly.

ROMA Luiss: Line 1 and 2. Who will make the final reports available? How can the financial report 2007-2008 be optimized? And who will optimize it?

SPIL: The financial report 2007-2008 was discussed by the previous resolution. We should make sure that reports are written and structured at the highest possible quality.

Benoit <Editorial Board>: I suggest we go into a caucus so that we can restructure this document so that it is a resolution instead of a proposal.

Motion to go to caucus for 10 minutes

In favour: 12

Against: 3

Abstain: 0

Motion to go into caucus approved with twelve votes in favour and three votes against.

(Altered Resolution #5)

RESOLUTION TO VOTE ON MISSING REPORTS AND REPORTS THAT WERE NOT APPROVED DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Noticing that certain reports were not available for the General Assembly although they formally should have been,
2. Concerned about the fact that other documents could not be approved without necessary amendments,
3. Strongly believing that transferring unapproved reports to a following General Assembly obstructs the smooth proceeding of that General Assembly,
4. Calls upon the SupCom 2008/2009, DisCom 2008/2009 and Liaison Officers to write and submit their Final Reports to the ExCom within two months after the final day of the General Assembly (at the latest on the 16th of June 2010),
5. Calls upon the ExCom to electronically distribute the document mentioned above,
6. Calls upon the SupCom to request an extraordinary General Assembly one month after the missing reports and adapted reports have become available, and that they are to be voted upon by the Extraordinary General Assembly,
7. Expresses its hope that in the future there will be no missing reports,
8. Reminds the SupCom that it is its duty to make sure that the final reports of the different bodies of IAPSS are prepared for the GA.

Raluca <Chairperson>: I think we can proceed to voting.

In favour: 14

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Resolution has been approved with fourteen votes in favour and one against.

Last resolution by IAPSS ROMA Tre:

#6

1. Guided by the premises of Article 28 of IAPSS Statute.
2. Recognizing the important services and contributions rendered to the Association in the last
3. Seven years,
4. Proclaims Ioana Raluca Teodor Honorary Member of IAPSS.

Allessio Sanguinetti <Alumni Club>: It needs a 2/3 majority, because it is a proposal.

Vote:

In favour: 15

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Vote to make Ioana Raluca Teodor an Honorary Member of IAPSS approved with fifteen votes in favour and zero against.

Raluca <*Chairperson*>: I now adjourn the meeting until next year! See you in Lisbon!