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IAPSS General Assembly 26th – 28th, 2012 Thursday, April 26th, 2012

- Welcome speech: (very brief)
- Approval of the GA Board and Rules of Procedure
- IAPSS Vision, Mission, Values: aims to achieve cooperation among political science students, values: political independence, professionalism, diversity, knowledge, transparency (organization strengthened by open dialogue), mission: create room for active discussion among its members/political science students
- Present: AAIEP, GRAPESS, LUISS Roma, Machiavelli, Politistes1, SPIL, Stuga, IAPSS Georgia, IAPSS Ukraine
- Voting: everyone accept IAPSS Ukraine, IAPSS Georgia
- StugA Politik proposes change of Agenda: at 4:30: Statute Amendment: Kitschen-Amendment
 - Approval by GA attendees
- Rick Veenboer proposes change of Agenda on Friday: Presentation of DisCom members
 - Approval by GA Members
- Presentation of new Association Members:
 - Sorbonne, France: looking for vital exchange among different organizations in Europe, they built up an international committee proposing more European exchange than ERASMUS program does until now, decided to join IAPSS because of its good platform for communication between regional organizations
 - Delegations in favor of acceptance: 7
- 2010-2011 SupCom Final Report: was not received
- 2010-2011: DisCom Final Report: was not received
- 2010-210: ExCom Final Financial Report: copy distributed had mistakes → cannot be approved
 - Opening balance: closing balance: → see report
 - Incomes: membership fees plus some cash money (little)
 - Expenses: see report
 - Grant of European Commission: 20 % must be raised by your own to have been given 20.000 Euros
 - Problem: some money for traveling had to be given back
 - Debt: paid back at beginning of mandate
 - Grant of European Commission was denied → to little points in total → money cannot be given to projects that are already running
 - ISMUS: there has to be a financial report so that members can control it, third time in a row without financial report
 - ISMUS: suggestions about possible approval of report? → another GA this year



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- Questions by members/ points of information:
 - Stuga: what was missing in report sent to members? Dragans refunds missing
 - ISMUS: what was Mr. Martinellis “various expenses”? → smaller bills like telephone bills
- Announcement of formal debate by chair:
 - SPIL: What will delegations tell their association about reports missing?
 - ISMUS could leave IAPSS if there is no solution
- 2010-2011 ExCom Final Report: nobody cared about strategic plan after last GA → no answers, interest shown by members, change of statues may, Federica Project, Transatlantic Leadership projects were brought to still stand because of little interest
 - White book made, to collect important documents and facilitate transfer of knowledge
 - IAPSS 3.0 starting now (new statutes etc.)
 - ACGA Lisbon: Conference full success
 - Magazines: Different View published regularly, Politicon: reviews of all professors did not reach in time so it could not be published
 - IAPSS open learning project: on hold → IAPSS should get more involved (?) → Problems: expensive
 - Contact Person Training: no interest, did not happen
 - Federica E-Learning Project: lectures needed to be translated but this did not fully happen
 - Leadership projects were brought to still stand because of little interest
 - Mission: activate new members (Paris approved) and Babel from Sevilla (Spain) did not answer anymore
 - Contacting former member organizations to integrate them once more failed
 - Needed: Email addresses fixed, new contact person needs to be trained/informed about IAPSS by the respective association
 - Very little promotion of ACGA of organizations in their home countries
 - But: Helsinki – Bremen exchange for one week
 - More group activities needed among IAPSS organization!
 - Points of information:
 - ISMUS: were former association been called or only emailed?
 - Stuga: why are two magazines needed → are two very different magazines
 - Vote on ExCom Final Report: in favour: 4, against: 0, abstaining: 3

Second Session

AAIEP, LUISS Rome, Machiavelli, politistes1, Spil, Stuga, IAPSS Georgia, IAPSS Ukraine, ExCom 2011 and 2012 preliminary report:
The report is represented by Pedro Costa:



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Two external members were elected in Lisbon 2011 to attend the ExCom. Since one of them was not able to move to Ljubljana, the office was not fully capable of taking care of all their tasks. Therefore it was decided to make a new call for candidates in January. It was changed that these persons do not have to live in Ljubljana. This is in fact a violation of the statute, but the SupCom agreed to start the supervising. It was agreed to discuss these important issues in Bremen.

After Pedro Costa and Rodrigo Vaz were elected in January they have taken care of several important issues.

1. Mr. Costa created a new general mail account. That caused some problems because the change was not properly announced. Until then every member of the board had an individual account which was considered as way to complicated.
2. Since the new established account are receiving high amounts of spam mails, several important information by student associations were missing. The ExCom officially apologizes that this caused some problems.

ISMUS mentions, that in fact the website does not seem to contain the latest information. It would be crucial that somebody takes care of renewing the information.

Xenocratis already started to take care of several things, but due to the high amount of work he will not be finished before summer

ISMUS proposes to create a public database with all the important contact information of every student association and of the members of the board. Pedro mentions that most of the association do not have a own general mail account or general phone number. Therefore it is very difficult to create such a database. Making it public would also cause much spam mails.

Pedro Costa tried to get into contact with ex members of the board, but not everyone replied. The finish association mentioned informally to leave IAPSS. Therefore IAPSS had in fact one informal loss of association.

Voting:

7 votes in favor

The report is accepted.

Preliminary financial report

Since in Lisbon no official treasurer was elected Pedro Costa hast taken care of the financial issues by himself.

Expenses:



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Basically most of the money was spent on the bank, especially on accounting fees and interests. It is roughly around 92 Euros monthly.

The running of the website has to be done by credit card. Pedro Costa has taken care of it by himself therefore the costs should be refunded.

Revenues:

Since March IAPSS received the solidarity surcharge, by the organizing committee of the ACGA and AAC and also some fees by student association.

Machiavelli asks why there is no precise table of the expenses and the revenues and why the associations do not vote on the budget directly. Pedro mentions that in the final financial report the expenses and the revenues will be listed precisely.

Voting:

7 votes in favor

The report is approved.

Preliminary Editorial board report:

The report is presented by Rodrigo Vaz

There was just one person elected for the editorial board of Politikon, the Argentinian Martinzetto. As it is very strenuous to run it alone the magazine was not issued regularly.

At extraordinary GA Costa and Vaz tried to restructure the board of Politikon. In June it is expected to issue the next issue of Politikon. But it would be only available online since the resources are not big enough

After the call for papers, IAPSS received 31 articles. The selection will be done like this

The editorial board will review the papers

1. The editorial board will make a preliminary review.
2. It will be forwarded to independent scholars who will review them as well
3. The issue will be assembled

It is proposed by ISMUS, to send it to every association directly.

Voting

7 votes in favor

The report is accepted.

Preliminary SupCom report

The report is presented by Dragan Cvetkovic

The Supcom was not able to work until February 2012



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Regular contact with ExCom members, contact with the organizing committee about the ACGA. Supcom and ExCom agreed that the members do not have to stay in Ljubiana as long as there will be a decision about this issue in Bremen.

It was agreed, that the ExCom informs the SupCom on regular basis monthly. The Problems with the mail account were solved properly.

Cvetkovic mentions that Luca Martinelli is somehow still legally responsible of every action of IAPSS according to Slovenian law. The ExCom is quiet concerned, that anybody could take advantage of this.

ISMUS complains about the legal confusion about Mr. Martinellis responsibility. In fact there are just three different ways to solve this problem:

1. Luca stays in Ljubljana and also stays the legal representative
2. Costa moves to Ljubljana
3. The permanent seat could be moved to another place.

Since Pedro Costa is not intending to move to Ljubljana, the legal responsibility of Martinelli could last.

Voting

7 votes in favor

The report is accepted.

Preliminary DisCom report

The report is presented by Rick Vennboer:

The DisCom includes Luca Martinelli, Clara Friedrich and Rick Vennboer. It is responsible of supervising the work of the ExCom and to introduce disciplinary measures.

Regrettably the DisCom never commenced there work because of several reasons. Establishing contact between the members of DisCom was not possible. Furthermore there was no working ExCom until February 2012.

StugA mentions that it is not legal to be a member of Discom and of ExCom at the same time. Therefore it is a violation of the statute that Martinelli is a member of the DisCom. Costa replies that Martinelli is only a member of the DisCom, his legal status of being responsible for in Slovenia does not make him an official member of the ExCom.

The Discom agrees to abolish them and to delegate their responsibilities. The function of disciplining the Excom should be handed over to the GA, besides the DisCom was not able to properly sanction the ExCom. Every step the DisCom took needd to be signed by all three members. Since there was no regular contact between the members it also was not possible to act on legal basis.

ISMUS asks if the GA agrees that even a properly working DisCom, contact on regular basis and proper disciplinary measures, should be abandoned nonetheless?



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Clara Friedrich: Yes because there are no possible measures to discipline the ExCom. Therefore either there should be developed proper measures or it should be abandoned.

Voting:

6 in favor

1 abstaining

The report is accepted.

Amendment to the statute of the possibility of changing the wording of amendments

Matthias Kroetz presents the idea of changing the wording of amendments. The only possibilities right now are to either accept or deny the amendments. This sets strong boundaries for discussions. Therefore it should be decided that it will be possible to change the word of amendments in the future.

Voting:

7 votes in favor

The amendment is accepted

ISMUS presentation Relocation and reorganizing of IAPSS

ISMUS tends to believe that IAPSS it as a crucial point. Especially the organizational structure is under permanent pressure since the location of the permanent seat which is a barrier for the work of the ExCom as well as the DisCom and SupCom.

The well visited conference show the potential of IAPSS to expand, to broaden and to strengthen itself. It is of high importance to increase the number of associations-members.

ISMUS proposes as a first step to strengthen the attractiveness of IAPSS to move the permanent seat to Nijmegen. In Nijmegen there should be established a permanent secretary.

ISMUS proposes a half an hour caucus to discuss this propose

Ismus comments that the present debate came to the point that the seat should be in Nijmegen and that IAPSS should be created in The Netherlands IAPSS in Slovenia should be dissolved.

StugaA Politik asks if IPASS will loose members by this step. Another problem could be to reestablish partnerships like e.g. with UNESCO Pedro replies that it will be no problem and IAPSS will just inform the partners about the new address and that will be in general no problem for partners

Questions of delegation if there are any legal documents that IAPSS is bound to Slovenia?

ISMUS reminds that resolving organization means that there will be no members and that this step needs to be thought about in the resolution

Open discussion



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IAPSS statue amendments: proposed by AAIEP:

Pedro, chair person:

Among main topics are things like to change the language to abolish DisCom and the seat would be changed, the title of the chair person would be changed into president

Also types of memberships would be reformed and it proposes individuals to have the right to vote and gives them some actual power, because it is an association for students and not for student organizations. Also it is proposed that the regional centers will have a similar structure (democratic) because at the moment there are no fixed structures for them

Real changes are proposed with these amendments and Pedro expresses the to discuss them widely

Unclear remained he point about the vote procedure

It was voted about the motion of voting and 7 were in favor of voting clause by clause.

Article 1

Vennboer suggests not to accept article 1. Pedro replies that if IAPSS will move to Nijmegen IAPSS will have to change article 1 anyway

StugA mentions financial reasons against this and says that changing the name twice may costs more money. Vennboer suggests including it just in the roadmap. StugA proposes to close the debate.

Voting about closing the debate: accepted, debate is closed, 6 votes in favor, one against

Voting about amendment to Article 1: 6 in favor, abstaining 1, accepted

Voting about Amendment to Article 3: in favor: 7, accepted

Amendment to Article 4: Pedro comments to this article that this was written down in a different situation and it was not clear whether IAPSS is moving, if yes where it will be moving to. He proposes to vote about it on another day

ISMUSS confirms that this question is not relevant now,

Pedro: motion to move it to another time?

StugA: vote upon it now

ISMUS: it is illegal, because it will be a illegal move

Vote upon first amendment to article 4 (only changes the language) (IAPSS is located in Ljubljana): delegations in favor: 7 Clause 2: 7 in favor

Amendment 2: first clause: delegations in favor



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Motion for debating point whether change statute about place and legal consequences: in favor: 7, accepted

Vote upon the first clause of amendment 2: in favor, against: 6, in favor: 1

Vote upon amendment 2, clause 2: no vote, because clause 1 implies clause 2

Vote upon the amendment to Article 5: in favor 6, against 1

Vote upon the amendment to article 6: in favor: 7

The amendment to article 7

Critical question appeared why the journal is not mentioned. Pedro explains that just in case, if there would be financial problems IAPSS does not have to stick to it and is not bounded to publish it.

Vote upon the first clause of the amendment to Article 7: in favor: 7

Vote upon the second clause of the amendment to Article 7: in favor: 7

Vote upon the third clause of the amendment to Article 7: in favor: 7

Vote upon the fourth clause of the amendment to Article 7: in favor: 7

Changing the title: in favor 7

Article 8, points of information, not to vote clause by clause

Veenboer: clause 4: why chosen to hold on to the structure. ISMUS: we don't have many people applying to the board? Pedro: that can be a problem, if we talk about people in the permanent seat, if the mandate ends

Vote upon the Amendment to article 8 (on the whole): in favor 7, accepted

Article 9:

Veenboer asks whether clause 11 isn't already in the statute and Stuga adds the question why it should be necessary to rearrange the paragraphs.

Pedro explains that this step makes it more logical because until now the order of this article was in its order not very clear and logical.

Vote upon the amendments to article 9: in favor 7

Amendment to article 10:

Stuga asks as a general question whether all articles are translated into Slovenian. Pedro replies that it is not the case at the moment but if it will be needed (former presence in Slovenia) they will be translated.

Vote upon the amendments to Article 10: in favor 7

Article 11, ISMUS: Machiavelli: clause 2, we need a ExCom of 6 members, it is not necessary



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Pedro: basic change → premium association member was organizer of the ACGA just take out the denomination “premium association Member”

Machiavelli: clause 4a: three nationalities/ why? Always difficult to find a ExCom?

Pedro: it was not changed, because IAPSS is international organization

Machiavelli: ExCom meeting every month

Pedro: it is a Skype meeting, there must be requirement, we must have the meetings

Xenocratis > ExCom member must be present in the next GA. Stops people with financial barriers to engage in the ExCom

Pedro: violation of the statute, should be discussed by the ExCom, there point, sanctions or not

StugA: it was in the old statute; you had time to read it

Pedro: there where changes

Motion to vote clause by clause for article 11; in favor 2, against 3 abstaining 2

In favor article 11: in favor 6: abstaining 1

Amendments to article 12:

Veenboer: point of information: why clause 3, journal needs to be published

Pedro: my mistake

Chairwoman: what happens if we reject, the old would still be valid?

ISMUS: vote clause by clause and get rid of them of the ones you do not want

StugA: since we are the GA we can make a decision

Debate about what happens in the case of voting clause by clause.

Motion to vote clause by clause for Amendment to article 12: in favor 6, against 1

1st clause: in favor 77

2nd clause:

3rd clause: in favor: 5, abstaining: 2

4th clause: in favor 7

5th clause: in favor 7

6th clause: in favor 7

7th clause: in favor 7

8th clause: in favor 7

9th clause: in favor 7

Article 13:

ISMUS: is it actual illegal to have several legal representatives?

Pedro: mostly for internal reasons, clause 2 should make sure that president represents politically outside the organization

ISMUS: is it allowed that the president is not legal representative?

Veenboer: why represents the president only outside the country

Pedro: reason: f president can not live in the country of the head of IAPSS



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Veenboer: strange situation not to represent IPASS in the country of the head office, moving to Netherlands

Ismus: not a question of Dutch law? If IAPSS moves to NL it is a matter how there should be organized representation

Debate: problem of splitting president and legal representatives

Have to check local law

Vote on the amendment to article 13: in favor 7

New article about legal representative: in favor 7

Vote upon the Amendment to article 14: in favor 7

Article 15: ISMUS: difference between clause 2 (old and new), is the clause the same?

Pedro: just changed the order

Vote upon the amendment to article 15: in favor 7

Next amendment:

StugA: it is not needed

Vote upon article 16. In favor 7

Vote upon Article 17: (changes in to article 18): in favor 7

Article 18:

Pedro: reason for quorum on 2, problems during this mandate

In favor: 7

Article 19> competence of the SubCom, Pedro: change put the competences of the DisCom to the SubCom

When implemented, Pedro> make a resolution

DisCom will work until September, then DisCom abolished

Vote article 19> in favor 7, approved

Vote on the amendment to Article 20: in favor 7

Vote: elimination of original article 21: in favor 6

Article 22: in favor 7

Article 23: competence of the editorial board:

Vote: in favor: 7



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Article 24 (membership)

Veenboer: does clause 4 implies that every year we have to decide upon the fee?

Pedro: it is open

Machiavelli: why include the option to become an individual member

Pedro elaborates on this point and says that this has always been an option and it will continue being an option just under another name.

Vote upon the amendments to Article 24: in favor 7

Vote upon the amendments to Article 25 (rights and duties of the members):

Clause 2: right to elect. One vote for individual member

StugA: comments that this question is linked;

Pedro gives an overview over the next day of the GA, start at 9:30. Continuing with voting about amendments to the statute, another topic will be the strategic plan.

End of first day of GA

Friday, April 27th, 2012

Present and voting: AAIEP, GRAPESS, IAPSS Roma Luis, ISMUS, Machiavelli, SPIL, StugA

- Amendment to Article 25 (Individual Membership)

Pedro: Even if we don't approve that Individuals don't have the right to vote, this article 25 does not change

Rick: Really?

Pedro: "According to membership status" is the key phrase in Article 25

Clara: Proposal to vote on Article 25 first

In favor of amendment: 7 out of 7

- Amendment on Article 26

- Stuga: Pedro shall explain it

- Pedro: Two reasons: 1. International Association, therefore: Individual Members should have the right to vote; 2. Empower individual members. I propose that individual have the right to only ExCom (and a few more) members. Additionally, even if individual members vote, they have to have the support of 3 association members.

- Question: Implication: Members of Associations are individual members as well and have two or more votes?

- Pedro: No, according to amendment only individuals would have the right to vote.

- Question: Inequality concerning small and bigger association?

- Pedro: Would that be bad?

- Question: Yes, incentive to get as many people as possible here.



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- Pedro: No, there are still safeguards. ExCom still needs to have 3 nationalities. Additionally, 3 associations are needed in support of one candidate.
- Dragan: So what about associations anyway?
- Pedro: They are still here as association for everything except for voting on “faces” for the Committees.
- Question: What happens when people are to be elected in, e.g., a Skype conversation and people need to be represented by one association participant due to organizational reasons?
- Pedro: According to the rules, extraordinary GA’s should not have been organized the way they were.
- Question: Again, any regulation on the quantity of individual voters?
- Pedro: Again, major safeguard: 3 nationalities in ExCom, 3 associations needed in support of one candidate
- Question: Still, that would not be a problem to do.
- Pedro: But it works now! In all International Organizations individuals vote, but there is no confusion. Additionally, you stated that ExCom is useless, so there should not be a problem with that. The association solution is no longer viable.
- ISMUS: The amendment says that when you go to the GA you have to pay the annual fee?
- Pedro: Depends on resolution of GA on the amount of the annual fee.
- Question: Disincentive if individual membership is cheaper?
- Pedro: But then again, you can only elect “faces”.
- StugA: Motion to vote clause by clause on Amendment 26.
- In favour: 7 out of 7

- Dragan: Question on clause 1. What about students of fields related to Political Science?
- Pedro: Status quo: Wide understanding of “Political Science”. We can put it into internal regulations to clarify.
- Rick: Why age limit?
- Pedro: Because it would not make sense to include 50 year old “students”. 30 years as a threshold seems reasonable.
- Vote on clause 1: 6 in favor. 1 abstaining.
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- Vote on clause 2: 4 in favor. 3 abstaining. Clause 2 does not pass.
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- Michael: Was everyone clear about the quorum regulations?
- Again vote on clause 3: 4 in favor. 3 abstentions. Clause 2 still does not pass.



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- Rick: Without clause 2, clause 3 would not make sense. Everyone should vote against clause 3.
- Dragan: No, Clause 3 is about individuals members being elected, not voting.
- Clara: Clause 3 is about being elected, not on casting votes.
- Vote on clause 3: 6 in favor. 1 against.
- Vote on amending Article 26 according to votes before: 5 in favor. 2 abstentions.
- Stuga: “Only” individual members can be elected? What about associations?
- Pedro: 3a) is the key phrase

Amendment to Article 27

- Question: What is “political science”?
- Pedro: Clarification in internal regulations with wider definition of PS.
- Question: Should we not say “PS and related fields”?
- Clara: No, makes perfect sense.
- ISMUS: Is there an obligation to attend the GA according to this amendment?
- Pedro: Yes, there should be. Right now, people are criticizing IAPSS for doing nothing. Therefore, associations must be present in order to get IAPSS work.
- Question: No, it is a right, a duty, people should want to.
- Question: What would be the consequences of abstaining?
- Pedro: If there is a violation, SupCom would be in charge and would have to assess whether there are valid reasons (lack of money) for abstaining. IAPSS does not consist simply out of the executive bodies.
- SPIL: It should not be obligatory.
- Michael: Reply: It is a way of putting pressure on associations. There is no real disciplinary measure, right?
- Pedro: Yes there is, you voted on it yesterday.

- Dragan: Should be possible for every association to send at least one delegate.
- Rick: POI: What about article 25 clause 2? Implication on Article 27 clause 5, therefore, vote clause by clause needed. Motion to do so.
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- In favour: 7 out of 7.
- Vote on clause Article 27 clause 1: In favor: 7.
- Vote on clause 2: 5 in favor. 2 against.
- Vote on clause 3: 7 in favor.
- Vote on clause 4: 7 in favor.
- Vote on clause 5: 3 in favor. 4 against. Clause does not pass.
- Vote on the whole thing: 7 in favor. Amendment to article 27 passes.



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Amendment to Article 28

- Rick: Why did you choose to individual members to vote?
- Pedro: Individuals do not have the right to vote since the clause did not pass.
- Vote on amendment to Article 28: 7 in favor. Amendment passes.

Amendment to Article 29

- Clara: Normally, honorary members are members of an association as well.
- Question: But we want individual members to become part of IAPSS. When they become honorary members, they would lose the right to vote because you are either an individual member OR an honorary member, right?
- Question: Why did you choose the simple majority instead of two thirds majority for honoring members?
- Pedro: It is not a big thing. I don't care.
- Question: There should not be that many honorary members.
- Stuga: I would like to point out that we should accept this thing.
- Stuga: Simple majority is too easy.
- Pedro: Honorary members do not have the right to vote.
- Dragan: So they could just make all the other members "honorary"?!?
- Stuga: Again, we need a better safeguard, that is, a two third majority.
- Pedro: Stuga does only have one vote for honorary membership, because there is NO INDIVIDUAL right to vote since the clause did not pass.
- Point of order: We need to accept this amendment!
- Vote on amendment: 7 in favor.

Amendment to Article 30

- Stuga: Third clause. "Autonomy"? Contradiction to obligation to act according to IAPSS's values?
- Pedro: Regional centers are still part of IAPSS; they have to comply with the Statute. If not, they may be disciplined.
- Question: Why did you decide to remove clause 4?
- Pedro: Because clause 6 takes care of that. Does that sound reasonable?
- Vote on Amendment to Article 30: 7 in favor.

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Amendment to Article 31

- Pedro: Clause e) answers Stuga's previous question on "autonomy".
- Vote on amendment to Article 31: 7 in favor.



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Amendment to Article 32

- Pedro: Regarding clause 3a, it might still be a good idea, though we voted down individual right to vote.
- Clara: Problems with secret voting?
- Rick: Clause 3 is without sense. Can we accept clause 3a) only.
- Point of Order: But we can leave out certain phrases.
- Clara: No.
- Dragan: Again, we cannot accept only clause 3.

- Motion to vote clause by clause: 7 in favor.

- Vote on clause 1: 7 in favor.
- Vote on clause 2: 7 in favor.
- Vote on clause 3: 2 in favor. 3 against. 2 abstentions. Clause does not pass.
- Vote on clause 4: 7 in favor.
- Vote on amendment to Article 32 as it is: 7 in favor.

Amendment to Article 33

- Vote on amendment to Article 33: 7 in favor.
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Amendment to Article 34

- Stuga: It is only about language, right?
- Pedro: No. There are some more stringent requirements for financial transactions in ExCom.
- Stuga: Yes, clause 2 states that donations by political parties are prohibited. Why?
- Pedro: Because the former rule was a slippery slope. If they give money, they want something in exchange.
- Vote on Amendment to Article 34: 7 in favor.
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Amendment to Article 35

- Pedro: We should vote clause by clause, since there has been the “Kitchen resolution”.
- Motion to vote clause by clause: 7 in favor.
- Pedro: According to the “Kitchen” resolution, clause 1 should not be passed.
- ISMUS: Why?
- Pedro: You should read what we have passed.
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- Vote on clause 1: 0 in favor. 6 against. 1 abstention. Clause does not pass.
- Vote on clause 2: 7 in favor.



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- Vote on clause 3: 7 in favor
- Vote on amendment to Article 35: 7 in favor.
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Amendment to Article 37:

- Stuga: I would like to thank Pedro that he put so much effort into this thing.
- Vote on Amendment: 7 in favor.

IAPSS Internal Regulations Amendments: to be discussed and voted upon

Basis of the following time slot are presentation of three documents: A circle of the organization of IAPSS (by George) and a strategic plan presenting the following issues about visions and goals (Pedro), and finally a document for new branding and marketing (George). Both should be available as a PDF to the members

Pedro was not able to finish amendment yesterday (so it will be on the agenda later, tomorrow afternoon)

IAPSS strategic plan

Next mandate will begin in October 2012

Consist the following topics (presentation which is presented will be available for the members after lunch)

Vision and Goal

Two main points: Networking and education (training information)

Structure

15.000 likes on Facebook

30 active members, IAPSS reaches mid-goal of about 5000 members at all

George explains structure of IAPSS with a **circle plan** (vice president of events - Sec. General – treasurer (with fund raising) –

Academic School (with magazine like Politikon for example)

IAPSS collaborates and will collaborate in the future with different organizations (NATO, UNESCO for example)

Pedro adds: Important is the regular contact instead of dealing with organizations only sporadically

Stuga: Fields in grey means, that some members are externally in the process

Machiavelli: Shouldn't be the fundraising also in the inner circle. Patricia also asked if we could discuss some parts

Machiavelli: Circle is five years old from now, so we can discuss later on changing particular parts



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Membership

The process to expand our membership must be easier. A good possibility could be one or more regional centers ("Mini IAPSS").

The AC and the GA should be held simultaneously

Pedro: The way it works in international conference is that there is a mixture of panel and organizing slots

Think tank would be good for expanding the efforts of IAPSS. Also it is good for getting more members.

Idea: Google Docs for a pool of suggestions, where every participant has entrance

Summer school will be organized every year.

IAPSS has had two journals: A different view (shorter articles, more normative) and Politikon (academic journal). Both are inactive for a long time now. Because of the financial situation of IAPSS the ADV is decided to keep on hold, Politikon will be published online

International Office

Cooperation between Association members: There will be an International Office

Pedro: For example Germans do not know about issues concerning a trip to South America and the other way around.

New Branding and marketing strategy

George presents ideas of getting a new branding for the IAPSS: The website is updates but still old in its structure. So it would be nice to have new sections (present with a short box at the start page of iapss.org). There should be quotes, links, new contact possibilities (Facebook, automated updated Google group) and (because text is quite boring) videos and visual impressions.

Poster to website to contact idea, that people see a link to iapss.org on posters, so IAPSS has a better possibility to spread our organization all over the campuses.

Pedro: It is only a proposal, so think about it during lunch and let us discuss about it later on.

Start of the discussion about the strategic plan: 2.15 pm

Everyone is present and voting

Motion for a caucus of 40 minutes by Dragan

Vote: 7 votes in favour -> motion is passed

Informal discussion where the strategic plan is discussed

End of the caucus after 40 minutes

Proposal for working groups by Michael Peters

Eva asking: what should the working groups discuss?

Clara: Functions in the Excom should be discussed



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George: Operational plan for one year should be set up

Eva> It depends on what kinds of tasks there are so that you can decide how many people IAPSS needs to do these tasks

Clara> what tasks should the ExCom do?

Everyone agrees on collecting ideas with the whole group in order to outline the tasks of the ExCom for the next year

Points for the ExCom until the next mandate (written down by Eva on a flip chart):

- ACGA coordination
- Financial plan -> what can and what cant we do as an association according to financials
- Attract new members
- Relocation of IAPSS headquarters
- Change the statute
- Promoting projects and communication (Julia)
- Fundraising
- Newsletter
- Opportunity centre

Clara asks the current ExCom members to report their ideas

Rodrigo:IAPSS as a think tank

George: people outside of IAPSS do not care about the internal problems. We should promote IAPSS as if everything is ok in order to attract members.

Machiavelli: How can we present ourselves to the outside if we do not know what we stand for?

ISMUS: we have to be useful to each other internally. We can not fake an idea of IAPSS to the European Union if we expect them to give IAPSS money. WE have to present ourselves authentically. There is only one shot to get money from the EU.

George: We have an image that is better than what we do. For the time being we should work on projects and not our structure.

Pedro: All the points are already in the strategic plan. Only the financial plan is not set in stone in the strategic plan. Is there anything that is not in the strategic plan that somebody really wants in it?

Rick: First we need to have an operational plan where we can start from. The strategic plan is for 5 years and the operational plan for the next year.

Pedro: All the points we discussed in the last minutes are too vague. Everything hangs on the commitment by the ExCom. We need specific proposals.

ISMUS: We only have to agree on the most important points of the strategic plan.



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Clara: Clarify the points so that Pedro gets what you mean.

Rick: Very clear are the following points: Assistance with the next ACGA, relocation of the headquarters, we need a budget, we need regulations on what we can and what we can not do financially, the person that is elected secretary needs to find as many political science faculties and write to them and tell them about IAPSS and check the membership database, the status has to be amended according to Dutch law, going to a dutch notary where you get the laws, promotion: every event that is organized by IAPSS should be promoted by every member, fundraising: needs to be coordinated, think tank: already organized by Rodrigo and we need to contact people who want to join in this

Sophia: We are wasting time. GA is not the place to write a strategic plan. The existing ExCom should be there to develop a strategic plan. We need to improve the strategic plan so that the Excom knows how to implement the goals of the strategic plan.

Stuga: There needs to be one person that is in charge of everything. Well structured team that has regular meeting. We should write down exact rules when the Excom should meet.

Clara: more exact than we already have?

Pedro: There is already a regulation that the ExCom should meet not necessarily in person once a month.

Rick: We need concrete steps so that the ExCom knows what to do.

Dragan: We need concrete goals for an operational plan. For example we want 5 new members until next year. Person A is responsible for this project and Person B for this project

Eva: The brainstorm is just to collect ideas. It can not be more concrete.

Pedro: Everything fits perfectly into the strategic plan

Clara proposes to vote on the strategic plan.

Vote:

7 votes in favor

Clara suggests to start the coffee break; continuation of the GA at 4.30 pm.

Clara: there was the proposal to split up in working groups, fitting to the different positions, to work out precisely tasks for the ExCom

Short presentation Politistes1: The essential problem of the Organisation is that there is no responsibility in the ExCom, the structure of IAPSS is not efficient at the moment, proposal to split up the structure and to split up in different parts, different units who report to vice president (via Skype)almost no link between activities of each nit and the president and the would just report it the vice president and he will report it the president, there would be responsible persons



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in each unit who have to manage projects,... each association can be part of different units, you would have really international units who would report to the vice president

Stuga: problem of this, we were trying to do this a little bit earlier, we are further in the program, proposal: go on with that what we had before

Politistes1: the idea is to have a framework

StugA: so your idea is sort of to make subgroups, easier accessible for members of associations

Clara: thanks for the presentation, maybe we can include your ideas when we are talking about the concrete tasks of the ExCom. Let's go on to the working groups

Pedro: The 3 members of the ExCom talked about what is happening, conclusion: working groups have to address what each position would do, that would be president, vice president and so on.

Clara: I know of a couple of people that are ready to join the ExCom

Rick: Need to focus on the task and goals, and not on what kind of work

Xenokratis: current statue we have a certain structure that we will follow

Clara: you as ExCom can decide who does what

Xenokratis: we can not do this before we have an ExCom

Clara: how do we divide the working groups, points to discuss: financial plan, possibility to attract members, communication, fundraising!

Comment: set goals, in order to give the new board a framework

Julia: poposal to create 4 groups, combine groups financial situations and fundraising

Clara: one academic financial group, one financial group, membership, then we have newsletter and

Debate about how to create the working groups, (to loud to name each position), result

1st group: financial, acquisition, budget, Philipp, Ewout

2nd group: Academics, think tank, politics, Rodrigo

3rd group: memberships, communication, promotion, George, Dragan

Categories for the working groups: priority, description, indicator, time frame, obstacles, problems

StugA: ExCom members should have priority to choose which group the would be working

Clara: 45 minutes for the working groups

Clara: suggests continuing now, every group gets 10 minutes to present, 5 minutes to discuss, first group should start with presenting findings

First group:



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started with two assumptions, two main problem lack of continuity, lack of control, lack of discipline, lack of transparence, indicators and goals: budget, every member should start every year with a concrete financial plan, SubCom is supposed to check finances, strict administration of membership fees, few associations have just paid fee just before ACGA, good clear financial reports should be a goal, register new account (for future in The Netherlands), internal communications should be improved , responsibility, financial guidelines, new treasures should take advice from the old ones, funding should be improved, create a profile of the association to explain it to funding institutions why they should support IAPSS, keep a list of institutions who were requested for funding

Questions, comments: is there any way that local associations can get involved?

First group: of course, they are an essential part and they know very well possible partners

Clara: certain things are only possible if the funding are there

Stuga: indicator for financial incomes, 15 or 20 new members, 20 associations as goals to have paid their fee until the end of the year

Second Group: one important way of having an academic impact, not only Politikon, but also to improve it and another step is cooperation with other journal of associations, can happen right away, second goal, reach a broader audience with Politikon, limit number of articles in the journal, reestablish the quarterly publishing of the journal, was not published since 2010, reestablish 4 volumes within one year as a goal, another goals: it should be printed, find printing possibilities to make it as cheap as possible, create a think tank until June, decide upon the topic, connect Think Tank with Academic Conferences, until end of this year, maybe next year, AC itself, get more participants, goal for the next ACGA already, reestablish the possibility to present students papers on the AC, Organizing committee can suggest various topics for the ACGA, difficulty: technical, participants do not vote

Questions, comments: none

Presentation of the third group: communication between IAPSS and association is a problem at the moment, we have mailing list, create stable contacts (email, Skype, phone), confirm the communication for ExCom and the Association

Question: to confirm that you have read the e mail?

Third group: Yes

Stuga: How many associations are in the database at the moment?

Dragan: At the moment about 25

Third group: make sure the associations provide us with stable contacts, problem communications between IAPSS and individuals, use Facebook in order to communicate, Google groups, create a Google group within your association, ExCom will sample all the groups together, you will not loose personal data, you can always keep it up to date, Opportunity center



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does not reach IAPSS members at the moment, these new ways of communication can be used for different things,

Question: is it not easier to publish all the information on the homepage?

Clara: Google account is mainly for the ExCom to reach members

Third group: update the website, hang out a poster in each university (with information about IAPSS), will be created by ExCom members, will be posted at the beginning of the academic year, posters do work, event posters, done by the Organizing Committee, update Facebook page, request users, promotional material, include IAPSS promo material in own association promo material, attracting new members, vice president has to search for political science students organizations, online application form on the website, post new members on Facebook

Clara: reached the goal to outline the plan for the next 5 year, propose not to vote

Question: shouldn't we discuss who is responsible for what?

Clara: I think it is clear who is responsible → ExCom; it is up to the members to decide it who will focus on it

Stuga: need to fix the findings of the different groups

Clara: one person of every group should write it down.

Named persons who will write it down for the different groups

Saturday, April 28th, 2012

Change of agenda: proposals and Resolutions at first.

Proposals and Resolutions (90 min)

- **1. Resolution: Eva van der Helm is presenting it**

- outlining deeply concerned Dutch delegations (about the state of IAPSS)
- not enough participation at all
- move the seat to the Netherlands
 - requirement: a Dutch person should become a member of ExCom
 - Vice-President out of the Netherlands as well
- (Andre (Brazil) is Vice-President right now)

- **questions afterwards**

- **Pedro:** is it really true that you say that there is no future for IAPSS until you have someone in the ExCom.



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- **Eva:** it is a bit black and white but the meaning is that we could do it very well and will reorganize the organization.

15 minutes caucus
(stopped at 10:47)
10 more minutes of caucus
(ending 11:00)

COFEE BREAK

2. resolution (starting at 11:30) on the extinction of Liaison officers

Considering the lack of communication between liaison officers and the ExCom,

Alarmed by their lack of work and the impact on relations with strategic partners of the Association,

Emphasising the ExCom should have control on how the Association is seen and represented with outside organisations,

The General Assembly

- ⤴ Approves the extinction of all Liaison officers,
- ⤴ Further decides their functions will be taken on by a Member of the ExCom,
- ⤴ Authorises the ExCom to decide within itself who will take on these responsibilities

pro: 7
against: 0

3. resolution (starting at 11:40) membership fees

Considering the amendments made to the Statute during the GA in Bremen, Further recalling the new Article 9.3,

Taking note of the general opinion within the General Assembly that increasing the number of Members is crucial,

Emphasising the Strategic Plan 2012-2017 points to a new general direction on how to increase the Membership of IAPSS,

Bearing in mind there are essentially no current operational expenses,



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Noting with satisfaction the success of the solidarity surcharge as a new source of steady revenue,

The General Assembly

Approves the annual membership fees for the year of 2013 as follows:

- ⤴ individual Membership Fee: 0€
- ⤴ Association Membership Fee: 50 €

Discussion:

Do you want to keep the price that low?

Pedro: We will not change it until the next GA. I think we should keep it like this for several years.

voting:

pro: 7

against: 0

- ⤴ Change the agenda: **Presentation of 2012 – 2013 Sup Com Candidates before Presentation of 2012 – 2013 Ex Com Candidates:**

voting:

pro: 7

against: 0

Presentation of 2012 – 2013 SupCom Candidates (15 min)

Supervisory Committee (SupCom): It monitors the work of the ExCom, the implementation of the Operational plan and conducts the supervision over financial and material operation of the Association. Its role is also to offer assistance to the ExCom.

- report – reading the Sup Com Text

Change of Plan → Presentation of Sup Com members to a free space after the lunch break:

voting:

pro: 6

against: 1

The Piano Resolution

Proposers: ISMUS, Machiavelli & SPIL



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Alarmed by the current situation where IAPSS is in,
Deeply concerned by the fact that proposed measures from last years ACGA in Lisbon have had
no effect,
Convinced that desperate times call for drastic measures,
Expecting that the movement of the Permanent Seat to Nijmegen would have a beneficial effect
on the Association,

Recommends that the Permanent Seat will be moved to Nijmegen,
Calls upon all associations, and specially upon, ismus, Machiavelli & SPIL, to form a Relocation
Committee (hereafter RC), which will be under direct supervision of the newly to be created
position of ExCom member for Relocation (hereafter ER),
Proclaims that this function will be a position in the ExCom of 2011-2012 as well as the ExCom
2012-2013,

Authorizes the RC and ER to research the possibilities for the relocation of the Permanent Seat
and to present a proposal on this subject at the ACGA of 2013.
Approves that the RC and ER will dispose over all means necessary to relocate and restructure
the Association,

Emphasizes that all other ExCom members are periodically consulted about the running state of
affairs by the ER,

Calls upon the ER and RC to present an extensive report on the relocation and necessary changes
in the Organisation during the ACGA 2013,

Further proclaims that the ACGA 2013 will be the only time the GA gets the opportunity to vote
on the proposal as a whole,

Declares accordingly that at the upcoming elections for ExCom of 2011-2012 and for ExCom
2012-2013 the following candidates will be proposed for the following functions:

Ewout Hasken – ExCom member for Relocation;

Eva van der Helm – Treasurer;

Yke Ntoane – Secretary General;

Philipp Aepler – ExCom member of Events (2011-2012) / Vice President of Events (2012-2013).

Eva outlining the changes:

*we removed the idea of putting all ExCom-members from the Netherland, but from other
countries as well.*

can be installed right away

ExCom has a right to controll the changes

voting:

pro: 7

against: 0



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Presentation of 2012 – 2013 Ex Com Candidates (30 min)

- dismissal of 2 ExCom members who are not joining the GA

Explanation:

- ⤴ during the last GA – 5 members were elected for ExCom
- ⤴ they were given special departments
- ⤴ Javid Mustafa? Did not answer after the election
- ⤴ the other member Ina and her association (Voo) has not been in touch with IAPSS

Dismissing Javid Mustafa from the ExCom

voting:

pro: 7

against: 0

Dismissing Ina from the ExCom

voting:

pro: 7

against: 0

- ⤴ so these two were dismissed from the ExCom
- ⤴ Pedro will send an Email to these two members.

Eva van der Helm presents herself (Treasurer)

- ⤴ as president of SPIL
- ⤴ looks after a budget of 25000 €
- ⤴ very good financial overview
- ⤴ financial regulations → missing in the past
- ⤴ make a good overview
- ⤴ fully renew and improve position of treasure

point of Information

Stuga: why did you not want to join before?

Eva: organization → too big/ not dynamic enough for, but during this GA the organisation turned into one with a confident future.



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Yke Ntoane presents herself (Secretary General)

- ✦ secretary general
- ✦ willing to fulfill the job
- ✦ good contacts to all organizations
- ✦ doing a 3 year bachelors

Yke: important to read the white book – contact to the member organisations – I will have an overview then. should be within a few weeks

Ewout Hasken presents himself (ExCom member)

- ✦ machiavelli member -
- ✦ extremely fit on becoming the exCom member on relocation
- ✦ Machiavelli has great resources to

Point of information:

will you have enough time due to your work within Machiavelli?

My mandate ends in June so I will have enough time to do stuff for IAPSS

Philipp Aepler presents himself (Vice Chair)

- ✦ from Eastern corner of Germany
- ✦ 4th semester (second year)
- ✦ Vice-Chair →
- ✦ likes to organize events
- ✦ likes to present the organization
- ✦ wants to coordinate the communication between the organizing committee
- ✦ Rethinking the new activities → free to organise that.

Clara Friedrich presents herself (ExCom Member)

- ✦ Did not want to be in the ExCom at first
- ✦ but decided to join the ExCom during the summer.
- ✦ until October 2012

Pedro Statement

- ✦ happy to see that we will have a real functioning ExCom



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✧ thanks to all new future members

ExCom 2012-2013

Yke Ntoane – Secretary General

Eva van der Helm – Treasurer

→ Ewout Hasken – ExCom member for Relocation

→ Philipp Aepler – ExCom member of Events

→ Pedro Costa – President

→ Rodrigo Vaz – Vice President

→ George Xenokratis – ExCom Member

→ Alexandra Papatheodor

✧ wants to continue her work in the ExCom (Opportunity Centre)

Point of information:

✧ Alex and George are a couple so it could be unprofessional (question by member)

○ answer → we are able to work together without any problem

→ Wladimir Kalinin (владимир калинин)

✧ wants to join the Association

✧ has some contacts to oligarchs and some important to people of society in the Ukraine

✧ they have some patrons who support IAPSS Ukraine and the university

✧ he will be joining the ACGA for sure

✧ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ibo2Uygikuw>

Present and voting: AAIEP, GRAPESS, IAPSS Georgia, IAPSS Roma Luis, ISMUS, Machiavelli, politistes1, SPIL, StugA Politik, IAPSS Ukraine

Clara welcomes everyone.

Patricia presents her candidature.

- Patricia: I'm studying IR in my first year. I studied in a lot of places (NY, Australia, France). I could be useful for this international network. I was in charge of ERASMUS students last year, so I do know a lot about universities we have exchange programs with.



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I also know a lot about universities in NY. I know a lot of willing associations, e.g. in South America, that are willing to participate here.

- Pedro: Will you have the time do it?
- Patricia: I will have fewer classes in the future.

Clara: George, what about your candidature?

George: I want to run for regular ExCom-membership.

Clara: Any other candidate? No.

Presentation of the not any longer premium association member for the ACGA 2013–IAPSS Roma LUISS

Sara De Santis: Our association was born in 1996. It was one of the founding members of IAPSS. We are made up of young students of PS that promote dialogue and discussion. We organize a wide variety of seminars and activities at our universities.

We want to change the way the ACGA is organized. We have not decided yet what to do about it. First of all, it would be great to work with IAPSS, IPSA and the Italian Organization of Industries. As for Rome, everybody knows it's great. The guys in Bremen did a good job. We have some problems in Rome (it's bigger and expensive). Therefore, we need to take advantages of private funds and sponsors with your approval.

Pedro: You mentioned some sponsors and a business plan. Could you dwell on that?

Sara: The budget is about 40k Euros. It should be easy to get that amount of money since our university is quite well off.

Dragan: You mentioned some old members of Roma LUISS. Would they able to help you?

Sara: Yes. We are a new generation, but it should be possible

Rick: You stated that first you don't want to apply the classic model of 3 days AC and 3 days GA. What about your approach?

Sara: We do not know yet. We want to have a dialogue here.

Philipp: How many people are you?

Sara: 30 regular members and some 100 members for specific events.

Michael: Do you want to organize it within your organization or separately?

Sara: Within our organization.

George: First, do you have Ryanair?

Sara: Yes

George: Second, what about the future economic situation? Do you think you can make it happen?

Sara: Yes.

Question: Are you also planning to go for other sponsors, e.g. the EU?



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Sara: Yes.

Philipp: Finance is important. Did you already think about bigger sponsors for some basic funding?

Sara: Our University has a lot of partners and we spoke to some university guy that assured us it should be possible.

Clara: Any other candidates for the next organizing committee? No. Two minutes break.

The presentation of candidates for the next editorial board

Pedro: According to the statute amendments, the board will have two people elected during the ACGA and two people during September for reasons of continuity.

Rodrigo: The candidates are the current members, Weronika and Gabriela. Gabriela has done a lot of work in POLITIKON and within IAPSS. She has been a member since 2008, she was a regional officer in Argentine and she published *A Different View*. She put the CfP for Politikon on the IPSA Homepage. She has done perfect work. She is mainly responsible for the smooth way POLITIKON is going.

As for Weronika, she is a good colleague and a good friend of mine. She plans on pursuing an academic career. She has been doing a really good job. She gave some fresh input into POLITIKON. She will do a great job in the future.

Presentation of 2012/2013 SupCom members

Michael Peters: I think I can use my experience of organizing the ACGA 2012 for being a member of SupCom. I did a lot of supervision work during the organization of the ACGA, and that is what I would have to do in SupCom. I'm a second year Bachelor student here in Bremen and will do a foreign semester in Spain as in autumn.

Philipp: You will go to Salamanca. Will you be able to work successfully for SupCom?

Michael: Yes. I am absolutely confident. I tend to be very critical on a lot of things. I would have done it in ExCom but I had a lot of work being the chairman of the OC.

Next candidate is Dragan.

Dragan: Hello everyone. I believe that my previous experience in IAPSS is still relevant. During the several months I have worked as a SupCOM member I felt that this work suits me. Without any false modesty, I think I am actually good in it.

Philipp: Someone from Roma should participate there!

Roma LUISS: No. We will be fully focused on organizing the next ACGA.



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Pedro: I am glad that this is the case. Nevertheless, you approved an amendment that states that 2 members are sufficient for SupCom.

Clara: We will proceed for the election. No one is allowed to leave the room until the election is over.

Present and voting: AAIEP, Grapes, IAPSS Georgia, IAPSS Roma LUISS, ismus, Machiavelli, politistes 1, spil, StugA Politik, IAPSS Ukraine

Clara: We start with the treasurer. Candidate is Eva. You are allowed to write down a maximum of 1 name.

Eva is confirmed with 7 votes out of 7. Eva accepts.

The next election is Secretary General. We have one candidate, Yke. Yke is confirmed with 7 out of 7 votes. Yke accepts.

We proceed to the open Vice Chair position. Candidate is Philipp. Philipp gets 7 out of 7 votes. Philipp accepts.

We proceed to the regular ExCom members. You may state as many names as you want. We have two candidates: Clara and Ewout. Clara is not counting the votes. Ewout has been elected with 7 votes. Clara has been elected with 6 votes. Both accept.

We are done with the extraordinary voting. We are now going to proceed to vote on the 2012/13 ExCom members.

We are going to start with the presidency. We have one candidate, Pedro.

POI: People that already have a position need a two third majority.

Pedro has been reconfirmed with 7 out of 7 votes. Pedro accepts.

We move on to the Vice President. We have three candidates for the three Vice Presidencies: Patricia, Rodrigo, and Philipp. You may write down up to 3 names. All three vice presidents have been accepted with 7 out of 7 votes. They all accept their vote.

We proceed to the position of the Treasurer. Only candidate is Eva. Eva is confirmed with 7 out of 7 votes. Eva accepts.

We proceed to voting on the Secretary General. Candidate is Yke. Yke is confirmed with 7 out of 7 votes. Yke accepts.



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We proceed to regular ExCom members. Candidates are Eva, Vladimir, George, and Alexandra. We have up to 6 regular ExCom members. George and Alexandra need a two third majority. George and Eva have been elected with 7 votes. Alexandra has been elected with 6 votes. Vladimir has been elected with 4 votes. George and Eva accept.

Election of the next ACGA's organizing committee. Candidate is IAPSS Roma LUISS. They are confirmed with 6 votes out of 7. They accept.

We proceed to the election of the Editorial Board. Please refrain from stupid comments on the ballots. We have two candidates, Weronika and Gabriela. Both are approved with 7 out of 7 votes.

There are two candidates for SupCom, Michael and Dragan. We have up to three positions there. Both have been approved with 5 out 5 votes because of 2 two invalid votes.

We are almost done. Coffee break is in ten minutes. Pedro has withdrawn the amendments to internal regulation. If there is nothing else for the agenda, Pedro's statement would be the last official point. Philipp states there should be a meeting of current and future ExCom members afterwards.

Pedro: I decided to withdraw the amendments simply because of the discussion in the working group yesterday, namely because of the comments of the financial group. We would need further amendment, which should be dealt with in the next ExCom.

Question: Considering the fact that afterwards internal regulation have to be amended during to application of Dutch law, the amendment now would not make that much sense.

Question: Do we really need new internal regulations? We should do it all together next year.

Clara: Thank you for coming to Bremen and participating in this extraordinary GA.

Proposal to sing the IAPSS song.

Clara: Do you want to?

Pedro: Point of order – does anyone know the lyrics? If not, we would not be able to sing it.

Clara: If we don't have a song, we cannot put forward this motion. Dragan does not seem to be willing to do it. I am happy with the way the GA went. I am hopeful it will keep going like that the next year. I would like to thank the old ExCom and everyone else committed. I have never seen that amount of candidates on a GA the past years.

Pedro: On behalf of the ExCom, I would like to thank Clara for chairing the GA.

Pedro: Point of order – Clara cannot be elected honorary member because she is going to be member of the ExCom.

Clara: I do not want to be an honorary member. If there is nothing else, I propose the motion to adjourn the meeting to the next ACGA 2013 in Rome: 7 votes in favor. The meeting is adjourned.