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General Assembly

Location

The meeting was held online via Zoom from Montréal, Québec, Canada

Attendance

Individual Members

1. Leah Rea
2. Thalia Blankson
3. Seifeddine Hajji
4. Naga Anagha Lakshmi
5. Karla Estephany Alvarado Romero
6. Moshibudi Motimele
7. Viktor Savinok
8. Zinnia Aurora
9. Max Steuer
10. Roberto Nugnes
11. Crystal Staebell
12. Syed Abbas Ali Sherazi
13. Eyrin (Eirini) Kyriakidi
14. afşın fidan
15. Maheen Shafeeq
16. Ginisha Dewani
17. Minya Chan
18. Justin Patrick
19. Nesma Tarek
20. Viktoriia Ovcharuk
21. Paola Navarro Villa
22. Oleksii Zahreba
23. Kateryna Kravchenko
24. Frank Stengs
25. Maksym Khmelnttskyi
26. Boluwatife Ajibola
27. Victor Kovalchuk
28. Maxim Khmelnytsky
29. Thomas N. Singbeh
30. Idris Yeba Buta

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the Agenda and General Assembly Committee
3. Approval of the minutes of May 2021 Online General Assemblies - [click here to access the minutes](#)
4. Report of the IAPSS President (needs a vote to approve) - [click here to access the Report of the IAPSS President](#)
5. [Report of the IAPSS Treasurer](#) (needs a vote to approve)
 - a. [Financial Statement 2021-2022](#)
 - b. [Draft Budget 2022-2023](#)
6. Report of the IAPSS Advisory Board (needs a vote to approve) - [click here to access the Advisory Board Report](#)
7. Legal Framework Amendments and Motions – [click here to access the Motions Package.](#)
 - a. Motion 1: Ruling Personal Issue Motions Out of Order Automatically
 - b. Motion 2: Rules for National Associations within IAPSS
 - c. Motion 3: Rules for Student Research Committees (SRCs)
 - d. Motion 4: Limiting the Number of Positions One Can Run for in a Single IAPSS Election or By-Election to Two
 - e. Motion 5: Default currency used in the documents of IAPSS
 - f. Motion 6: GSG Membership
8. Elections – (candidate presentations, questions, and voting)
 - a. President
 - b. Secretary-General
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Vice President for Academic Affairs
 - f. Vice President for Programs
 - g. Vice President for Public Relations
 - h. Advisory Board Members (3)
 - i. IAPSS Africa Chair
 - j. IAPSS Asia Chair
 - k. IAPSS Europe Chair
 - l. IAPSS Latin America and the Caribbean Chair
 - m. IAPSS Oceania Chair
 - n. IAPSS US and Canada Chair
9. Other Business

10. Adjournment

Livestream link

<https://youtu.be/CzayzYVGVko>

Minutes

1. Call to order

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: I am Tobi, I will be the chair for today's General Assembly of IAPSS, and I welcome all of you here from around the globe. Before we get started, sometimes these online meetings can be a bit anonymous and I would like us to have quite an interactive feature here, even though General Assemblies are not usually designed to be the most fun and interactive things. But perhaps we can just all, you know, use the chat box and write where we are currently based, to get an idea of what kind of a diverse um crowd of political science students is joining us today here. And after that, I think, we can get started. So, perhaps, your name and the location you're currently in.

[Unknown member]: Hi, good morning.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Hi, if you can write into the chat box, it would be fantastic. The place and your name. Wonderful. So, we have Ginisha right now, coming from India. And Leah is in Northern Ireland [inaudible]. Justin is in Canada, Maheen joins us from Pakistan, Anagha from India, Minya is in the Netherlands, Roberto in Italy, Dina is in Cairo. Max says hi from Slovakia in the European Union, and Paola joins us from Germany, also in the European Union. Hello, Nesma from Egypt, Crystal is still sleep deprived but she is in DC. I think if I was in this time zone, I'd be sleep deprived, too. And then, we have one name written in cyrillic letters, which is something I cannot read, so perhaps you can write your name one time for all of. *[Pause]* Oh sorry it has been written, so, Vlad, from Ukraine. Vladyslav. Wonderful.

So, good to have all of you here. This General Assembly today is recorded and live streamed on YouTube so this is something you all should be aware of. However if you feel free to turn, if you want to please turn your video on, of course, this might be nice, if all of us are coming together for the next couple of hours. But don't feel obliged to do so. I would like to start and, hi Maxime from Ukraine, by calling us all to order and, therefore, kick-start us in for today's IAPSS General Assembly. My name is Tobias Scholtz, as I mentioned before, and I was the IAPSS President previously. Justin has asked me to support this General Assembly, as someone who's not involved actively anymore in IAPSS. To chair this General Assembly. And this would be something that would need to be confirmed in the point number two, the approval of the agenda, and the General Assembly Board. By doing that we are adhering to Robert's Rules of Order. To get a better idea of what that actually means, Robert's Rules of Order, you will find all the relevant documents on the IAPSS website, and on the website of the General Assembly page. I, for my part, have been advised to suggest myself, then Justin Patrick and Paola Navarro Villa to be parts of the General Assembly Committee, and I've been advised to recommend to you that we accept the agenda for

today's General Assembly. But I obviously invite any discussions and motions to contribute to add additional points to the agenda.

2. Approval of the Agenda and General Assembly Committee

So, I would like to, first of all, ask all of you whether there is anyone who would like to make a motion by raising the hand in your zoom function, to add an additional point for the agenda, and, if that is not the case, we will move on to the next point and accept the agenda. *[Pause]* I do not see any motions to amend the agenda, I would therefore like to ask you to confirm the agenda in the chat by either posting yes, no or abstain. *[Pause]* Wonderful, the agenda has been confirmed by the participants of the General Assembly. Okay, now for the - I see Justin is raising his hand. Justin, yes, please, go ahead.

Justin Patrick, President: So, I guess, as we need a mover and seconder for the motion to approve the agenda, I would be happy to move the motion to approve the agenda.

Paola Navarro Villa, Vice President for Public Relations: I can second.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: All right, great. Thank you very much for that. Then, I think we can call the agenda for being approved. While this is now practicing the other way around, let's do it in the correct way. For the General Assembly Board, we would need to have a mover and a seconder for having Tobias, Justin and Paola on the General Assembly board. Who would like to be the mover?

Ginisha Dewani moves the motion to appoint Tobias Scholz, Justin Patrick, and Paola Navarro Villa to the General Assembly Board. Leah Rea seconds the motion.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Leah is seconding this motion which means we can start to vote. Please vote yes, no or abstention on the General Assembly board. *[Pause]* Thank you very much, the General Assembly board has been confirmed.

3. Approval of the minutes of May 2021 Online General Assemblies.

[Click here to access the minutes of May 2021 Online General Assemblies](#)

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Okay, which means we can move on to the third part, the approval of the minutes of May 2021 online General Assembly. The minutes can be found online. Is there someone from the Executive Committee who would like to just briefly introduce this section? Yes, Justin.

Justin Patrick, President: Thank you. These minutes outline our meeting last year, so our General Assembly and elections. The documents are available online, Oleksii has just posted the link in the zoom chat and I encourage - I hope folks have had a chance to take a look. I understand that it was quite a long meeting we had, we had to break it up into two sections, so both of those meetings are in those minutes. I think the document is over 100 pages there, we were trying to be as thorough as possible. You could also view these General Assemblies on the IAPSS YouTube account, they were also live streamed there.

So, with that, I would like to move this motion to approve these minutes. Thank you. Oleksii also posted the vote ballot, so for these kinds of longer motions, that aren't kind of procedural in nature, we do have votes on the IAPSS website. So, if you're logged in with your IAPSS membership account, you can vote via the link that Oleksii has just posted. There, you'll see a little multiple choice, probably yes, no or abstain. You can go and make your selection there. And now those votes will be up for three days, just so members from all the different time zones get a chance to vote there. Thank you.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: All right, thank you very much, Justin . This would mean that we need a mover and a seconder for this motion. Who would like to be the mover? *[Pause]*

Justin Patrick moves the motion to approve the minutes of the May 2021 General Assembly. Anagha Lakshmi and Leah Rea second the motion.

Tobias Scholz, GA Chair: Leah and Anagha second the motion, and Maheen as well, three seconds. Great, then the ballot is opened and you can vote on the minutes of the General Assembly. And, if i understood Justin correctly, then directly on the website this time. *[Pause]* Wonderful. I think, if it is like the last time, Justin , then we will basically have all these votes as a preliminary result but the voting will stay open for a total of 24 hours, is that correct?

Justin Patrick, President: I think this will be open for about three days, I believe.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: All right, so voting is open for three days, for all votes that are posted. Great, good. Then if this is the case, we can move on but we will have a short insight, I think, by Oleksii perhaps, if i'm not mistaken, on how the results look, for now.

Oleksii Zahreba, Secretary-General: Sure, it looks like a motion has passed but very few people have voted, so all the people who are present are yet to vote for this motion. So, please, go to the General Assembly page and proceed to vote from there.

4. Report of the IAPSS President

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Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Okay, nice, maybe we can actually *[inaudible]*. I'm not sure if it's possible, maybe you can pin the voting site down below, so that it doesn't always disappear when people are messaging in the general chat. That might help a bit. But yes, the voting will be open for three more days. For now it looks as if the approval of the minutes of the May 2021 General Assembly has passed which means that we're moving to point number four: Report of the IAPSS President which needs a vote to approve. Justin , you have about - how much time do you need? Five to ten minutes to make a pitch for this?

Justin Patrick, President: That sounds good, thank you. The report is available on the IAPSS General Assembly page on our website, so you can take a look at the details about our progress over this past year. But I'm just going to speak generally to what we've been doing and some of the notable achievements and challenges. As at the last General

Assembly in May 2021, members completed a series of General Assembly votes over the past year or so that initiated a relocation process from the Netherlands to Canada for IAPSS' base of global operations. So, over this year we have been implementing this relocation process from everything, from ensuring that the newly incorporated non-profit was able to have a bank account, a credit card, and hopefully, though we're kind of still finalizing the Memorandum of Understanding with Concordia University in Montreal, an in-person office space, which will be that will be a place, hopefully, for IAPSS to store its various items that it has scattered across Europe right now, and also to perhaps allow for some volunteers to maybe, if they want, to work in the office on some very specific things, such as grant applications or any in-person events in that part of the world. So, we're hoping that this agreement will - we haven't really had this since IAPSS was in Slovenia in the 2000s up until about 2012 and we're hoping that this might be a way to develop a more grassroots presence for IAPSS because, if we're able to establish this in-person office here, we may also be able to establish similar agreements with universities in other continents. So, the IAPSS regions can all - and maybe, even one day, national associations, can also have physical spaces where they can store their items and organize their events, as a sort of base of operations there. So, this was hopefully a first step toward achieving this sort of - some space for the global community.

In addition, the IAPSS credit card and bank account are also notable. We've had some troubles over the past eight years, kind of securing a credit card in the Netherlands but in Canada we now were able to do this. So, before we had folks from the Executive Committee paying for the bills and then being reimbursed. Now we have the credit card so folks don't have to do that anymore. So, that will be a big step forward. Then, most of the operations can now be done online, so no one has to fly to the Netherlands or mail stuff too much. We just log into the online system, for folks in the future, and then they should be able to update relevant information and then, be able to continue on there.

In addition, we were hoping that things would go back in-person but we're still in the COVID pandemic, so we did continue online events. We had a little summer workshop in summer of 2021, we had a small number of participants, it was a new kind of event format, the participants developed some ideas for papers over the course of an intensive workshop period and listened to some guest speakers and folks who could provide some guidance on to help them out with that. We also just finished our world congress, that happened over the span of this week and we had over a hundred participants but we're hoping that in the future we'll have IAPSS' 25th anniversary, a return to in-person events, including an in-person World Congress and then the unveiling of the physical office space in Montreal. So, we'll be able to have this sort of three reasons to celebrate and it should, hopefully, be an extra special World Congress for folks who are participating next year.

In addition, IAPSS has led the charge in getting other student governments of the world together to form a Global Student Government to represent all students. So this is sort of a larger umbrella organization to provide support to IAPSS, to provide support to other student organizations, to help build or in some cases rebuild student democracy around the world, and help us improve the services and operations that we provide to our students. A big reason for this, as we mentioned I believe during the last General Assembly, was because we noticed that in many areas of the world student governments have been experiencing decline and collapse. Perhaps this is part of a general trend of threats to civil

society in general, but in any case, we're trying to kind of resist this trend and to make the rest of the 20th century,¹ hopefully, a period of good student democracy and representation, so students of all subjects, including political science, will have a voice in education decision-making, including various policy proposals that are proposed to world leaders, to various UN bodies and consultation processes, as well as to provide support to campus and national student organizations who are advocating for more specific policies in their locations around the world. This has allowed us to - so over two years, IAPSS has sort of played a leading role in helping the other organizations through this process, and that's mainly because we're using our political science expertise to help folks out. I'm happy to say that the first GSG elections have concluded on April 7th, and the GSG now functions as an autonomous organization. This means we have another layer of support to help the student community, and then, as you see, as you'll see later on in the agenda, we have a motion to become a formal member of the GSG. So every member of IAPSS will be able to vote for the Global Student Government Executive Committee as well. So, it's like a direct democracy route, so instead of IAPSS sending delegates to vote for this, each of you will be able to vote for the GSG Executive Committee, so that should be an exciting way to make your voice heard. We'll have more updates about that, hopefully, in the coming months.

In addition, we have had a number of significant challenges, given what was happening in the world. In addition to COVID, Russia invaded Ukraine in February. So IAPSS has been working in collaboration with IAPSS Ukraine members on the ground, engaged in a number of advocacy initiatives, to try to do what we can to help folks who are impacted. So this involved collecting information, whether it's statements, whether it's videos, whether it's other information that political science students in Ukraine were sharing about their experiences, and just making sure that these things are preserved for future years, for history, for who knows, Geneva Convention things, but other stuff like that. We also have a petition that's still being circulated among other organizations to call on universities of the world to provide support to students in Ukraine, to allow them to continue their studies in universities in other countries as needed, as this was something that IAPSS Ukraine just expressed that they would like to see. This has been something that we're still monitoring and we're working with a number of students in IAPSS Ukraine, to try to figure out other ways that we can help. We also have, at least, a system in place with contacts in the neighboring countries in Europe that will allow, that will provide some resources to any IAPSS Ukraine students and their families who might want to relocate to those countries. It'll make it easier for them to find accommodations and, if the stays are long-term, potentially work experience or jobs and stuff.

I'll get back to IAPSS Ukraine in a second, but I'll also mention that we have also experienced a little bit of growth this year with the creation of IAPSS Italy, so a national association which has been helping us with the IAPSS Ukraine activism and has also been onboarding campus association members. So this will hopefully start a trend of other national associations and perhaps others were inspired because we have heard interest in creating national associations in other countries as well, including, but not limited to Mexico and the Netherlands. So, this might be exciting news - I know IAPSS tried this before, but we're trying to make sure we have a good framework in place for these national

¹ Justin Patrick meant to say "21st century".

associations, so we can help them so they can grow and develop grassroots networks on each of their campuses, as well.

And then, another thing you might have noticed is that the IAPSS website has been completely rebuilt and with some additional cool features that you might be interested in. This includes a little member profile for you, in a little directory that you can opt to in case you want to find out political science students around the world who share your research interests. So, if you look through this directory when you're logged in with your IAPSS membership, and, for instance, if you are interested in political theory or comparative politics, you can search for these topics in the directory and find students from other countries who share these interests. Then we've also made the process for joining student research committees a little bit easier on the website. So, when you become a member or through your online profile, you can select which SRCs you would like to join - that's been quite an exciting development there, as well. We've also switched from a member subscription model which will hopefully allow us to have some retention but obviously members can still opt out at any time from that subscription. It's just so folks are able to not forget about their membership.

It's been quite an eventful year, it has been a lot of organization-building and we hope that this will give a good foundation for folks in future years to provide some in-person events but maybe using what we've learned during COVID to provide some information or some hybrid events, to increase the attendance at these things, so students from all around the world, even if they can't afford to physically be at the event, [they] can still participate. So, there is a lot to look forward to and I'm also going to say it's been an honor to serve you and IAPSS as your president, and I'm happy to hand things off to the next generation of students. I'd like to thank the entire IAPSS team, so my fellow executives, for all their work whether it's building the website, organizing the world congress, as well as all the global coordinators, all the regional teams, all the student research committees, all the folks in the various IAPSS global departments, the IAPSS publications. I think we have over a hundred people volunteering at IAPSS at any given time, so we do have quite a big team, and everyone was kind of playing their part here during a time that posed a very difficult global situation, so, thank you so much for that. In addition, I just like to also acknowledge, maybe, if we give, maybe, a moment of silence here to all the students who didn't make it through COVID-19, and also to all the students who were impacted by the recent war in Ukraine and other ongoing wars around the world, including, but not limited to Palestine, Yemen, and also what was happening to the students in Hong Kong. As we're a global student organization, we definitely have - when these things happen we definitely feel this, we have students who are impacted. So, I'll just maybe have a little moment of silence here before I introduce a special guest that I will defer the rest of my speaking time to.

Moment of silence takes place.

Justin Patrick, President: All right, with this, I would just ask if Victor is here from IAPSS Ukraine.

Victor Kovalchuk, Chair, Kyiv Branch of IAPSS Ukraine: Yes, I'm here. Good afternoon.

Justin Patrick, President: Thank you so much. I'm just going to give a quick introduction and then I will hand things off to you for the rest of this item on the agenda so you can have the floor. Victor Kovalchuk is the Chairman of the Kyiv branch of IAPSS Ukraine and he is here. I'm going to defer the rest of my speaking time to Victor so he can provide some information about what IAPSS Ukraine students are going through in the current conflict. He is also a student of the - I'm going to try to pronounce this correctly, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, and without further ado, Victor, the floor is yours.

Victor Kovalchuk, Chair, Kyiv Branch of IAPSS Ukraine: Thank you. First of all, it's a pleasure to see all of you and a great honor to have a speech during this occasion. I wish you all a good and peaceful day. My name, as Justin said, is Victor Kovalchuk. I'm the head of IAPSS Ukraine department of Kyiv and I'm speaking on behalf of all my colleagues, and what is more important, on behalf of all Ukrainian citizens. We want to thank you for all the support you've shown towards our country because after the 24th of February our lives [were] divided to what was before and after. We are facing the biggest aggression towards a sovereign country in Europe since World War II. Millions of people left their homes and were forced to become refugees. A huge number of people are still living under occupation with fear of [inaudible] from people with guns in their hands. All these protests and rallies all over the world warm our hearts and become a steel pillar to us in a merciless time. We are thankful for all the help given to our students, scientists and young people in general, who found education abroad to continue their lives.

We want to thank Justin Patrick, Oleksii Zahreba, and Alexey Vasilevskiy for getting in contact with us, to help as much as the IAPSS organization can. Thank you for speaking about Ukraine, for telling the world about what happened in Bucha, Irpin, Mariupol, Kharkiv, Chernigov (31:44), Kherson, and many other cities of Ukraine. Right now, our country is standing on the defense of human rights, to choose their future and their identity. We are protecting the principles of democracy and standing against totalitarianism in the 21st century. It kills our kids, destroys our houses, gets our lives but we will stand and we won't give up because we know that our freedom is priceless and the world is standing on the principles we are defending. We are looking forward to seeing the World Congress in one of the Ukrainian cities and we want to meet you on the next year's Congress in Buenos Aires. But right now, as the young political elite of Ukraine, we are doing all that we can for our victory. As our President said in front of the European Parliament, life will win over death and light will win over darkness. May peace be upon you and the truth be heard by the entire world.

Justin Patrick, President: Thank you so much, Victor. With that, if folks have any questions they're welcome to ask in terms of my report there. Tobi, I'll hand things back over to you.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much, Justin, for your report, and great thanks to you, Victor, for giving your insights into the situation of political science students in Ukraine. That was a very powerful statement and, also, a very sad statement. I would, in the name of everyone here present, thank you also for being here and giving us this insight. Thank you, Justin, for also providing Victor with this platform at that moment of time. Having said that, I invite everyone who's present here right now to make comments on the report that has been made on the IAPSS year 2021-2022. If there is any interest in

discussing individual aspects or if something has not been covered yet, then, please, raise your hand and we join into a discussion on the report by the President. *[Pause]*

I do not see that there are any comments here. Feel free, if something remains unclear to you, to raise your hand, ask a question or make a comment. But I don't see that this is the case right now. If it is the case, then, we will start the voting and Oleksii will see faster than me. Please go to the website and cast your vote to approve the IAPSS President's report on the term 2021-2022. *[Pause]* In about 30 seconds I hope that Oleksii perhaps could give me a short update on how the road is going. *[Pause]*

Thank you very much. We have mostly yes votes, but only few of you have cast their vote yet, so please, as we move forward don't forget to cast your vote so that we can actually take the democratic rights that we have here as members of IAPSS, and actually use them during the General Assembly.

5. Report of the IAPSS Treasurer

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Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: We are moving forward, then, to point number five, the Report of the IAPSS Treasurer, which also needs to have a vote of approval. I was told that hopefully the IAPSS treasurer will join us. I don't see him here right now. Justin, do you know whether he's coming?

Justin Patrick, President: I just sent a message there, but just in case, I can maybe give folks a brief overview of this. The reports for both the past financial year and a proposed budget for the next year are provided. As you can see from the financial report we were able to generate, after completion of the implementation of the relocation process, we were able to gain a good amount of revenue from the General Assembly that will allow IAPSS to sustain itself for at least the next year or so. That will give the next IAPSS selected representatives a good buffer to that they can use as they prepare for in-person events and Shobhendra has also provided an optimistic budget that we'll focus on we'll hope on what the in-person events will lead to increased revenue for IAPSS, that will bring us back to pre-COVID-19 levels.

Just to give folks an idea, before COVID-19 we're about about twice as much, like, or about twice the size of the budget that we have now, so our budget looks very similar to last year. But we do have a higher amount of extra revenue that we can put away. We have lower expenses now that the relocation process is more or less completed. Those are kind of the general updates but for the numbers you can take a look at the report. If Shobhendra shows up in the next minute or two then perhaps he would be able to provide some more detailed insights on that. Thank you.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: I wouldn't feel comfortable starting to approve the financial report. Only with a real discussion around it. I think it might be a bit better if we

either wait for him or to skip that point until he's there or you give a more comprehensive overview. That is up to you, Justin . I think it would be great to have in any way, in any case, have it discussed to the extent that it deserves to be discussed. So, if you like to go more into detail or if you prefer that we put this point further to the back of the agenda - what do you think?

Justin Patrick, President: I think that Shobhendra might be joining in about a minute or so. I'm just gonna double check that. But if folks have any questions, feel free to let us know.

Paola Navarro Villa, Vice President for Public Relations: He's joining now.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: All right, good timing! Welcome, Shibendra. The floor is yours. Hello, Shibendra. Good that you are here. Or are you, really? I saw that he joined, now he's gone.

Paola Navarro Villa, Vice President for Public Relations: He's probably having some connection issues. Should be here in a second.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Are there already questions on the report? *[Pause]* Good afternoon, Shobhendra. If you can hear us, the floor is yours. Justin has briefly introduced the financial report and we are looking forward to hear your detailed insights into what you have been up to.

Shobhendra de Vries–Srivastava, Treasurer: Thank you, Tobias. Thanks, everyone. Sorry for being a little bit late. I will give a quick summary of what the year was and the achievements which we had, and the areas which could be improved further in the next tenure by the treasurer. After that I'm open to the questions which any of you might have.

This was an interesting year for IAPSS. We moved from the Netherlands to Canada as a legal entity which also meant that all our financial operations were closed in the Netherlands. And then we restarted them in Canada. This was a very good thing for us because in the Netherlands we were using quite outdated setups of bank accounts and software. In fact, a number of bank accounts were connected to personal individuals who are part of the ExCom in, let's say, the last four-five-six years. At the same time some of these accounts were not even business accounts but [a] more personal setup; it was very difficult to retrieve or change them. We took this opportunity of moving to Canada to clean up everything and professionalize IAPSS' financial setup. Now we have bank accounts in the names of IAPSS' legal entity. All the latest ExCom members are registered in the new Chamber of Commerce, all bank accounts are set up with the business type account, so when people change and new members are added, those things can be managed easily. We will not be dependent on a specific individual for any change or update.

What we also did, is we use this opportunity to set up things in a proper way, in terms of the legal entity, which means in the Netherlands we were set up as an association and in Canada we are set up as an NGO. What this does, is it ensures that we are open to various grants and government support which could be available for our activities. This was not the case in the Netherlands because of the wrong legal entity registration. In the future, this can help us to tap into a lot of more funds.

The last thing which is good to consider is, finally, by the end of this mandate, we are financially positive. There was a time during this mandate, actually, in the first six to eight months, where we did not have enough cash and it was because of the contribution of the President, the Secretary-General and the Treasurer that we were able to keep things running operationally, the websites etc. Part of it was because of, again, as I mentioned, the improper setup of financial things in the Netherlands. We had credit cards but they were not working IAPSS credit cards. So, personal credit cards had to be used to pay for the website and part of it was also because of not having enough financial oversight for planning. Again, related to not having a clear view of what is being spent etc.

With moving to Canada, these things have been improved. It will help in the future, but already we see a better oversight of finance and that has helped us to plan better and turn to financial positive numbers. To give an example somewhere, like in October, I would say, we were around minus 3.000 Canadian dollars, if I could say that, in terms of revenue. Which means that more than 3.000 Canadian dollars were given by personal contribution to keep the IAPSS infrastructure running. Now, when we are reaching May, also World Congress tickets, of course, contribute a lot to it. We are at plus 8.000, which means we have 8.000 Canadian dollars in surplus to continue and provide for the next mandate. Obviously, more revenue will be generated next year, so this is a reflection of improvement in the finances of IAPSS; not only income in terms of concrete cash but also because of the setup which we did.

This was the summary of the highlights of the current mandate I would say. Next, I would like to mention what are the things which should be looked into the next mandate in terms of improvement or still pending actions by the next Treasurer. But before I do that, if there are any questions, any comments, I will take a pause and give the floor back to Tobias.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much, Shobhendra, for your insight into the financial situation and the trajectory within the last financial year. Leah has a question. Do you want to shortly also raise it in the audience?

Leah Rea: Yes. Thank you, Tobias and thank you, Shobhendra, for your report. I think you may be planning to reassess directly in your second section but it's just with regards to the improvement area on page two of your report, where you've mentioned a relevant insurance package and I just was wondering if perhaps there have been any avenues identified or any preferred insurance packages identified at this time, so that the incoming treasurer can then proceed to work on that, going forward. Thank you.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much, Leah. Shobhendra, would you like to respond to that?

Shobhendra de Vries – Srivastava, Treasurer: Yes, thanks, good question. It's indeed one of the next topics I would mention in terms of improvement but we can always talk about it.

What we know is... - Learning from our Netherlands experience but also from other experiences which I have, there will be two types of insurance which would be the bare minimum required: one is generally related to insurance for the board members or directors

of any NGO; That is usually required in all countries. We had that in the Netherlands, that's not something we have yet in Canada. That would be one. That is usually called "Directors Liability" or "Board Member Liability", something like that. The purpose of that insurance is, if there is some kind of claim done or case put up against members holding the position, they are protected. It's also, actually, a lot of times required by the laws of the country, that within a few years of the setup of any legal entity such an insurance is taken in place. That was mandatory in the Netherlands. I am not sure whether it's mandatory in Canada but that's something definitely to investigate for the next Treasurer.

The second legal insurance which would be useful to look into is - sorry, the second is the legal insurance we should look into. We did not have that in the Netherlands and then there was a legal case which was put up against us. In the end it led to us losing quite a lot of revenue, we discussed that even in the last GA, and was one of the major reasons for eating up our funds - in fact 60 percent of our funds last year were taken up tackling this legal case. That is an insurance which we should definitely explore in Canada because any legal case can come up once in a while. We hope it doesn't happen but we need to be prepared for it. If we were insured for it in the Netherlands, some of the costs would have been covered by the insurance. These are two insurances which I would recommend the next Treasurer to look into. I have not been able to investigate which companies or which options or packages in Canada could help to provide this but I believe if we know the type of insurance we are looking for, "Directors Liability" and "Board Member [Liability]", then it would be easy to find the specific possibility. Thanks.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much, Shobhendra. Leah, I hope your question has been answered. Perfect, any other questions to Shobhendra? [Pause] I don't see that this is the case. [Pause] Then we can move on to approve the Treasurer's report. Please go to the website and you will find a link for the voting process. And because actually - yes please?

Shobhendra de Vries – Srivastava, Treasurer: Sorry, I may not have been very clear, I still have a few things to say which are related to the improvements which we should do in the next mandate in the financial area.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Yes, but that is point number 5B, right? The draft budget for 2022 - 2023?

Shobhendra de Vries – Srivastava, Treasurer: It could be taken in that, . All right, I will wait. Thanks.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: This was actually what I was leading to right now. We can, while everyone is voting because it's still the same point. Maybe you just go on and make your comments on the draft budget.

Shobhendra de Vries – Srivastava, Treasurer: Thank you. One of the things I would like to start with, the areas which we could improve in the next year. The one point was already discussed now because of the question; we need to have the right insurances in place, otherwise, we risk losing a lot of financial revenue on such things, if they occur. The second would be within the financial team, perhaps, or maybe within some other team. We should

set up a small sub-team for looking at grants because now we are registered as an NGO in Canada so we are eligible for many types of grants and if we could tap into a few of those or even one of those we might get enough revenue to run our operations successfully for a few years, without even having to count on the revenue which we generate from the World Congress. That would help IAPSS to expand and grow much more by putting funds in different areas. Earlier such funds were not possible because we were registered as an association in the Netherlands. That has changed, so we should definitely - if I could give one thing only for the next treasurer to look into it would be this. Even more than the insurance, setting up a team to tackle what funds are there, which ones are the ones for which we are eligible and how do we actually make that happen by writing the right application etc. That would be something which would help us to grow to the next level, the funds.

The third would be, in general budgeting and financial tracking. It is an isolated activity in IAPSS. When I make the budget, I am not - maybe it's something for me to also improve but in general, teams are not really connecting with each other. So, much to share, how much budget do we need, what type of resources do we need for the next year. Because of that, the budget is sometimes not accurately reflecting what happens in the whole year. That's also the reason why we are not able to sometimes use finance to steer our activities. That's a recommendation to the next treasurer. It was something I wanted to do but I couldn't give enough time, that, when we make budgets, and when we make financial reports monthly, we should see which teams or which members need to know that, so that we can have a more active discussion on these topics.

That helps me to move to the budget itself. The draft budget of next year is based on the idea that Corona should be a little bit behind us, so we will have more in-person events and at the same time because of the skills gained in doing online events, plus people's acceptance towards it, we would still be doing a few online events alongside. That is the basis of the costs mentioned. I also assume that the platform and the softwares which we use, whether it's crossref or our hosting platforms or our payment systems, a lot of them have been recently updated because of moving to Canada, so they would remain the same. That's why the cost would be kind of on the same level in those areas as we had in the previous year. That is, in summary, the budget for the next year which has been proposed. Thanks and I give it back to the Chair, Tobias.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much, Shobhendra. I just want to double check very shortly with Justin and Oleksii, has it been imagined in a way that we do two separate votes? Because in the agenda it actually looks like it's a vote but the financial statement and draft budget are two separate votes, correct?

Justin Patrick, President: , I think we could either split it into two or we could just do one, whatever folks. Whatever, I guess, you prefer. I guess, Tobi or whatever folks prefer here.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: I think it's still a very different issue in nature, so let's do two of them. If you can upload a second vote, that would be fantastic. Before that, perhaps let us have a discussion or open the room for everyone to ask questions and make comments and suggestions. Are there any things that need to be discussed, that Shobhendra mentioned about the draft budget? *[Pause]* Not many comments and questions

today. Well, all right, then, I hope the vote will be uploaded soon. The vote has just been uploaded. Fantastic. Thanks, Oleksii. You may start the voting on the draft budget, as well. If I may already know the current result for the Treasurer's report? *[Pause]*

I hear that the votes are slowly coming in. *[Pause]* As soon as I have a short insight into what the test is, I'll move forward to the next point. *[Pause]* All right, I still don't know what the result is. If I know, I will move forward. *[Pause]* All right, so it looks like the tendency right now is that both points are getting approved.

6. Report of the IAPSS Advisory Board

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Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: I will move forward to the next point which is point number six, the report of the IAPSS Advisory Board. Whom from the Advisory Board may I ask to present the report? *[Pause]* Is there someone from the Advisory Board who would like to pitch what has been done in the last year? *[Pause]* Justin or Paola, is no one here from the Advisory Board right now?

Justin Patrick, President: I don't believe so, I think something came up and they weren't able to make it. But the report is available online on the website.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: All right. Does someone else want to say something about the Advisory Board report from the executive committee to just give everyone an idea of what has happened? Even though it's not a real advisory council but with you then making the comment...

Justin Patrick, President: Sure, I can maybe speak to it briefly. The Advisory Board provided a report and they highlighted that Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine have added another layer of complexity to the current global situation. Which has affected IAPSS' finances, as I mentioned when during the President's Report item. We've had less revenue due to Covid-19, as we're just stuck doing online events, so this does impact our revenue a little bit. However, in terms of the relocation they highlighted that Shobhendra the treasurer provided updates to the Advisory Board on a regular basis at different points during the year to update them on the finances, and how things were doing in terms of the bank accounts.

They have some recommendations. The recommendation number one is just what Shobhendra recommended, to expand the finance department of IAPSS to focus on things like grants so we can get some additional revenue in the future.

And then there was a recommendation number two for long-term financial planning, they would like to see some more long-term reports on a multi-year level. That could be passed on from year to year and then adjusted as needed. They also called for more meetings of the Advisory Board and the Executive Committee - that is the recommendation number three. So we can keep making sure that the Advisory Board remains active and that it can be kept more up to date on day-to-day operations. They suggested meeting every two months in the future.

The recommendation number four was a continuation of online events. They recommend that even though things may go back to in-person, they would like us to keep doing online events in the future in addition to the in-person ones, because of the expenses students have to pay to travel to the in-person events. Not everyone may be able to attend these, so by doing online events, or at least some kind of hybrid model that I mentioned in the President's Report, we might make these events more accessible to political science students. Also like senior professors and experts just as we have been doing at a number of our online events.

The recommendation number five in terms is continuity. so they advise that all necessary bureaucratic, financial, and legal matters, especially during the transition from one mandate to another are handled effectively. Perhaps with a standing document outlining all the necessary tasks that Executive Committee members have to do to keep the association functioning. Some kind of a master document, so to speak, they think that would be a good idea.

So, those are their five recommendations that they've made and you could take a look in their report which provides their exact wording on how they phrase these things. But that is the synopsis and I'll hand things back to Tobi.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Justin for making this presentation. It would have been nice to have them here, so that actually questioning them was possible, and perhaps this little note can be included in the minutes. But it would still be unfair to not have a conversation, if there are any questions or comments that emanate from the Advisory Board's report, then please raise your hand. *[Pause]*.

I do not see that this is the case. I would like to ask Oleksii to put the vote online for the report of the IAPSS Advisory Board, because this also needs approval by the General Assembly.

7. Legal Framework Amendments and Motions

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Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Now we move to point number seven - the legal framework amendments and motions where we will discuss six different motions and I would like to hand the floor over to Justin for motion number one "Ruling personal issue motions out of order automatically". Justin, if you can give us an overview in three minutes, that would be perfect. And then we have some time for the discussion.

Justin Patrick, President: Okay, thank you, so this first motion is based on a vision to make sure that the General Assembly remains a decision-making body for motions that direct IAPSS to do things as an organization. So whether it's changing the rules, doing actions in the future like organizing a specific event, or taking a certain advocacy stance. We have had some motions in the past that have been a bit problematic, for instance, members asking us to give them money personally; or bringing issues of an HR nature into the light of the

General Assembly which may expose IAPSS to legal liability. So, to address this, the motion proposes to have it so the chair can automatically rule these motions as out of order, if they are just personal in nature and not about IAPSS as an organization or something, if that makes sense.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Justin for presenting motion number one. Are there any questions or comments on this motion? *[Pause]*. If this is not the case, then I would need one person to make a move and one seconder please.

Justin Patrick moves the motion and Maheen Shafeeq seconds the motion.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much. This means the motion can now be voted upon for the next three days. And we move to motion number two “Rules for national associations within IAPSS” and I would like to ask Justin again to present this motion within three minutes, please.

Justin Patrick, President: Thank you. So, as I mentioned we do have a new national association - IAPSS Italy. And we also have a number of other national associations that folks would like to create in the next year or so. Given that we're going to have a number of national associations, we want to make sure that we do these correctly, so these associations are supported as much as possible. The reason that we're trying to be extra careful with this is that IAPSS did try to create national associations in the early 2010s, so about ten years ago, and from what we understand only IAPSS Ukraine has survived. So the other ones unfortunately did not continue. We do want to make sure that in addition to these continental associations, we have these national bodies that can provide some more direct country specific activities to students. And that these associations can last in the long term.

We have two types of national associations that we outline in this proposed motion. One [type] is the autonomous ones like IAPSS Ukraine. They have their own budget, their own website and resources, and they act autonomously and kind of act as IAPSS association members would at the campus level. And then we have supported national associations that we're helping to build. So this would include IAPSS Italy where they're not incorporated in their country. And then IAPSS helps them with infrastructure and resources on a more direct level. So in this case for these new ones that are just growing, if at any time they cease to exist, this motion would allow IAPSS Global to organize an election based on the members in that country to help fill these elected seats of that national association. So we can kind of reboot it, if we need to.

And the first test if this motion passes would be the national association in Canada which collapsed, but their last president before it completely went down gave us access to their infrastructure, so we do have access to their Facebook page and we're hoping to organize an election for this national association. So we can bring it back, essentially. This would allow that additional layer of support and also would allow associations at the national level to benefit from various resources in IAPSS, including email accounts, some web pages on the IAPSS Global's website and things like that. Thank you so much and back to your Toby.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Justin and I invite everyone to ask questions or give comments. *[Pause]*. And if this is not the case we can directly move into moving and seconding this motion.

Frank has a question. Frank, if it's possible, post your question, but if not, please feel free to write it as well. So, Frank Stengs asks the question: "how would the national associations work together with local associations of the universities? Something we must prevent, for example, is to double the work and organize things that are already there". I think it's a question that makes sense. Justin, do you want to respond to it?

Justin Patrick, President: That's a good question. So, the way it would work is that, for instance,, IAPSS Ukraine has a number of campus level associations that it oversees, so they all kind of join IAPSS as a group. Just as an association member wouldn't they oversee those campus associations kind of autonomously from IAPSS Global. For the associations like IAPSS Italy, that are kind of just starting out, and they're like in the supported national association classification, then they would have their campus associations join IAPSS Global just like association members, so we don't have any parallel systems of membership happening. But all the members of IAPSS global from Italy, for instance, will be eligible to vote in IAPSS Italy elections and then IAPSS Italy will have their membership list, so they'll just have one list of members that IAPSS Global provides to them, if that makes sense.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Justin and I think, Justin, you still have a legacy hand in the air. So if that answers your question, Frank, we can either take further questions, or take it from Justin's motion to move. We have Justin to move this motion, is there anyone who would like to second the motion?

Maheen Shafeeq and Paula Navarra Villa second the motion "Rules for National Associations Within IAPSS".

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: I would therefore ask to put the vote online for Motion number two "*Rules for National Associations Within IAPSS*". The vote is online, I hear, and we move to Motion number three "*Rules for Student Research Committees*" and I'd like to ask Justin to give a presentation that does not go beyond three minutes, please.

Justin Patrick, President: Okay, thank you. So, this motion involves outlining rules and minimum standards for Student Research Committees, so that they can better serve their student members, and that they can grow, as new members join IAPSS. So, currently it's very much up in the air, and sometimes we hear from SRCs, sometimes we don't. In collaboration with the Political Theory SRC, I'd especially like to thank them for their feedback on this and help with creating this motion.

We provide rules that would essentially make sure that any student can join an SRC of their choice. The SRC cannot say a student isn't able to join, so we can be as inclusive as possible. And in case there is anything that needs to be done in terms of operations and stuff, the Executive Committee can step in and help out the SRC with continuity and stuff like that. And then we also have it, so SRCs cannot place limits on the number of members they can have. And then we have a process for creating SRCs. We have a couple different ways to do it: we could do it through the General Assembly; the executive committee can vote to

create one, and then individual members can, if they want to, create an SRC. They can reach out to the elected representatives of IAPSS and say if they'd like to create an SRC on this topic. And then if there is student demand, then folks can do the votes on creating those. And then we have processes there for selecting SRC chairs, duties of SRC chairs, they have some responsibilities to organize initiatives and stuff, so the SRC remains active. And then we also have like if the interest in an SRC wanes and it becomes inactive, then there's a procedure to either kind of reboot it or we can discontinue it. So this kind of just makes things a bit more specific. It provides a little bit of accountability to make sure that in support of the SRCs, to make sure that they can do activities, that they can grow their memberships as new students join IAPSS, and this kind of works in tandem with the new IAPSS website. When a new member joins, they have an option to pick which SRCs they would like to be a part of.

So, just for folks who are maybe new to IAPSS, the SRCs are kind of like the subsections of political science associations, [they] focus on aspects of political science, like political theory, comparative politics, and things like that. Thank you.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much, Justin . Are there any comments or questions on this point? Max is asking a question, please go ahead.

Max Steuer: Greetings to everyone and thank you very much for all the work done on this GA, as well as on the individual motions we are discussing now. I just thought to come in, as I used to be an SRC coordinator several years back in 2015, if I'm not mistaken and I have a little bit of a concern having read this motion. It sort of limits perhaps a little bit too much the academic freedom of the SRCs, which are first of all in my understanding, research-based organizations or bodies within IAPSS. Especially this provision that SRCs can at any time be overruled or be subject to decisions of the GA, or even the Advisory Board and the Executive Committee is still a little bit too strong to my personal opinion in terms of potential restrictions on academic freedom that might arise in case these bodies at any point would be, let's say, taken over by individuals who would not necessarily support particular research agendas.

So that's just a remark, perhaps, to to make in regard to academic freedom, but of course if this was consulted by the current SRCs and this is something that the current SRC members themselves are supporting, then certainly there is ground to raise it, and it's very good to see that in this way the SRCs certainly would get more institutionalized. So, just one little remark perhaps for further interpretation and consideration of this motion, especially if it gets approved. Thank you.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Max and I see that Justin wants to respond to that.

Justin Patrick, President: Thank you. So I guess the main reason for those clauses was not to police content that the SRC create, but rather to intervene in cases of governance. So we did have an issue this year, where there was an election that an SRC had some concerns about how that election was conducted within the src, so IAPSS Global had to organize an election on the website and everything. So we might want to clarify and I would welcome some amendments to specify that this [motion] involves the governance of SRCs

and their processes, like elections, and decision-making based on if they're active or inactive as opposed to making rulings on what kinds of content SRC can create. if that makes sense. But if folks want to make an amendment, I would be happy to integrate that as a friendly amendment which would mean that we wouldn't have to vote on the amendment, we can just adopt it into the existing motion there or whatever folks would like to do.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Justin . Do we have someone here from one of the SRCs who's been involved in the process and who might want to shed a little bit of light into their position, that might help us a bit . If not, then I'd like to ask Max, has your question been answered or would you like to take Justin 's comment as an invitation to make a suggestion or motion?

Max Steuer: Yes, thank you Justin for the response. No, I think we are on the same page in terms of the substance, it's just the reading of this particular provision, I think it's paragraph number six, I think it's very extensive and can be read in the way as I highlight it.

So I would perhaps suggest to amend paragraph 6.10 to say that SRCs shall govern themselves, but are accountable to IAPSS members on the basis of principles of sound administration. And this is what I understood from your response, is where this provision would be ended, so that the SRCs must function, and in a sense need to deliver the services that they promised to deliver. But it's not about the interventions coming to the SRC. So perhaps in this sense, it's a little bit more general provision, but at the same time maybe highlights that it needs to be centered only on administration in case there is some kind of an intervention coming from the GA, Executive Committee, and so on.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Right, thank you very much Max. If you may want to write this sentence once into the chat, so it is clear what the formulation of this friendly amendment would look like. And Justin , if you can just give a thumbs up on whether you take this friendly amendment as something you accept. *[Pause]*. Fantastic, thank you very much. Do we have any additional comments or questions on this motion number two? I do not see that this is the case, as this is a friendly amendment, we do not need to have a mover and a seconder. So paragraph number six is directly included into it. I see that we have one question, a comment by Eyrin, please go ahead.

Eyrin Kyriaikidi, Chair of Political Theory SRC: Hi, it's in the same vein as what Max just commented. Maybe instead of just saying that SRCs are accountable to IAPSS members, maybe there should be something more specific of the GA getting involved in case that there is discord or disagreement within the members. So to have it kind of more directly indicated as a means that members of an SRC can have to resolve a dispute among them, if they need to, if they cannot solve it between themselves.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: would you like to] add one sentence to it, or would you like to change the phrase of how it's written by max?

Eyrin Kyriaikidi, Chair of Political Theory SRC: I'll try to type it, and let's see if that works out.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much, so let us just wait for a couple of seconds. *[Pause]*. I think when we're done with this motion, we are already one and a half hours into this meeting, so perhaps if all of you are good with this, i'd like to suggest that we do a ten minute break, when we are done with this point. Justin , do you want to mention something?

Justin Patrick, President: In the motions package, I have just updated the motion in suggested text with Max's amendment, so you can see what has been replaced with what, and another text that has been removed based on that friendly amendment.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: All right, thank you. And right now I see Eyrin's suggestion to amend the motion. I will read it out loud, because of our YouTube audience. "SRC shall govern themselves but are accountable to IAPSS members based on the principle of sound administration. SRC members may approach the General Assembly, Advisory Board, and/or Executive Committee in case of internal disputes to help resolve any issues". Eyrin, you raised your hand, do you want to explain it shortly?

Eyrin Kyriaikidi, Chair of Political Theory SRC: Yes, if possible, because I am a chair of an SRC, and thankfully we don't have any issues, we get along just fine. But I can also understand where Max's comment came from, although I do believe it was well intentioned when I think Justin wrote the motion down. In my experience, no one has ever tried to overrule any decisions taken by the SRC, but I think clarification is the best approach to that.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Justin, would you like to respond to this suggestion?

Justin Patrick, President: Yes, I'll accept this as a friendly amendment as well.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much, so we now have a text suggested by Eyrin which serves as a friendly amendment and supersedes the suggestion that was previously posed by Max. Are there any other comments, questions, suggestions for amendments on this particular motion? *[Pause]*. I see that this is not the case, which means that I would require some person to be the mover, and one person to second this motion, please.

Justin Patrick moves the motion "Rules for Student Research Committees". Zinnia Aurora seconds the motion.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much, so the vote will be uploaded now on the website.

I would like to thank you very much for that and as I mentioned previously, we're now one and a half hours into the meeting, time flies, but we still have a long program, and I think we should all refresh ourselves, and get back to the table in ten minutes, which is a different time at each of our locations, so I won't try to put it into numbers. But see you in 10 minutes.

A ten-minute break takes place.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Hello and welcome back. I hope you are slowly back to your tables, so that we can actually start with our second part of the General Assembly. *[Pause]*. And if you are returning to your tables, then I'm happy to tell you that we are starting again with our second part. A couple of motions to go before we jump directly into the elections for the next IAPSS mandate.

So, we have just finished with the motion "Rules for Student Research Committees" and now we are at motion number four "Limiting the number of positions one can run for in a single IAPSS election or a by-election to two". I give the word to Justin, if you can, please limit your presentation to three minutes, that would be fine.

Justin Patrick, President: Thank you. So this is just to make sure that, in the past we have had some instances where folks would run for like a bunch of different positions, and we just want to make sure that if someone runs for a position, that they really want to commit to it. So that's why we decided it might be good to reduce this just to two positions and also to make sure that others have a turn right to run for these as well, so we do have additional rules here that we reduce it to two, and then if someone runs for two positions, and is elected to both they would be able to choose one. They'd have to choose to only occupy one position, so they can't occupy both. So that's just to be extra clear in the rules.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Justin. Are there any amendments or comments on this motion four? *[Pause]*. I don't see that that's the case. Then I would ask someone to move this motion forward.

Justin Patrick moves the motion "Limiting the number of positions one can run for in a single IAPSS election or a by-election to two" and Maheen Shafeeq seconds it.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: We're moving to motion number five "Default currency used in the documents of IAPSS" and I hand it over to Oleksii for a short presentation of up to three minutes on this motion.

Oleksii Zahreba, Secretary-General: The motion is rather simple. Currently, our documents have been rewritten in accordance with the Canadian *Non-profit Corporations Act*, but some of the parts of it are legacy from previous documents that we used in Europe. Therefore, euros are still mentioned there. However, since the new website we began using the United States Dollar, and we also moved to Canada, and all the purchases made on the website are converted into Canadian dollars, but the prices are stated in American dollars for the ease and convenience of our members worldwide. The United States Dollar is a currency of international trade, and given that we already display prices in USD, just for the sake of formality, we want to update the documents, and everything going forward will always be in the United States Dollars, not in Euros. Thank you.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Oleksii for keeping it crisp and short. Are there any amendments to this motion, or comments? *[Pause]*. I do not see that this is the case. Then I would like to ask you guys to move and to second this motion.

Oleksii Zahreba moves the motion "Default currency used in the documents of IAPSS" and Anagha Lakshmi seconds the motion.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: So, the vote has been uploaded and you can start voting online. And we have one last motion to discuss which is motion number six, “The GSG membership” and I ask Justin to present this motion within three minutes, thank you.

Justin Patrick, President: All right, thank you. So, over the past couple of years, as I mentioned, IAPSS has led a coalition of student governments from around the world to create the Global Student Government. So, it might be a good idea for us to be a part of that, so we could all have voting rights within the GSG in future years. As I mentioned, this would allow each IAPSS member to have a vote for the Global Student Government executive in each of their elections as well, so we could all have a voice at that larger level along with all the other subject-based, student unions and other kinds of student democracies around the world. This motion would allow us to do that. We all also have to contribute a little bit of membership fees to the GSG as well to make sure that it can function. This would amount to about one euro per student per year. We do have the amounts listed in the motion there.

This motion would give the Executive Committee the ability to increase membership fees by up to one euro for each of the memberships. If the executive committee decides to not increase some and take a cut in terms of the revenue, that's up to them. In terms of the membership fees we're giving the elected representatives of IAPSS the permission to increase all the membership fees by up to one euro per student, so folks may decide in the future to not increase it for each of the each of the membership types that we have. But it's just there as an option. Thank you.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Justin. I would like to ask everyone to make their motions or amendments or raise their hands for comments. *[Pause]*.

I didn't see that there are any comments or amendments.

Justin moves the motion “The GSG Membership” and Maheen Shafeeq seconds the motion.

We can now move to the voting procedure, and the vote has been uploaded online, thank you very much. I see that people are turning on their videos and we're also now getting to a more interactive part of the General Assembly, and perhaps, we can use this point in time to actually turn on our videos. I mean, those of you who want to turn it on, because now I think we won't [have] many more members joining, so that someone from IAPSS could do a screenshot in that case, so that IAPSS has something to, I don't know, whatever the ExCom team would like to do on Twitter, Facebook for sharing news about this year's General Assembly. So, if you feel comfortable, turn it on, and Paula or Justin, whoever of you would then forward it, so that we can do one photo. Great to see you there, Max. Any others... Crystal, I know it's still morning, but perhaps... all right, guys did you take some pictures? Wonderful.

Crystal Staebell, VP for Programs: If I'm being frank, I am doing you a favor by keeping my camera off.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: If you say so. All right. I think it would have been amazing to have you with us though on the video. I know you're with us otherwise.

8. Elections

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Let us move forward then. We are coming to point number eight, which is elections, candidate presentations, questions, and voting. And we start with the position of the President. Not surprisingly, the President leads the organization and the Executive Committee. The President directly oversees the International Cooperation Department and represents IAPSS externally, they chair the Executive Committee meetings. So for this I see that there is one application by Ginisha Dewani and is she here with us right now? I can't see her. Justin, do you know where Ginisha is?

Justin Patrick, President: She was in the meeting, I'm just going to message her, she was having some internet difficulties.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: All right. So, the way we would proceed from now on would be to just move through all these positions and have presentations. We don't have so many applications, so it seems quite manageable that we can keep it within five minutes, I think that would be fair. Looking at how many positions there are on which we will vote, but we want this meeting to be as short as possible, and if Ginisha has some internet issues, let us just move to the next position and do the President position after that.

So, let us move to the Secretary General's position, whose job it is to oversee the internal complications and democratic processes, to lead the Secretariat and take organizational capacity during the General Assemblies, and for membership issues. So I see that Oleksii Zahreba has applied, and Oleksii, I give the floor to you for the next five minutes. Please present your platform statement.

Oleksii Zahreba, Secretary-General: Thanks Tobias, I will be as brief as possible. I will present my presentation, [there] will be three parts, just like in my platform statement which is available on the website. First, we'll talk about achievements and what has been done, in the second part we'll talk about challenges the IAPSS is still facing, and in third part what I expect to get done during the next mandate.

So as promised in the last election, I campaigned on redesigning the website, which has been done. Evidently, you can browse through the website and see different pages. We revamped the design and we created an internal directory of members. Membership is now a subscription, allowing recurring revenue for IAPSS. There are other features as well, like signing up for SRCs, and overall, it's more user-friendly. You can also see that the General Assembly page is different this year, so again, trying to be more accessible in terms of our democracy. I also helped with moving the organization to Canada and incorporating IAPSS as a legal entity in Canada and the province of Quebec. I flew to Toronto to meet Justin where we opened the bank accounts and applied for a credit card, and soon we'll be signing a memorandum of understanding with Concordia University in Montreal. And we hope to have an IAPSS delegation in Montreal in a couple of months, where people will travel to see the office. We incorporated the Global Student Government, and I participated in those

elections. I'll be serving as VP for operations at GSG, which is a similar role to Secretary-General of IAPSS and I will help to build that organization as well.

Justin and I organized a series of interviews with former IAPSS executives, and it was an interesting experience to talk with people who founded IAPSS and kept it going throughout the years. Also, the last couple months have been quite difficult for Ukrainian students and my family as well. I did what I could on the advocacy front, we published statements from IAPSS Ukraine members, we started a petition, we connected with students in Poland to help anyone who is in Ukraine among our students. We froze the membership fees for IAPSS Ukraine and we continue to distribute memberships to Ukrainian students who are going to join IAPSS Global. When the war will be over, they will renew the membership, but that will come much later.

So, in terms of challenges, we did not see any resignations from the ExCom, but the work continues to be unpaid and voluntary, and we want to improve that by increasing our income, diversifying our income, and increasing it to be able to pay some sort of compensation to ExCom members. IAPSS regions continue to have some difficulties, depending on the region. So we'll have to work on renewing our commitment to regionalism in this mandate, or I mean in the next mandate to help regions grow. We will also be working to ensure that there is a transition between Executive Committees and they're able to transition the bank accounts and tax information, and other paperwork [inaudible] in Canada. There's still a lot of work to be done to diversify our revenue. Of course, we have [inaudible] online events and we'll be returning to in-person events soon. We will also try to create other sources of income other than events, so IAPSS does not have to rely just on hosting conferences.

And for the goals for the next mandate, I hope that's my last mandate. I will be a master's student at University of Montreal, so I continue to be a political science student and while in Montreal, I will work to build an office and hire volunteers, and make sure someone picks up the torch after me. [so they] continue to have the best tools to work as the Secretary-General, whoever comes after me. We'll create that foundation in terms of having tax accountants and having good connections at important universities, so the transition can be completed in a timely manner every year. We'll also form a task force to help regions revitalize and we'll be supporting each regional chair as much as possible by creating a strategy for the region. And the new president that will be elected, I will support them in their network as much as possible. In terms of our international corporation, we'll continue to increase the number of associate memberships, we'll be searching for new sponsors to support IAPSS and specifically we'll be applying for grants from the Government of Canada and Government of Quebec. And of course, the World Congress 2023 will be the 25th anniversary of IAPSS, and I'll do my best to make sure this will be a good celebration of the quarter of IAPSS' existence and prosperity for over a quarter of century. So, make sure to have a big celebration at the World Congress 2023 and make it memorable and exciting for all members. I'm open to any questions from members now.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Oleksii for giving your presentation to run for the position of the Secretary-General for next year. I invite everyone to ask questions to Oleksii. [Pause]. I will read out Boluwatife's comment: "I indeed applaud

your efforts in the past year, and particularly with the website. What would you do specifically to facilitate regions' use and engagement of the website in the coming year?"

Oleksii Zahreba, Secretary-General: Thanks for the question. So first of all, we'll restart the meetings of the Council of Regions. Perhaps it won't be every two weeks like last time, maybe every three weeks or once a month. But we want to continuously check in with each region to make sure they have the tools to succeed. Each IAPSS region has a page on the website, and I'm open to modifying it in any way regions want. I understand that not everyone has experience with web design, so I'm going to help as much as possible to make a page attractive. All I need is cooperation from the regional chair and willingness to add content. But I'm always open to working together, so if IAPSS Africa wants to do something on their page, or make content, add more links, make it more attractive, I'm always free for that cooperation.

I'm also going to give access to the website to a regional chair. If they want to learn how to edit the page, I'm open to teaching the basics of Wordpress and editing, so our regions can have more autonomy and so they don't have to reach out to me every time to edit something. They're welcome to edit their pages on the website. In terms of regional engagement, we added an option so when a person registers they can choose their region, and we can work with regions too, so they can actually collect emails for their email list, so they can have regional newsletter or something. IAPSS USA and Canada did that during my mandate, we sent out monthly regional newsletters, so if any original chair wants to collect email addresses from the region, they're also welcome to do so.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Oleksii. Boluwatife, if you have a follow-up question on this, please let us know in the chat. Otherwise, I invite everyone else to invite your questions. [Pause]. I do not see any further questions. In this case, I believe, and Justin will correct me if I'm wrong. Do we need a mover and a seconder for the vote or do we just vote?

Justin Patrick, President: I think we can just vote on this one.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: All right, good, then we just vote on this one. Please feel free to go online and cast your vote on the position of the Secretary-General which has one application by Oleksii Zahreba.

And we move forward with the President's position. I have been told that Ginisha is now with us. Ginisha, can you hear us?

Ginisha Dewani: Hi Tobi, I'm so sorry, because I'm traveling at the moment, so please, apologies for not being available, but yes, I'm here, [inaudible].

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Wonderful. You have five minutes of time to give your platform statement and the floor is yours.

Ginisha Dewani: Okay, that's fine. So, thanks to all the Executive members and the teammates who have been working behind the scenes for the GA, it's been amazing. And hi, I'm Ginisha, and I have been an old face in IAPSS, because I have been a past alumni of the

other team as well. So, my journey with IAPSS started with the Asia team, as the project [inaudible] to the global teams, as VP for programs, also supporting the design and the arts team as well. And my present designation at IAPSS is the Deputy Head of the International Cooperation department. So for me, just to explain, the journey with IAPSS has been a learning experience, constant learning experience and getting more politically admitted with the research of reference. Coming to the three broad ideas that are already there in the Statement of Purpose, but I would like to deep dive into those statements or the ideas that I wish to have a way forward, while being [inaudible]. I need to learn to and sort of develop an ideology for the future of IAPSS.

So first and the foremost aim, I wish to strengthen IAPSS as a community by giving more voices to the local associations, and this has to be in partnership with the regional hubs, regional associations which everyone can notice as the regional hubs which are working in different continents. For example Asia Pacific hubs, or maybe Australian hubs, so these are active regional associations which are in partnership with the local student universities or associations. So my first and foremost target would be bringing those boards, or those students' local associations on the same platform in IAPSS.

Second, which is more sort of constructive or creating a safe space for all the political science and even the interdisciplinary students to engage and talk about the areas which they are not supposed to talk about as a political science student. So creating a safe space for the dialogues and also giving a way forward for their career path ahead in the related discipline public policy sectors or political science sectors, or international diplomacy per se. So inviting experts and maybe universities' professors to give more guidance on the career path in the field, because most of these students of these disciplines are sort of unaware about the career path that they wish to perceive in these areas. And the last, but one of the most favorite parts for me is to strengthen the team which I wish to strengthen by including them in decision-making and also creating IAPSS as a lovely space for them to participate and even engage with the colleagues, which are for example sitting across different nations or continents, so initiating different activities for the regional teams and also for the global team timely to ensure that they are all moving together to work for a good goal in general.

So that's been my three goals while working as or to you know present as IAPSS President in near future, if given the option. And again, thanks Tobi, for giving me this chance to present the statement of purpose, and thanks to Justin and everyone.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Ginisha. I now invite everyone else to ask your questions to Ginisha. [Pause]. I do not see any questions. One person. Maheen, please go ahead. Maheen types a question. And please, everyone else if you have other questions in your mind, please also get ready and prepare yours. So, Maheen is asking: "what is your strategy to involve new students?". Ginisha.

Ginisha Dewani: Great question, Maheen. What I believe new students always say [inaudible]. To me, being a part of maybe university hubs and organizing career fairs, where the students are in a good amount of good strength, where they come to seek advice on their career path, or maybe with respect to choosing a university or discipline as such. So, that would be my target areas, career fair and also the new universities, partnering with the universities which are stationed locally in a specific city, or maybe in a specific country. And

also engaging with the regional teams to seek for more advice, so how to strategize the plan more locally to benefit more students, who are in a specific city or culture. Thank you very much Maheen for your question.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Ginisha. Boluwatife is asking: “what do you anticipate as challenges in the coming year, if elected, and what do you think would most enhance the effectiveness and impact of regions?”.

Ginisha Dewani: Thank you Boluwatife for the question. Again, to me, I think the foremost challenge that we have been noticing is the pandemic. And we might also be affected by several challenges, like maybe change in leadership, or change in the political situation of a country or a region, or unstable political situations. So, to me, for situations like this, we definitely aim to ensure that all our attention, all our exercises, or the global team’s attention move towards the regions by providing them more support in terms of advisory, or maybe guiding them how to help students, who are into that space or into that city or area. For example, to kind of cope with the situation which a pandemic has created for everyone is to involve more, I would say, constant discussions, because we have learned to stay online every time. So, ensure, you know, engaging into more constant meetings and discussions with them to understand how things are going up locally and even asking for suggestions, because I always believe in suggestions of those who are actually facing the issue. So, involving regional teams into decision making and also providing them support, however we can.

And, ensure effectiveness, that is another part, which I think IAPSS has been doing a great job with that. But to ensure more effectiveness is, again, you know, maintaining a constant communication with the teams, and also ensuring that we have local representatives, that’s also the target that we ensure, that every student voice is being heard and they are locally represented, or even if they are [inaudible], they can talk about, they can discuss about the issues. So, effectiveness is always ensured by communication, I believe, so that would be the key. I hope this answers your question, if not, I’m happy to ask for more recommendations from your side, because you have been working efficiently in your region.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much, Ginisha. If there are any follow-up questions by either of you, please let me know, and I’m also happy to accept any other new questions coming in, so please raise your hand. [Pause]. If that is not the case, then we will move forward to the vote. And I would like to ask Oleksii to enable the voting process. And we will move forward to the position of the Treasurer who oversees the finances, and leads the financial administration department. So, we have one presentation, one platform statement for this position as well, by Crystal Staebell. Crystal, and now the floor is yours, you have five minutes, please go ahead.

Crystal Staebell, VP for Programs: Very well, I’ll keep it brief then. I’ve been working with IAPSS since 2019, starting with the World Congress, working my way up to organizing the World Congress, working as VP of Programs and then back again to the World Congress as it just concluded yesterday. So, with these experiences under my belt, I do believe I have a good understanding of the way that IAPSS operates and specifically what sort of funds are required in order to keep these events continuing and what funding we’d need to be able to bring in more members, what funds we need to be able to help make these events more

accessible - that's the mindset I'd be going in with it. In terms of what I would hope to accomplish during that time: well, frankly, keeping IAPSS financially stable. We've managed to achieve that point, thankfully, with the events that we've hosted and I would just like to ensure that we are able to be financially stable for the years to come, whether it be working on acquiring grants, hopefully, or just managing whatever sort of scholarships and what goes out and what comes in, those would be my ideal goals for a Treasurer.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Crystal for your Platform Statement. I now invite everyone present to ask their comments and questions. [Pause]. I do not see any comments or questions. I will just wait for fifteen more seconds, because I know that some of you currently prefer to type and therefore might need some time. Crystal, you just unmute it again, do you have anything to add?

Crystal Staebell, VP for Programs: No, just keeping it open, in case questions come. All right, good. I don't see any questions here, and I think you would probably also not see any questions unless we are looking at the same chat. I, therefore, would like to ask Oleksii to put the vote online and it will be available in a couple of seconds. We can therefore move to the next position which is the position of the Vice President for Academic Affairs who oversees the Academic Department, the two academic journals that IAPSS has, the Academic Blog, dozens of Student Research Committees, and coordinating and organizing IAPSS delegations to academic events of the partner organizations and IAPSS events and initiatives such as reviewing and editing submissions. We have two applications for this one. And I would now like to invite Shrey Madaan to provide his platform statement, you have five minutes time and the floor is yours. [Pause]. And I see that Shray is not here, which means that we move to the second person who has applied for this position which is Zinnia Aurora. Zinnia, the floor is yours.

Zinnia Aurora, Deputy Head of the Academic Department: Hi Tobias, thank you for the floor. I'll just start off by briefly telling you how I'll be going about with my presentation. As opposed to the ones that previously came with different positions, I might not have such a rich experience within IAPSS, but I have definitely given it my best in the 10 months I've invested in it. So I'll just start off with a brief background of myself and how exactly that aligns with the position in addition to the experience I've gained at IAPSS.

So, I'm currently a final year undergraduate in Political Science and Economics from University of Delhi, Saint Stephen's College, if anyone knows of that. And I'll be starting off my Master of Philosophy in Politics and International Studies at the University of Cambridge this October. I have worked here in the arena of research, especially foreign policy and development assistance. I'm currently working with the UK cabinet committee on the grand strategy and how that can be really implemented through policy making and policy briefing or in different areas of engagement and arenas. I also have my own organization called Psex, which works in 119 countries. It's basically bringing up grassroots initiatives from down below towards the global arena, providing them a platform. And within that we recently started our project on literacy with the Government of Haiti.

So, why I'm telling you all of this, is because I just want to shed light on the fact that apart from my research orientation towards political science, I also come with a background in human resources for which I'll be joining [inaudible] very soon. In terms of my work at

IAPSS, I was initially made aware of IAPSS when I was invited as a speaker by IAPSS Oceania to talk about sustainable development, and thereafter I started looking into IAPSS and I joined as the Deputy Head of Academic Affairs which I am currently handling. So that's the same department under Melis, who I would like to thank at this juncture, although she's not here, for her brilliant leadership skills and I would hereafter like to take forward her vision of the department and add a few things here and there.

So, in terms of what I've been doing at IAPSS. First, is trying to create certain management structures within the departments or sub-departments that I was handling at IAPSS, which would be in terms of A Different View Blog or certain SRCs that I was dealing with. In terms of the brief experience that I had in terms of partnerships, which Justin, Max, and a few others were involved in, and in general working with the teams that were handling journals and restructuring incentive structures, so on and so forth.

I have also handled interns at IAPSS who worked in terms of contributing to the World Congress team, and although a very brief contribution, I also worked towards the theme that was finally decided for the World Congress that ended yesterday under the great leadership of Crystal. In terms of the main focus that I want to initiate hereafter, that would firstly include as I've mentioned, restructuring teams in the Academic Department to ensure interoperability, which is to say that different SRCs, different regional chapters, different delegations that are going out, different journals, personnel involved in the editing teams, etc. They're able to contribute towards a singular movement of the Academic Department which then ultimately leads to the progress of IAPSS as an organization.

The second would be integration, as has been briefly talked about in all the presentations made so far, and also the questions raised, that would be regional integration, and this would be in terms of ensuring that the SRCs that come forward or the ones that we are restructuring at this point, working closely with the structures Oleksii has already created through the website and the newly inducted coordinator. We want to make vision plans for all the SRC which are not made by us, of course, [but] by the SRC members and trying to make that more democratized and inclusive in terms of the people who are entering as has been already done through the institutionalization of the rules that were you know passed or before or during this meeting.

The second² would be raising voices of different people through our social media, which thankfully, Justin has already moved towards, and also Paola, with the gracious leadership with the increase in subscriptions on our Youtube Channel which is a very massive achievement. When I see raising voices of different people, that those would be in charge in terms of geographical inclusivity, whilst also ensuring, you know, different conflicts. Say for example, Ukraine was given representation. There's, you know, hundreds of other things that are going on across the world, trying to ensure that we're able to [inaudible] the legitimacy of those conflicts, and try to give human rights a more cleaner and you know a more wider ambit through our own organization, since that is what we are supposed to be doing as political science students.

² Zinnia meant it would be the third point.

Whilst doing all of this, I would also ensure, as previously mentioned, my focus remains very very closely on the SRC. And why I'm saying this, is because I personally feel that they are hot springs of innovation. Since my own organization has been working through decentralized structures, I personally feel SRCs are the one area which can take IAPSS forward, not just in terms of research that comes up, the new research we're bringing in, but also in terms of the contributions to journals, making them more richly diverse, starting from different areas of within political science itself or political theory, which is a bit contrary to political science. But political theory, international relations conflict, state sovereignty and different transnational conflicts that are coming up. Just trying to bring everything under one roof and ensuring the SRCs are able to look at all of this, with the large mandate that they will get after the passing of the rules that were just made, so through all of this, the things that I've mentioned, I just want to ensure that the Academic Department sustains the progress that it already has been making and the vision remains in terms of making IAPSS a better organization through more research, through more inclusion, and through better integration and management structures within the department. So, that's my presentation, thank you so much for the floor.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Zinnia, and I now invite everyone else in the audience to ask your questions. [Pause]. Eyrin is asking: "you mentioned SRCs, do you have any ideas on SRC structures that will help integrate new members?"

Zinnia Aurora, Deputy Head of the Academic Department: Thank you for your question, Eyrin, I hope I'm pronouncing your name correctly. So, in terms of the SRC structures and how we want to integrate them better. Firstly, the new coordinator that we've brought in is trying to conduct meetings with all the SRC chairpersons, vice chairpersons, and if the SRC doesn't have one, with the members.

Number two, the structure and database that Oleksii has created through the amazing website, we want to capitalize on that, and ensure that whoever is, if any member has filled in a preference for, say, the Political Theory SRC. We bring them in, we try to deduce their research interests, and then we try to create the subcommittees, that I think previously were mentioned, I'm not sure. But the sub committee structure is what we're banking upon.

Number three would be trying to ensure there's interoperability. So, when I mention interoperability, that is providing, say, easier access to publishing, whatever you've written up upon in the journals that we have, the blogs that we have. And if you feel that there's a need to create a new SRC, providing you with an easier access to whatever it is that you want. That would be the third point.

And the fourth point would be in terms of regional integration that I previously mentioned, which is to say, for example my own research is focused in development assistance in the MENA region, so if i'm particularly interested in that, trying to ensure that the interests that I personally feel aren't under-represented from that particular region, I'm able to bring them forward through my own research through SRCs, so on and so forth. But of course, if there are any other ideas that you would like to put forward, and I'm sure they'll

come as we move forward, I would really appreciate you sharing those with me, and I'll be open to as many best practices and ideas you have, and we can always discuss those.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much, I see that there is one follow-up question by Eyrin.

Eyrin Kyriaikidi, Chair of Political Theory SRC: Sorry, I don't know if you can hear me. So what I'm thinking about is that SRCs have drastically different numbers of members. For example, in the Political Theory SRC, we currently have 30 people, and we got half of them, and thankfully most of the new members are active, we got half of them, because of the World Congress. But there was no structure to integrate them, and I don't think that the structure to integrate 30 people can be applied to an SRC with five or ten people. Like, I'm not complaining we have that many members, I'm grateful, they're all great and they really deliver work. But at the same time, I don't feel like there are outlets provided for them to get more of their content out. They don't join to attend career fairs, they don't join to necessarily network with people, they just join you have the support of an academic community, and because many of them are Master's Degree, and even PhD candidates, they just want to have the environment where they could begin getting their content out there.

So, I'm really looking forward to seeing how we can accommodate so many people or even having a very sudden influx of people, because we got, I think we got 15 to 20 applications out of nowhere, and we kind of had to struggle to find a new format to work.

Zinnia Aurora, Deputy Head of the Academic Department: I completely understand where you're coming from. So, as you mentioned, there is inequality in terms of the number of members that join different SRCs, and that is why, I think, the idea of sub-committees was proposed previously, and which we are kind of making way for, as we move forward. So, once sub-committees are created, this does not have to happen in all SRCs. For your particular SRC, within Political Theory, I'm sure that there are diverse sub-themes and topics we can look into, so those can be proposed. Polls can be held for your particular SRC, for example, and thereafter, when you talk about integration, which I previously mentioned and it might seem as a very difficult task, and yes of course, it is. But when I say, providing an easier access, that is where you know incentive structures and restructuring comes in.

So, when I mention restructuring what I essentially mean by that is, say, for example, you've created a tracker for your particular SRC. So, if anyone has any problems, or has any content they want to put forward, want to hold a meeting with the person who is on the editorial team, or want to submit something, so on and so forth, they can always tag that individual on that tracker, and then that particular individual becomes accountable. If that individual does not respond within the stipulated time that is provided to them to respond. say one week. two weeks. however we go about that. We'll of course hold meetings to discuss that if we go forward with my mandate. If that person does not respond, then their senior becomes accountable for answering that particular question, so it's a trail that you create. It's not like if one person doesn't work, the second one will definitely have to work, and if no one is working, it will reach me, and I will try my best to ensure that whoever is putting forward their content. it goes through due process, and it's channeled in the best way possible, and it reaches the audience it richly deserves. I hope that answers your question.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much. Eyrin responds in the comment section that you did respond to the question. So, thank you very much, I'm inviting others as well to ask your questions to Zinnia. [Pause]. No other questions, at least I can't see them right now. All right, thank you very much Zinnia, I think we can then move and start the voting procedure for the position of the Vice President of Academic Affairs. And we move forward to the Vice President for Programs. We have a vacancy there, no application has been uploaded, at least this is what I see. Justin, do you have anything new for me on this situation, or do we still have zero applications?

Justin Patrick, President: We still have zero applications, so we'll have to organize a by-election in the future to collect the vacant positions. So that would include the VP for programs and IAPSS USA and Canada chair .

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Right, thank you very much. That is sad to hear, but in this case we will need to move forward to the position of the Vice-President for Public Relations. This position oversees the public relations and communications, managing social media and Youtube accounts ,creating content, engaging students, and promoting items around the world, engaging with media, drafting press releases, and responding to questions from members and external organizations. I see one application by Nadia Al-Kabariti and is Nadia with us? I see Paola shaking her head.

Paola Navarro Villa, VP for Public Relations: Yes, she's not present.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: All right, is anyone here to present Nadia's platform on her behalf? [Pause]. This is not the case. Is there someone here from the current ExCom or anyone else who would feel comfortable with answering questions on Nadia's behalf, who knows Nadia that well.

Crystal Staebell, VP for Programs: I couldn't speak on her behalf, but as someone who worked with her on the World Congress, and she was highly competent, and she was very good at her job, able to do thing, was able to finish tasks before I even asked her to do them, very insightful.

Paola Navarro Villa, VP for Public Relations: I was going to say something similar, she also started collaborating with the PR department while she was working for the World Congress and she is very efficient and very proactive.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much. Does anyone know whether she wanted to join or why she's not here?

Paola Navarro Villa, VP for Public Relations: No idea, I wrote to her, but she has not replied. But, no idea.

Crystal Staebell, VP for Programs: She let me know that she is sick, so I would assume that would be the reason.

Paola Navarro Villa, VP for Public Relations: Probably, yes. But she was very interested in being a part of IAPSS in that position.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: All right, thank you. So I would assume in this case we would move on if there are no questions or comments that anyone else wants to raise under this section. [Pause]. Then we move forward to the Advisory Board where we have three positions and three candidates. The Advisory Board ensures that IAPSS is functioning ethically with accountability in accordance with its guiding documents and applicable laws. The Advisory Board also provides guidance to all respects of organization, audits the finances to the best of its ability, makes rulings in certain internal disputes. So, we have these three applications. The first one is Leah Rachel Rea. I see you are here and you have five minutes to present your platform.

Leah Rachel Rea: Thanks very much, Tobias. Hi everyone, I'll just briefly introduce myself and then I'll move on to my motivations for running for the IAPSS Advisory Board and my experience which I feel is relevant to the position that I am applying for.

So my name is Leah Ray and I am a scholarship PhD student at the Transitional Justice Institute School of Law at Ulster University in Northern Ireland, and my research is interdisciplinary between law and political science, which is the story of my life when it comes to my academic pathway. I have two master's degrees from Queen's University Belfast in the fields of Political Science and I also hold a law degree from Queen's University Belfast also, and I had the opportunity on a scholarship to study abroad in America in Cedar Rapids in Iowa for the academic year 2014-2015. And lastly I was a member of the class of 2021 Washington Ireland program, which is a program that really stresses leadership service skillset.

So my motivations for running for this position. I understand how vital it is for an organization to have an effective body to provide scrutiny support and guidance, particularly when that body is membership focused and advocates for students and engages with other organizations. And I know that IAPSS serves a very vibrant and diverse community of students around the world, and provides that very unique space for shared learning and academic development. And I understand the Advisory Board provides that very strong governance structure to help IAPSS realize its responsibilities and its roles, and actually realize its advocacy commitments. So the Advisory Board therefore needs to be very robust and actively provide guidance and support to help realize that vision and achieve those responsibilities. I have strong experience in serving in an advisory and representative capacity and I also have experience in student advocacy and support and I believe I can bring this experience to IAPSS through its Advisory Board to work alongside colleagues to provide that effective monitoring and also comprehensive support to the Global Board.

So, briefly in terms of my advisory experience since 2018, I have served as a trustee and board member on a local charitable organization in the [inaudible] region in Northern Ireland it's called Abbey Sure Start. And within that role I have provided active advice and guidance to the organization through reviewing and monitoring financial documents, its structural obligations and helping prepare papers for submission pretenders at council level ,and also in recruitment support for other board trustees, as well as reviewing and approving strategic plans and other relevant documents. And also since 2019 I have served as a trustee and board member on another charitable organization Community Advice Antrim and Newton Abbey in a similar role, reviewing and approving strategic plans and documents and

financial statements, and providing other guidance and support where necessary. And in addition, since March this year, I have been serving as a member of the Secretariat at the university of part of its human rights center to help deliver upon its goal of running the Padova Model UPR in November of this year, where I've been providing guidance and support in the delivery of the strategic purposes of that program.

And lastly, I do have extensive experience in the fields of student representation advocacy. I am currently serving as the representative for all PhD researchers in the School of Law at Ulster University with our university's Doctoral College, where we engage with senior staff to help provide support for all PhD researchers. I also serve as an advocate and I've lobbied for different aspects such as payment of teaching assistance and providing advice and support with the coronavirus pandemic as well. And I also have had experience as a school representative for Arts, Humanities and Social Science students at Queen's University Belfast, and as a course representative for master's students at that university also.

So I do feel I have the experience and the skill set which I can bring to IAPSS' Advisory Board, working alongside colleagues to provide the guidance and support necessary to ensure the organization complies with its responsibilities and works to the best of its ability to deliver on its responsibilities to the student membership. So, I'm very happy to take any questions and thank you for listening to my presentation.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Leah or your presentation. Because of the nature of the advice report which has three positions, perhaps have all the three platform statements after each other, and have the conversation on it jointly together. If that is all right with everyone. So I would therefore invite Maheen Shafeeq to provide your platform statement. Please try to stay within five minutes.

Maheen Shafeeq: Thank you Tobias um for giving me the platform. Hello I'm Maheen Shafeeq and I've been with IAPSS since 2015. I joined IAPSS while being on a study trip at a [inaudible] in 2015. And that was my first exposure to IAPSS - a multicultural, multilingual and multinational association. I have not seen such a kind of association and I was quite impressed by how all of the political science students were interested in engaging in conversations at IAPSS. So this is why I joined IAPSS and since 2015 I've been actively involved with all of the IAPSS activities and I became a board member in 2018. At first, I joined the PR department which was initially the Public Relations and International Cooperation Department as an art and design coordinator. And from there onwards I started to serve as Deputy Head at the Department of Public Relations which was renamed after.

In my position I've contributed in terms of graphic designing and designing for social media posts, designing logos for IAPSS regions, Student Research Committee, A Different View, designing guide books for IAPSS World congress and different academic events, designing certificates for various events and various departments, as well as designing sponsorship booklets for various audiences and various events. I've been actively involved in different conferences, summer schools and winter schools, and IAPSS world congress. My contribution basically has been in terms of design, and given this digitalized age, we need an active presence on social media to engage more. And given the nature of our organization we need to include social media, so in order to reach more people and connect with the

world. And for that purpose I felt like design and engaging content was very important. And that's my bit that I've played in IAPSS so far. I've seen IAPSS grow over the past five-six years. I've seen IAPSS grow from just being eurocentric to moving towards regionalization and getting more people involved. Initially, you would see only European students getting involved in this, but now I can see people from around the world and this is just the beginning, I feel like we have a long way to go and in my position on the Advisory Board, I believe, I can contribute in terms of how we should move forward with engaging with different stakeholders, different students, different universities, different associations, different charity organizations, who could help us financially. To get in touch with them and contribute towards betterment of IAPSS, because IAPSS has a vision and we need to achieve it and in order to achieve that, we need all on board.

So in my position on the Advisory Board I will work and I will communicate and coordinate with other members of the different departments, as well as the heads of different departments, the vice presidents, to invoke a sense of belonging, a sense of ownership, and a sense of responsibility within. If we can move forward towards making IAPSS a better place for everyone, including all of the students, and at all levels - undergraduate, PhDs, or graduate, even students who have graduated from different universities, they should also be part of IAPSS, because they have good experience, and they can share good valuable insights that can be really helpful for IAPSS to proceed further.

And lastly, I will make myself available for all assistance and guidance needed by any board members, as I believe I have good exposure to IAPSS activities, and I believe I can contribute effectively. I've gone through different statements and I've heard the meeting since the start. The points that I would really want to press on are active engagement by all the members, engaging new members, and strategies to involve new members. And that would be the strategies that would include having more in-person events. Or if not in-person events because of Covid and all, we could have at least hybrid events, so students at the certain university, where the event is taking place, can join, and others who cannot join because of the distance or other issues, can join the event in the hybrid manner.

Another aspect that I think is very important is that we see guidance from the IAPSS alumni and I believe they've had a good exposure to IAPSS and sort of understand the legacy that they've brought to the IAPSS, and how we can resolve issues and conflicts that occur within IAPSS. I've gone through the advice of the previous Advisory Board and I will keep that in mind especially and I believe that I see that they have also mentioned about continuation of events and competency of the Advisory Board. So I believe I can be of useful assistance in my position as an Advisory Board member. And that's all for my end. So, thank you.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Maheen. And the third person... Now my browser is not loading. but if I'm not mistaken [the third person] is Minya Chan.

Minya Chan: Yes, hi everyone. So I'll just keep it really brief... I entered IAPSS last year with the World Congress, stayed, acted as a programs director working together with Crystal and then this year I was also one of the co-heads of this year's World Congress. So, I have a background in political science. I will be starting new studies next academic year away from

political science, but more into data science, but nevertheless, I really hope to bridge the two fields together. I really enjoyed my time at IAPSS. Due to some uncertainties, I just don't really know what I wanted to do. So in terms of that, the Advisory Board seems like an ideal position for me, given that I was part of the World Congress as a finance coordinator, then programs coordinator, and also as a finance coordinator in other previous positions. Currently as an intern at the Court of Audit in the Netherlands I have some experience with auditing. In this case, performance audits, but obviously the skill, I can apply them anywhere. So in terms of that, I would be able to offer advice in terms of finances, also programs and partnerships, and interactions with other organizations. So if anyone has any questions, do let us know and we'll be happy to answer them.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Minya, for providing your Platform Statement in a very crisp format. We can now move forward to discussing the three applications, which are, to remember all of you, for up to three positions that have to be filled on the Advisory Board. So even if all three run for the Advisory Board, that's not necessarily running against, but with each other. So in that sense, does anyone have a question on one or more of the different applications? [Pause]. Again, I just wait a couple of seconds to allow those who prefer to type into the comment section, and afterwards, I hope you forgive me, if I would again ask us to take a couple of minutes break. [Pause]. I don't know how he pulled off this nine or ten hours General Assembly two years ago, now it feels like three or four hours is completely enough. [Pause]. Good, there are no questions. So the online voting will be made available basically now and... thank you very much. Let us take another 10 minutes break and then come back to this place and resume to discuss the next elections. Thank you very much and see you soon.

A ten-minute break takes place.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: It would be fantastic if I can see all of you coming back in the next minute. [Pause]. Good. I think we should resume. In New Delhi, the day is coming to an end and I think for some others it's getting late as well, for others the day it's just starting so I don't want to hold you guys off from your real weekend, or your second real weekend for too long. We are two-thirds through the elections and have just concluded with the Advisory Board positions and this means we're now starting with the elections of the chairs for the IAPSS regions. And this means we start with IAPSS Africa in alphabetical order. We have one application Boluwatife Ajibola. Please go ahead with your platform statement, you have five minutes.

Boluwatife Ajibola, Chair of IAPSS Africa: Thank you Tobias. Hi everyone, my name is Boluwatife Ajibola. It's good to be here again this time. Sometime last year when I presented my platform statement for the Africa Chair position. Just a bit of background into my background round in political science. I have a bachelor's degree in political science from Nigeria and master's degree in international development from the London School of Economics, and I think I'll just leave it at that.

My journey with IAPSS Africa dates to about two years. I joined in 2020, as Africa Projects and Events Coordinator, after which I contested for the Africa Chair position and again I'm requesting to renew this mandate for the coming year. I'll make this quite succinct because my platform statement summarizes some of the things I would rather talk about. In

summary, the last year here has been quite interesting and quite challenging, if I may say because it's sort of exposed to me to some of the the challenges on the ground and what as opposed to what I anticipated at the start of the mandate, you know, where I got exposed to what the challenges on the ground on the African continent. This was further exacerbated and complicated by the Covid-19 pandemic and the fact that lots of students across different countries in Africa were not able to go to school, and so there's our limitations in terms of opportunities to engage students. So, this constituted a lot of challenge for us and for the accent which could really drive some of our agenda, but now things are beginning to open up. I think there are a lot of opportunities to drive some of this into some of these agendas that we were planning last year.

But the interesting thing is we were able to achieve something last year. I campaigned on, I ran on the SHIFT agenda in which I sort of pursued a number of five key points, and interestingly I was able to achieve a number of things which is actually also highlighted in the platform statement. We hosted a number of events which was well attended and also were able to engage with the number of national associations in Nigeria, Zambia, Côte d'Ivoire, and there is a lot on going at the moment, and I really hope to consolidate on this and really finalize on this in the coming mandate. So that's one of the achievements, and I was also quite keen on granting IAPSS much more visibility on the African continent and this was the driving force. We were quite keen on engaging students through social media and using technologies, and we're able to create a number of our social media accounts, and we've at least can testify of an increase in following across the social media platforms, and basically we are seeing some more visibility and more evidence to that is learned by number of people that are reaching out to us for partnership and for engagement. I think this is a thing to take forward in the coming year and also would be...

Just to run through the number of things that I would like to really advance in the coming year. I think it's quite important to put together a stronger structure, a better structure for IAPSS Africa. I think that's one thing I look forward to leaving in this position, which is a very strong and better structure that would be sustainable. And withstand the test of time in the coming years. Because there has not been much consistency over the years. We came in, and were also interacting with the past Africa chairs. I think it's time to bring all of these people together to see how we can build a strong IAPSS Africa in the coming mandate. And now things are beginning to open up across some institutions and although we know the situation in South Africa is still quite intense at the moment, in some other parts of the country where they've been lockdowns, they're beginning to open up. Also in Nigeria, for instance, where we have our largest network, the students of the public institutions are on strike at the moment for the past thirty days, and that's also complicated since we don't know how long that would last. And I think some of these issues are also also extended to some other African countries, so we're looking at engaging the students as soon as they open up, and then to probably look at all the other funding streams, so we can increase our revenue internally, so we can drive some events, in particular when looking at audience, so we want physical events in the coming year, at least two events in the coming year. And as much as we want to draw the support we need internally, we also appreciate the support from IAPSS Global. So that summarizes some of our agenda.

We also really need to extend our network to at least twenty more countries in the coming year. I think that's quite a reasonable number to work with. Perhaps another

challenge would be the language barrier, which we're also looking at. Some other new approaches we already developed, we encountered a bit of challenges, I think now it's to just revamp these approaches, and to look at how we could further achieve some of these in the coming year. I think I'll leave it here, I'll be happy to take your questions. Thank you.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much for your Platform Statement. Does anyone have questions about Boluwatife's platform? This is the chance. [Pause]. All right. If this is not the case, we can upload the vote. I thank you very much for your presentation and we can move on directly to the next position - the one of the IAPSS Asia Chair. We have two applications. I think only one person is here which is Anagha Lakshmi, so the floor is yours. You have five minutes.

Anagha Lakshmi: Hello, greetings to all my colleagues here today. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to represent IAPSS Asia. To begin with, I would like to quickly introduce myself. I am currently pursuing my master's in advanced international governance at the University of Geneva in Switzerland and I'm also interning at the International Telecommunications Union. Prior to this, I've studied my bachelor's and my master's both in India where I studied political science and mass communication.

To begin with my experiences at IAPSS. I was recruited into the team in the year 2020, wherein I was asked to be the Liaison Coordinator for Asia by Ginisha and Rutaba. Rutaba Tariq was the current Chair of IAPSS Asia. I was the note-taker in one of the IAPSS conferences and I was so inspired by the work we were doing there, so that is why I applied and I was graciously accepted. Then we had a discussion and the team needed support, so we needed regional co-chairs, so Rutaba was kind enough to ask me to officiate as the regional co-chair, which I've been doing for the last six months.

So over the last two years that I've been in the Association with the IAPSS Asia team, together we've put together the UN75 consultations, a networking event, and several partnerships and promotion events, with Model United Nations happening all over Asia. We've also been working on redeveloping a structural orientation for our team per se, but with a more inclusive team leadership that we're recruiting right now. So as the regional chair my aim will be to improve upon the communication, the networking that we have in our team, to bring forth more academic research, to bring more students into the academic community, and to bring a community which is more interested in safe discussion and debate.

So how I plan on doing is this. I plan on working with the outreach and country coordinators in our team. We're already recruiting people from various countries to work within our team and with the team, so I plan on bettering this entire communication mechanisms with regularly organized meetings and because I'm more aware of the existing problems that we have within the team, which mainly pertain to the lack of coordination between various organs, which I want to improve upon. I feel that that's something I would be good at doing. Then I would also like to develop upon some ideas that the team already has. Like, we want to bring forth a podcast series which talks about various current events, current happenings, and current topics that are happening right now. So this is something that we would like to do and we would like to increase participation via more active media strategy, and with more emphasis on global outreach, and with better coordination within the team, and also with the global team per se. So this is my strategy, and also I think the main

problem that IAPSS Asia faces is that people are not aware of this whole network that exists in Asia. So I think I would like to promote more research and more participation of students across universities in our region by writing to them and by reaching out to career fairs, career programs, and reaching out to various colleges to promote inclusive participation from across the region. I would be open to answering questions but this is my platform statement. Thank you.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Anagha and I'm now inviting everyone else who's present here to ask your questions. [Pause]. I do not see any questions. In this case, thank you again very much for your presentation and we move on to the position of the IAPSS Europe Chair. There's one application by Roberto Nugnes. Please correct me on the pronunciation, Roberto. The floor is your.

Roberto Nugnes: Hi, everyone. Can you hear me? Right, okay. So I would like to start with something about me. I think I'm a latecomer in IAPSS. I joined in 2021, last year, because maybe you might be more familiar with Leonardo, who is the chair of IAPSS Italy. And basically while we were doing our exchange semester in France, me and Leonardo were thinking of doing something active in the Italian scenario. And so Leonardo came up with this wonderful idea to speak with Frank and Justin about the creation of IAPSS Italy and it was born as a pilot project. We weren't sure about its success, but indeed it turned out to be quite a huge success. In fact, in just a few months, we have more than 20 members who are active members and we are creating our network of partnerships with other Italian associations and we're holding several events. In fact our next event is going to be on the 12th of May. So, seeing the rise of the IAPSS Italy and its success, we thought that it would have been such a great opportunity to create the Italian experience elsewhere in Europe. So from this idea comes the willingness of doing the national branches in Europe. So this is why I'm running for the position of the chairman of IAPSS Europe because I strongly believe in the creation of other national experiences throughout the entire Europe.

For instance, after the creation of IAPSS Italy, IAPSS Italy and IAPSS Ukraine have strongly collaborated together and they are still doing so. If just one partnership among two national divisions of IAPSS have proven to be so richful for both teams, how richer would it be to have many other European experiences in Europe. So this is what I would like to do as a chair for IAPSS Europe. I would strongly push on the creation of other European branches, and I'm trying to do it right now. I am in contact personally with a bunch of French guys that would be very much interested in the creation of IAPSS France.

So, as I am a latecomer in IAPSS, I only have a glimpse of what IAPSS Europe does. I spoke several times with Frank, the Chair of IAPSS Europe and he provided me with some insights about the organization of IAPSS Europe. And if I were to be elected I would continue on his path. He's done a great job, so I would keep going, I would keep doing what Frank has done so far. And in that case I would strongly need the help from the present IAPSS Europe team, and on the other hand I would push on the creation of the European branches and I would then add a few other teams like the partnership team. Because my idea would be not only to create the European branches but to get in touch with all the other countries and realities in all those countries in which we are not able to create a European branch, and in that case establish a partnership with them. And just to give an idea it might be done for a single initiative, that can be like a post on Instagram, a project, or even, or for multiple ones.

And of course the opportunities, the opportunities that would be offered by IAPSS would differ according to the type of partnership that association has with us. And the second one would be like an administrative team that would be in charge of drafting all the official documents of IAPSS Europe such as the call for application for the teams, the partnership contracts, and so on, and finally an HR team that would be just dedicated to the recruitment process.

And finally, I would strongly push on social media. As IAPSS Italy is doing, we are strongly pushing on social media. We're very lucky, because our social media manager is extremely talented, and so we are trying to get to know all Italians and I think we're quite successful in it. And so this will be something that we would like to do also in Europe. We would strongly push on social media and to do so we would need a strong incompetent team because everything comes from social media and the engagement that we are able to create from social media. So I would strongly push on real shorts, and other ways to engage with people. And so this is why in IAPSS Italy we are now having a video maker in our team, because we strongly want to push in that field as well. And so it would be ideal to do the same thing also with the IAPSS Europe. So that's all for my presentation.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much, Roberto and I would now invite everyone to ask their questions. Eyrin, I see you have a question, please go ahead.

Eyrin Kyriakidi, Chair of Political Theory SRC: Hi, thank you so much for your presentation, that all sounded lovely, and it's good to see you so excited about it. I have a question and because I come from Greece I can adapt it to the Greek context, because you said that you're interested in working with other countries as well. So, how do you intend on expanding IAPSS without antagonizing local associations? For example, right now in Greece we have the Student Association for International Relations for Foreign Affairs, however they're called. We have the Hellenic Association for Political Science and they have a student branch, so if you try to introduce IAPSS, that might create a big conflict in creating yet another association, that kind of does the same thing. So have you thought of that and how would you deal with this?

Roberto Nugnes: The role of IAPSS is not to be in an antagonistic position with any association whatsoever. So we are not wanting to replace other associations. The point of creating a national branch is to give opportunities to create networks, to do projects, to announce the collective conscience of...in this case Greek citizens, Greek students. And if there is no solid ground to create a national division of IAPSS Greece. If that is the case, well we're not going to do it and we are gonna see other ways. Like I was saying, doing partnerships, like trying to collaborate with this local association for an event in Greece using the IAPSS flag, for instance.

So the creation of a national branch is not going to be antagonistic in any way whatsoever with any existing association in that particular country. It is just a new opportunity that is offered to the citizens of that particular country. Also because the creation of a national branch is not going to be limited to the country by itself. The fact of having a national branch is useful because it puts you into contact with other European branches with what the IAPSS Europe does on its own, and with what IAPSS Global does. So it is a layer after layer

of opportunities that are offered to political science students and to anyone who is interested in the political science field.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much Robert. Eyrin, if you have a follow-up question please go ahead.

Roberto Nugnes: Also, Justin said something which is extremely right. They're all free to join IAPSS as association members and this is the point of my plan. Get to expand the number of people that are joining the IAPSS and making it global, and in this case, European.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Thank you very much. I mean when I joined IAPSS, which was in 2016, I can remember that you know when we had our all our World Congresses, but also the smaller events, basically what happened was that every single time you had an IAPSS event, with let's say 200 students, 100 students would fly in from from other countries, from other places, but 100 students would always come from the university where the event was based. And so one World Congress was organized in the University of Thessaloniki in Greece and so this was an absolutely stimulating experience for our IAPSS community in these universities, because we organized an event which normally wouldn't take place in these kinds of formats. There are not many organizations that host political science students conferences to the extent that IAPSS does and we could connect at that point European association with local universities, but of course keeping these ties intact will be and will remain much on the agenda of all of you guys in the next few years. So I'm also excited to see where things will be going.

Are there other people who have questions for Roberto? [Pause]. Wonderful. Then we can move onwards to the position of IAPSS Latin America and the Caribbean Chair. We have one application and the application is by Karla Alvarado. I haven't seen Karla here. Does anyone feel entitled to say why Karla's not here? Or we don't have to say why she's not here, that it's not of interest to us, but whether she has indicated that she cannot participate. [Pause]. That's not the case. However, her statement is online. If there are no questions, which I assume it will be ought to discuss her application if she's not here. Okay, so, Paula writes that she vouches for Karla, she's very active.

This means we can move forward onward to the position of IAPSS Oceania chair. I remember last time that Connor Clarke, who's running for this position, was participating, and the meeting went up to 09:00 AM in Australia, so he stayed up the entire night. Connor is back with us this time again, how late is it now, actually?

Connor Clarke: I think it's about 10, no, 11.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Oh, that's wonderful.

Connor Clarke: I put in the wrong time, I was expecting it to start at 1:00 AM this morning for some reason, so I think I actually put in the wrong time zone or maybe the acronym got picked up wrong. But I was very thankful, oh that's nice.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: Great, you have five minutes to present your platform statement and please go ahead.

Connor Clarke: So, essentially, as I'm sure everyone's been quite aware, previously IAPSS Oceania was quite active in the year of 2019, when we had quite an established team. And then then sort of last year, 2021, the entire group sort of all stepped down at the same time, which is quite unfortunate. So essentially, there's sort of been a year I guess, of inactivity, which I might say is largely sort of on my side, but there's been quite a lot of sort of personal things, starting a job and that for that side. But essentially the plan for this mandate, the long term plan, I was going to approach in a tranced approach, be sort of a two-steps, or my overall goal to reestablish the team within Oceania now. That's probably going to take a two to three month lead time, with sort of reestablishing the team positions and sort of distributing across networks, long interviews. I tried to map out almost like a three-month program to get that going. If this is successful, then the second, would be reapproaching the IAPSS Oceania's web presence. We used to do at least one event a month online, which once I think the team is set up, that wouldn't be too big of an issue. Through different contacts that I have here along all that sort of thing, there's certainly a large group of potential contacts and we could get to restart the event series or the online discussions.

But essentially that was sort of the process and I think a lot of it we'll be focusing on getting that team back together, or at least a few more people. There has been some interest from different individuals across Australia, but as far as I know there's sort of been a bit of a hesitancy to apply for the chair position, just due to being unfamiliar with the organization. My essential matter would be to get a successor chair, so I'm almost viewing it as a caretaker period, I suppose, to then find someone that has a lot more capacity to take on the full-time role of the IAPSS Oceania.

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: All right, thank you very much Connor. Now I would invite, as for any other case, but for you guys to ask any questions, if you have them. [Pause]. I do not see any questions, so then thank you very much Connor, and we will then move on to the next point which is the position of IAPSS USA and Canada and for this position we now have a vacancy and I have been informed that there has also not been another person founded, so there would be a by-election at one point. I think, perhaps, Justin or Oleksii, could you brief us in a sentence or two, whether this chapter is still operating, whether a team is still there? Or whether in general it is quite difficult to kind of organize the USA and Canada group at the moment?

Justin Patrick, President: They have a team and a chair and they have been doing some activities this year. It's just I think they had some trouble finding someone to run this year, maybe they didn't submit their application forms in time, so hopefully in the by-election soon folks can have another opportunity to run for this one. It's just like the VP for Programs position.

9. Other Business

Tobias Scholz, General Assembly Chair: All right, thank you very much. Then I would close this point number eight and we move to point number nine, which I would really like to

use to thank those of you who joined this General Assembly, and also did not run for positions. Especially Frank, Thomas, Sonnetm Eyrin, Nesma, and Max as I can see right now. It's very important that this General Assembly is attended by as many members as possible and you guys really keep the spirit of this democratic association alive by joining, and asking questions, and voting there. Because this has been quite fun and quite a good meeting, but it's important that we keep up checks and balances, that we ask each other questions that need to be asked and therefore thanks for coming. This is the first point.

But now I would like to ask you guys whether anyone has any other business that we need to discuss before closing. Please raise your hand. Frank, please go ahead. For everyone who can't see it right now, Frank is just thanking everyone majorly who has been actively involved in helping through this past mandate.

I would like to thank all of you for being there for being so patient with me, this morning, this afternoon, and this evening, it has been a great pleasure to join. My first moment with IAPSS was, as I mentioned in 2016, it was a summer school where students from all over Europe came together in Kyiv, in Ukraine to discuss the future directions of this country between the East and the West, and it was for me such a fascinating experience to be surrounded by political science students from Ukraine, from Russia, from Western Europe, from Central Europe, but also from places like Brazil. Many of those have stayed in IAPSS, others I have stayed in touch with through other means and the spirit that was awake there, that everyone wanted to find political solutions, wanted to discuss things in an academic way, but also find out the personal, cultural, social, economic dimensions of things. This very point in Kyiv motivated me to stay in IAPSS, and I saw that everyone here keeps on this spirit and has their own spirit to drive forward the idea of IAPSS as a more than a local association, as an association that more [inaudible] just world and a more fair world, and a world where we as political science students can research together, but also can work together towards common goals. Thank you very much, and have a good weekend and a good Monday ahead of everyone. I will close this General Assembly.

10. Adjournment

Justin Patrick, President: All right, thank you Toby, and thank you everyone. I guess we are just going to do some stuff for the minutes here, to make sure that these chat logs are preserved, but have a good night or day, or whatever.

General Assembly Zoom Chat Log

00:15:17 Oleksii Zahreba: Please confirm your attendance by filling out the General Assembly attendance form.

00:15:49 Tobias Scholz: Tobi in New Delhi!

00:15:50 Oleksii Zahreba: <https://forms.gle/7KvQVPhE1JjQUrpP7>

00:15:54 Ginisha Dewani: Hi everyone
This is Ginisha joining from India

00:15:56 Leah Rea: Good afternoon - I'm Leah, and I am in Antrim, Northern Ireland.

00:15:57 Justin Patrick: Justin in Canada

00:16:03 Maheen Shafeeq: Hello! Maheen from Pakistan.

00:16:08 Anagha Lakshmi: hi! I am anagha from India!

00:16:08 Minya Chan: Minya in The Netherlands

00:16:11 Roberto Nugnes: Roberto in Italy

00:16:20 Deena Wahba: Hi I'm Deena from Cairo, Egypt

00:16:20 Max Steuer: Greetings to All. Max, joining from the EU (Slovakia).

00:16:22 Paola NV: Hi! Paola joining from Germany :)

00:16:29 Nesma Tarek: Hello Nesma from Egypt

00:16:42 Crystal Staebell: A sleep-deprived Crystal from DC.

00:16:44 Владислав Хомич: Hi! Vlad from Ukraine  

00:17:25 Владислав Хомич: Vladyslav

00:17:44 Victor Kovalchuk: Hello, Victor from Ukraine

00:18:01 Maksym Khmelnytskyi: Hello! Maksym from Ukraine

00:19:23 Paola NV: If you don't want your face on YouTube, you can leave your camera turned off. If you don't mind and want to say hello to the YT chat, you are welcome to turn it on and smileee

00:20:30 Oleksii Zahreba: Please confirm your attendance by filling out the General Assembly attendance form: <https://forms.gle/oY1tLxvAbggs9X2V7>

00:20:41 Paola NV: You can find the agenda here:
<https://iapss.org/general-assembly/april-2022/>

00:21:09 Roberto Nugnes: yes

00:21:11 Leah Rea: Yes

00:21:11 Anagha Lakshmi: yes!

00:21:13 Ginisha Dewani: yes

00:21:14 Frank Stengs: Yes

00:21:15 Max Steuer: Yes

00:21:16 Maheen Shafeeq: Yes

00:21:16 Paola NV: yes

00:21:20 Crystal Staebell: Yes

00:21:21 Minya Chan: yes

00:21:23 Nesma Tarek: Yes

00:21:24 Еміль Гелета: Yes

00:21:25 Maksym Khmelnytskyi: Yes

00:21:27 Vika Ovcharuk: Yes

00:21:27 Oleksii Zahreba: yes

00:21:27 Justin Patrick: yes

00:21:31 Victor Kovalchuk: Yes

00:21:39 Kateryna Kravchenko: yes

0:21:59 Yelyzaveta Seleznova: yes

00:23:27 Владислав Хомич: yes

00:23:34 Yelyzaveta Seleznova: yes

00:23:36 Leah Rea: Yes

00:23:39 Paola NV: yes

00:23:39 Frank Stengs: yes

00:23:39 Crystal Staebell: Yes

00:23:40 Oleksii Zahreba: yes

00:23:41 Minya Chan: Yes

00:23:41 Maheen Shafeeq: Yes

00:23:42 Max Steuer: GA Board - yes

00:23:51 Anagha Lakshmi: yes!

00:23:52 Maksym Khmelnytskyi: Yes

00:23:53 Victor Kovalchuk: Yes

00:23:56 Vika Ovcharuk: Yes

00:23:56 Еміль Гелета: yes

00:24:09 Justin Patrick: yes

00:24:53 Oleksii Zahreba: Documents are available here:
<https://iapss.org/general-assembly/april-2022/>

00:25:02 Oleksii Zahreba: Vote ballot: <https://iapss.org/general-assembly/april-2022/vote/>

00:26:43 Justin Patrick: I can move the motion

00:26:50 Leah Rea: I can second

00:26:54 Maheen Shafeeq: I can second

00:30:00 Paola NV: Remember that you need to log in with your personal IAPSS account to vote. Here's the voting page again: <https://iapss.org/general-assembly/april-2022/vote/>

00:42:28 Ginisha Dewani: You have been an amazing President and colleague Justin.

00:49:48 Oleksii Zahreba: The vote to approve the report of the IAPSS President is available in the vote ballot.

00:49:51 Maheen Shafeeq: Excellent report Justin!

00:50:17 Maheen Shafeeq: Impressive progress given Covid and all. Keep it up!

00:52:16 Paola NV: Here are some quick access links. Remember that you need to be logged in with your personal IAPSS account to register and vote:

- General Assembly page: <https://iapss.org/general-assembly/april-2022/>
- Attendance form: <https://iapss.org/general-assembly/april-2022/>
- Voting Ballot: <https://iapss.org/general-assembly/april-2022/vote/>

01:02:56 Leah Rea: Thank you for your report Shobhendra. I have a small question with regards to the point in the report on the identification of a relevant insurance package - have any avenues been identified / any preferred insurance packages been located so that the incoming Treasurer may pick up on this? Thank you.

01:27:18 Justin Patrick: I can move

01:27:24 Leah Rea: I can second

01:27:25 Maheen Shafeeq: I can second

01:31:02 Justin Patrick: I can move

01:31:06 Frank Stengs: Sorry not in the environment to speak but I do have a question

01:31:19 Frank Stengs: I will type it right now

01:32:10 Frank Stengs: How would the national associations work together with local associations on the universities? Something we must prevent e.g. is to double the work and organize things that are already there

01:32:14 Frank Stengs: If that makes sense

01:34:10 Frank Stengs: Thanks

01:34:18 Maheen Shafeeq: I can second

01:34:20 zinnia aurora: I can second

01:34:20 Paola NV: second

01:43:55 Max Steuer: §6 amendment proposal: SRCs shall govern themselves, but are accountable to IAPSS members based on the principles of sound administration.

01:46:50 Eyrin Kyriakidi: SRCs shall govern themselves, but are accountable to IAPSS members based on the principles of sound administration. SRC members may approach (?) the General Assembly, Advisory Board, and/or Executive Committee in case of internal disputes to help in resolving any issues.

01:49:20 Justin Patrick: I can move

01:49:23 zinnia aurora: I second

01:49:25 Ginisha Dewani: I will second

02:02:49 Justin Patrick: I can move

02:02:53 Paola NV: second

02:02:55 Maheen Shafeeq: second

02:04:56 Oleksii Zahreba: I move the motion on currency

02:04:56 Anagha Lakshmi: I second.

02:07:26 Justin Patrick: I can move

02:07:35 Maheen Shafeeq: Second

02:08:32 Paola NV: Quick access links:

· General Assembly page: <https://iapss.org/general-assembly/april-2022/>

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02:18:31 Boluwatife Ajibola: I indeed applaud your efforts in the past year, and particularly with the website. What would you do specifically to facilitate regions' use and engagement of the website in the coming year.

02:19:10 Ginisha Dewani: Great job with Website Oleskii 🙌

02:20:53 Boluwatife Ajibola: Thank you

02:26:38 Maheen Shafeeq: I have a question

02:26:42 Maheen Shafeeq: Ill type

02:27:13 Maheen Shafeeq: What is your strategy to involve new students?

02:27:28 Boluwatife Ajibola: What do you anticipate as challenges in the coming year, if elected? And what do you think would most enhance the effectiveness and impact of regions?

02:31:18 Boluwatife Ajibola: Thank you

02:32:09 Ginisha Dewani: Thanks everyone.

02:43:14 Eyrin Kyriakidi: You mentioned SRCs, do you have any ideas on SRC structure that will help integrate new members?

02:49:28 Eyrin Kyriakidi: It did - thank you.

03:40:52 Justin Patrick: If there are existing national student associations in a country, they can join IAPSS as Association Members

03:42:42 Eyrin Kyriakidi: Thanks for your answer :)

03:46:08 Paola NV: I can also vouch for her, she's very active

03:53:22 Paola NV: screenshots

03:54:10 Frank Stengs: Before closing

03:54:28 Frank Stengs: Just a major thanks to everyone that has been active and helping in the past year!

03:54:50 Paola NV: Thanks everyone! It has been amazing working with you all

03:54:52 Sanet Madonsela Solomon: This has been amazing. Congratulations to everyone!

03:55:26 Maheen Shafeeq: Thank you everyone for being an amazing part of IAPSS.

03:55:53 Max Steuer: Thank you very much to all and especially to the outgoing ExCom members for your commitment.

03:55:56 Leah Rea: Thank you very much to the GB for this GA, and for your organisation and commitment. Thank you Tobias for your chairing today.

03:57:35 Justin Patrick: Thanks everyone!

03:57:43 Oleksii Zahreba: Thank you all!

03:57:48 Sanet Madonsela Solomon: Thank you

03:57:55 Thomas SINGBEH: Thanks!