

43rd Candidate Board

Letter Board Van Duifhuizen GMA 31-05-2023

Dear Board Schreurs, dear GMA,

The content of our individual motivation letters show that we have all had different experiences in the association and its committees, each in our own way and with our own experiences. We represent a good variety of Sibbers, from different years. Together we are therefore well acquainted with the association and we can complement each other on the different sides of SIB. We are confident that together we will represent the association well.

With regard to our personal connections, we would like to report that there are differences within the board in how well we already know each other. Some have already worked together in committees, and others look forward to getting to know each other better. As of writing this letter we already have a “*gezelligheidsmomentje*” planned to get to know each other better. Also, we are excitedly preparing for moments like our policy weekend, and we are looking forward to a great collaboration.

Our collaboration in the coming year will look different than last year or the year before. Our board consists partly of full-time board members and partly of part-time board members. But as we already mentioned in our individual letters, we expect that this would work very well. In addition, we are working with a Commissioner of Digital Affairs for the first time, which we find exciting. We realize these factors are different from other years, but expect to deliver good work for the association in this composition.

Above all, we are very proud of this association. The contents of our individual letters are clear: although we each have our own stories, our own reasons, and our own lives, we all feel at home at SIB. This is something that we aim to maintain and encourage, both with newer and older members, as one of the strengths of this association: regardless of who you are, at SIB, there should always be a place for you.

We realize that a board year is always accompanied by challenges and hard work, but we also see this as a period full of opportunities that we look forward to. We will be doing everything we can to ensure that it will be an incredibly beautiful and inspiring year for and with the members.

We look forward to a year full of "*Inhoud en Gezelligheid*", and above all lots of fun!

Thank you for your attention,

Lena van Duifhuizen

Dana van Zuilekom

Matthijs Lenderink

Maartje Keijzer

Rick Grijpma

Wouter van Pamelen

Lena van Duifhuizen – President & Commissioner of Promotion

Dear board, dear GMA,

With this letter I would like to apply for the position of President and Commissioner of Promotion.

Let me first introduce myself: I am Lena van Duifhuizen, 20 years old and I am currently studying Writing for Performance at the HKU. I would stop studying for a year to be able to do my board year full-time. I am currently a second year member of SIB. I became a member after a pleasant UIT where I had two lovely SIB mentors. Here I found out that there were also associations without hierarchy and hazing. At SIB I immediately felt at home during the UIT and that has remained that way ever since.

President seems like an interesting position that suits me well. This year I am president of the UIT committee. I see the president's task as having an overview of who is doing what and how that is going. I think my structured working method suits this well. In addition, working together with others and communicating seem very important to me within this position. I like to listen to people and can take on the role of a listening ear as well as a solution-oriented attitude. I also find it pleasant and interesting to keep in touch with other organisations and associations on behalf of SIB Utrecht.

I think I fit in well with the position of Commissioner of Promotion. I am goal-oriented, creative, proactive and well-organised. I have been part of the Promotion Committee since September and I have been on the UIT committee both last year and this year. I like these committees very much and both of them mainly consist of promoting our association. I think it is important that SIB is sufficiently put on the map. SIB is a wonderful association and I would like more people to know about our existence.

I hope you consider me suitable for a board year. I look forward to a board year full of "inhoud en gezelligheid".

Thank you.

Lena van Duifhuizen

Dana van Zuilekom - Secretary

Dear board Schreurs, dear GMA,

With this letter, I would like to apply for the position of Secretary in SIB's 43th board.

I'll first introduce myself, I'm Dana van Zuilekom. I'm 24 years old and I became a member of SIB in 2018. I study veterinary medicine and I hope to finish my bachelor by April next year. My other hobbies include scouting (as a member and a leader) and horse riding.

Like many, I never intended to join a student association, mostly because I thought they all were like the ones that made the news, but I needed a place to stay during the UIT-week and SIB seemed the least horrible. I saw pretty quickly that SIB wasn't what I had pictured a student association to be at all, and I decided to become a member. Soon after, during the introduction period, I met the people who are now my best friends. I come from a tiny village, and studying in Utrecht was quite a culture shock for me at first. Looking back, I don't think I would have survived that without SIB.

Since I became a member, I've tried to put in an effort for the association. I've been a member of the Acco, or its predecessors, for three and a half years in total, and a member of the UIT-committee for one year. Giving back to things I enjoy is important for me, and that is one of the main reasons that motivated me for a board year at SIB.

I will be a part-time board member. My other activities will be to retake some exams and write my thesis. I will also work and keep my other hobbies, although I will spend less time on them than I do now. I think this will be challenging, but I will be able to manage it.

As for the function I will, fulfil, I know I tend to come across as chaotic, and in a way I am. That might seem contradictory to a good secretary, but it has actually forced me to learn to work systematically and write everything down in a way that helps me read back later. Experience that prepares me for this function for me mainly comes from scouting, where I've had this function in various teams before. I believe that this altogether makes me a suitable candidate for the function of secretary.

I really hope you will trust in my capability to be a good board member, and I am looking forward to next year.

Regards,

Dana van Zuilekom

Matthijs Lenderink - Treasurer

Dear board and GMA,

With this letter I would like to apply as a candidate for the 43rd board of SIB-Utrecht for the position of treasurer.

First of all I would like to give a short introduction about myself for the people who don't know me yet. I am Matthijs Lenderink and I am 20 years old. At the moment I am in my third, and last, year of my Bachelor Biology at Utrecht University. For next year I am going to do a board year and alongside that I am most likely going to follow a couple of courses from my master already, which also will be at Utrecht University.

I am currently a first year member of SIB. Last year I thought about joining a student association and because my roommate (Léon) was already a member of SIB I finally decided to join SIB last September. From the first moment, during the introduction weeks of SIB I immediately felt welcome and I haven't regretted joining SIB ever since.

I think treasurer is a good fit for me, because I have always been interested in the financial sides of things. Besides, I have some experience in keeping track of earnings and expenses, because of my hobby of breeding chickens. Lastly, partly because of my scientific study, I can be critical in analyzing data. Besides, treasurer is a position where you partially have your own tasks, therefore this position is a good combination of working together and doing my own tasks for me.

I hope you trust that this function is a good fit for me and I am really looking forward to be in the 43rd board of SIB-Utrecht

Kind regards,

Matthijs Lenderink

Maartje Keijzer – Commissioner of Internal Affairs

Dear 42nd Board, dear GMA,

I would hereby like to submit my application for the position of Commissioner of Internal Affairs for the 43rd board of SIB-Utrecht.

First of all, I would like to introduce myself quickly for those who don't know me yet. My name is Maartje Keijzer, I am 20 years old and I am currently in my third year of the Bachelor of Pedagogical Sciences at Utrecht University.

At the moment I am a freshman member at SIB. I don't know SIB through the UIT week, but actually through my housemate Anouk. She took me to a lecture about Jomanda, to this day Jomanda (and this particular SIB lecture) is famous in our house. In addition, she also took me to the 2022 symposium. This made me so enthusiastic that I ignored my original idea to never join a student association and I registered. In the past year at SIB, I joined the MEME- and the Internal Affairs Committee. I have really enjoyed this; it was great working for SIB and its members in this way.

I believe my skills match those of a CI. I am a very social person and I especially enjoy meeting new people and also making these people feel comfortable. I also like to really get to know people and to see where people's interests and talents lie. In addition, I'm a creative and organized person in my work. I have learned to work problem-solving oriented; I think this can be a great asset with helping out committees, but also my other board members. Touching on that; one thing I'm really looking forward to is working together with such a small group of people and helping each other out when necessary.

Next year I will perform my function as CI part-time, because I will also start a part-time PABO (teaching) course, and I want to maintain other things such as my singing lessons and my work at Humphreys Utrecht. However, I am very confident that I will be able to combine all these activities. I'm already looking forward to a greatly filled, but more importantly exciting and intellectual year.

In short: I have really enjoyed the past year as a member of SIB. I have felt welcome and I experienced a lot of fun things. It is very valuable to me that I can help others feel this way as well and (hopefully) contribute to this as next year's CI.

I hope with all my heart that I have been able to convince you with this letter that I am a suitable candidate for the position of Commissioner of Internal Affairs of the SIB-Utrecht board of 2023-2024.

Thank you,
Maartje

Rick Grijpma – Commissioner of External Affairs & Commissioner of Acquisition

Honoured board Schreurs, honoured GMA,

Using this letter, I want to introduce myself and apply as candidate for the functions of Commissioner Acquisition (Commissaris Acquisitie, CA) and Commissioner of External Affairs (Commissaris Externe zaken, CE) of the 43rd board of SIB-Utrecht in the year 2023/2024.

For anyone that does not know me, my name is Rick Jasper Grijpma, and I am 23 years old. I finished my bachelor's degree in chemistry here in Utrecht, and I am almost finished with my master's degree in Nanomaterial Science, also at the University of Utrecht. Next to studying and going to SIB activities, I also play volleyball at USV Protos and sometimes table tennis at UST Traiectum. While all of this kept me pretty busy for the last couple of years, I have decided to put my studies on hold and focus on SIB full time.

I signed up with SIB during or just after the 2018 UIT, making next year already my sixth year at SIB-Utrecht. At the time I was already pretty sure I wanted to join a student association, and after getting introduced to SIB at the UIT association market and having some non-sober conversations with some of the members during a board game night, I was convinced.

In the following years, I went to the lectures quasi-religiously and tried to help at least one commission a year. By now I have been in the Gala committee, the Symposium committee, and thrice in the Simulation committee. These committees have helped me learn valuable lessons in planning various activities: from weekend long simulations to large parties to semi-online lectures.

One of the reasons I joined SIB-Utrecht and still love this association is the way the association mixes the fun parts of student life with the intellectual side of student life. SIB-Utrecht has given me many fun nights, but also helped me to learn about every topic under the sun! For that reason, I want to give back to this association as best I can, while also challenging myself to keep learning and improving.

As Commissioner Acquisition I hope to maintain our relationships with our current funds and sponsors, but also explore new funding opportunities. While my scientific studies give a comforting familiarity with numbers, I hope to challenge myself to handle the financial affairs as best as possible. But I am confident that my precise and analytical approach to tasks will help me succeed in this position.

As Commissioner of External Affairs, I wish to continue with our lecture program and Tuesday twists. I believe that my experience of attending lectures for years and organising a few lectures will be useful in continuing our lecture program. I also hope that my scientific background might give an interesting point of view to the lecture program.

I hope you will allow me to start this new adventure and look forward to spending a year giving back to this beautiful association that has already given me so much.

Timendi causa est nescire,

Rick Jasper Grijpma

Wouter van Pamelen - Commissioner of Digital Affairs

Honoured board Schreurs, honoured GMA,

Hereby I, Wouter van Pamelen, put myself forward as candidate for the function Commissioner of Digital Affairs (Commissaris Digitale Zaken, CD) of the 43rd board of the Dutch United Nations Student Association.

First, I wish to briefly introduce myself. My name is Wouter van Pamelen. I have 20 years of life experience, and since last September I have been studying Computer Science: Gametechnology at the Utrecht University. I am also since the 16th of August of last year a member of this association.

This day fell during the UIT, during which I was looking for a student association, partially because I experienced many benefits from one during my previous study in Leiden. Prior to the UIT I had already found SIB's website: I spent a while reading through the catalogue of lectures with much interest. But the eventual decision fell on that sunny Tuesday afternoon, where I was accepted and treated as an equal at the stand at Janskerkhof, without being indebted for it, or asked for anything in return. I signed up later that evening, and continued to find myself at home during the UIT at SIB's activities.

Since then, I have not spent a second in doubt of this decision. I have put my effort in three committees - the SIB-Link committee, the UIT committee, and the ICT committee - and have been on several trips, including the MEME to Copenhagen. I speak truthfully if I say that there has never been a group of people that I value as much as those that constitute this association, and having the opportunity to be a board member is to me a great, meaningful honour.

I consider myself an ideal individual for fulfilling the role as Commissioner of Digital Affairs. The combination of being a member of the ICTcie, a Computer Science student, and a creative individual, provides a possibility for me to be important for this association. As we speak, the members of the ICT committee are hard at work to maintain the several websites, and solve any problems as they are encountered. I believe that as CD, I can play a part in the digitalisation within SIB, as well as provide a vision with which this association can grow its digital foothold. I am, additionally, confident in my ability to play a versatile role within the board: as I will be doing this full-time, and others will not, it is vital to provide assistance where needed.

I work systematically, iteratively, and with consideration, but am also highly adaptable and adept at learning - which are, especially in a digital era, very important and useful skills, which I can leverage to fulfil this role expertly. I am also thoroughly looking forward to cooperating with my fellow board members, and to, with them, create and execute a vision which we, both as a board and as an association, can be proud of.

I am looking forward to an arduous, beautiful, and magnificent year, and am hopeful that you would grant me the confidence to fulfil this function, to the best of my ability.

Per Ardua Ad Astra,

Wouter