

Minutes Election GMA SIB-Utrecht 31-05-'23

1. Opening

Xavier: With the next hammerstrike, I open the General Members Assembly of May 31st 2023 of SIB-Utrecht at 19.14.

Hammer strike

Xavier: Then we proceed to the next item, Setting the Agenda.

Hammer strike

2. Setting the Agenda

Xavier: The agenda is shown on the screen. No changes were made in comparison to the agenda sent to you in the convocation. Are there any questions on the agenda?

That means the agenda is hereby set and we continue to the next item, the Minutes of the previous GMA.

Hammer strike

3. Minutes previous GMA

Xavier: Now is your chance to discuss the Minutes of the Half Year GMA of February 22nd 2023. This discussion is fit for the contents of these Minutes, textual or stylistic remarks can be emailed to Lotte. Are there any questions on the Minutes of the Half Year GMA?

That means the Minutes are accepted. We then move on to the next item, the Mail.

Hammer strike

4. Post/mail

Xavier: I'd like to give the floor to Lotte.

Lotte: We have received 13 authorisations.

1. Nina Ruitenbeek authorizes Annika Boekenstijn
2. Jeljer Aldershof authorizes Elisabeth Smalbrugge
3. Tom Tervoort authorizes Lingxiao Zhang
4. Lian Mulder authorizes Valentine Mostermans
5. Marit Kort authorizes Maartje Keijzer
6. Vincent Kuhlmann authorizes Lena van Duifhuizen
7. Marcelo Geurts Galdámez authorizes Pieter Schultze
8. Sanne de Wit authorizes Maya Keur
9. Maud Goed authorizes Iris Veldhuis
10. Sander Brouwers authorizes Marjolijn Heeres
11. Merel de Goede authorizes Nina van de Voort
12. Amalia Schwandt authorizes Charlotte van Brakel
13. Marisol Verrips authorizes Mijke Dhondt

Xavier: Thank you. We then continue to the next item, the Announcements.

Hammer strike

5. Announcements

Xavier: Welcome to the Election GMA! We are pleased to see so many of you here. I'd like to go through some announcements:

- Language: The used language for this GMA is English as there are/will be non-Dutch speaking members attending (later). However, if you are uncomfortable asking a question in English, you can do this in Dutch. One of the Board members will then translate your question. Don't be afraid to make any errors in your translations, we have trouble finding the correct words as well, so we will get there together.
- Please only speak when you have been given the floor. And please only speak one at the time. Otherwise, it is impossible for Lotte to make proper Minutes.
- Two minor announcements on the voting procedure during this GMA:
 - First of all, we continue to use the QR codes when we have a vote. The QR codes will go around the room and you will be able to scan it with your phone. If you are authorised, remember to vote twice. Some of the members of the

Board of Advisors will vote against, so everyone will feel comfortable to give their vote.

- Secondly, we will use the same procedure as we have done the last GMA's, regarding the voting options. In short: you can vote 'pro', 'against' or 'abstain', the latter of which will not count in the total ballot count. If you wish to abstain from voting, we would still kindly ask you to fill in this option during voting, so we can check whether everyone has voted, including authorisations. Are these clarifications clear to everyone? Are there any questions?
- As you know, at this GMA, the voting on the Articles of Association (or *Statuten* in Dutch) was planned to be held today. We have let you know in advance a couple of times that for this two third of the members of SIB should be either present or represented (by means of authorisation). This means that we would need at least 88 members present or represented. I observe that there are 39 members present and 13 members represented by authorisation. This brings the total at 52 members. This is less than the 88 we are required to hold the voting, thus the voting cannot continue right now at this GMA.

Therefore, I would like to invoke Article 26, Section 3 of the Articles of Association, which says:

“If there is no two thirds part of the members present or represented, the GMA can decide that the proposal, as was at issue at the first GMA, will be decided on during the next GMA, regardless of the number of members present or represented at that time. For a statutory amendment, a two third majority of the votes cast is required.”

Doing this is the best thing to do in our opinion. However, the next GMA would be the Year GMA at the end of August. It would be very inconvenient to plan the voting on the Articles of Association then for two main reasons, the first being that the Year GMA is always rather full with other items that are necessary to be discussed then. Secondly, we want to have the alteration process done before the Inauguration GMA, which is one day after the Year GMA, when the new Board will be installed. Obviously, there will not be time to finish the process in one day time, as this would require, for example, a visit to the notary and the additional finalisation of documents. This is not a task we want to transfer to the next Board. For these two reasons, we therefore want to call for an Extra GMA in the next month to hold the voting of the Articles of Association alteration, taking into account the invocation of Article 26, section 3 of the current Articles of Association. To be precise, on Wednesday the 21st of June. Are there any questions about this? Since there aren't any, I would like

to add to that since the Extra GMA is within a month's time after this GMA, the Minutes of this Election GMA will not be sent to you in the convocation of the Extra GMA. This will happen in the convocation of the Year GMA.

- The Taskforce will not present a multi-annual plan on Member Recruitment today. The process required a significant amount of time. Since they have only been able to start after the Half Year GMA, the process could not be finished before this GMA. It is therefore not included in the agenda as a separate item. The Taskforce is regarded as a GMA-committee, so they will come back at this during their update under the item 'GMA-committees'.

Are there any questions on this matter? Then we move on to the next point on the agenda, Installation and Discharge of Committees.

Hammer strike

6. Installation & discharge of committees

Xavier: We start with the discharge of Committees, so...

With the next hammer strike, I discharge:

- as members of the Internal Affairs Committee: Elsbeth Smalbrugge

Hammer Strike

Britte: Dear Els, thank you so much for your input and effort for the IAC. I really enjoyed having you as part of the committee and truly valued your advice and knowledge as member of the committee and as former Commissioner of Internal Affairs. We are going to miss you!

With the next hammer strike, I discharge:

- as member of the External Affairs Committee: Benjamin Dekker.

Hammer Strike

Mila: Dear Benj, thank you for all your work and all of your input for the EC. You've organized a lot of talks, the best one being of course the one from your father, and you brought not only inhoud but also a lot of gezelligheid! We are really going to miss you!

Xavier: With the next hammer strike, I discharge:

- as member of the Acquisition Committee: Anouk van Wetten.

Hammer Strike

Xavier: Dear Anouk, thank you for all the work you have done for the AC the last couple of years. We will definitely miss you, your sharp input and your 'gezelligheid' you brought over these years. Thank you!

Xavier: With the next hammer strike, I discharge:

- as members of the Activities Committee: Kangrui Wu and Dana van Zuilekom.

Hammer Strike

Britte: Dear Kangrui and Dana, I would like to thank you for your efforts in the activities committee. You have helped putting together really great activities this year. Thank you!

Xavier: With the next hammer strike, I discharge:

- as members of the MEME committee: Charlotte van Brakel, Léon Gerridzen, Maartje Keijzer, Toshan Majumdar and David van Thiel.

Hammer Strike

Britte: Dear MEME committee, thank you for the wonderful trip you have organized to Copenhagen. You showed that it's possible to travel sustainably and comfortably, and made sure everyone could explore Copenhagen as much as possible. Thank you!

Xavier: With the next hammer strike, I discharge:

- as members of the Symposium Committee: Elsbeth Smalbrugge, Anouk van Wetten, Flore Janssens and Ottelien van den Bosch.

Hammer Strike

Britte: Dear Symposium Committee, thank you for the wonderful symposium we got to enjoy this month. With over 50 tickets sold, two lectures and three workshops, you can be extremely proud of what you have accomplished! Thank you!

Xavier: With the next hammer strike, I discharge:

- as member of the IT-committee: Charlotte van Brakel

Hammer Strike

Lotte: Dear Charlotte. Thank you so much for everything you meant to the IT Committee. I could always ask for your help and I appreciate your efforts very much.

Xavier: We now move on to the installation in committees. So, with the next hammer strike, I install:

- As members of the External Affairs Committee: Mila Subotički and Rick Grijpma
- As member of the Acquisition Committee: Rick Grijpma
- As member of the Simulation Committee: Matthijs Lenderink.
- As members of the Activities Committee: Laura Hehemann, Vincent Kuhlmann and Chun-Chen Wei.
- As member of the IT Committee: Vincent Kuhlmann.
- As member of the UIT committee: Maartje Delis.
- As members of the September Camp Committee: Dana van Uiter, Vera ter Braak, Marcelo Geurts Galdamez, Delenn Lapré, and Roos Speelman

Hammer Strike

Xavier: That was it concerning the committees. We then move on to the discharge and installation of Society Captains. So, with the next hammerstrike, I discharge:

- As captains of the Maarten van Rossem Society: Sander Brouwers and Jeljer Aldershof.

Hammer Strike

Xavier: Dear Sander and Jeljer, thank you for being captains of this society, honoured to one that has a special place within SIB. His salty comments and grinned faces as a permanent part of SIB will be missed.

Xavier: Then the installation of Society Captains. With the next hammerstrike, I hereby install:

- As captains of the SIB-Leiden Prank Society: Mink Bijleveld and Ottelien van den Bosch.

Hammer Strike

Xavier: We'll now continue with the next agenda item, the GMA committees.

Hammer Strike

7. GMA-committees (19:27-19:30)

Xavier: We will now ask each GMA committee to give an update on their activities, beginning with the Board of Advisors. Who can I give the floor to?

Eefje: Dear Gma, We, as the board of advisors, have supported the board in the process of finding a new candidate board. Furthermore, we have also helped with the preparations for this GMA. For the last months of this year we are shifting our focus towards the year report. Like we promised last GMA, we have proposed a change regarding article 10 of the rules of procedure. This to ensure that there can be no misunderstandings about the procedure of voting for new members of the BoA. Also at the halfyear GMA, Kim asked us a question about the way we vote at GMA's (always atleast 1-2 vote against or at random). We have decided that it is important that either the BoA or the board votes at random at every voting. To protect the voter anonymity and to lower the threshold to oppose popular opinion. This can also be done by the board, seeing as how they usually don't vote about their own policy anyway, so giving them a neutral at random vote does not necessarily harm them. For now,

we propose to continue this discussion next year when the rules of procedure are going to be renewed. We can then as a GMA decide how we think about this topic and how we want to execute this. Afterwards we can formalize it through the rules of procedure. For now, we will continue as we have always done and vote at random. Please always feel free to express your opinion in whatever way you want to. Then last but not least: the applications for the new board of advisors will open after tonight. If you are interested, please reach out to us. Our contact details and other useful information will soon be announced through the official promotion channels. We are also in charge of the application for the new confidants, if you are interested in that position, please also reach out to us.

Xavier: Are there any questions? Then I would like to continue with the Audit Committee and give the floor to Annika.

Annika: Dear GMA, For those of you who don't know us, Nina Léon and I are the audit committee and a responsible for checking the bookkeeping and helping Mila with the finances.

The last audit has taken place on the 10th of May. During this audit we checked the finances for the half year report again and went through all changes that had to be made. We checked the most recent state of the report and can confirm that this report accurately reflects the financial state of SIB. The next audit will take place the 16th of June to prepare for the financial year report.

Additionally, the application for the audit committee for next year will be opened soon. More information can be found in the eSIB and if you have any questions, feel free to ask any of us.

Xavier: Any questions?

Maya: Last time there were some miscommunication with the Treasurer and I was wondering how that is going now?

Annika: It was with the Financial Half Year Report there was some miscommunication with working in the right document, which was whether she thought we would be looking in that document or not. So we have decided that she only sends final versions so it won't happen again.

Xavier: Are there any other questions? Then we move on to the SIB-Link, to whom can I give the floor?

Nina: Dear GMA, by now, you should have all received the latest SIB-Link if you have signed up for physical mail. We apologise that it was so late this time around. It have have arrived around a month earlier. Unfortunately, we ran into some technical issues right at the time we had to send it to the printer. Basically meaning we had to start all over, causing a dealy of a few weeks. Hence why it was so late this time around. Again, we apologise. We are working right now on the Summer edition and hope we can finish it soon, right on time before the summer. And just like the Audit Committee and the Board of Advisors, we are also looking for new people. Partially because of the reason we are here tonight, because we will have to say goodbye to some of our dear members. There is room in every position. If you want to be a writer or editor or a graphic designer, feel free to reach out. You can e-mail us, contact any one of us, that is: me, Maya, Roos, Sanna. Or you can e-mail us if you have questions of want to apply.

Xavier: If there are no more questions, we will move on to the Taskforce and give the floor to Eefje.

Eefje: Hi GMA, After the previous GMA a taskforce was set up, consisting of Dana, David, Val and me. We started brainstorming, questioning members and writing the plan. We are very confident that we can present SIB's first multi annual plan at the next GMA. Any questions?

Maya: I heard that there were not many people at the MCM's, did you gather enough information through the survey?

Eefje: It is true that there weren't as many people as are present tonight were at the MCM's. Hopefully that means that you all agree with our plans. But through the survey, we have actually accumulated enough data. The data from the MCM's and the survey actually had a lot of correlation.

Xavier: Are there any other questions? Then we will continue with the next item, the Financial Half Year Report.

Hammer Strike

8. Financial Half Year Report

Xavier: I'd like to give the floor to Mila.

Mila: Last time we only voted on the income and expenses. Some changes needed to be made to the debtors and creditors, so today I will list those changes and then we will vote on the remaining parts.

First I'm going to list the changes I made since the last GMA on the part we already voted on.

- By assets there is 100 euro less on debtors
- By liabilities there is less equity
- By income I lowered the expected donations with 440 euro
- By expenditure I took out the reserves and put it by unforeseen expenses
- By programme of talks I lowered the expected rent

Now I will list the changes I made to the debtors and creditors.

- By debtors I changed the outstanding from Cervantes. We have received 431 euro for each year, so now the outstanding post is 851 euro for both years. I have contacted Cervantes, so I'm busy with it and hope we will receive the remained amounts.
- By creditors I changed the rent for Cervantes. The rent was more than was stated in our creditors so I booked the difference to unforeseen expenses. The declarations for the Lustrum shirts, and Jumpsquare are paid.

Are there any questions?

Xavier: We will then move on to voting on the complete Financial Half Year Report. The QR code will be shown, so you can stay at your spot to vote. Please do not forget to vote twice when you are authorised. As has just been discussed, some members of the Board of Advisors will vote against, so feel free to vote in whatever way you want to.

The total amount of votes was 52

The amount of 'abstain' votes was: 4

The remaining number of votes therefore is: 48

The final cast votes are as follows:

- Pro: 48
- Against: 0

Xavier: Then hereby the Financial Half Year Report is accepted.

Hammer Strike

Xavier: Then we move on to the next point on the agenda, the Articles of Association: Alterations Voting.

Hammer Strike

9. Articles of Association: Alterations Voting

Xavier: As we have just decided, we will not vote on the Articles of Association today. There were, however, some questions and requests raised at the previous GMA. We have informed you of the answers by the notary in the convocation. This is therefore the moment for you to raise questions about the answers received. Are there any questions?

Xavier: No, so then we can proceed to the next point, the Rules of Procedure.

Hammer strike

10. Rules of Procedure

Xavier: For this I would like to give the floor to the Board of Advisors.

Eefje: Hi, again. As you can see on the sheet, like I already mentioned, we have tried to clarify how the voting works, because there was some confusion at last year's Year GMA. The Rules of Procedure are for now in Dutch. I will now very briefly translate the orange parts which were changed: "Members have the possibility to vote 'pro' or 'against'. Of course, they can also abstain from voting, by which their vote shall not be included in the vote counting." Hopefully, it is then clear once and for all.

Simon: What was the old situation?

Eefje: Well, in the last part, because abstains are counted in the majority or not. It was actually unclear, because if you vote abstain, you still cast a vote. The old translation said something like along the line of; "With all of the casted votes, there needs to be a 50 percent majority." So, it was confusing.

Nina: If you voted abstain, your vote was still counted. That was not the case this time around.

Charlotte: On the last slide you said article 10, but that is about *leden en reünisten* (members and alumni, red.). I think, or am I looking at the wrong document?

Wouter: I think you are at the Articles of Association instead of the Rules of Procedure.

Xavier: *Huishoudelijk Reglement* in Dutch.

Xavier: If it is clear in that case, we can move on to the voting.

The QR code will be shown, so you can stay at your spot to vote. Please do not forget to vote twice when you are authorised. Some members of the Board of Advisors will vote against, so feel free to vote in whatever way you want to.

The total amount of votes was: 51

The amount of 'abstain' votes was: 2

The remaining number of votes therefore is: 49

The final cast votes are as follows:

- Pro: 46
- Against: 3

Xavier: Then with the next hammerstrike, the new version of the Rules of Procedure is accepted.

Hammer Strike

Xavier: We continue to the next point on the agenda, the Confidential Contact Person Protocol.

Hammer Strike

11. Confidential Contact Person protocol

Xavier: As announced in the Convocation, our Confidential Contact Persons (or CCP's) have made some alterations to their protocol after following training earlier this year. To elaborate a bit more on this, I would like to give the floor to Valentine.

Valentine: Thank you. One year ago Mijke and I were elected as Confidants of the association and a few months ago, we received a training for this. During this training we learned a lot about what it means to be a Confidant and what it does not mean. Based on that, we thought it would be good to change the existing protocol, to make it more accurate to what our function entails. The most important thing we learned during the training is that there is a difference between a Confidant and a Confidential Contact Person, also known as a CCP. A CCP is a person who has received a short one-day training and they are really the first person you go to in the association if you are struggling with something that you want to get solved, or if you just want to share it with someone in a safe environment. The idea is that this is the starting point and then maybe the CCP can refer you to someone else, for instance to a Confidant. Because a Confidant is someone who has received a proper training for this and have a diploma and so they really know what they are doing and they can guide you to further steps in solving the entire problem, so they are much more part of the entire process. So as the protocol was written, it said that Mijke and I are Confidants, but we have had like a one-day training, so we are just CCP's. That is the first thing we changed, that we changed our names to CCP instead of Confidant.

There is also some changes to what our function actually entails, I will go through the most important ones. The first one is that if a member schedules a meeting with one of us, this is in principle a one time thing, because - as I said - we are really the first point you go. So you can come to one of us, share what you want to share with us and then decide whether you want to take further steps. Then we can help you with that, but this is really like a one time meeting, whilst in the old protocol it said that as many meetings can take place as the member would like. That is the first thing we altered. The second thing is that we are obligated to report to the Board what kind of meetings we have had. This is also a legal obligation we have as a CCP. It is something we cannot change, it has to be in the protocol and it was not yet. This means that if one of us has had a meeting with a member, we make a report about this, then we check with the member whether they agree with the Board and then will send it to the Board. This report can be completely anonymous though, if the member would like that. So it is still all confidential and anonymous, unless something very extreme has happened, like illegal activity, then the Board has the right to lift the anonymity. That is not the intention however.

Xavier: Are there any questions? If not, we can go over to the voting of the new version of the CCP protocol.

The QR code will be shown, so you can stay at your spot to vote. Please do not forget to vote twice when you are authorised. Some members of the Board of Advisors will vote against, so feel free to vote in whatever way you want to.

The total amount of votes was: 51

The amount of 'abstain' votes was: 5

The remaining number of votes therefore is: 46

The final cast votes are as follows:

- Pro: 43
- Against: 3

Xavier: Then with the next hammerstrike, the new version of the Rules of Procedure is accepted.

Hammer Strike

Xavier: We continue to the next point on the agenda, the Drinks Location Update.

Hammer Strike

12. Drinks Location Update

Xavier: Then I would like to give the floor to Britte.

Britte: At the beginning of the year we discussed appointing a new standard location for the weekly drinks. We decided on Café de Tussentijd, but as you might have noticed we have had to divert to other locations again this month. Unfortunately, the Tussentijd will close on Tuesdays from the 1st of July onwards. They do not have enough customers to keep the café open on Tuesday evenings. These last two months of the year, they will also be closed on three dates as they do not have sufficient personnel. This was May 16th and 30th and will be upcoming June 6th as well. This means that we have to look for a new location for the Drinks. For this year that will be Café 't Pandje and Café de Bastaard. De Tussentijd hopes they can attract another group for the Tuesday evenings and then we would be welcome again as well. I will discuss the possibilities for locations for the Drinks with the upcoming Board and it has also been discussed in the Internal Affairs Committee. It will also be part of the End-of-the-Year Survey, where you can leave advice. Are there any questions or suggestions on this topic?

Nina: How was it at Café de Bastaard last Tuesday? It was the first time, right?

Britte: It was the second time this year. We went there once before at the beginning of the year and then it was quite crowded and we were disappointed with and we felt like not going there again. This time it was actually much quieter and there was plenty of space for us and there was also a place where you can sit outside, which is fun during the summer. For me it was a good experience. But, everyone, if you had a very different experience, leave it in the survey, so we can take it into account.

Xavier: If there are no further questions, it is time to have a break. I suspend the GMA for 10 minutes and we will commence again at 20.10.

Hammer Strike

Xavier: It is now time to go over to the presentation of the Candidate Board.

Hammer strike

13. Presenting: Candidate Board

Xavier: It is our pleasure to introduce you to the candidates for the 43rd Board of SIB-Utrecht. We are pleased to present six candidates for the upcoming year. The candidates will be introducing and presenting themselves in constitutional order, after which they will conclude with a presentation of them together. After these presentations, you are welcome to ask questions to the candidates.

Is everything clear for everyone? If there are no questions now, I would like to give the floor to Lena.

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 UITcommittee 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

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 Pamelan

Xavier: Thank you very much! The floor is now open for the GMA to ask questions to the Candidate Board, so are there any questions now?

Iris: I have a question for Wouter. I think it's a very obvious question. As this is a new position, what will your tasks be?

Wouter: Yeah, so. Fascinating question, obviously it will be on everyone's minds except for the people on this side of the room. So, as Commissioner of Digital Affairs, I will be responsible for overseeing and maintaining our Digitalization process. Improving on the website, improving on all the digital avenues we have within SIB. But also a large part of it is looking towards the future and seeing what the opportunities are currently when it comes to digital aspects, where they are not properly explored without a Commissioner of Digital Affairs. I believe I can play a role in exploring these avenues, exploring options, exploring possibilities for us to improve this association within the digital spheres and through those contribute to a more enjoyable experience for all SIB members.

Xavier: Other questions?

Annika: Question for Dana, you mentioned that you have to write your thesis and scouting. I was wondering how you are going to do that in combination with the board year?

Dana: Scouting is mainly Wednesday nights and sporadically maybe a Tuesday or will be a weekend. And my thesis; it will be challenging. I will write my thesis in parttime. At Veterinary Medicine it works a little different than at other faculties I think, but I will spend 20 hours a week for 10 weeks on it.

Annika: And how are you going to do it if scouting and SIB are at the same time?

Dana: Then SIB has the priority.

Xavier: Other questions? Eefje.

Eefje: I have a more serious one and a less serious one. Let me start with the more serious one. If you are standing here next year, what is the one thing that you really want to have done?

Lena: I really want to learn how to work well together as a group and accomplish things for the association. And more specifically, within my function, I want to learn about the Instagram and how to use that to promote the association better.

Rick: Of course, I would love to have a fantastic series of lectures to be planned in a couple months and hopefully the entire year. And I think I speak for the entire board if I say we want to have a really great bond with one another when we finish the year.

Maartje: Trying getting us back at the Tussentijd would be nice. I also really look forward, as Lena also said, to working together, communicating better and to do that so closely for a

whole year. And I would also like to see this big a group of people next year and maybe more and have a lot of active members.

Dana: I don't have any projects planned, I will be planning these later. I am looking forward to being a general board member and the things that the other board members mentioned already.

Wouter: For me, at risk of sounding like a broken record, I want to really work on as the other board members said work on cooperation and working together and creating a bond between us. And also, as a Commissioner of Digital Affairs, I want to thoroughly improve the current website of SIB, as it is a personal grievance of mine and I believe there is room for improvement within that aspect and if there is no improvement next year, then I will be very sad.

Matthijs: I have no big plans planned yet, but I am looking forward to especially to getting to know the board and the rest of SIB, and working together with the board members.

Eefje: The other question; I think you are the first board maybe ever, or at least since the past ten years, that has a beta majority. How do you think this will impact your board year?

Rick: For myself, I have a true love for history, so I'm in my parttime still a history student. I think the beta angle may give a very interesting new view on the entire programme. Not only my personal project of the lectures, but also the entire association. I think it might be a new breath of air for the board and the entire association.

Lena: I think it is nice that we have different things we're good at and can work together to make sure everyone is doing something they're really good at.

Wouter: Well of course; Commissioner of Digital Affairs, Computer Science... makes sense from a beta faculty to do it, so I think this is the perfect year to do it, because we have so many people in our board that have a background in this field. So I can also ask these people right next to me for some advice or thoughts about it.

Xavier: Any other questions?

Els: Rick, you have been with us for quite a while. I was wondering if you were paying attention and can tell us who your predecessors are? Five years back for each function?

Rick: *absolutely kills it.*

Xavier: Any other questions?

Maya: My first question is for Lena, but others can complement of course. You are a partly parttime, partly fulltime board. Do you see any complications with this?

Lena: We are planning on doing updates every week. About how everyone is doing with their tasks and if it is going well. We have to move around a bit, because Rick and I are doing a double function and we have two parttimers, so we have to make sure people are not doing more than they can do. So, communication is our answer to that.

Maya: Question for Rick. Commissioner of External Affairs can be a quite stressful function, how do you handle this stress?

Rick: I mean, I will have to communicate and address my board to ask them to help me with my tasks. And generally I am not very stressful person, I don't really get stressed up for stuff. I have followed some courses over the years about handling stress and burnout preventions. Funnily enough, they recommend doing some sports and I do play a lot sports, so that helps. Just as having a way to let go of your stress and putting it out into the environment instead of keeping it inside. I think those combinations will help me to prevent getting overstressed. But mostly, just asking for help when you get overworked.

Maya: You also have a combined function, as CE and CA. These functions are on themes of the association that require quite some attention. How do you make sure that goes well?

Rick: We mostly focusing on the external affairs part of course and for the acquisition I am going to have a lot of talks with Matthijs as my my next door neighbour over here on the financial side. So we'll hopefully be able to share the load of acquisition between mostly the two of us and then have the rest of my full time for the External Affairs Committee.

Marjolijn: Rick, you have two functions that both have a committee, how are you combining them? Mostly because board committees meet on a Monday, so are you going to change that around?

Rick: I am planning to be chairing both of them. I am looking into moving one of them, because having both of them on Monday would be very annoying. But we'll have to see depending on the availability of the members in all communities and plannings of next year, so we will get back to those members when we are actually starting with the planning of the next few meetings.

Xavier: Any other questions? Demian.

Demian: I think we can expect the upcoming year in your own style, but I mean you also got to encourage SIBbers to be their own. I want to know of the candidate board is going to encourage everyone to be their own?

Lena: First of all, thank you. Second of all, for members to be themselves and to feel at home is something we will find very important.

Maartje: We value feeling at home, I think that is one of our main values. That's really a noble goal to have for all our old members, but also the new members coming in.

Martin: I have a very important question for all of you. Just imagine, if you were a toastie, what kind of toastie would you be?

Rick: It is of course a very important question. I think I'll just be a cheese toastie, because I'm trying to be a vegetarian, so no ham for me. And I like to have curry on it.

Lena: I am going to say one with ketchup. And white bread, please.

Maartje: I think I want one with mozzarella and pesto.

Matthijs: I will just a ham-cheese toastie, because it's simple but it's good.

Dana: I will put tomato on it, I don't know if that is normal, but I like that a lot.

Wouter: I love putting spinach on a toastie, but you should not cook the spinach first, because that ruins it. And then I would eat it with a bucketload of chim sauce.

Els: Question for the future CI. You have first-hand in the IC seen what parttime CI looks like. I was wondering what you see as the challenges of that and how you make sure you don't fall in the stress?

Maartje: I have thought about this a lot. I think with the time I have I will be able to manage it. Also looking at how many things Britte is doing right now and I think she is doing very well. I think I'll manage, and if not, I have a lot of fulltime board members who will be able to help me and maybe we can divide some tasks.

Rogier: I have a question for the entire board on behalf of the most important member of SIB, we all know who that is: Fiske. How can we picture their role in the foreseeable future?

Lena: I also think Fiske is very important. I might be there because of them, but not completely. I think Maartje wants to say something about your question?

Maartje: I have made sure they have bathed. I think it is great she gets to know all the members of SIB.

Rogier: Will they swim to new highs?

Lena: I think so! We have Fiske for the whole year, so they will get to know even more members, maybe even new members. And I think Fiske will have a lot of fun, just like we did.

Charlotte: You mentioned the new members that Fiske is going to meet, what are your ambitions on attracting new members?

Lena: Right now, I am very busy with the UIT. We are working very hard and you can all sign up to be a volunteer! The UIT will be a focus next year, but I am looking forward to the plans that the Taskforce is working on right now. I already had talks with David on parts of the UIT. I think I will have more time for it than there is currently in the board. So promoting and finding out what the Taskforce says is basically my plan.

Maya: So I know you all a bit. And you are all very different people. Do you foresee any problems and how would you solve possible conflicts?

Lena: I think it is very important to feel safe about communicating about how we feel. I can be quite direct, but I can also be quite direct to ask people if they need any help. I think we are all still getting to know each other and finding out what we like to expect from one another and how we work together.

Maartje: We have also talked a lot about communication already, so I think just talking about that with each other will be a great first step.

Marjolijn: Matthijs, I love that there is another Biology student in here. You are doing some Master courses next year. Are you planning on doing those while writing the financial reports or do you have anything specifically planned yet?

Matthijs: I don't have any particular plans yet. I'm just going to look how much work it is combined and then make a plan in the first months of next year.

Xavier: You also had a follow-up question?

Marjolijn: Yes, do you already have some kind of motto?

Lena: We don't have a motto yet, we are currently discussing it. It is one of our main priorities.

Eefje: I also have a question for Matthijs. I think breeding chickens is the coolest hobby ever. I am curious how does your chicken breeding hobby relate with keeping track of expenses?

Matthijs: I need to buy stuff for the chickens to feed them, to contain them and sell chickens and eggs. Generally, just keeping track of these kind of things.

Marjolijn: Asking for a friend; where do you keep these chickens?

Matthijs: At my parents' home

Xavier: Other questions?

Lucas: Is there a shared vision to steer SIB into a direction for this upcoming year? Do you guys have any major changes in mind? Or has it not been discussed yet?

Lena: Our policy weekend still needs to take place in July. Then we will make decisions and form our policy.

Xavier: Other questions?

Maya: You mentioned 'inhoud en gezelligheid' quite a bit in your letters. This has been part of discussion of the last few years, because we kind of moved away from this. Is it something you want to bring it back?

Lena: I think it is still mentioned quite a bit and that's why we still used it. It also depends on what the Taskforce will have in mind concerning member recruitment. So we will listen to that if it works on promoting our association or not. We don't have any final decision right now.

Xavier: If there are no more questions, it is time to vote on the Candidate Board. I should notify you that after Article 13, Section 7 of the Articles of Association, a 2/3rd majority of the members' 'pro votes' is required for the Candidate Board to be voted in. When we announce the cast votes, we will inform you on the amount required for a 2/3rd majority. The QR code will be shown, so you can stay at your spot to vote. Please do not forget to vote twice when you are authorised. Some members of the Board of Advisors will vote against, so feel free to vote in whatever way you want to.

The total amount of votes was: 53

The amount of 'abstain' votes was: 1

The remaining number of votes therefore is: 52

The 2/3rd majority of the votes is therefore set at: 35

The final cast votes are as follows:

- Pro: 49
- Against: 3

Xavier: That means that with the next hammer strike, the Candidate Board 2023-2024 of SIB-Utrecht has been voted in.

Hammer strike

14. Board Round

Xavier: The Board members will now give a short update on what they have been doing the last period, starting with myself.

Xavier: The last period, I have been busy with the preparations for this GMA, the start-up of the Taskforce, keeping track of the process of the alterations of the Articles of Association and the succession process. I have also kept contact with SIB-Netherlands and FISA and I improved my Photoshop skills. Any questions?

Lotte: The past few months I have been busy with writing the weekly newsletter, working together with the IT committee and the Promotion Committee, and I was in touch with the SIB-link. I also organised the Alumni Drinks for example. I cleansed up our online administration and soon it is time for the infamous "hok" at Pnyx.

Mila: This last period, I was busy with getting money from all of you guys, making the invoices for the alumni contribution and for the donations. I also almost committed fraud by charging myself zero euros, but sadly I do have a bit of conscience, so don't worry I did pay the full contribution. I was also busy with chairing the EC and with arranging the talks for September.

Els: I heard there was a bike...

Mila: There is a bike! It is beautiful! I have three bikes...

Britte: These last few months have been busy with supporting the committees, arranging alternative locations for the drinks and organizing activities. The MEME and symposium were a success and now it's time to start looking forward to the UIT week and the september camp. Unfortunately, the Hitchhike weekend was canceled due to an insufficient number of sign-ups. For this I shared a survey and people responded that they did not think it safe to hitchhike and/or that they would prefer just a trip away. I will discuss this with our lovely upcoming board. It's now time to enjoy the last month of activities, we have a few really fun ones coming up! It's also the final month of classes and there are some big exams coming, but the end is in sight. Finally, I'm looking forward to the UIT week and to teaching the 43rd board everything there is to know about being a board member.

Els: How are you guys dealing with just being with the four of you?

Xavier: I think we're handling it pretty well actually, considering the circumstances. It is much at some points, but in the end we will make it work and we are doing pretty well actually.

Britte: I also feel that at this point we are all very comfortable with our own tasks and we know each other pretty well, so we are good at communicating with each other and we know when something is too much and we know each other, so we can jump in at the right time.

Els: For me, as a member, I just also want to say that you guys are doing very well with the four of you. I think you can be really proud of yourselves with how you are handling it.

Xavier: If there are no more questions, we move over to the next point, Any Other Business.

Hammer Strike

15. Any Other Business

Xavier: Has any other business come up? Iris.

Iris: I heard that the banner that is being used during the UIT week, that the logo has changed up a bit. I don't know if it is the logo in general, but more specifically in the banner. And that the beer pull is changed with a soda glass. I was wondering; it seems like a small decision, but I think image-wise it is a pretty big decision. I was wondering how that decision was made and why?

Lotte: We decided to change the beer pull with just a glass of drinks. We felt in the Promotion Committee that there were people that are not very identifying with a beer glass

and with the drink culture at SIB. Because it is a symbol of 'gezelligheid', we wanted to do just a drink. To be representative for the association.

Iris: Can we see it? Is there an example?

Lotte: Not right now. You will see it soon.

Nina: I understand it on one side, because beer might scare people off. But don't you think it might scare people off the other way around?

Léon: With the design of this, we tried to be a bit ambiguous, in the sense that it is just a glass with a drink. So it could be beer, it could be a soda drink, so it's open for interpretation. We tried to include every sense of interpretation.

Nina: I missed that it was like a soda bottle.

Léon: It's like a cup with a sparkling whatever liquid there is.

Iris: I like to respond by saying that I think - I have secretly seen it - that it looks good and I understand the decision, but I agree with what Nina just said that it might scare people off the other way. I think that we are pretty 'braaf'. So I think for future decision like this, it would be best to maybe hold a small survey and hopefully people respond. If they don't, it's their fault and you can do what you want. But I think this is something that concerns more people and it would good to see what everybody thinks. Or at least give them a chance.

Léon: I fully agree, but I think in this case there was also a very tight time schedule, since we needed a permit from the municipality and then we only had a few days to decide. Otherwise, I fully agree.

Lotte: We will take it into consideration.

Hammer Strike

16. Question Round

Xavier: This is the time I go around the room, to give everyone the opportunity to ask their last burning question, or to give a last remark. So are there any questions or remarks?

Nina: I just want to congratulate the f.t. on being chosen and elected and congratulate you on finding successors.

Maya: Very important question to the f.t.; are you looking forward to it?

Maartje: very much!

Anouk: Congratulations to the new Board! But a much more important question is; are you coming to the Cambridge Bar after this?

Lena & Maartje jointly: yes!

Wouter: I even found a place to sleep in Utrecht!

Wouter: In response I want to thank the GMA for giving us as a Board the confidence for being the Board of next year. We really appreciate the opportunity and we look forward to it. Thank you for that!

Xavier: Then we move on to the last item for tonight, the Closing.

Hammer Strike

Xavier: Then we move on to the last item for tonight, the Closing.

Hammer strike

17. Closing

Xavier: Before we round off, I would like to congratulate the Candidate Board with their election. Moreover, I would like to thank everyone here for their presence and their input. As always, we appreciate it very much!

So, hereby I close the General Members Assembly of SIB-Utrecht of May 31st 2023 at 21.12.

Hammer strike