

Minues Inauguration GMA 29-08-2023

1. Reopening GMA

Xavier: With the next hammerstrike, I re-open the General Members Assembly of August 31st 2023 of SIB-Utrecht at 19:37.

Hammer strike

Xavier: First of all, I would like to welcome everyone: The next board members, all the members present, and of course all friends and family as well. Your very much welcome, and I very glad you are all here. We are going to begin with our first point on the agenda: Awarding Members of Merit.

Hammer strike

2. Awarding Members of Merit

Xavier: Each year, some of our members set to leave the association are awarded as a member of merit of SIB-Utrecht. Their contribution to the association has been significant and for that, we like to thank them with this award. We ask each of the members of merit, when they are announced, to come forward and take place behind the lectern. And then they will hear some words from us [the board].

The first Honorary Member I would like to come forward is Sanne de Wit

Britte: I would like to say something to you, and afterwards you will get your certificate. And then you can give a speech.

Dear Sanne,

Unbelievably, the time has come for you to leave SIB. You have been a member for 9 incredible years. You have been a part of nine committees and a member of the board at the best position: Commissioner of Internal Affairs. Even in your ninth year, you were still present, and we saw you at almost every party. During our predecessor talk (better known as, voorgangersgesprekje) this was also the point you emphasized most: "don't forget the parties, SIB needs the parties". And I couldn't agree more.

With your parting, SIB loses one of its most social (gezellige) members, a true party animal. Thank you for all the fun you brought to this association. We wish you all the best in the future and are excited that you promised to stay in touch!

Britte: And will now give you your certificate and you can say some things.

Sanne: [Personal words]

Xavier: Alright, thank you. So the next member of merit I would like to come forward is Tom Tervoort.

Dear Tom,

The classic label as 'SIB dinosaur' should definitely stick to you. In the fall of 2013, you became a member of SIB-Utrecht. If you would have stayed a member for three more months, you would have been celebrating your 10-year anniversary. But in all those years with us, you have contributed tremendously to the association. With your committee work, truly too much to name all of them, but just a few: the Simulation Committee, Grand Voyage Committee, SIB-Link and the IT Committee. But you did much more. You helped to develop the digital side of the association, which should sound like music in the ears of our upcoming Commissioner of Digital Affairs. You not only did this in the IT Committee, but were even building completely new programmes and sites for several occasions, some of which we still use today, especially the Simulation website brings me personally much joy to use.

We hope you have had an amazing time at SIB, we surely had that with you. Thank you for everything, we wish you all the best in the future and hope to see you again sometime.

Tom: [Personal words]

Xavier: Thank you. The next member of merit I would like to forward is Demian van Gurp

Lotte:

Dear Demian,

We are sad to see you go. You have shown an incredible passion for SIB over the past 5 years. You brought your knowledge of Vuur, the University Council and Amino to SIB and were a valuable addition to the Advisory Board for us. You have a great knowledge of practical matters surrounding the university, boards and procedures. Besides that, you were always a nice addition to every SIB party or cantus, showed your cooking skills in the Kookcie (may she rest in peace), an amazing September camp in 2021 and also took part in the Internal Affairs Committee. Thank you for all your good advice, pleasant meetings and good cooking skills. We're going to miss you!

Demian: [Personal words]

Xavier: Thank you very much. The next member of merit I would like to forward is Aiso van Leeuwe.

Britte:

Dear Aiso,

After six years, you are unfortunately leaving our association.

You have put yourself on top ... in Conscribo, and now, it's time to hand this first position over to someone else. You have meant a lot to SIB. You were president of the Board, took part in several committees and worked on the Africast. Members have known you as an involved president who's always in for a chat. And now, as you mentioned yourself, this is the end of your life as a student.

Besides, as a fellow SIB member, you are also my roommate. During this year, I had fun discussing some SIB board events with you. So, thank you, for all your contributions to me personally and to SIB as a whole.

Aiso: [Personal words]

Xavier: Thank you. The next member of merit I would like to forward is Valentine Mostermans.

Mila:

Dear Val,

Another old CI that is leaving us unfortunately. Not only have you been part of the Board in 2017/2018, you have for example been part of the Audit Committee, the Party Committee and, last but not least, the Taskforce. Not only in your Board year, surely before and after. For the present and for the future. You have always committed to develop SIB's values further. Whether it is concerning diversity, sustainability or member recruitment; you always supported the association to get into the direction you think was best.

We have always seen you at many activities, particularly parties and cantusses. I personally enjoyed the cantus you led at September Camp last year together with Fayrouz. I am looking forward to attending one led by you again (maybe next year?). Talking about singing; I would also like to hear more Dua Lipa from you then. Otherwise, 'Dakterras' is a SIB classic, we will continue your and your Board's legacy definitely.

Thank you very much for everything you have done for SIB! We will miss you!

Val: [Personal words]

Xavier: Thank you very much. Last but not least, the next member of merit I would like to forward is Eefje Corbeek.

Lotte:

Dear Eefje,

When I looked in Conscribo to see what committees you participated in, I saw the iconic line: “coole kikker, maar vet lief”. That is also how I got to know you at the RvA/Board of Advisors meetings, sharp and with a critical eye, but also sweet and thinking along. At SIB you have of course used these skills during your board year as Commissioner of Promotion and Sponsoring, but also in various committees, societies and task forces. Your position of Chair of the Board of Advisor was the crowning glory of your SIB career. You were a support for our board, board members individually and were always available for a call from one of us. We appreciate your ideals in the field of sustainability and the critical questions you asked about it. In your email you said that you registered at SIB after a drunk evening and now almost 6 years later you are standing here! Of course you are already deep in civilian life (burgerleven) and this is the official end of your student life chapter. The chapter will have a silver lining because we'd like to award you the Domkop. Your enthusiastic dedication over the years and the many welcome pieces of advice deserve this extra appreciation.

Thank you for everything, Eefje!

Eefje: [Personal words]

Xavier: Thank you very much Eefje. That brings us to our next agenda point, the Board Change.

Hammer strike

3. Board Change

Xavier: Before changing in a bit, actually, I would like to say a few farewell words and I will quickly remove myself to the lectern.

Dear members, dear 42nd board, dear 43rd board, dear friends and family, Exactly one year ago, I was speaking here on this very spot to the association for the first time as president on behalf of the newly installed board. Not quite knowing what was waiting for us in the upcoming year. If I have to look back at this now, one year later, I would not quite know where to start, honestly. Too much has happened in such a short time. To begin an attempt anyway, I would like to take you along a number of, in my humble opinion, highlights of the year. Let's start with this year's trips. We have looked within and beyond our national borders, starting on the beautiful island of Texel. Not far across the border, we also ended up in Cologne and a little further also a week in Copenhagen. These are and will continue to be trips where we discover the culture and are eager to learn things on the one hand, and on the other hand they are to relax and to enjoy the trip as a group of students. But we also know how to enjoy ourselves in our own city. Significant highlights were evenings such as the Susan Kigula lecture, the tour on the Grebbeberg (a bit outside of Utrecht, but close enough), the open mic, or simply an entire day at the symposium. We were also having a good time on Thursdays, where we did activities such as pimp your Jenga tower, Laser tag during the Dies week, Karaoke evening, and of course the Boomer bingo. And then there is that one theme, the recurring theme of the past year: Pirates. Nothing is too crazy for us if we can implement this theme. Whether it is the Dies cantus, the simulation weekend or the UIT workshop, it is just a beautiful theme. Looking back on last year was of course on the association nights, but also about my or rather our board year. It has been challenging at times, but the feeling of an instructive and above all a fun year clearly predominates. Under our motto, Defining our Destiny, we wanted to help the association move forward and build on the future. When I think of SIB now, essentially I still see the same values which persuaded me to become a member about six years ago. An association for 'Inhoud en gezelligheid' where above all, you can be yourself. I am proud of the past year and am happy to say we have strengthened and maybe even improved on these values. For now, and for the future. That future partly starts today, with the installation of the new board. And I must confess something about the name of the new board, Which [inaudible] After all at SIB, the board traditionally is always named after their president. Or rather, the last name of the president, to be exact. I don't know why, but it has become a sport in the years before our board year to appoint presidents with infixes. Like: van Weg. So in the last years we successively had the boards: de Regt, van Leeuwe, van Wetten, and van Dorp. When I took office it was finally time to break this trend. Board Schreurs took office. Simple and easy, that's how I like it. My surname is not always spelled correctly, but that is another issue. And I am sorry to hear that the trend is returning with our successors taking office, because the 43rd board is the board van Duifhuizen. So mission failed, I

guess. But after [inaudible] inside, I would like to shortly take this moment to wish the 43rd board much success and above all a lot of fun. I look forward to next year, and I have full confidence in the six of you. I would also like to turn to my entire board for one last time. It has been an unforgettable year, with perhaps some lows, but certainly a lot of highs. I can't help but look back with great pleasure. In particular I would like to mention our board trip to Bulgaria. I really enjoyed it, with for me as a highlight being together and enjoying the Bulgarian sunset on top of the rocks of the world famous Plovdiv, with the accompanying 2 liters plastic bottles of the slightly cheaper Bulgarian alcoholic beverages. I would like to thank you for the year you have given the association, but also me personally. I am glad I did it with you and I am sure that we will continue to see each other for the years to come. And I truly love you. And now I am heading towards my final words as president of SIB-Utrecht. At our election GMA, a little over one year ago, I joked that I would hope that the association would tolerate my Limburgish accent. I am not sure if I am the very first board member ever from Limburg, but I think I can say with some certainty that I am the first president from Maastricht. And I felt it was time to do something with that. That is why I would like to conclude my speech with a few words in my dialect, the Maastricht dialect. It is a short passage from the anthem of Maastricht and this passage is in my opinion indicative of the resilience of the association:

'Sometimes things are not going as well as we want to, but the association and its members will conserve the association and always stay faithful.'

'[Inaudible Limburgish]'

Thank you.

Moving on again. It is almost time for the board change, but not quite yet. Because first, we are going to continue with the speeches we have written to each other as the 42nd Board. We will do this in Dutch, just to let you guys know. We will start with a speech for Jasper. You unfortunately had to take a step back from the Board at some point last year, but we would like to address you with the four of us.

[Personal words for Jasper by the 42nd Board]

Xavier: So for the four of us continuing with the personal speeches, we have drawn lots to decide who gets to speech for whom. So at this moment, we still don't know who has drawn who. So we will just starting going down the line

[Personal words to and by the 42nd Board]

[Jasper walks up the lectern]

[Personal words to 42nd Board by Jasper]

Xavier: Then we have arrived at the moment supreme of this evening so to say, the actual Board Change will happen shortly. And this will start with me discharging us and then I will install Lena and Lena will take over afterwards.

Xavier: With the next hammerstrike, I discharge:

Jasper Buren as Commissioner of External Affairs of SIB-Utrecht
Britte Brontsema as Commissioner of Internal Affairs of SIB-Utrecht
Mila Subotički as Treasurer of SIB-Utrecht
Lotte Kruitwagen as Secretary of SIB-Utrecht
Xavier Schreurs as President of SIB-Utrecht and I install Lena van Duifhuizen as President and Commissioner of Promotion of SIB-Utrecht

Hammerstrike

Lena: [personal words and gift for Xavier]

Lena: With the next hammerstrike I install Dana van Zuilekom as Secretary of the 43rd board of SIB-Utrecht.

Hammerstrike

Dana: [personal words and gift for Lotte]

Lena: With the next hammerstrike I install Matthijs Lenderink as Treasurer of the 43rd board of SIB-Utrecht.

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Matthijs: [personal words and gift for Mila]

Lena: With the next hammerstrike I install Maartje Keijzer as Commissioner of Internal Affairs the 43rd board of SIB-Utrecht.

Hammerstrike

Maartje Keijzer: [personal words and gift for Britte]

Lena: With the next hammerstrike I install Rick Grijpma as Commissioner of External Affairs and Commissioner of Acquisition of the 43rd board of SIB-Utrecht.

Hammerstrike

Rick: [personal words and gift for Jasper]

Lena: With the next hammerstrike I install Wouter van Pamelen as Commissioner of Digital Affairs of the 43rd board of SIB-Utrecht.

Hammerstrike

Wouter: [personal words and gifts for 42nd Board]

Lena: Okay well this is the first moment of the six of us sitting here together. And it is a short moment, because I will do my acceptance speech over there. The acceptance speech will be in English again.

Before I start talking about the new board, I would first like to say a few words of thanks to the 42nd board. You have officially served as a part-time board this year. I would like to start by saying that as a member I did not notice for a moment that you were part-time. You were always present, always had activities, always responded to messages and at the same time also obtained credits, internships and worked. And all these activities, lectures, twists, trips were also fantastically organized and a lot of fun. I don't know how you managed to do it all and still stand here not only alive but even glowing. As a member I am very grateful for how you did this, as successors with a number of full-timers and more board members I am a little scared. Will SIB be able to continue to function at your level for another year?

I can promise that we, the 43rd board, have every intention to ensure that SIB continues to flourish. SIB must remain an association where everyone can feel welcome no matter who they are. It must remain a place where you can all feel at home and that is something we, as a board, are committed to.

In addition, we see that the association and the world have undergone a lot of change over the past recent years. As a board, we not only want to move along with this, but even embrace these changes. Hence our motto: Embracing our Evolution. We think the task forces that are planned for our year and having a Digital Affairs Commissioner will help us with this. But now I will stop talking about everything that we will be doing, because that will be discussed at our Policy GMA.

We are very much looking forward to the coming year and hope to be able to experience fantastic lectures, twists, drinks, trips and other activities together. On to a year full of inhoud en gezelligheid!

4. Question Round

Lena: Now I am here again. Okay then I think we move on to a question round? I have to hammer.

Els: Doing great!

Hammerstrike

Lena: This is the question round.

Xavier: We can start at the back.

Lena: Yes we start at the back.

[The audience thanks, congratulates, wishes success and sings the SIB song]

5. Closing

Lena: Okay then we will now move on to closing this GMA. So I hereby close the General Member Assembly of SIB-Utrecht on August 30 at 21.23

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