

General Member Meeting 45

28 June 2022, 12:45

Minutes by Ellis Dijkstra

Editor's note: A digital presence list and a recap of all action points given during this GMM can be found at the end of this document.

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Opening

1. The 45th General Member Meeting of S.A. Proto is opened at 12:48 on 28 June 2022.

Announcements

2. The GMM will be held in Dutch.
- 10 3. Louis announces that the names of the candidate board are mentioned contributors to the document, however, this initiative is coming from us.
 - a. He adds that there is no start date on the document itself, however, this will document will start in the next academic year.

Quorum

- 15 4. At the start of the GMM, a total of 33 votes are counted.
 - a. Jeroen Ritmeester is authorized by Daniela van Meggelen.

Fixing the Agenda

5. None

Agenda

20 **Proposal partial activity restitution for board members (for Approval)**

6. Page 2
 - a. Hannah notices that the board stated that board members must be present at activities but does not think this should be a rule.
 - 25 i. Laura answers that the current board members like to be present to support the committee and to integrate with the participants. Being present is often necessary, as a lot of questions are aimed at the board responsible.
 - b. Hannah also wonders how this works for the EEMCS committees, as there are more board responsables who should be present. She thinks that presence then is not necessarily.
 - 30 i. Laura answers that being present is still useful, as the trips are rather large, and you will need the added hands to solve any problems.
 - ii. Hannah answers that if you have financial problems, you should not be forced to join the SkiTrip.
 - 35 iii. Ellis responds that when she did not join the EEMCS Trip, she got quite some weird looks and comments about having to join as board responsible.
 - iv. Laura answers that even if a board responsible joins because they want to, the financial support can help out nicely.

- 40 v. Jeroen wonders which kind of comments were made when Ellis did not join the EEMCS Trip. After answering, he concludes that those people do not seem to have a well-founded reason for her to join.
- vi. Jeroen adds that especially for activities within Proto, it is expected for the board responsible to be present.
- 45 vii. Hannah would like to differ between a board consisting of four or six members, as the number of mandatory activities is a lot lower when you are with six than when you are with four. She suggests boards consisting of four members to reconsider if the board members want to be present at every activity.
- c. Tom wonders how board members want to sign up for the activities.
- 50 i. Ellis and Laura respond that if you have to help or want to participate in the activity, you can still sign up, which the board has been doing this whole year.
- ii. Louis adds that being present as helper, does not necessarily mean that you cannot participate.
- d. Famke wonders why board members are being compensated, while committee members are not. Some committees, such as the Dies Committee, have to be present at a large number of activities as well.
- 55 i. Martijn answers that this is mostly due to the quantity of the activities, as a board member has way more activities at which they should be present than a committee member.
- 60 ii. Famke responds that board members are not always active in meetings, and they would get compensated for being at the activity, while committee members are often working way harder, and they also have to be at the activity.
- 65 iii. Laura answers that there are way more things for which a board has to pay than just the activities, but the activities are the easiest way to check if the costs are actually made.
- iv. Imke adds that you do not want people to join committees because you will get paid, but because they want to join the committees.
- v. Famke responds that you also do a board year because you liked it.
- 70 vi. Renske says board members do not get paid; they get compensated.
- vii. Famke responds that if you want to earn money, you should not be joining committees, but rather doing an actual job.
- viii. Laura adds that it can feel a little be skewed, but the total of being a board member can amount to a hefty sum, and this way it is easy to check how much money a board member has spent.
- 75 ix. Renske responds that brasbrieven and dinner are optional, as you can also prepare your food at home instead of ordering or choose to fulfil the letter cheaply.
- x. Hannah says that there are other budgets which board members already get money from.
- 80 xi. Jeroen adds that a board responsible number of activities cannot be compared to the number of activities a committee member has to be present. All the unexpected small expenses are what make a board year so expensive.
- e. Hannah wanted to mention that the FOBOS is raised next year, just to keep in mind for the GMM.
- 85 i. Louis adds that FOBOS is to compensate for the college tuition you have to pay.

f. Hannah also mentioned that she does not know anyone who opted out of a board year due to financial reasons.

i. Laura and Jeroen say they do know a few people who had this problem.

7. Page 3

a. Rule 59

i. Imke wonders why €37.50 is chosen as the threshold for which you get 40% compensated instead of just 15 euros.

1. Louis answers that if you get 40 percent compensated of €37.50, you get €15, which means that there is no gap or overlap between the compensations.

ii. Maartje wonders why the board chose 40% and why the board chose this only for activities above €15 instead of having 40% for every fee.

1. Louis answers that there are multiple ways in which you can arrange this, but that this way it is easier to calculate how much money should be compensated.

b. Maartje notes that it is possible that a board responsible could be replaced by someone else, but wonders if a substitute board responsible is present, if they get compensated as well.

i. Louis answers that this comment is mostly aimed at committees in which two board members are present, so they do not both get the compensation.

ii. Maartje wants to clarify that people who are acting as board responsible, but are not a board member, are not compensated.

iii. Louis confirms this.

iv. Peter clarifies that this compensation is only for the acting board responsible, not for ENTROPcY members (etcetera) which help the board out.

c. Hannah wonders why Gala is chosen as an activity where you have to be present.

i. Martijn answers that he does not really like Galas, so he most likely would not have gone if did not have the responsibility of being present as board member, but that he definitely felt the pressure of having to be present.

ii. Hannah says that you should not be forced to join an activity you do not want to go to.

iii. Tom asks if it is a rule that the whole board should be there.

iv. Louis says it is not a rule, but it is the standard and what is expected of you as a board member.

d. Tom wonders if the €15 discount will prompt the board to make a lot of activities €15.

i. Laura answers that the board will not price activities based on this set limit, but rather based on the budget plan with income and expenses.

e. Renske says that it is important for this page to consider where a board responsible really has to be present.

i. Louis responds that Arago board members are never present at committees, except for the first three meetings. So, it is a possibility to opt out of activities and committee meetings, but that is not the way Proto works.

ii. Laura adds that that would make Proto less Proto.

iii. Hannah says that you should be there for the committee, but you also should not have to join activities if you do not want to be present.

iv. Laura and Louis say that the document is not to force board members to be present at each activity, but rather to compensate them if they desire to do so.

v. Hannah says that not each board will feel responsible to be at each activity, so there is a chance that a next board will barely be at any activities.

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- vi. Ellis responds that you only get compensated for the activities which you were present; if a board decides not to go to any activities, they will get less compensation.
- vii. Imke suggests adding the argumentation to the document, as the board's argumentation is clear, and it would make it easier for the members to understand the board's reasoning behind certain choices.
1. **AP Board 11.1:** Add the reasoning behind the choices to the document about activity restitution.
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- ix. Jeroen supports this and suggests adding examples of higher or lower limits, thresholds, and percentages.
- f. Hannah asks how big the budget is for representation and how much is left.
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- i. Martijn does not know.
- ii. Hannah responds that compensating board members for joining Gala would be possible from to be done from this budget as well.
- iii. Peter says representation should not be used for activities, but rather for the "thank you"-tokens, presents for staff, etc.
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- iv. Hannah explains that she suggested this as this budget is often not totally spent.
- g. Jeroen notes that this table is noted for activities in this specific year but would like to know what the board will do with new activities, as they are not yet added to this table.
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- i. Louis responds that this is an example of the trips the board currently has and how much the compensation would be.
- ii. Laura adds that if a new committee would be added, the GMM would have to approve the new committee.
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- iii. Martijn responds that the budget will be evaluated afterwards (at the end of the year), so all committees have to be approved by the GMM.
- h. Imke asks why the ski trip is written down as €800, while it is €560 on the site.
- i. Ellis explains that the costs on the site were only for the transport, stay and basic ski-area, which means that if you want to go for expanded area and need to borrow materials, you will be paying €800.
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- ii. Imke says that the expanded ski-area is not mandatory to be present at the trip.
- iii. Ellis responds that the ski trip will always be more expensive than €400 euros, which means that the maximum will always be €100.
1. **AP Board 11.1:** Explain where the €800 for ski trip stems from in the document about activity restitution.
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- i. Hannah recalls the plans for the EWI committees, and Hannah states that if Proto will only be a contact person, the board member should not be financially compensated.
- i. Ellis responds that members feel more comfortable going to the board member associated with their association.
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- ii. Renske suggests not using the last GMM of a board year to decide if EEMCS activities will be compensated, as this could differ per year.

- 190 iii. Laura explains that the GMM is mostly to check if board members did the calculations right and did not demand compensation for an unreasonable number of activities.
- 195 j. Peter wonders what happens if an activity is declined at the last moment.
- i. Louis answers that if you still reach the €110 with other activities, you will still get the €110.
- ii. Peter thinks this is confusing.
- iii. Laura explains that there is a maximum amount which can be compensated and the amount which you get compensated for attending activities. The maximum amount is set at €110, while the other amount can fluctuate if compensation for an activity is not accepted by the GMM.
- 200 iv. Hannah wonders what happens if a lot of activities are declined by the GMM.
- v. Louis answers that if this GMM decides that EEMCS trip will not be compensated, the next GMM will also not compensate the trip. So, if there is a questionable activity, you can discuss this during the GMM. Even if there were multiple activities declined, the activities before the Half-Yearly GMM have already been discussed.
- 205 k. Jeroen would like to bring the discussion back to the main point: to set down guidelines and to decide which activities will and will not be compensated, which will not change every half year. There will only be discussions about the exceptions.
- 210 i. Jur thinks this report is cumbersome, since the board suspects that every board member will reach the €110, so he wonders why Proto does not just pay each board member €110 or give a smaller (set) amount of money for each activity you attend.
- ii. Louis explains that he has done some research about how the other associations do this, but that the board decided that this is the best way to check if board members did what they receive money for, but still, this is one of the many ways to do this.
- 215 iii. Jur responds that he mostly thinks this can be easier, as it would be a lot of effort to check this with the GMM.
- iv. Tom remarks that you get the money quite some time after the moment you spent it. He suggests letting the GMM check the activities for the upcoming board beforehand at the change GMM, so board members can expect which activities will be compensated. He also suggests allowing to fill in a statement of expenses, so you receive your money quicker.
- 220 v. Laura remarks that the board would like to vote for the current plan, rather than to accept suggestions.
- vi. Imke remarks that there are a lot of suggestions and if the GMM votes about this plan now, all these suggestions will be lost.
- 225 vii. Ellis suggests optionally voting a second time: the first to vote for the current plan as it is and a second, in case the first is rejected, for the plan with all the suggestions implemented.
- 230 viii. Louis emphasizes that if this plan is accepted by the GMM, the end goal and the end result will be the same.
8. Page 4
- 235 a. Renske wonders where the €763.05 originates from.
- i. Louis responds that this would be the total amount of money compensated if there was no cap on €660.
- b. Renske asks us (either the board or candidate board) to reconsider if we do not want to compensate committee members.
- i. Laura suggests the candidate board to look into this.

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- ii. Jeroen adds that an addendum can be added to change this aspect if necessary.
 - c. Imke would like it clarified that there will be voted about the compensation.
 - i. **AP Board 11.1:** Clarify that there will be voted about the compensation in rule 99 of the document about activity restitution.
 - d. Imke wonders if a revision in 2024/2025 is manageable due to the inflation.
 - i. Laura and Louis remark that “at the latest” is remarked as well.
 - e. Hannah finds it iffy that the Officer of External Affairs is responsible for gathering the necessary amount of money to compensate board members.
 - i. Laura explains that this has been discussed with Tristan and that the target could easily be raised.
 - ii. Imke suggests moving some money around to set some money apart beforehand.
9. Voting: Approving the “Proposal partial activity restitution for board members”.
- a. The quorum consists of 33 votes.
 - b. 23 members vote in favour.
 - c. 7 members vote against.
 - d. 2 members vote blank.
 - e. 1 member refrains from voting.
 - f. The “Proposal partial activity restitution for board members” is approved by the GMM at 13:48 with the aforementioned changes.

Any other business

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10. None

Survey

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Closing

12. The 45th General Member Meeting of S.A. Proto is closed at 13:48 on 28 June 2022

Presence list

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13. The following people were present at the General Member Meeting

Who?	Time present:	Time absent:
Laura Schep	12:48	13:48
Ellis Dijkstra	12:48	13:48
Martijn van Ooijen	12:48	13:48
Louis van Maurik	12:48	13:48
Sarah Jansen	12:48	13:48
Rachel den Otter	12:48	13:48
Max Liebe	12:48	13:48
Ben Ligthart	12:48	13:48
Sterre Kuijper	12:48	13:48
Tristan van Marle	12:48	13:48
Ysbrand Burgstede	12:48	13:48
Sander Koomen	12:48	13:48

Famke van der Boom	12:48	13:48
Jeroen Ritmeester	12:48	13:48
Peter van der Burgt	12:48	13:48
Imke Verschuren	12:48	13:48
Maxim de Leeuw	12:48	13:48
Luce Zoontjens	12:48	13:48
Emma Burema	12:48	13:48
Renske Mulder	12:48	13:48
Tom Onderwater	12:48	13:48
Dennis Vinke	12:48	13:48
Jochem Schaap	12:48	13:48
Jorick Schöndorff	12:48	13:48
Marije Rekker	12:48	13:48
Frank Bosman	12:48	13:48
Jelle Gerritsen	12:48	13:48
Hannah Ottenschot	12:48	13:48
Jelle Smith	12:48	13:48
Sebastiaan van Loon	12:48	13:48
Maartje Huveneers	12:48	13:45
Renske Mulder	12:48	13:48

Recap Action Points

Recap current action points

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45.01	Board 11.1	Add the reasoning behind the choices to the document about activity restitution.
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45.04	Board 11.1	Clarify that there will be voted about the compensation in rule 99 of the document about activity restitution.