



General Member Meeting 43

8 December 2021, 19:00

@ SmartXp

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

Opening

1. The 43rd General Member Meeting of S.A. Proto is opened at 19:12 on 8 December 2021.

Announcements

2. People should wear their facemask when they are coming forward.
3. The whole GMM will be in English.

Quorum

4. At the start of the GMM, a total of 26 votes are counted.
 - a. Maartje Huveneers is authorized by Peter van der Burgt, who will be arriving later.

Fixing the agenda

5. None.

Previous minutes

6. Will be discussed next meeting.

Previous action points

7. Will be discussed next meeting.

Documents received

Findings financial year 2020 – 2021 of S.A. Proto

8. Maxim comes forward to read the letter.
 - a. The summary is that no big inconsistencies were found and Proto's financial state is in good health. The financial report is displayed in an orderly manner and a few small inconsistencies were found, most likely due to passing on the Treasurer function. These inconsistencies are minor and do not pose a threat to Proto's financial health.
 - b. Sanne Bouman supported Sebastiaan van Loon in writing the Financial Policy Plan and Peter van der Burgt assisted the Audit Committee with checking the calculations.

Agenda

Annual Financial Report 2020 – 2021 (for Approval)

9. *Sebastiaan comes forward to sit between the board members.*

10. Page 5

a. General

i. Maartje asks why there is still a lot of income to be received.

1. Sebastiaan explains that a few things are still from Mick's year which were not handled yet and a few things which are paid now.
2. Maartje asks what is being done about the not received money yet.
3. Sebastiaan answers that Laura is doing her best to gain this money from the companies.
4. Martijn says that the only thing that changed is the unsent invoice from Innovation Cluster Drachten, which is not in this list at all.
5. **AP Board 11.0:** Look into the missing money from page 5

Peter enters, so his authorisation for Maartje falls away and the quorum stays the same.

11. Page 10

a. 1780

i. Maartje wondered where the money from TIPCie and SBZ went to and if anything had been done with it already.

1. Martijn answers that it was hard to figure out how much money was actually in this account, but any money left is going towards gilets for the TIPCie.

12. Page 14

a. 3090

i. Maartje wonders why Board 10.0 didn't take more people towards the Efteling, as they have money left.

1. Sebastiaan answers that they didn't know they were going to have money left and they were planning on doing other things with the money.

13. Page 18

a. Hannah asks why some percentages are missing.

- i. Sebastiaan answers it is a formatting issue.
- ii. Sanne says only the FishCie should still receive a percentage.
 1. **This will be changed.**

b. Hannah asks why the Handyman only put €4,70 towards the activity.

- i. Sebastiaan says that the Handyman was planning on organizing another activity, but this didn't happen.
- ii. Imke confirms this.

14. Page 19

a. General

i. Maartje wonders what the money for the EmergenCie was used for.

1. Sebastiaan answers that this was used for the ERO-bands.

b. 4140

i. Hannah wonders if the money used for the Gala Committee is completely lost.

1. Imke says this was partially used for decoration and pre-activities.
2. Ellis says the decorations can be reused.
3. **This will be added.**

The Annual Financial Report 2020 – 2021 is approved by the GMM at 19:27.

Break (19:27 – 19:32)

15. Philippe mentions that there was no explanation of what a GMM is, there were no links to the “How to GMM”-files or to the file which explains how to read a financial report.
- a. Sarah explains what a GMM is.

Agenda (continued)

COVID-19 Policy plan 2021 – 2022 (for Approval)

16. Page 3

- a. General
 - i. Philippe is missing line numbers.
- b. 2.1
 - i. Imke says that there are plans of following the set amount of people allowed in the Protopolis but wonders if the main use of the room will be changed.
 1. Laura says that the main use will stay the same, and the only change will be the amount of people allowed in.
 - ii. Philippe states that it should not be the duty of ProtOpeners to maintain the current rules, but the duty of the members themselves. Members can be informed by using the General Member Mailing list.
 1. Louis mentions they have partial responsibility, as they are responsible for the Protopolis at that moment.
 2. Philippe answers that ProtOpeners can be supported by mailing the members what is expected of them.
 3. Peter states that members tend to listen better to board members than to ProtOpeners, as ProtOpeners are just other members.
- c. 2.2
 - i. Renske wonders if we are going to look into donating food in case of a lockdown.
 1. Sarah says that we are already looking into foods with a long shelf life, but if this is the case, we will definitely look into it.
- d. 2.4
 - i. Imke says that this might be unnecessary to include, as this sentence contains the word “probably”, but if we would like to keep this, it might be better to change it into “definitely”.
 1. **This will be changed.**
- e. 2.5
 - i. Imke mentions that this does not have to be mentioned, as this has not changed from the normal Policy Plan. She also wonders how we will communicate the new use of the boardroom.
 1. Sarah says this can be communicated towards committees by the board responsible, and in case of people coming towards Alfred to use the room, he will probably inform them.

17. Page 4

- a. 2.6
 - i. Imke says this should be rewritten to be a guideline instead of a personal plan.
 1. **This will be changed.**

b. 3

- i. Hannah says she feels like this is contradicting each other.
 - 1. Sarah explains that we do not want to go back to online meetings if it does not have to unless members would like the meeting to be online.
 - 2. Hannah says we take the stand that we will do physical unless we have to go online.
 - 3. **This will be changed.**
- ii. Hannah says that hybrid meetings are not really efficient. She wonders if there is a guideline which can be followed if you want to have a hybrid meeting.
 - 1. Sarah says that most committees do not want to do hybrid meetings either, but they are only used if someone cancels last minute.
 - 2. Hannah says that hybrid meetings will probably stay after COVID-19, so they are more likely, and it would be nice to think of a way in which hybrid meetings are held properly.
 - 3. **AP Board 11.0:** Figure out a way to hold hybrid meetings properly.
 - 4. Imke suggests adding “hybrid meetings” to the chair function training.
- iii. Timo says that an online committee market was not visited well and wonders how we want to change this.
 - 1. Ellis says that she will start with adding a now-show fee in case anyone receives the food but does not show up. She adds that she already expects a lot of people to show up, as a lot of the first- and second-year students are interested in becoming active, which means that they will be more likely to show up if they are interested in doing more committees.

c. 4

- i. Renske says that we want to organize as many activities physically as possible, but now we are cancelling activities which could have continued.
 - 1. Sarah explains that only educational activities are allowed, so we are only organizing strictly educational activities, even though every activity we organise falls underneath educational activities.
 - 2. Laura adds that we were instructed to only keep the necessary activities. So, we will only organise workshops and educational activities.
 - 3. Renske suggests specifying the difference in procedure between necessary and fun activities.
 - 4. **This will be changed.**
- ii. Imke notices that we have not described what happens to activities which are already being organized.
 - 1. **This will be added.**

d. 5

- i. Imke wonders why this is a separate point, as this is not our responsibility.
 - 1. Louis says that this is written down for study nights, as they fall under a different type of activity.
 - 2. **This will be changed into a sub header for educational activities.**
- ii. Imke wonders why discord is used instead of teams, as that is the standard way of communication for lectures.
 - 1. Louis says that students prefer discord.
 - 2. Martijn says that all the courses he TA's use discord now.

e. General

- i. Hannah notices that communication is missing from Proto towards members about changes in and around the Protopolis.

1. Sarah says that we intend to communicate this, but we won't be communicating the general UT policy.
2. **This will be added.**
3. Philippe: "let me finish my mouth"
4. Philippe mentions that he understands that we do not want to communicate general measures again, but we can send an official statement from the board every once in a while, as we are close to the students, just to make sure that we communicate what we want to do with the Protopolis.
5. Hannah says that the measures change so many times, that it will probably become spam and the mails might not be useful a week later anymore.
6. Laura says that if we were to do this, we will mostly communicate what happens in the Protopolis.

18. The COVID-19 Policy plan 2021 – 2022 is approved by the GMM at 19:51.

Revised Static Policy Plan 2021 – 2022 (for Approval)

19. General

- a. Maxim notices that it would be nice if we keep the usage of Proto and S.A. Proto consistent.
- b. Hannah notices that it would be nice if we keep the usage of CreaTe/I-Tech and Creative Technology/Interaction Technology consistent and suggests adding them to the abbreviations list.
- c. Imke says we did not take out all the corrections.

20. Page 3

- a. General
 - i. Imke mentions that 4.1.6 is missing in the index.
 1. **This will be changed.**

21. Page 6

- a. 3.2
 - i. Peter mentions that he agrees with the changes made for the chair as the previous piece was outdated.

22. Page 9

- a. 4.1.6
 - i. Maartje mentions that it is a little strange that alcohol is mentioned in the Static Policy Plan, as we might be going to change this later.
 1. Sarah says that this has been consistent for the last few years, so this still had to be updated.
 2. Peter says this is about selling alcohol, not drinking alcohol.

23. Page 10

- a. 4.2.3
 - i. Hannah wonders who is responsible for warning the organising committee if no ERO has been found yet.
 1. Sarah says this is the responsibility of the board responsible.
 2. **This will be added.**

24. Page 15

- a. 4.6.1
 - i. Hannah was wondering if someone has managed to reach the limit of 10.000 euros.
 1. The board is not sure.

2. Maxim says that he withdrew way more than 10.000 euros, but that was a withdrawal with a total of over 10.000 euros.
3. Martijn says this is a limit for a person, but this amount is never reached. It would not even be possible to make sure a withdrawal does not go above the 10.000 euros.
4. **This will be taken out.**

b. 4.6.3

- i. Hannah notices that the wording is weird; “new” can better be changed to “following”.
 1. **This will be changed.**

Robyn enters, the quorum goes to 27.

c. 4.7.3

- i. Philippe wonders why the language is British English.
 1. Imke: “I know, that is because the official UT Policy is British English”
 2. Philippe: “that is what I said, dumb bitch”
 3. **Why the language is British English will be added.**
- ii. Philippe says that writing the documents with gender neutral terms should be added as well, as we are already doing this.
 1. Sarah says this has not happened three consecutive years yet.
 2. Philippe disagrees with the fact that something should have happened three years in a row before it is added to the Static Policy Plan, especially as this agrees with the UT Policy.
 3. Ellis asks if it is not said in the statutes that something has to happen three consecutive years.
 4. Maartje shakes her head.
 5. Maxim comes forward and mentions that if we can assume something will happen three consecutive years, we can add it as well.
 6. **This will be added.**

25. Page 18

a. 5.9

- i. Hannah states that in practise this always happens via their board responsible.
 1. **This will be added.**

26. Page 20

a. 5.18

- i. Hannah says that the KICC has to be formed before February, it would be preferred if this were to happen in December.
 1. **This will be changed.**

27. Page 22

a. 6

- i. Maartje likes this.

28. The Revised Static Policy Plan 2021 – 2022 is approved by the GMM at 20:05.

Renske scored a ball of paper into the bin (after missing several times).

Break (20:05 – 20:22)

29. Sanne left, the quorum goes to 26.

Agenda (continued)

Discharge Imke Verschuren and Sebastiaan van Loon (for Approval)

30. Peter wants to thank Sebastiaan and Sanne for the hard work they did for the Financial Annual Report and the last few changes in the bookkeeping.
- a. Maxim wonders how they enjoyed the extra months of being a board.
 - b. Imke says she enjoyed the board meetings, loved the contact with members and loved walking around in the board suits.
 - c. Maxim adds to not invest any money into crypto.
31. Voting: discharge Imke Verschuren and Sebastiaan van Loon as the Board of S.A. Proto.
- a. Sarah: Is there anyone against discharging the board with the aforementioned members?
 - b. *No one raises their hand.*
 - c. The board of S.A. Proto is discharged by the GMM at 20:24.

Charge Imke Verschuren as Audit Committee (for Approval)

32. Voting: charge Imke Verschuren as member of the Audit Committee of S.A. Proto.
- a. Sarah: Is there anyone against charging the Audit Committee of S.A. Proto with the aforementioned members?
 - b. *Maxim raises his hand jokingly, but pulls it down quickly.*
 - c. The Audit Committee of S.A. Proto is charged by the GMM at 20:25.

New ties

33. Martijn says the new Ties is Rint.
34. *For the wearable type of ties a trial weave is handed out.*
35. Philippe wonders which colour ties we will be ordering.
- a. Ellis explains that if we are keeping the old design, the ties will be exactly the same as the old ties. In case of the new ties, we will most likely be ordering one of the test colours.
 - b. Sarah says the board likes the old ties, as they are ugly in a nice ugly kind of way.
 - c. Maartje says that it would be nicest if the colour stays the same, so if members show up wearing both types of ties, everyone is still wearing the same colour of green.
 - d. Imke says that you can have all the “pedellen” buy the new types of ties. She explains that they designed the new ties as they heard that a few members were not very fond of the bright colour.
 - e. Peter likes the design and thinks it is representable of Proto, but he is not entirely sure about the dots. His biggest problem is with the colour, as the other colours are the colours associated with other associations. Peter would like the old colour with the new pattern.
 - f. Hannah likes how we stand out amongst the other associations with the current colour green.
36. Renske wonders if we would like to be recognized as being Proto, since the Proto-logo is missing and not everyone will recognize the Protons as Proto.
- a. Laura responds that she is missing the Proto-logo too and would like the uppermost lightbulb to be changed into the Proto-logo.
 - b. Hannah says that the Proto-logo is useful in measuring how long your tie is going to be.
 - c. Philippe says that he does not want the previous ties to be removed, so this tie could be additional and “pedellen” can be given a dress code. He also thinks this choice

should be made by the entire association, not just the twenty people present. He suggests sending out a form.

- d. Louis says this is a nice moment to check if we even would like to change the ties, as the current board is in favour of the old ties.

Renske and Peter fight about who is going to speak.

- 37. Renske says that next time we would like to change merch, it would be nice to take this past the GraphiCie.
- 38. Peter suggests asking members via a Google Form about their opinion on the ties and receiving feedback, so the majority of people will agree with the design.
- 39. Voting: Sarah asks the GMM which option is their favourite. The board joined this voting, as the opinions within the board are divided.
 - a. Keep the current ties: 11
 - b. Get a new tie design: 5
 - c. Getting a new tie next to the current tie: 8
 - d. Refraining from voting: 3
 - e. Since the results are rather close to each other, this will be discussed with the whole association.

Break (20:42 – 20:47)

- 40. Martijn: "Attentie, attentie, Louis en Laura naar de kassa, alstublieft"

Protopolis opening hours on Proto Days

- 41. Sarah explains that our Policy Plan states that we would like to keep Protopolis open on Wednesdays, even if no activity is organized. The Board noticed that members do not really show up to the Protopolis if there is no activity and that there is no use to keeping the Protopolis open at these moments.
 - a. Peter says he thinks it is fine to think about this, as especially in the first few modules, very few people show up. He thinks it is fine to close the room when an activity is taking place at another location, but it would be nice to open the room the two weeks before and during the exam weeks, as people can then study in Proto.
 - b. Philippe wonders if this is about the normal ways or with the COVID-19 measures in mind.
 - c. Sarah and Laura answer in unison that this is about the normal ways.
 - d. Maartje agrees with Peter, but thinks two weeks in advance is a little extreme, as people will not be studying yet. She suggests looking how this turns out during the next exam week.
 - e. Ben says that when the room is open, it would be nice to communicate this to first- and second-year students, as he is not sure if they know the room is open.
 - f. Hannah adds if we are only keeping it open in certain weeks, it would be nice to communicate this in a clear way.
 - g. Martijn suggests advertising it as an open studynights without TAs.
- 42. Imke asks if we were not planning on organizing activities as a board if committees do not organize an activity.
 - a. Laura explains that our Policy Plan states that we would not force ourselves to organise activities every Wednesday, as we value quality over quantity.
- 43. Renske wonders if it is possible to just go home in case nobody is in the Protopolis or in the SmartXp.

- a. Sarah answers that this would be rather inconvenient if members arrive later in the evening.
 - b. Renske suggests telling members to show up before a specific time, 20:00 for example.
 - c. Ellis answers that board members already have a very busy calendar and it is inconvenient to keep this evening free only to find out it was unnecessary on the evening itself.
44. Renske says that the opening hours on the website do not include the Proto Day, if this were still the case after this GMM.
45. Maartje says that in case we want keep Proto open during the exam weeks, this can be promoted in the Educational Mails.
46. Peter says that in case we would not keep the Proto Day, it would be nice to start opening the room at 08:30, so people can get coffee before their lectures. He acknowledges that during his board year, he would not have liked this, but as a member know, he would definitely appreciate this.
47. Hannah suggests ProtOpening with two people, as that is more enjoyable than on your own.
- a. Sarah and Ellis answer that it is already a problem to find one board member who is able to keep the Protopolis open, so this would be almost impossible.
 - b. Peter says he would like to ProtOpen with two people.
 - c. Martijn says it is not a rule that only one person can be a ProtOpener.
48. Philippe wonders who is responsible for keeping the room open on Proto Day.
- a. Sarah answers the board responsible from the committee is responsible, but if there is no activity, a board member who is available is responsible.
 - b. Philippe suggests making an order in which people are responsible for ProtOpening, so you know five weeks in advance when you are responsible.
 - c. Ellis answers that the problem is not that no one is available in the evening and that she is keeping track of who has ProtOpened how often, so it stays fair.
 - d. Louis adds that the problem is the amount of people who show up during the Proto Day.
 - e. Philippe says there are two problems, the first being that the board is busy and would like to have some free nights as well and the second being send home earlier when no one shows up for Proto Day.
 - f. Louis answers that when people are three minutes later than the room is closed, they will be angry that the room is closed already.
 - g. Laura suggests to open Protopolis if there is an activity in the SmartXp and to close Protopolis whenever there is not, unless specified otherwise, for example during the exam weeks.
 - h. Philippe agrees that this is a viable option during COVID-19, but does not agree with having this as standard practise.
 - i. Renske says that board members are able to organize activities themselves and they can start on this five weeks in advance.
 - j. Laura explains that this is not about not organizing activities as a board, but more about when there is no activity.
 - k. Hannah says that our policy plan states quality over quantity, so the board should not be forced to organise Proto Days.
49. Hannah says we should keep in mind that might also lose our standard Wednesday reservation for the SmartXp.
- a. Jeroen states that there are two camps, one who thinks it is necessary and one who thinks it is not, while the board actually knows how many people are present. It would be nice to gather some data on this.

- b. Philippe says this cannot be polled until first- and second-year students are aware of Proto nights.
- c. Peter suggests accepting that we won't be organizing Proto Days anytime soon, so for now this is not a relevant point. Later on, we can contact the first- and second-year students to see how many students actually show up.

50. We won't be voting tonight.

Beer in the association room

51. Louis explain that it is not allowed to organize events which sell drinks before 15:30, but it says nothing about selling beer before 15:30. Recreational drinking is still fine.
- a. Martijn says we don't want to be responsible for students showing up to lectures with beer.
 - b. Maxim recalls that they instated this rule as it was a problem during the year of Board 7.0, as there was a lot of stress put on alcoholism during activities.
 - c. Peter explains this policy was instated during the end of Board 6.0, as they figured it would be bad if people drink after their exams and Board 7.0 had to enforce it, even though they did not appreciate this policy either. The study complained during the year of Board 7.0 as a lot of activities were organized revolving around beer.
52. Imke stresses we are a study association and wonders why you would like to drink before 15:30 and why we should provide this.
- a. Louis explains that this is everyone's personal responsibility, but members behaviour can be pointed out if necessary.
 - b. Jeroen wonders what the difference is if you get it from the supermarket or the association room.
 - c. Peter says we are not responsible for the mental wellbeing of the students.
 - d. Louis explains that he only wants to keep an eye on the drinking behaviour of students in the Protopolis, as Proto is not a place to binge-drink beer at 12:00 in the morning.
 - e. Hannah wonders how many people want this and in which years they are.
 - f. Sarah explains that the group is large and the people come from different years.
 - g. Hannah supports Imke and does not think drinking before 15:30 is necessary. The University is trying to change allowing drinking at all and changing the time beer is allowed in the association room feels as a step backwards.
53. Jeroen agrees with having personal responsibility. He states that he saw a lot of changes around alcohol policies. When he started, everything was revolving around beer, and this has changed drastically. He likes beer but does not think it is a problem that he cannot get beer, he just finds it annoying. Getting a beer does not mean organizing a cantus, it means drinking a beer. Moderation is key, it is your social responsibility to keep your alcohol consumption reasonable.

Renske says that a Cantus in Protopolis is now on the Online Good Idea Board.

- a. Hannah adds that in case the 15:30 is moderated, we should also moderate people bringing beer towards Proto.
 - b. Martijn says that the people who brought beer to Proto last week have been pointed towards their behaviour.
 - c. Philippe suggests to ask Michel about his opinion.
54. Voting: who is in favour of alcohol consumption before 15:30 in the Protopolis? The board votes as well.
- a. In favour: 8

- b. Against: 7
- c. Blanco: 4
- d. Refraining from voting: 6

55. The changes have not been accepted, so no beer will be able to be purchased before 15:30.

Any other business

56. None

Survey

57. Peter asks if there will be a drink afterwards.

- a. *Sad board noises*

58. Peter asks if there will be an activity organised with Saab.

- a. Laura explains that this is not a part of the deal with Saab, but she could look into this. For now, she has enough external activities.

59. Maxim replaces Franks ding.

- a. He has three cups from which one with a peppernut underneath it, it ended in the middle, the board was correct.

Closing

60. The 43rd General Member Meeting of S.A. Proto is opened at 21:27 on 8 December 2021.

Presence list

61. The following people were present at the start of the General Member Meeting

Who?	Time present:	Time absent:
Sarah Jansen	19:00	21:27
Ellis Dijkstra	19:00	21:27
Martijn van Ooijen	19:00	21:27
Laura Schep	19:00	21:27
Louis van Maurik	19:00	21:27
Philippe Tuinman	19:00	21:27
Jeroen Ritmeester	19:00	21:27
Maartje Huveneers	19:00	21:27
Imke Verschuren	19:00	21:27
Maud van der Hall	19:00	21:27
Ruben Koole	19:00	21:27
Matei Obrocea	19:00	21:27
Sanne Bouman	19:00	20:06
Sebastiaan van Loon	19:00	21:27
Jonathan Matarazzi	19:00	21:27
Hannah Ottenschot	19:00	21:27
Renske Mulder	19:00	21:27
Ben Ligthart	19:00	21:27
Sterre Kuijper	19:00	21:27
Rachel den Otter	19:00	21:27
Tristan van Marle	19:00	21:27
Thomas van Klink	19:00	21:27
Timo van Beelen	19:00	21:27

Jelle Gerritsen	19:00	21:27
Maxim de Leeuw	19:00	21:27
Peter van der Burgt	19:21	21:27
Robyn Wernsen	19:59	21:27

Recap action points

Recap current action points

AP	Who?	What?
43.01	Board 11.0	Look into the missing money from page 5
43.02	Board 11.0	Figure out a way to hold hybrid meetings properly.