

## January 2025 Board Meeting

**Date:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from 19h to 22h55

**Location:** Teachers' Canteen Woluwe & Online (ZOOM)

**Present in situ:** Célia ALVES RODRIGUES – Sofia AMOR – Vanessa BATISTA – Pierre DEBAR – Sabrina FASOLI – Andrew Janis FOLKMANIS – Pim GESQUIERE – Alessia GHEZZI – Joana GIL – Sanjee GOONETILAKE – Andrea GRGIĆ – Ute HAMMERSFAHR – Carin PERSSON SVENINGSON – Elita PETRAITIENĖ – Myriam PINI – Fabrício SANTOS (as of 20h40) – Jan VON PFALER – David ZELINGER

**Present online:** Andrea HUTTERER – Luca CARAPELLI – Bruno LARANJEIRA – Johanna PEYREDIEU DU CHARLAT – Fabrício SANTOS (until 20h40)

**Others:** Clémence EUGENE

All related documents were sent to the Board members before the meeting.

### Agenda Points

#### 1. Approval of the agenda.

The Chair informs the members that a discussion regarding the working groups (questions, new working groups, etc) will take place after the Bureau elections and proceeds to invite the members to connect to the platform for upcoming votes and elections.

22 votes for yes (Elita Petraitiene, Ute Hammersfahr, David Zelinger, Célia Alves Rodrigues, Carin Persson Sveningson, Alessia Ghezzi, Pierre Debar, Myriam Pini, Sofia Amor, Sabrina Fasoli, Andrea Grgić, Andrea Hutterer, Sanjee Goonetilake, Janis Folkmanis, Luca Carapelli, Johanna Peyredieu du Charlat, Bruno Laranjeira, Fabrício Santos, Pim Gesquiere, Jan von Pfaler, Vanessa Batista, Joana Gil).

#### **Decision: the Board approves the agenda unanimously.**

The Chair explains to the new members how the voting will take place (counting, abstentions, etc). Voting in the Board is defined in Article 15 of the Statutes. Decisions are made by simple majority. There is no definition of simple majority in the Statutes. In April 2023 the 2023-2024 Board decided to interpret the term in the sense that the option with more votes wins and the abstentions are not taken into consideration for the calculation of simple majority. The Chair also underlines that in case of voting on people (for mandates, for positions, etc) the vote is anonymous.

After a short discussion the Board proceeds with defining “simple majority” contained in Article 15 of the Statutes and agrees to proceed with last year’s way of counting votes: the Board adopts the option that gets the highest number of votes of the members who voted in favour or against. Abstentions are excluded from the calculation.

## Elections

### 1. Election of the president, VP & Bureau members.

The outgoing Chair proceeds to invite members who wish to be candidates.

Pim GESQUIERE stands for the position of president of the Board for the year 2025 and takes the floor to introduce his candidature.

**Pim GESQUIERE is elected president with an 90% majority (19 vote for yes, 2 votes for no and 1 vote for abstain).**

The first item of the new Chair is to discuss the Board meeting for the next week, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025, for which there is not sufficient time to prepare the meeting. The Chair points out to the short timeline between the Board election, the current Board meeting, and then the SAC, Administrative Board meetings. The Chair informs that a meeting a week later would be best to allow for discussion and give the members who have met 3 times in the past couple of evenings one week rest and prepare for the next meeting.

The Chair informs that it is usual practice that the Treasurer would be the Budget working group coordinator and the Secretary of information, the coordinator of the communications working group. The Board discusses the role of the Member of the bureau which does not have a portfolio. The board agrees that the member without portfolio is also the Health, Safety and Security working group coordinator.

Sofia AMOR and Célia ALVES RODRIGUES stand for the position of vice-president for pedagogical affairs of the Board for the year 2025. Both take turn to present their candidature.

**Célia ALVES RODRIGUES is elected vice president for pedagogical affaires with an 57% majority (12 votes for Célia ALVES RODRIGUES, 9 votes for Sofia AMOR and 1 vote for abstain).**

Andrea GRGIĆ stands for the position of vice-president for administrative affaires of the Board for the year 2025.

**Andrea GRGIĆ is elected vice president for administrative affaires with a 77% majority (14 votes for yes, 4 votes for no and 4 votes for abstain).**

Elita PETRAITIENĖ stands for the position of secretary of the Board for the year 2025 and presents her candidature.

**Elita PETRAITIENĖ is elected secretary with a 95% majority (18 votes for yes, 1 vote for no and 3 votes for abstain).**

Pierre DEBAR and Joana GIL stand for the position of secretary of information of the Board for the year 2025. Both take turn to present their candidature.

**Pierre DEBAR is elected secretary of information with an 60% majority (13 votes for Pierre DEBAR, 9 votes for Joana GIL).**

Jan VON PFALER stands for the position of Treasurer of the Board for the year 2025 and presents his candidature, a member asks if the recruitment of the new financial advisor will be a priority. J. von Pfaler replies it is. However, he wishes to first be elected, take up duties and follow all internal procedures before moving forward.

**Jan VON PFALER is elected Treasurer with an 80% majority** (17 votes for yes, 4 votes for no and 1 vote for abstain).

Vanessa BATISTA stands for the position of member without a portfolio of the Board for the year 2025. **Vanessa BATISTA is elected member without a portfolio with an 95% majority** (20 vote for yes, 1 vote for no and 1 vote for abstain).

## 2. Election of the working group coordinators & identification of members.

The Board agrees that members who wish to participate in the working groups are kindly invited to send their list to the communication officer and copy include the working group coordinator, who will update the webpage with the working group structure and the website. A member stated that the preparation and transparency of this procedure could be improved further.

Working group transport, no candidates step forward, and for the time being, the VP administrative affairs will take over the matters as a Working Group Coordinator ad interim. The Chair moves forward to the canteen working group, stating he will circle back to the transport later.

Bruno LARANJEIRA stands for the position of canteen working group coordinator of the Board for the year 2025.

**Bruno LARANJEIRA is elected canteen working group coordinator with an 95% majority** (20 votes for yes, 1 vote for no and 1 vote for abstain).

Sabrina FASOLI stands for the position of extracurricular activities working group coordinator of the Board for the year 2025.

**Sabrina FASOLI is elected extracurricular activities working group coordinator with an 90% majority** (19 votes for yes, 2 votes for no).

Alessia GHEZZI stands for the position CEP&M coordinator of the Board for the year 2025.

**Alessia GHEZZI is elected CEP&M working group coordinator with an 100% majority** (21 votes for yes, 1 vote for abstain).

Sabrina FASOLI stands for the position CEES coordinator of the Board for the year 2025.

**Sabrina FASOLI is elected CEES working group coordinator with an 79% majority** (15 votes for yes, 4 votes for no, 2 votes for abstain).

Regarding InterParents, the Board agrees to proceed to two votes to elect the delegates followed by the observers.

Andrew Janis FOLKMANIS, David ZELINGER and Johanna PEYREDIEU DU CHARLAT stand for the position of InterParents delegates. Sofia AMOR, Carin PERSSON SVENINGSON and Sanjee GOONETILAKE stand for the position of InterParents observers. Each member presents their candidature. David ZELINGER decides to withdraw his candidature; the first vote is void and relaunched removing his name from the voting options.

**Andrew Janis FOLKMANIS and Johanna PEYREDIEU DU CHARLAT are elected for the position of delegates with respectively 14 votes and 19 votes and 4 votes for abstain.**

**Carin PERSSON SVENINGSON and Sanjee GOONETILAKE are elected for the position of observers with respectively 16 votes and 15 votes and 2 votes for abstain.**

### 3. Election of CEA representatives.

The previous representatives share a short overview of the work done and the state of play, informing the Board that the next meeting is in March 2025. The Board discusses the allocation of the seats in the Central Enrolment Authority (CEA).

The Board discusses the possibility to have 1 seat for each school site (Woluwe & Evere) or 2 seats per site and proceeds to a vote.

9 votes for the 1 seat for each site, 11 votes for 2 seats for each site and 2 votes for abstain.

**Decision: The Board approves to proceed with 2 seats for Woluwe and 2 seats for Evere.**

Andrea GRGIĆ, Carin PERSSON SVENINGSON and David ZELINGER stand for the position for the CEA Woluwe seats.

**Carin PERSSON SVENINGSON and Andrea GRGIĆ are elected for the Woluwe seats with respectively 18 votes and 13 votes.**

Alessia GHEZZI stands for the position for the CEA Evere seat.

**Alessia GHEZZI is elected with 100% majority (21 votes for yes).**

The Board agrees in line with article 20 of the APEEE Statutes, to nominate replacements if the Chair cannot attend the SAC and the school's Administrative Board. Elita PETRAITIENÉ and Jan VON PFALER stand as replacements, if necessary, for the meetings foreseen in January.

The Board votes on the nomination of Elita PETRAITIENÉ and Jan VON PFALER stand as replacements 17 votes for yes, 1 vote for no, 3 votes for abstain.

**Decision: the Board approves the nominations of Elita PETRAITIENÉ and Jan VON PFALER if necessary.**

Joana GIL stands for the position of transport coordinator for the Board 2025.

**Joana GIL is elected with 100% majority. (21 votes for yes).**

## Discussion Points & Votes

1. **Proposed dates for the 2025 Board meetings.** Not discussed due to lack of time.

The meeting ended at 22h55.

Next Board meeting date is scheduled on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025.