

Minutes General Meeting #3

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Attendants

- Jan van Bommel (chairman 28th board)
Ayala Hoeks (secretary 28th board)
Job Doesburg (treasurer 28th board)
20 Rico te Wechel (commissioner of internal affairs 28th board)
Janneau Thijssen (commissioner of external affairs 28th board)
Iris Delhez (commissioner of activities 28th board)
Jelle Besseling *from 16:24*
Thomas Burghout *until 16:41*
25 Jim Driessen *from 17:24*
Frank Gerlings *from 17:33*
Bart Gruppen
Jeremy Guijt
Abe Heemskerk
30 Gijs Hendriksen
Bas Hofmans
Yannick Hogewind *absent from 17:27 until 18:50*
Niek Janssen
Thijs de Jong
35 Wietse Kuipers
Roland Leferink *from 16:09*
Charlotte Leuverink
Rick Lukassen
Luko van der Maas
40 Jan Martens
Nick van Oers
Amber Pater
Joris Reichert
Lars van Rhijn
45 Serena Rietbergen
Luna-Elise Schernthaner *until 17:27*
Jesper Somers
Jesse van Son
Milan van Stiphout
50 Freek van de Ven
Joren Vrancken *from 16:04*
Thomas Burghout
Nienke Wessel *absent from 17:27 til 18:50, leaves at 19:23*
Bas van der Zandt *from 16:04*

55 1 Call to order

16:02 *Jan van Bommel calls the meeting to order*

2 Announcements

Jan van Bommel says that an attendance sheet is being passed around, he asks people to put their full name on it.

60 Jan van Bommel says that the minutes of the last General Meeting are not finished yet, they will be discussed during the next General Meeting.

Jan van Bommel announces that the board plans to form a board application committee in a month or so, he asks people to think about whether they want to join or not, those interested should send an email.

65 Jan van Bommel mentions that Isatis Group is interested in being our main partner as well as Topicus. Jan van Bommel announces that the BAPC 2019 will be organized by Thalia together with DESDA. Jan van Bommel explains that in basis, no money from Thalia will be spent on the BAPC and the BAPC will not influence any relation with our partners. Jan van Bommel says that any costs or income will be split equally between DESDA and Thalia. Jan van Bommel announces that the committee has already started. Nienke Wessel wonders how it can be that no money from Thalia will be spent but that the costs will be split equally with DESDA. Jan van Bommel explains that the BAPC usually makes money, but in the unlikely case it does not the costs will be split. Nienke Wessel asks how that works with the book years of the associations.

16:04 *Joren Vrancken and Bas van der Zandt enter the meeting.*

75 Job Doesburg answers that it will be in both years but that a separate settlement will be made. Job Doesburg explains that little money is needed to actually organize it and acquired funds from the partners is used to make it nicer, but this all is not necessary and money will only be spent when the related income is confirmed.

Jan van Bommel announces that the board plans to give the receptionist an authorization for indefinite time to accept parcels addressed to Thalia. *No one in the General Meeting objects.*

80 Jan van Bommel says that the board plans to reserve the weekend location for next year already. Jeremy Guijt remarks that the location will be depend on the number of participants, which is usually discussed in a policy plan. Jeremy Guijt points out that the next board will not have that option if the location is already reserved. Jan van Bommel reacts that no exact number has to be reserved in most cases.

85 Nick van Oers asks if the board will decide the location. Jan van Bommel replies that the committee will decide the location.

Gijs Hendriksen says that the weekend committee normally resets, he thinks that it would be bad if two committees were to each organize a part of the same weekend. Jan van Bommel says that the committee would just pick the location, not organize anything outside of the 'current' weekend. Jesse van Son says that picking the location is part of the fun, he suggests that the next committee starts earlier. Jan van Bommel mentions that if the General Meeting does not want the weekend location reserved earlier the board will drop it. Wietse Kuipers says that this decision would eliminate the option of several weekends.

95 **16:09** *Roland Leferink enters the meeting.*

Serena Rietbergen suggests that the committee starts earlier. Jan van Bommel points out that there will be two weekend committees in that case. Serena Rietbergen thinks that won't be a problem. Jan van Bommel promises that the board will consider this.

100 Niek Janssen wonders if there will be enough time to reserve a location if this decision is made on the next General Meeting. Jan van Bommel says that this can also be done via email. Jan van Bommel points out that even if this is decided during the next General Meeting it will still be earlier than how it used to be.

105 Jan van Bommel announces that there is a processing agreement with C&CZ, which we will have to sign because of the disk we use. Joren Vrancken points out that Thalia does not only use disk space but the Thalia servers are in the C&CZ data center. He asks if the agreement says anything about that. Job Doesburg reacts that the board is looking into an agreement about the servers. Job Doesburg explains that the current agreement is a standard contract, the board is looking into an agreement about the server. Jeremy Guijt asks if the General Meeting needs to look into that. Job Doesburg mentions that the agreement is for more than a year. Jesse van Son says that he has seen
110 the document and that it is long and not easy to read. Joren Vrancken asks why it cannot be done for just a year. Nienke Wessel reacts that she does not think C&CZ will agree to that.

The GM agrees that the document will be sent via email to the GM before signing it.

Ayala Hoeks has received several notices of absence, she announces who notified her of their absence:

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- Erik Barendsen
 - Jorrit Geels
 - Simone Meeuwssen
 - Jotte Sonneveld

Ayala Hoeks announces that she received some authorizations:

120 Tim van Alten is not able to attend this meeting and authorizes Nick van Oers.
Noël Bangma is not able to attend this meeting and authorizes Abe Heemskerk.
Aucke Bos is not able to attend this meeting and authorizes Gijs Hendriksen.
Ivar Derksen is not able to attend this meeting and authorizes Jesse van Son.
Richard van Ginkel is not able to attend this meeting and authorizes Gijs Hendriksen.
125 Justin Hende is not able to attend this meeting and authorizes Abe Heemskerk.
Yannick Hogewind won't be able to attend parts of this meeting and authorizes Luna-Elise Schernthaler for the parts for which he is absent.
Astrid van der Jagt is not able to attend this meeting and authorizes Jeremy Guijt.
Tom Nies is not able to attend this meeting and authorizes Jan Martens.
130 Marthijn van den Nieuwenhuizen is not able to attend this meeting and authorizes Bas Hofmans.
Thomas van Ouwkerk is not able to attend this meeting and authorizes Bas Hofmans.
Sébastien Versteeg is not able to attend this meeting and authorizes Wietse Kuipers.
Aniek den Teuling is not able to attend this meeting and authorizes Jelle Besseling.
Auke Zeilstra is not able to attend this meeting and authorizes Jelle Besseling.

135 Joren Vrancken asks whether it was already mentioned why the General Meeting started at 16:00. Jan van Bommel reacts that it has not been mentioned, he explains that last time was a try out, but the board did not get much positive feedback. Joren Vrancken asks what was not successful. Jan van Bommel answers that it was not convenient with, for example, eating. Joren Vrancken says that
140 now members have to choose between lectures and the General Meeting.
This matter will be discussed during Any Other Business.

3 Changes to the agenda

Rick Lukassen wants to discuss the last General Meeting, he requests that the procedure of the study trip gets discussed. Jeremy Guijt reacts that he would like to see the minutes first.

145 Jan Martens wonders whether it will be necessary to wait for the minutes. He points out everyone saw the email in which the General Meeting was announced. Jeremy Guijt answers that it will be fine as long as the discussion will not be about the contents of the General Meeting. Jan van Bommel mentions that the board and the committee have spoken about the procedure internally.

150 Joren Vrancken agrees with Jan Martens that minutes are not needed. Joren Vrancken thinks that the points discussed will not be related to content but more about the announcement and time and such. Jeremy Guijt gets the point Joren Vrancken makes but he still feels that he is at a disadvantage not knowing what was discussed last General Meeting. Jeremy Guijt would rather discuss it next General Meeting. Jan van Bommel says that the General Meeting seems to think it is better to discuss it on the next General Meeting so that is what will be done. Jan Martens protests that it was promised.

155 Jan van Bommel adds the agenda point 'Procedure study trip' to the agenda after 'Document of progress study trip'.

Decision The changed agenda is approved.

4 Approval of minutes of the General Meeting of the 17th of September

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Nienke Wessel points out that she left during the second break. Ayala Hoeks will rectify this.

Milan van Stiphout says it will be better to mention in line 212 that he said what he said as part of the supervisory board of BIT, not as part of the BIT committee. Ayala Hoeks will rectify this.

165 Jan Martens has a comment from Tom Nies concerning page 7 lines 261 to 263. The comment there was not made by Tom Nies, but someone else, Tom Nies does not know who. Ayala Hoeks will replace Tom Nies his name with 'someone'.

Joris Reichert says that his remark on page 10, line 365 seems to come out of no where, he would like it to be either removed or clarified that he made the remark before the committee was discharged.

170 On page 12 line 427 the General Meeting asked about events in the weekends, the (current) General Meeting wants to know which events have been planned in the weekend thus far. Rico te Wechel answers that the alumni borrels and alumni day will be in the weekend. Jan van Bommel says that the board game night will also be in the weekend, he asks Jesse van Son for confirmation. Jesse van Son reacts that the board game night will indeed be on a Friday.

175 Jeremy Guijt has a general remark, he says that there were a lot of irrelevant things in the minutes. Gijs Hendriksen says that there were also quite some spelling mistakes, he says that Ayala Hoeks might want to check it again. Ayala Hoeks will check it.

Decision The minutes are approved pending the discussed changes.

180 5 Document of progress study trip

Jan van Bommel asks Serena Rietbergen and Gijs Hendriksen to come sit in front of the room. Jan van Bommel gives the word to Serena Rietbergen.

Serena Rietbergen announces that she will go through the document of progress page by page and section by section. Serena Rietbergen says that general remarks can be made in the end. Serena Rietbergen says that the quotation for the hostel will be discussed after this document.

185 Milan van Stiphout asks when remarks can be made, since he has a lot of remarks. Serena Rietbergen says that general remarks can be made at the end. Gijs Hendriksen clarifies that this document is meant to show how far the study trip committee has come. Jeremy Guijt adds that it was the request of the General Meeting that such a document gets presented.

190 Milan van Stiphout asks whether there will be a vote about the document. Gijs Hendriksen reacts that this will be the go/no-go moment.

Serena starts going through the document.

Milan van Stiphout thinks that (in section 3 Budget) 10% unforeseen expenses is quite a lot. He asks why it has to be 10%. Gijs Hendriksen answers that at the last General Meeting the budget had 5% unforeseen expenses, the General Meeting back then said that the committee should take another look at it. Study association Inter-Actief (who already made a trip to Seoul) has been asked about it, they did not react before this document had to be send to the members. Gijs Hendriksen says that they responded last week, study association Inter-Actief said that 5% was too much, they suggested to lower it to 2%. Gijs Hendriksen concludes that the unforeseen expenses will be lowered to 5% or 2%.

200 Milan van Stiphout asks why each student pays €900 even if they get subsidy. Milan van Stiphout also says that he thought that the subsidy had changed. Gijs Hendriksen answers that the subsidy changed but that people can still get it and that those eligible for the subsidy will receive it in the final settlement.

205 Milan van Stiphout asks whether taxes will be subtracted. Gijs Hendriksen asks if Milan van Stiphout means the VAT. Gijs Hendriksen says that it is not included in the document. Gijs Hendriksen says that he will need to discuss it with Job Doesburg. Job Doesburg says that the study trip expenses are not done in The Netherlands, and the income falls under the travel agency provision so VAT is irrelevant for the study trip. The amounts of sponsorship is as usual an amount excluding VAT.

210 Jan Martens has a question about section 5, he asks how the committee feels about having contact with one company, but 3 slots left open. Jan Martens asks whether the committee has confidence that those slots will get filled. Gijs Hendriksen answers that the committee has a call night tonight, as advised by Inter-Actief, they are confident that those calls will help to fill the slots.

215 Joren Vrancken asks whether there is a back-up plan for when those slots do not get filled. Serena Rietbergen answers that there is no explicit back-up plan since there is still time to contact other companies. If it does not work out with other companies, there will be more culture. Gijs Hendriksen adds that there is also the possibility of another university visit.

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There are no remarks on the quotation of the Hostel.

5.1 General remarks on the study trip

Jan Martens remarks that he liked the document, he points out that the expenses of the study trip are high but that the document gave him faith.

225 Jeremy Guijt has a question for Jan Martens, namely whether he wants a document every General Meeting from now on. Jan Martens reacts that he thinks it is best to show a document before large sums of money are spend. He thinks updates are nice. Gijs Hendriksen says that the program will be on the website. Jan Martens points out that this is a big trip, he thinks that it should be presented to a General Meeting before a decision is made. Serena Rietbergen agrees, she says that in the future
230 the go/no-go moment should be before anything is actually bought. Wietse Kuipers asks how the Korean of the committee is. Gijs Hendriksen says that the Serena Rietbergen's Korean is good.

Jan van Bommel asks whether anyone opposes the study trip. No one opposes.

235 **Decision** *The study trip receives a go per acclamation.*

Jan van Bommel thanks Serena Rietbergen and Gijs Hendriksen.
Serena Rietbergen and Gijs Hendriksen go back to their seats.

240 Jan van Bommel says that food can still be ordered and payed, furthermore he announces that the meeting will resume at 16:50.

16:41 *Jan van Bommel suspends the meeting.*

16:54 *Jan van Bommel resumes the meeting.*

245 *Thomas Burghout has left the meeting during the suspension.*

6 Procedure study trip

Rick Lukassen starts the conversation by saying that what happened is not exactly fresh in his mind. Rick Lukassen points out that the trip is a big event and €20.000 had to be spend on it. The meeting was called abruptly and people felt like they had no choice. Rick Lukassen says that during
250 last General Meeting several questions were asked but not properly answered. Despite those questions things had to proceed.

Joren Vrancken thinks that the biggest problem was that there was only one hour to discuss things, while everyone knows that discussions usually take longer. Joren Vrancken says it felt like people were asked to vote in favor. Joren Vrancken thinks that was unfortunate and hopes that people learned
255 from it.

Jan Martens says that the main problem was that it was stressed that time should not limit the discussion, but at the same time it was stressed that there was little time.

Jan van Bommel says that a General Meeting should be announced at least one week in advance, the offer was valid for a limited time. Jan van Bommel acknowledges that the process could have been
260 much smoother and some bad choices have been made, due to the stressful situation at that time,

such as the time of the General Meeting. Jan van Bommel says that the board learned from last General Meeting and apologizes. Jan van Bommel stresses that it was not the intention of the board to force a decision. He explains that the ticket office couldn't give more time to discuss on accepting or rejecting the tickets.

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Rick Lukassen says that the main point should be how to prevent such situations in the future, he thinks it is pointless to keep talking about what went wrong.

Jan van Bommel says that Serena Rietbergen had a good point, in saying that it should be clear when the go/no-go moment is. That moment should be before things like flight tickets are ordered.

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Jeremy Guijt says that he identifies two main problems. The first that the committee did not anticipate that the General Meeting needs to approve expenses larger than €5.000. Jeremy Guijt personally thought that anything over €1.024 could be done through a mailing. Jeremy Guijt says that the second problem was that the research was mainly based on [cheaptickets.nl](#) and other such websites, but it turned out that the actual prize for a group was much higher. Jeremy Guijt says that when the committee got a good offer they wanted to take it.

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Joren Vrancken gives thanks for the apology and explanation. Joren Vrancken says that he has a problem with how the General Meeting was called, he wonders how things like that could be prevented.

Jan van Bommel says that with a future trip the planning can be better, approval for a budget for tickets can be obtained before a commitment needs to be made. Jan van Bommel says that now a good offer came out of the blue, if it did not get accepted it would have cost a lot more money.

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Jan van Bommel thinks that if things were planned better there would have been no need to rush.

Nienke Wessel points out that the General Meeting could have started earlier so there would have been 3 hours for discussion. Jan van Bommel admits that the discussion was not properly anticipated.

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Rick Lukassen comes back to a point Jeremy Guijt made earlier, about the rule that amounts of money surpassing the €5.000 have to be approved by a General Meeting. Rick Lukassen says that even if that rule did not exist he would request a General Meeting anyway if he got an email about such an amount of money.

Rick Lukassen suggests that the study trip budget gets tied to a thing like a policy plan. Rick Lukassen says that he did not know how big the trip would be when he saw the policy plan, but with a great trip come great costs, he says.

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Jeremy Guijt agrees that it would be nice to include the budget in the policy plan. Jeremy Guijt points out that the planning was to discuss the budget during the first General Meeting of the year. He says that it was not discussed back then because of some sudden changes in the subsidy. Jeremy Guijt thinks it is a good idea to discuss it at the first General Meeting in the future.

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Niek Janssen says that he understands that there was a good offer which was valid for just a short time, but he thinks that such a situation can be avoided. Niek Janssen does not think anyone should be held accountable for the suddenness. Jan van Bommel says, not as an excuse but as an explanation, that the offer initially would have free cancellation. Which was really attractive, but that only days before the GM, it turned out the free cancellation did not apply and that this was a major factor in the incorrect anticipation of the discussion at the GM.

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Jan Martens has two more things, he keeps hearing the argument that the committee was just testing the water when they got the offer. Jan Martens wonders why the offer needed to be taken if people were just testing the water. Jan Martens thinks that Thalia's members should have taken the responsibility and said no, even if an alternative would cost more money. Jan Martens says that he got the impression that the General Meeting was a bureaucratic hurdle for the committee and the

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board which needed to be passed, so he understands that people may have felt pressed. Jan Martens says that it will be a separate discussion whether we (as Thalia) even want a trip this size.

310 Gijs Hendriksen agrees with Jan Martens, the General Meeting should have voted no if they thought that a trip this big was not good. Gijs Hendriksen says that he noticed that most of the voices he heard had a lot of criticism. Gijs Hendriksen says that he expected the outcome of the vote to be 'no'. Gijs Hendriksen thinks that the fact is that some people voted yes because they wanted to go on the study trip. Gijs Hendriksen says that people should vote according to what they think is best for the association, not for the outcome they want.

315 Jan Martens says that there was a lot of criticism, some defense and that there were some incomplete answers.

Jesper Somers points out that it is not possible to tell people how to vote, he wonders whether it should be discussed how people are voting.

320 Milan van Stiphout says that the procedure should have been different. He acknowledges that no one had bad intentions, but people wanted the study trip to happen. Milan van Stiphout says that in the future the budget needs to be presented sooner, it should not be figured out on the fly. Milan van Stiphout stresses that there needs to be a time line, he thinks that the go/no-go should not be at a General Meeting but the General Meeting should give requirements to the committee so that the committee can confidently say that they can pull it off if they meet the requirements. Jeremy Guijt agrees with Milan van Stiphout, he thinks the budget should be discussed sooner. Jeremy Guijt thinks it would be weird to plan a study trip at the end of a year, when a study trip just happened.

325 Rick Lukassen asks if it will be decided that the budget should be presented earlier.

Jan van Bommel confirms that, he says that budgets for study trips should be presented early on, preferably on a Policy Plan General Meeting.

330 Milan van Stiphout thinks it would be better if it would not just be for study trips but also for a thing such as a symposium. Jan van Bommel promises that will be done.

Serena Rietbergen clarifies that the outline of a budget will come in the policy plan General Meeting and that the full budget will be presented at the first General Meeting of a year. Jan van Bommel promises that the board will come up with a plan for 'big' events and will come get back to the GM.

7 Rules and Regulations changes

335 Joren Vrancken asks in which language the changes will be discussed. Jan van Bommel answers that it will be discussed in Dutch.

Joren Vrancken says that he thinks that is a problem since the policy plan stated that every document would be sent in English, which was not the case for this General Meeting. Jan van Bommel says that the Dutch document will be leading, it will be translated to English after it is changed.

340 Jan van Bommel says that the Dutch version has to be correct. He says that discrepancies are likely to emerge if it is discussed in English. Niek Janssen thinks it is better to discuss it in English and send around the changed version so everyone can check it. Gijs Hendriksen agrees with Niek Janssen, he adds that it can be changed again on a next General Meeting if someone opposes. Niek Janssen thinks that it is not likely that a mistake will be made. The General Meeting does not agree with him.

345 Jeremy Guijt agrees with Niek Janssen, he thinks that it can be discussed at the next General Meeting if it is just a minor change.

Gijs Hendriksen asks whether the discussion at that next General Meeting will be in Dutch. Jeremy Guijt wonders what will be called a minor change.

350 Jan van Bommel remarks that the discussion goes in circles. Jesper Somers says he will expect an English document next time. Jan van Bommel acknowledges that the Policy Plan said that the documents would be sent in English, he already explained that the board thought it was the better choice in this specific case. Jan Martens remarks that exceptions can be made.

355 Jan van Bommel proposes to start discussing the Rules and Regulations in English, unless someone opposes. Several people oppose. Jeremy Guijt says that the minutes will be partially Dutch in that case. Ayala Hoeks says that she will translate it for the minutes.

17:24 Jim Driessen enters the meeting.

The following was discussed in Dutch, Ayala Hoeks has translated it for consistency and to avoid confusion when the minutes will be discussed.

360 Jan van Bommel announces that the Rules and Regulations will be discussed page by page and section by section.

Jeremy Guijt says that the adjustments do not make things more clear. Jeremy Guijt mostly wants to say that 'his' is gender neutral, in principle.

Jan van Bommel says that general remarks can be made in advance.

365 Abe Heemskerk says that in the past several Rules and Regulations changes have been proposed, but it was never changed. Abe Heemskerk asks why the board proposes it again.

17:28 Nienke Wessel, Yannick Hogewind and Luna-Elise Scherthner leave the meeting.

Yannick Hogewind authorized Luna-Elise Scherthner but since she left that authorization becomes invalid.

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Abe Heemskerk says that the proposed change (like in article 2 clause 10) uses old fashioned language and it does not make it easier to read. Jan van Bommel says that it is subjective whether you would think it overly formal. Abe Heemskerk says that it makes it harder to read. Jan van Bommel asks whether the rest of the General Meeting also thinks the proposed change makes the Rules and Regulations hard to read. The General Meeting finds it hard to read. Jan van Bommel says that the board will take another look at the textual changes.

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Abe Heemskerk remarks that the board will rewrite the Rules and Regulations anyway, so he wonders why it would even be discussed any further now. Jeremy Guijt says that the substantial changes can still be discussed.

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Wietse Kuipers asks, to clarify, whether only the content will be discussed right now. Job Doesburg says that the General Meeting can give their opinion now, he explains that it was never the intention to make the document harder to read. Job Doesburg thinks it is a pity that that apparently happened. Abe Heemskerk suggests that the board keeps it simple.

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Gijs Hendriksen asks if the textual changes will not be discussed. Jan van Bommel affirms that, he explains that the board will try to simplify it.

Joren Vrancken says that he is in favor of making the Rules and Regulations gender neutral, he warns the board that they should do so consistently in the whole Rules and Regulations. Jan van Bommel acknowledges that.

17:32 Frank Gerlings enters the meeting.

390 Nick van Oers has a general remark stemming from what is written in article 4, clause 1, part 3. Nick van Oers says that it is mentioned in option 1 that the advisory committee does not support with that option. Nick van Oers wonders how the board dealt with the feedback. Jan van Bommel answers that the board had a meeting with the advisory committee in which the feedback was discussed. Jan van Bommel says that some of the feedback resulted in changes, some of the feedback did not
395 because the board thought it would be a good thing to discuss them with the General Meeting. Jan van Bommel says that the board got back to the advisory committee about what was not changed and why.

Jan van Bommel announces that the changes to the content will be discussed now but that the new Rules and Regulations will only be valid after the textual changes are accepted by the General Meeting
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Jan Martens has a question which he says was only partially answered, namely why the board forcibly wants to make the Rules and Regulations consistent and to their liking while the advice was not to do it. Jan van Bommel answers that the board thought it would make the Rules and Regulations easier to read. Abe Heemskerk would like to keep the Rules and Regulations normal, not with 'their'
405 but just with 'his'. Jan van Bommel acknowledges this and says that just the content will be discussed.

Articl 2 clause 10: "Een persoon is aankomend lid wanneer diens contributie voor een verenigingsjaar reeds is voldaan voorafgaand aan het betreffende verenigingsjaar. Een aankomend lid geniet dezelfde rechten als leden van de vereniging met uitzondering dat zij geen stemrecht hebben tijdens de algemene vergadering."
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A person is an upcoming member after paying their membership fee for a year before that year starts. An upcoming member has the same rights as a member with the exception of the voting right on a General Meeting.

Milan van Stiphout thinks it is a good thing to specify when people are not yet a member. Abe Heemskerk asks why this has to be added. Jan van Bommel answers that during last orientation barbecue the registrations for the committee lunch opened. The new freshmen could register for it, some people commented on that, they argued that since the academic year had not yet started the freshmen could not really be a member of Thalia yet (membership goes per year) and therefore they should not be able to register for an event. Abe Heemskerk thinks this is a lot of hubbub for a small thing. Jan van Bommel argues that through this clause that hubbub can be quelled. Abe Heemskerk suggests it gets left out.
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Jeremy Guijt says that the argument Jan van Bommel just gave sounds like a technical measure. Jeremy Guijt thinks it is not that big a problem. Jan van Bommel asks if it should be left out because everyone will see this as common sense. The General Meeting agrees that it should be left out.
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Decision Section 2 clause 10 will not be inserted in the Rules and Regulations

Article 4 clause 1 part 3:

OPTIE 1

430 (a) *Het bestuur kan zelfstandig rechtshandelingen verrichten tot een bedrag van €1024 en voor een periode van maximaal één jaar. Voor rechtshandelingen boven dit bedrag of buiten deze periode legt het bestuur de rechtshandeling vooraf voor aan de adviescommissie en kascommissie te beoordeling. Deze nemen vervolgens zo snel mogelijk, maar uiterlijk binnen 72 uur na ontvangst van het verzoek*

435 van het bestuur, een besluit de rechtshandeling wel danwel niet goed te keuren en communiceren
dit schriftelijk naar het bestuur. Uitgangspunt bij deze beoordeling is dat de rechtshandeling niet in
grote lijnen afwijkt van een eerder genomen besluit van de algemene vergadering (zoals de begroting)
en dat aan de rechtshandelingen geen vergaande of nieuwsoortige gevolgen zijn verbonden (t.o.v.
eerdere rechtshandelingen die door de algemene vergadering zijn goedgekeurd).

440 (b) In geval zowel de adviescommissie als de kascommissie de rechtshandeling goedkeuren, zoals
bedoeld in sub a, kan de rechtshandeling verricht worden. Het bestuur stelt vervolgens de leden, be-
gunstigers en ereleden van de vereniging per e-mail op de hoogte van de verrichtte rechtshandeling.

445 (c) In geval de rechtshandeling niet wordt goedgekeurd zoals bedoeld in sub a, stelt het bestuur
alvorens de rechtshandeling eventueel uit te voeren, vooraf de leden, begunstigers en ereleden van de
vereniging alle leden per e-mail op de hoogte van de rechtshandeling. Bij bezwaar van minstens één
van de leden binnen twee weken na verzending van de e-mail, dient binnen vier weken na bezwaar een
algemene vergadering belegd te worden waar goedkeuring voor de rechtshandeling gevraagd dient te
worden aan de algemene vergadering.

OPTION 1:

450 The board can independantly perform a legal act up to €1024 and for the period of at most
one year. For legal acts above and beyond the advisory committee and audit committee
can authorize the legal act, as long as the legal act is not that different from the course of
decisions made by the general meeting. If the legal act is authorized the board notifies the
members, benefactors and honorary members per email. If the legal act is not authorized,
455 the board notifies the members, benefactors and honorary members per email of their in-
tention to perform the legal act. If no single member protests within two weeks the legal
act is performed.

OPTIE 2

460 (a) Het bestuur kan zelfstandig rechtshandelingen verrichten tot een bedrag van €4096 en voor een
periode van maximaal één jaar. Voor rechtshandelingen boven dit bedrag of buiten deze periode stelt
het bestuur vooraf alle leden via e-mail op de hoogte. Bij bezwaar van minstens één van de leden
binnen twee weken na verzending van de e-mail, dient binnen vier weken na bezwaar een algemene
vergadering belegd te worden waar goedkeuring voor de rechtshandeling gevraagd dient te worden
aan de algemene vergadering.

465 (b) In uitzondering op sub a geldt voor sponsorovereenkomsten een termijn voor bezwaar van één
week.

OPTION 2:

470 The board can perform legal acts up to an amount of €4096 and the duration of at most
one year. For legal acts above or beyond an email is sent to ask consent of the members. If
at least one member protests within two weeks a general meeting is called.

OPTIE 3

475 (a) Het bestuur kan zelfstandig rechtshandelingen verrichten tot een bedrag van €1024 en voor een
periode van maximaal één jaar. Voor rechtshandelingen boven dit bedrag of buiten deze periode stelt
het bestuur vooraf alle leden via e-mail op de hoogte. Bij bezwaar van minstens één van de leden
binnen twee weken na verzending van de e-mail, dient binnen vier weken na bezwaar een algemene
vergadering belegd te worden waar goedkeuring voor de rechtshandeling gevraagd dient te worden
aan de algemene vergadering.

480 *(b) In uitzondering op sub a geldt voor sponsorovereenkomsten een termijn voor bezwaar van één week.*

(c) In uitzondering op het voorgaande geldt dat voor overeenkomsten waarvan de resultaten al in een ingestemde begroting zijn opgenomen geen extra toestemming gevraagd hoeft te worden, mits een gelijksoortige overeenkomst al eerder aan de algemene vergadering is voorgelegd en hiervoor geen bezwaar is gemaakt.

485 **OPTION 3:**

490 **The board can perform legal acts up to an amount of €1024 and the duration of at most one year. For legal acts above or beyond an email is sent to ask consent of the members. If at least one member protests within two weeks a general meeting is called. Exceptions on this are made for agreements of which the expenses were in a budget which has been approved by a General Meeting or if the General Meeting approved a similar agreement previously.**

495 Jan van Bommel explains that an email for the weekend location has been sent recently. There were replies to that mail of people who wondered whether nothing could be done about all those mails. Jan van Bommel says a proposal has been written. The Advisory committee did not like the first suggestion, so the board added some other options.

500 Gijs Hendriksen says that a similar discussion was held two years ago, back then the amount of money for which consent was needed was not raised. Gijs Hendriksen wonders why the board would think that the current General Meeting would approve. Jan van Bommel says that the board was aware that something similar has been tried but that the association has grown and the board received some signals indicating that several members would like to see a change. Jan van Bommel thinks that the association's views have changed.

Milan van Stiphout asks how the discussion will be held. Jan van Bommel answers that he expects people to declare what option they prefer or detest.

505 Joren Vrancken understands that people are annoyed by the mails but that they provide transparency. Joren Vrancken thinks it is a shame that the options take away that transparency. Jan van Bommel says that agreements concerning lower amounts of money can still be sent. Joren Vrancken protests that in that case the board would decide what would and would not need to be approved by the members. Jan Martens says that 'the current arrangement stems from the Dark Ages, now the board has to send a mail every time they fart.' Jan Martens thinks that something should change. Jan Martens acknowledges that the transparency indeed disappears, but if complete transparency is what is desired then all contracts should be mailed. Jan Martens prefers the second option with 3 to 4 thousand as a limit. Rick Lukassen agrees with Jan Martens.

515 Rick Lukassen thinks that not every contract has to be sent. Abe Heemskerk shares that view, but he thinks that (nearly) €4.100 is too much. Abe Heemskerk suggests €2.000. Jan Martens would very much like it if the amount stayed a power of 2.

Jan van Bommel suggests option 2 or 3 but with the amount changed to €2.048. Abe Heemskerk does not want that.

520 Jesse van Son thinks that option 3 would be nice, since the events committee limits the amount of places available for carting so that the prize stays just below €1.024. Jesse van Son thinks that the fact that events are organized in such a way that no email has to be sent is a sign that the limit should go up. Jan van Bommel asks whether the General Meeting wants the amount changed and which option they prefer. Jan Martens says that the board should suggest an option, after which the General Meeting will say what they think about that option.

Jan van Bommel suggests the second option with the limit changed to €2.048.

525 Jeremy Guijt asks for an explanation about option 1. Job Doesburg says he discussed it with the audit committee, who thought it was a good plan. They thought that the problem here is fundamental, and that with option 1 you don't give the board all power, while also not annoying everyone with emails. Job Doesburg says that the audit committee has a good (well funded) opinion on financial things. Jan Martens says that the General Meeting likes the power of two but he wonders whether
530 that is convenient for Janneau Thijssen. Janneau Thijssen reacts that some contracts will be above €2.048 but he does not see that as a problem since that is also the case in the current situation. Jelle Besseling asks whether there are many contracts below the limit. Joren Vrancken answers that the majority is lower.

Joris Reichert thinks that the higher limit is good for income but he would like to see a distinction for expenses. Abe Heemskerk says that the same was said two years ago but that he would rather
535 not go there.

Luko van der Maas suggest 2¹⁸(=€2.621,44) as a limit.

Jan van Bommel suggests that there will be a vote over option 2 with the limit lowered to €2.048.

Abe Heemskerk says he thinks the article is well written.

540 Joris Reichert remarks that legal acts with a duration longer than one year do not have to be approved by a General Meeting anymore but can also be emailed in the current suggestion. Gijs Hendriksen remarks that clause 4 is now merged with clause 3. Gijs Hendriksen also says that clause 4 is adapted so that it says that legal acts with a duration for more than a year can be emailed instead of discussed at a General Meeting.

545 **The change in the Rules and Regulations as proposed in option 2, with a limit of €2.048 without accepting/declining the added change concerning the email for legal acts with a duration of more than a year will be made.**

Decision The previous statement is accepted per acclamation.

550 Gijs Hendriksen asks whether it was a deliberate change to sent the legal acts with a duration of more than a year by email instead of letting them be discussed at a General Meeting. Job Doesburg says that it was intentional, he spoke with the audit committee and in that conversation it came up that there are some legal acts which are trivial but span a time which is longer than one year.

555 Job Doesburg points out that it is sometimes hard because the period is not always defined. Job Doesburg gives the authorization of the receptionist mentioned in the announcements as an example of a trivial legal act for more than a year.

Jan Martens says that the opinion of the audit committee is of little consequence, except when it is about finance. When it is not about finance it is just the opinion of two people.

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Article 4 clause 1 part 4:

This part of the clause used to stipulate that the board can (without asking for the approval of the General Meeting) perform legal acts for a period of at most one year.

The board is in all cases accountable to the General Meeting. For this refer to the articles of association.

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Jan van Bommel asks whether there are remarks about part 4.

Jeremy Guijt is in favour of keeping this clause as it was. Jeremy Guijt says he understands the

reasoning but on the other side he also sees the possibility for long term book sale contracts.

570 Joren Vrancken is in favor of option 2 because it leaves the possibility to request a General Meeting so it is accelerated. Jeremy Guijt acknowledges that but he thinks the approach is different, he gives as an example that for a partner agreement someone has to have an objection. Joren Vrancken counters that someone does not need to object, they can also have a question. Joris Reichert agrees with Jeremy Guijt. Joris Reichert says that he is not an expert and wonders whether the acceptance of letters and packages is a legal act. Job Doesburg replies that authorizing someone to do that, is a

575 legal act. Niek Janssen says that though someone does not have to have an objection to request a General Meeting, the fact that a General Meeting is requested is in itself already an objection.

Gijs Hendriksen is in favor of the suggested arrangement but he thinks part 4 is unnecessary.

Jeremy Guijt asks whether there can be a vote.

580 *The voting will be by show of hand. Article 4 clause 1 part 3 and 4 will be changed as suggested with a limit of €2.048.*

Quorum	41
In favour	20
Against	10
Blank	10
Invalid	1

585 *Decision The previous statement is accepted and Article 4 clause 1 part 3 and 4 will be changed as suggested.*

18:13 Jan van Bommel suspends the meeting.

18:25 Jan van Bommel resumes the meeting.

590 Jesper Somers, Charlotte Leuverink and Bart Gruppen left the meeting during the suspension.

Gijs Hendriksen reads a motion out loud. Jan van Bommel says that motions like that are not recognized. Jan van Bommel continues going through the Rules and Regulations.

595 *Article 4 clause 1 part 8:*

This used to stipulate that the board should have a policy plan and budget approved at the start of its board term.

600 **The board should have a policy plan together with a budget approved by the General Meeting before the start of the association year. The board has to try their best to keep to the policy plan, unless there is a necessity to diverge from the policy plan.**

Joris Reichert asks what will happen if a policy plan is not approved before the start of an association year. Jan van Bommel reacts that in there is already a nasty situation in that case. Joris Reichert asks why it should be changed. Joren Vrancken repeats the point Abe Heemskerck made earlier. Jan van Bommel says that it will not be changed.

Joren Vrancken has a textual remark, he says that 'algemeen bestuur' is changed to 'bestuur' everywhere, except in article 2 clause 7. Jan van Bommel says that 'algemene' will be deleted there as well.

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Article 5 clause 1:

This clause used to stipulate that dates for board meetings should be made known at least a week in advance.

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Decisions made by the board are made during a board meeting. However when all board members are present either in person or by authorization, as described in clause 7 of this article, decisions can be made outside a board meeting. When that happens all details concerning the decision will be announced at the next board meeting and included in the minutes.

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Joren Vrancken thinks it weird that decisions can be made on moments on which no minutes are made. Jan van Bommel says that the board thinks it is good. He points out that it will be in the minutes later. Joren Vrancken says that everyone has to be there either in person or through authorization so a board meeting can be called. Joren Vrancken says that minutes which are made later can be confusing.

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Jeremy Guijt thinks it is difficult since there is no clear definition of a board decision. Jeremy Guijt gives the example of things decided through Slack. Jeremy Guijt thinks that this is a formalization of something which is already clear.

Abe Heemskerk agrees with Jeremy Guijt he suggests to leave it out since it has no purpose. Jan van Bommel says that it will not be changed.

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Article 5 clause 3:

Alle bestuursleden dienen vooraf op de hoogte zijn van data van bestuursvergaderingen en een voorlopige agenda van de bestuursvergadering.

All board members should be aware of the dates of board meetings and a provisional agenda of the board meetings.

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Joren Vrancken thinks it is a shame that the deadline is removed. Abe Heemskerk asks what the use would be. Jan van Bommel says that it was like it used to be in article 5 clause 1, but a bit more relaxed.

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Jeremy Guijt says that 'before' is not well defined, he thinks it would be good to keep the deadline for the agenda. Jeremy Guijt acknowledges that there is a problem when the board wants to have a board meeting all of a sudden. He suggests that instead of the current change something along the lines of it being possible to hold a meeting on shorter notice if everyone agrees, is put in the Rules and Regulations. Niek Janssen asks why the deadline is not deleted at all. Jeremy Guijt points out that a meeting can be held on shorter term in his proposal. Jan van Bommel says that the board will change it to the proposal Jeremy Guijt did.

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Article 5, clause 15:

De notulen, zoals beschreven in lid 14 van dit artikel, dienen binnen redelijke termijn uitgewerkt te zijn om vastgesteld te worden. Na vaststelling zijn deze notulen opvraagbaar zoals bedoeld in lid 14 van dit artikel, eventueel in geredigeerde vorm.

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The minutes, as described in clause 14 of this article, should be finished within reasonable

time so they can be approved. After approval the minutes can be requested as meant in clause 14 of this article, possibly in an edited form.

655 Joren Vrancken says that the board wants to delete that the minutes can be requested within a week, instead it says 'within reasonable terms' which is vague. Jan van Bommel says that there were some issues. Joren Vrancken suggests that the term should become two weeks. Joris Reichert points out that the board has a week to react. Jeremy Guijt says that the Rules and Regulations says that the minutes should be finished and in such stat that they can be requested. Jeremy Guijt thinks it is good to define when minutes can be requested.

660 Jan van Bommel says that it will stay the way it was. Jeremy Guijt suggests that it gets added to (unchanged) article 6 clause 1. Jan van Bommel says that the board will change it the way Jeremy Guijt suggested.

665 **Article 6 "Board responsibilities" has been switched around, the responsibilities previously listed in one list have each been place under a function ((vice)-chairman, secretary and treasurer) or 'every board member'.**

670 Joren Vrancken says it is a big change to assign everything to a specific function whereas it is convenient to be free to change the responsibilities around. Joren Vrancken indicates that he prefers the original. Jan van Bommel argues that the change enhances the structure and readability. Frank Gerlings says that there are many small cases like article 6 clause 1 part 4 ¹ which describe a responsibility of the commissioner of internal relations. Jan van Bommel says that the change will not be made.

675 *Article 6 clause 1 part 5:*
(De (plaatsvervangend) voorzitter ...) dient eventuele aankomend bestuursleden op de hoogte te houden van handelingen door het bestuur en in geval van besluiten die van invloed zijn op volgende verenigingsjaren, hen hiervan te informeren.

680 **(The (vice-)chairman ...) should keep eventual upcoming board members in the know of actions done by the board and, in case of decisions which influence upcoming association years, inform them of those.**

685 Milan van Stiphout points out that there are many things one would not like to share with their successor. Jan van Bommel counters that there are some things which one would really like to share. Milan van Stiphout asks what the problem is in that case. Jan van Bommel says that the reason the board wanted to change it was to put things in writing which were already practice. Jan van Bommel says that it appears that the General Meeting does not agree, so this clause will be deleted.

690 **Article 6 clause 3 part 3 says that the treasurer should make Financial Statements as well as an annual financial report.**

Milan van Stiphout asks why it should be in the Rules and Regulations if it is already in the law. Jeremy Guijt points out that not everyone is that familiar with the law. Job Doesburg says that it is just an addition to make it complete. Jan van Bommel says that the Financial Statements will be

¹The (vice-)chairman makes sure that there is good communication between the board members internally and the board members and committee chairmen as meant in article 7 of the Rules and Regulations, to achieve this a committee chairmen meeting is called at least 4 times in an association year.

kept in the Rules and Regulations.

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Article 6 clause 3 part 5 says that the treasurer should keep in contact with committees regarding the finances relevant for the committees.

700 Abe Heemskerk asks what the board hopes to achieve by adding this part. Jan van Bommel says that it is too keep an eye on things. Jeremy Guijt thinks that it is a good idea. He says that there is a shared responsibility to take care of the finances. Abe Heemskerk thinks that is already obvious since committees act in name of the board. Jeremy Guijt thinks it is better for clarity, he thinks it is of value. Abe Heemskerk does not see the added value.

705 Job Doesburg explains that there are many things which are done to clarify things and make things more explicit. Job Doesburg says that if things are not getting more clear it can be deleted.

Jan van Bommel says that it will be deleted.

710 **Article 6 clause 3 part 6 says that the treasurer takes care of keeping the financial situation of the association healthy, to achieve this close contact with the Audit committee is needed.**

715 Milan van Stiphout is reluctant to give the audit committee more responsibility. Job Doesburg says that that addition is to clarify what a healthy financial situation means. Jan van Bommel says that this part used to be about liquidity. Jan van Bommel says that the part about the audit committee will be removed.

18:49 *Nienke Wessel enters the meeting.*

18:49 *Yannick Hogewind enters the meeting.*

Article 7 clause 9:

720 **The committees hand their administration over to the board if the board terminates the committee. The committees have to give the board access to their administration (no matter whether or not they get terminated).**

725 Gijs Hendriksen asks why this change would be good for the association. Jan van Bommel reacts that the association is growing and that it would be better for archiving. Jan van Bommel says that the board thinks they will get a better insight and overview.

Gijs Hendriksen says that at the committee chairmen meeting the board asked for the passwords committees use. Jan van Bommel says that the board is not after those in this proposed change. Gijs Hendriksen thinks that passwords are part of a committees administration. Gijs Hendriksen points out
730 that most of the committee chairmen did not think it wise to share the passwords. Jan van Bommel says that the board took that into consideration. Jan van Bommel explains that he understood that committee chairmen did not understand the reason why the board would make such a change. Jan van Bommel says that the answer to that question is that it is nice for the future.

735 Milan van Stiphout says that he thought administration covered just the documents but that it now seems that it is more than that. Jan van Bommel acknowledges that, he elaborates that it is about

the general administration.

Rico te Wechel adds that administration concerns everything of which a committee keeps track. Joren Vrancken points out that NextCloud has been mentioned as an argument, he warns the board not to count on that happening.

740 Niek Janssen thinks that NextCloud nice sounds but that committees will stay, or go back to Google Drive. The General Meeting would rather not have a discussion on this topic right now.

745 Gijs Hendriksen says that documents are already shared. Milan van Stiphout says, as a former commissioner of internal affairs that there were times when he had to fight to get access to the Drive of a committee. Milan van Stiphout thinks it is good that it is put to writing. Jan van Bommel says that the board discussed it with other associations and that it does not change much. Gijs Hendriksen advises the board to put the reason for such a change in the explanation. Jesse van Son would like to see the word 'administration' changed to 'documents'. Jan van Bommel says that the board will reconsider the exact wording.

750 *Article 10:*

1. Activiteiten van de vereniging betreffen activiteiten (deels) georganiseerd onder titel van de vereniging door:

- *het bestuur*
- *commissies, in opdracht van of in samenspraak met het bestuur*
- 755 ▪ *gezelschappen, in samenspraak met het bestuur*
- *individuele leden, in samenspraak met het bestuur*

2. De vereniging kan door haar leden niet aansprakelijk worden gesteld voor schade ontstaan op haar activiteiten. Ieder lid draagt zelf verantwoordelijkheid over diens handelen op activiteiten van de vereniging.

760 *3. De vereniging dient vertegenwoordigd te zijn op alle activiteiten van de vereniging zoals bedoeld in artikel 16, lid 6 van de statuten. Hiervoor geldt aanwezigheid in lijve of oproepbaarheid binnen afzienbare tijd.*

4. Vertegenwoordigers van de vereniging op activiteiten van de vereniging genieten een korting van € 5,00 op eventueel inschrijfgeld voor de betreffende activiteit.

765 **1. Activities of the association are activities (partly) organized under the name of the association by:**

- **the board**
- **committees, on behalf of or in consultation with the board**
- **societies, in consultation with the board**
- 770 ▪ **individual members, in consultation with the board**

2. The association is not responsible for any damage, injury, loss (or anything else along those lines) originating from the activities of the association. Every member (benefactor and honorary member) is responsible for their own actions during activities of the association.

775 **3. The association should be represented, as meant in article 16 clause 6 of the articles of association, on all activities of the association. Those representing the association should be present in person or on standby duty.**

4. Representatives of the association receive a discount of € 5,00 if an entrance fee is

applicable for that activity.

780 Joren Vrancken thinks that many people are not happy with this article. He points out that the article speaks about practices which already happen. One thing does not happen yet, the € 5,00 discount for the board. Jeremy Guijt foresees a heated discussion. Jeremy Guijt says that the board has a vision on attendance on activities.

785 Jesse van Son says that this discussion was also held on the committee chairmen meeting, back then the conclusion was that it was unnecessary. Jesse van Son says that he heard from Sigma and CognAC board members, who need to be present at activities, that they do not like being forced to activities. Jesse van Son asks what the issue is with representation, the committees acting in name of the board can also represent Thalia in his opinion.

790 Milan van Stiphout asks why this would be a good idea. Jan van Bommel reacts that it has to do with legal representation, he mentions more is explained in the provided explanation document of the Rules and Regulations.

Nienke Wessel says that she thinks that liability does not work that way. She wonders whether someone looked into it. Job Doesburg says that board members have to be present in case a decision has to be made or a legal act has to be performed. Job Doesburg says that the board has dived
795 into the legal details about this. Jan Martens points out that the borrel committee makes decisions themselves and pays things themselves at, for example, a borrel in the city.

Abe Heemskerk says that he tried something similar in his year, also for liability.

800 Wietse Kuipers wonders when a meeting of a society counts as an activity. Jan van Bommel reacts that the board recently looked into that. Societies are a kind of sub-association so what they do is separate from Thalia.

Jeremy Guijt asks what the board wants from the proposed change.

Jan van Bommel says that the general opinion seems to be that it is not mandatory for board members to be present on an activity.

Joren Vrancken points out that the list in clause 1 can only get out-dated.

805 Jan van Bommel says that article 10 clause 1 will be deleted.

Abe Heemskerk says (as criticism about article 10 clause 2) that the Rules and Regulations is not legally valid. Jan van Bommel says that this clause also has to do with image and member awareness the responsibility of members.

810 Jeremy Guijt points out that the Rules and Regulations is legally valid, rules in it have to be followed. Joren Vrancken wonders whether this clause has been discussed with a legal adviser. Job Doesburg says that they are currently doing so. Job Doesburg explains that by putting it in the Rules and Regulations you don't solve all problems, but it is better than not doing anything, this was confirmed by a legal adviser. Job Doesburg says that it will not hold in case Thalia gets sued, but at least there
815 was some kind of agreement on which we can fall back.

820 Jeremy Guijt thinks that this part will be better in the terms and conditions. Gijs Hendriksen explains that there are terms and conditions in which the penalty policy is explained. Job Doesburg points out that the Rules and Regulations is mentioned in the articles of association so it has some level of legal validity. Gijs Hendriksen says that the fact that the Rules and Regulations is mentioned in the Articles of Association does not mean that the Rules and Regulations is legally valid. Job Doesburg says that it will be okay for within the association, but not for those 'outside'. Gijs Hendriksen says that he looked into it last year and that the terms and conditions have more legal validity, they also

apply for events without registration.

Jan van Bommel says that this clause will be added to the terms and conditions.

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Article 10 clause 3 will be deleted as a result of earlier discussion.

830 Milan van Stiphout says he liked the combination of clause 3 and 4. Milan van Stiphout says that the association already expects the board, though not enforced by any rules, to be present, he thinks that the association can do something to repay that. Jan van Bommel says that the discount was based on clause 3. Jan van Bommel stresses that the discount is not meant for the complete board. Gijs Hendriksen says that that is not clear in the current version. Gijs Hendriksen points out that the whole board consists of active members, he thinks it strange that someone who would go anyway would get a discount. Jesse van Son suggests a discount for the organizers as well. Jan Martens
835 thinks the amount of discount is arbitrary. Jan Martens adds that the board members already get money for their suit and a scholarship, he thinks it weird to give the discount.

Jeremy Guijt agrees with the point of Jan Martens that the amount seems to be arbitrary, but it is a contribution to the association. Jeremy Guijt suggests that the contribution from the association for the suits will be raised. Jan Martens thinks that could be done, but on the other hand he points out
840 that it is fine as long as there are enough board members with the current arrangement.

Joren Vrancken says that the board made the policy that people should spent a bit more for the association. He thinks it strange that the board gives themselves a discount at the same time. Joren Vrancken points out that often the board does not have to actively join the activity but could also just be there.

845 Milan van Stiphout points out that this discount is heavily dependent on whether or not the board has to attend activities. Milan van Stiphout says that, unlike how it appears, a board year does not have to be some kind of punishment. Milan van Stiphout stresses that being a board member is a heavy duty, he thinks the association should repay board members in one way or another.

Jeremy Guijt wonders whether the compensation for suits will be raised despite what Joren Vrancken and Jan Martens just said. Abe Heemskerk says that the compensation for the suits is good for now. Gijs Hendriksen says that compensation for clothing should escalate and become a gift, because gifts are not allowed. Job Doesburg says he looked into that, as long as it is some form of compensation it is okay. Job Doesburg says that an association could even pay salary because the board cannot study or work.

855 Jan van Bommel says that the discussion was about the € 5 and that the rest is off-track.

Jan van Bommel says that article 10 will be deleted.

860 Jan Martens has a general remark. He says that the advisory committee gave their opinion, he thinks that it is good that the board took that with a grain of salt, but he regrets that not much of the advice was taken.

Jan van Bommel says that the board learned that much of the advice was repeated by the General Meeting, but that they did feel the urge of discussing these topics in the GM.

Jeremy Guijt thinks that it resulted in some good discussions.

865 8 A.O.B.

Time of the General Meeting was put on the A.O.B.

Joren Vrancken indicates that he liked it more when the General Meeting started at 17:30. Jan van Bommel said that he heard that people did not like that because they were not able to do things after the General Meeting if it started later. Jan van Bommel says that the next General Meeting
870 can start at 17:30 if the majority prefers that. Jan van Bommel remarks that it would be easier to reserve a room from 17:30 than from 16:00. Jan van Bommel says that the General Meeting was initially planned in Mercator but that it turned out (because of a miscommunication) that MERC 1 00.28 was not available. Gijs Hendriksen asked whether the board could not have seen online that the room would be used for lectures. Joren Vrancken says he checked just now and that it is not
875 visible. Thijs de Jong thinks that the lecture which was in MERC 1 00.28 was Processors, which got canceled. Jan van Bommel says that the board will take what has been said here in consideration when planning the next General Meeting.

9 Table Round

880 Nienke Wessel says that there will be a student protest action to which people who like to shout about rules can go to.

19:23 Nienke Wessel leaves the meeting.

Bas van der Zandt says that previously events were mentioned in the newsletter before the regis-
885 trations opened. Jan van Bommel says that not all descriptions are on the website on time. Ayala Hoeks says that, since people pointed that out to her, she mentions the opening registrations in her introductory piece. Jan Martens says that there should be a decision about how opening registrations should be put in the newsletter in the List of Decisions.

Rick Lukassen says that the International Society will hold an activity during another event. Jan van
890 Bommel says that the cantus (the other event) is in Dutch, which was explicitly communicated. A member of Thalia thought that the activity with the International Society was a good way to introduce non-Dutch people to the tradition of Sinterklaas. Rick Lukassen says that usually events are not during another. Jan van Bommel says that this time it is the case. Wietse Kuipers thinks that this did not need to be an exception. Wietse Kuipers argues that it is inevitable that some events
895 will overlap. Jesse van Son says that with the planning meeting it should not be possible that there is overlap.

Gijs Hendriksen says that the International Society has no members according to the website. Rico
te Wechel says that the society is in their trial period, but that it seems that the founders were a bit over enthusiastic. Joren Vrancken asks whether the society will be evaluated after tomorrow's
900 activity. Gijs Hendriksen suggests that they will be put out of their trial period. Rico te Wechel says that will wait until after tomorrow.

10 Adjournment

19:34 *Jan van Bommel adjourns the meeting.*