

AGENDA GM #2 -22 NOVEMBER 2017

OPENING: 18.00 - HGO7A32

1. Opening

- 18:01

2. Announcements

- Daniek Nijhof will be later.
- Bart van Wijck will be later.
- Esther Huiswoud will be later.
- Niklas Scharnofski has authorized Dascha Verhagen for the voting.
- If people have a question which they are uncomfortable asking in English, you can ask it in Dutch and Damian will translate it. If you do this please keep the questions short.
- Damian will translate some English questions to Dutch for Naomi so she can understand and answer them better.
- Eline van Kreuningen: Can you maybe use the microphone so we can hear you?
- Naomi van den Berg: Yes we can, this meeting will be held with a microphone.

3. Approval of Agenda

4. State of affairs

- Naomi van den Berg: I'm going to tell you all the activities we had since our constitution on the 14th of September. We had our constitution drink which was fun, we don't remember a lot. We went to a lot of constitution drinks of other associations as well. We had a celebration of the constitution with cake and beer in the VSPVU room. We had 2 general board meetings to talk about what is going on with the committees. We talked about filling the committees. The Ouderdagcie, Pedcie have 1 spot left and the Balie has some more sports left. We had a mini event where you could ask questions about the committees and do a test which committee fits you best. It was a great success and I think a lot of people found their committee there. Then we had the congress about taboos. It was (not really) almost sold out. We got really positive feedback on that. We had the hitchhiking weekend to Groningen and then to Lille. Was a great weekend, everyone got there safely. We missed 5 couples in the sign up. We had 20 couples sign up in total. The Actie from last year went to the tikibad. We heard it was fun we hope you enjoyed it. We had a lecture from the LEX from last year about internet dating and real life dating. That was a great lecture. We had our first borrel: oh my posh. Your outfits were awesome. We know we all had a great night, judging by the amount of money that the bar earned that day. We are proud to announce our next borrel to be the ugly Xmas sweater borrel on the 7th of December. We had active member day which was very different than other years. We were happy with how it went. We first did games in Amsterdam and then we went to the cricket association in Amstelveen where we had food, games and a party. We were happy everyone showed up and had a good time. If you have any questions please ask. There was the illusie reunion, for the mentors and introduction kids in the van dijck bar. We saw a lot of you there. We had the ski trip borrel from the Wintersportcie. Was a great event at the Surprise Bar. It might also be nice to tell you what we're doing behind the scenes. We are

busy becoming an international association. The site is now in English, promotion is in English. Facebook posts are in English and Dutch making us bilingual. This is going well and we are happy that the committees are so flexible to welcome the international students and working together well. We had our welcome to Amsterdam event. We had fries and other Dutch snacks, some games and a pub-crawl. We had a lot of people showing up (62 people) and we had a waiting list of 6 people. It was a very successful event. We are happy about that. We want to have more contact with the professors so we are making a professor file with all the professors who want to be in touch and collaboration with the association. A lot of teachers are interested and we are checking and evaluating how it is working out. We are also having talks with the coordinators for bachelor and masters to see what we can do for each other. We also have questionnaires that we hand out during lectures this week and next week in lectures for just about all directions where we have students. All years, studies and minors will be approached. We're doing that and if you fill one in you get a free cheese sandwich. We get the feedback now and in January you will hear the results. Together with the faculty we will have a career day in April. This is because we want it badly and the faculty as well. It is good to have a connection with teachers and places to go after your study. That is what we are doing right now.

- Mike Bisschop: About the contact with the professors, we had some difficulties with promotion (the break movie not being played properly) the last few years. How is that going right now?
- Pieter Braak: We hope every professor plays the break movie but we cannot be sure of it. We email them every week, sometimes they forget but I think we cannot help that. We are doing all we can about that. Also at the beginning of every month we do a lecture talk to let everyone know our plans of that month. We will also get a canvas group which Esther Eustace makes. Then we can update that group and post our events directly to the students.
- Mike Bisschop: Do you know how much the break movie is played?
- Naomi van den Berg: No, we have no insight in that.
- Jan Helder: Hai, I was wondering about your personal vision as a board on master students. What is your plan?
- Naomi van den Berg: We saw that there is a great future for master students, there are a lot of you. We want to be a master association as well, right now we don't have anything yet. We want to have a master event so we are in contact with the master coordinator and we are busy with vacancies for multiple directions so people can find a good job after their master.
- Lian van Tongeren: Can you repeat a question before you answer it?
- Naomi van den Berg: Sure!
- Amelie van den Boom: Can you all give us a positive point about your board year so far?
- Naomi van den Berg: I really like to see how far we've come as an international association. I'm happy to have the talks with the faculty. They want to do a lot for us which is great. I'm

also looking forward to working with the feedback we are and will be receiving to grow as an association.

- Damian Waij: Nothing to add.
- Lara Bodewitz: I'm happy that the professors and coordinators want to work together with us.
- Pieter Braak: I'm glad that the first year students are finding their place in the association and I'm feeling very good myself.
- Julia de Ruig: Same as Naomi I'm proud of how quick we switched to English and how well the association is going. I'm proud of how the sponsors are going, we are almost at the required amount to reach our financial statement.
- Casper van Tongeren: I'm happy to see the positive feedback to the events so far. When we put a lot of work into making an event as good as we can it makes me happy to see you guys enjoy it as much as we do.
- Liz Masselink: Will the transcripts be in English?
- Naomi van den Berg: This transcript will be in English. Then translated to Dutch. The General Board Meetings (GBM) and the Board Meetings (BM) will be in Dutch because there are no internationals there.
- Famke Swinkels: Why will there be no English transcripts for the GBM and the BM?
- Naomi van den Berg: If someone who does not speak Dutch is interested in becoming a board member next year we will translate it all. But if there are no English applications it will be unnecessary work.
- Bart van Wijck: I wouldn't translate it. If someone wants to be in the board of a Dutch association they would have to know (some) Dutch
- Naomi van den Berg: For now this is our vision, we will try to play into the needs of the coming board(s).
- Dascha Verhagen: Just wanted to say I disagree, the association is international. I don't think it's necessary for a Board member to speak Dutch but not so much to have the transcript translated.
- Naomi van den Berg: Everyone can apply for the board, if you cannot speak Dutch (well enough) we will make the translation happen.
- Margot Bakkes: I agree that everyone should be able to apply, but a lot of things cannot be done if you don't speak any Dutch. Be aware of this. Pretty much all the important conversations require some degree of Dutch.
- Naomi van den Berg: We will discuss this within the Board.
- Bart van Wijck: How many years will you go back with translating?
- Naomi van den Berg: We will only translate our year.
- Amelie van den Boom: Every year we cast our votes for the Advisory Board, we want to know how they are doing?
- Esther huiswoud: I think it's going pretty well.
- Margot Bakkes: We give feedback to the board every week. Which is what we're supposed to do. We try to help out where possible.

- Jetty Klaver: We had an evaluation a while back where we could say what we thought of the Board and the other way around. That was very good. Were all doing quite well!

5. Barcie icon

- Naomi van den Berg: In the VSPVU, every committee has an icon. For example, the Feestcie has a balloon as icon. This year a new committee has started, de Barcie (Bar committee). They need an icon. The old board and the new board together designed an icon for the Barcie. It is blue because it is a social committee
The icon you are going to vote for is:
(Barcie icon)
You can ask questions in the General Meeting before we are going to vote. You can vote yes, no or neutral.
- Lisa Dennert: Why did you decide to go with wine instead of beer?
- Pieter Braak: The bar committee is a committee that does more than just beer related things. Which gave us an option to do more than a beer glass. If we did a beer pint there were all kinds of little wrong pixels in the smaller picture so if you used the icon on a poster it would look messy. We chose something easy and came up with the idea to do 2 glasses because it is a social committee and it shows the interaction.
- Liz Masselink: Two things, does the Barcie have input in this and why (not)?
- Pieter Braak: No, the icon has to stand for more than just one year so we did not want a committee to have a say in this. Decisions like this are more for the board to make
- Amelie van den Boom: To add to this everyone here in the General Meeting (GM) can vote and show their voice for the icon.
- Dascha Verhagen: Why aren't there more options?
- Naomi van den Berg: We had a bad experience with letting people choose between more options. We want the Barcie to have an icon from this point on. Last time it took multiple meetings.
- Lisa Dennert: What if this icon gets voted out, do you have other options then?
- Naomi van den Berg: Then we will make a different icon, and present it another time. For now it will stay with this icon. It will be a yes/no/neutral voting option.
- Bart van Wijck: I don't think that a GM is just for you to present an idea and for us to vote it in. I think it's more to show all choices and have us vote.
- Kieran Everts: What's done is done, we should just leave it at this and let's just vote on what is there to vote on.
- Eline van Kreuning: My recommendation for the next time, if this doesn't get voted in: make more options available.
- Naomi van den Berg: Last time when we had that situation that took 3 GMs to get voted in.
- Margot Bakkes: The point of 'no point in discussion', That is what the GM is for.
- Mathanja Schokking: A few things. First of I agree with Margot. If we want options then you should give us options. Second of all, what is the thing in the middle of the glass?
- Pieter Braak: I'm not sure exactly, but I think its ice cubes.

- Mathanja Schokking: Even though the icon is for more than 1 year I'm curious what the Barcie thinks of this particular icon. I think they should have a say in what their icon looks like.
- Lisa Dennert: I personally don't like it too much, would have preferred anything beer related as it is the main focus of the committee. I don't like the ice, but I do like the toast. Overall not feeling it too much.
- Naomi van den Berg: Beer-pictures: we tried that to no end and it didn't work out.
- Finn Keatinge: I like it, I think it's cool. It looks good and it works.
- Mike Bisschop: I agree.
- Naomi van den Berg: Differences in opinion like this is why we have a voting.
- Jan Helder: If the idea was to make it perfectly symmetrical please contact me to help you out with the final version.
- Esther Huiswoud: I feel like it's a little too sophisticated for the Barcie. I think it's pretty but I think it doesn't work well for the Barcie.
- Patrick Camara: Can we only continue the discussion after the vote has been made to be a no? Until then it comes down to a vote right?
- Naomi van den Berg: Our idea was to have room for input before the voting as well so everyone can look at things from multiple perspectives.
- Bart van Wijck: Some icons are very weird so far. The illusie.... It's a fucking door. No one cares about the icons until there is a vote about it.

6. GM-chairman

- Naomi van den Berg: There has been noticed that General Meetings often take very long. The 71st board would like to decrease that, to keep motivation high. We would like to constitute a General Meeting Chairman, to make sure the GM. for now it is difficult for us to keep a clear overview and we want to make the GM less of a situation of us vs. you all. The GM chair can close endless discussions, keep up the pace better and make it so the GM doesn't last till midnight. We as the board want to be able to focus on answering questions more so than focusing on keeping overview. It will be someone from within the association so they know your names
- Bart van Wijck: How will the application procedure be done?
- Naomi van den Berg: We will ask people who we see fit for the role. It doesn't have to be one for the whole year, one chair per meeting can be assigned. The vote now is for the concept, more so than a person.
- Bart van Wijck: Shouldn't it be an open application, for everyone to announce they would be interested?
- Naomi van den Berg: Good idea! We will keep that in mind.
- Liz Masselink: Why someone from the association?
- Naomi van den Berg: At first we wanted to have an independent party, but they wouldn't know your names and we weren't sure if we wanted someone from the outside to know everything that goes on in the GMs of this association. They will then know every confidential detail that is discussed here.
- Jetty Klaver: How do you make sure the GM-chair is able to express their own opinion?
- Naomi van den Berg: We hope that when people apply they can keep in mind that there will be little space for this.

- Jetty Klaver: Can they express their own opinion?
- Naomi van den Berg: They will be in function during the meeting. This is something they will need to know beforehand. It is a position for someone who does want to help the association but doesn't want to voice their opinion much anymore.
- Jetty Klaver: If we vote yes, will it be mandatory to have on for this year, forever?
- Naomi van den Berg: For now this year, how it goes for next year is up to the candidate board.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: A reply to an independent party knowing details, the transcripts are online on the site.
- Naomi van den Berg: This is just the verbatim, it doesn't show the atmosphere. We would like just the members to be in on that part of the GM.
- Mathanja Schokking: To clear it up: you will select someone and that person will be the GM for the next meeting. And they won't be able to voice their opinion properly?
- Naomi van den Berg: Yes.
- Mathanja Schokking: If people cannot voice their opinion they will not do it. When we had a GM-chair they would beforehand tell us what they would think of certain points. Otherwise they should be able to join into the conversation. Try to keep an overview that they don't skip the line for voicing an opinion. In my year we also voted for a person.
- Naomi van den Berg: We can discuss the voicing the opinion, we will get back to that. I understand you want us to vote on a person, in other associations it is also about the principle of the GM. We don't want to vote on 1 person at risk that they can't make it. And we want to be able to evaluate how a specific person does the job.
- Mathanja Schokking: Then it would be a good idea to, after a GM, ask the opinion of the members on the specific GM-chair.
- Naomi van den Berg: Good idea!
- Noa van der Plas: I understand the idea of wanting someone in the association. But an old board member would also not know all the names. Keep that in mind.
- Naomi van den Berg: We will.
- Amelie van den Boom: I remember we wanted to have this in the policy last year. We didn't choose to do it because we didn't know someone capable enough. I think it is important to have the person work together with the group.
- Naomi van den Berg: That is where the idea of Mathanja comes into play, where you evaluate at the end of a meeting.
- Lisa Dennert: A few questions. Have you asked around for people to be willing? Are there people who are willing?
- Naomi van den Berg: We want you to vote on the idea before we got into putting it into action. There are people interested.
- Lisa Dennert: How are you going to handle the application process? Is it your decision who is the GM for that meeting? You can turn down people?
- Naomi van den Berg: It depends on the amount of applications, we also have 3 GM's coming up, and we have 3 dates set for them. We want to see how available they are for these dates. Depending on the amount of application we will hold a procedure. We can still turn down people if we do not see them fit, regardless of circumstances.
- Lisa Dennert: I think, if you do find someone, I don't know how smart it is for them to share their opinion during the meeting.
- Famke Swinkels: I think it's a good idea but for me to vote in favor I want for us to vote on a specific person during the GM.

- Naomi van den Berg: If we vote a person now, not everyone knows that person yet. That way not all the members have an equal vote. We want to evaluate the GM-chair after them having had a GM. That way everyone can voice an equal opinion based on this evaluation.
- Jan Helder: I wanted to elaborate on the selection process. I think it's no problem that the chair would know no one. It's more in the skill of the handling the meeting.
- Naomi van den Berg: We will keep it in mind and take it with us to the discussion.
- Mathanja Schokking: In response to if we vote for a person we wouldn't know how they would do. I think that that is the same as us voting for you as the board. Some of us didn't know you all and based on that GM we voted for you. Also if we vote for a GM chair right now. You are obligated to have one for the next GM. Even if all the applications would suck you would still need to have one.
- Naomi van den Berg: We know.
- Jan Helder: Why are you making this mandatory for yourself?
- Naomi van den Berg: We want to have the structure in the GM.
- Jan Helder: Why would you have us vote for it? You could make it a pilot and just see how it works and if it doesn't work for us then cross it out.
- Naomi van den Berg: We will take this with us into the discussion.
- Bart van Wijck: Why do you want to vote for this, why is that necessary?
- Naomi van den Berg: I did my research, and following that we have to vote for this idea.

7. Changes

- Naomi van den Berg: Some changes: First of all thanks for the feedback. If there is more feedback for following GMs, please send it online when the agenda pieces get posted! The changes to the Barcie icon. It will be made as symmetric as possible, so when you vote you will vote for a symmetric icon. To the GM-chair: before the GM we will sit with the chosen chair and talk about their opinions and keep that in mind. This way they can still give their opinion. The other change is that it can be someone from inside or outside the association. Whichever fits best. Also a quick explanation on why we are voting for this. It is a big change to the association, we want to give the members the option to voice their opinion on the decision.

8. Voting

- 61 votes have been cast
- Barcie icon:
 - In favor: 30
 - Against: 26
 - Neutral: 5
- GM-chairman
 - In favor: 45
 - Against: 12
 - Neutral: 4

9. Ideas

- Naomi van den Berg: If you have a good idea let us know now and we will take it with us into our meeting.
- Naomi van den Berg: If you have any other ideas in the future, send them to us in the idea box through the website.

- Bart van Wijck: Have you had some yet and will you discuss some of the better ones?
- Naomi van den Berg: We've had a lot of ideas sent in. an example of a good one was to send an email about the GM, which we did. This shows that we really care about your ideas!
- Jetty Klaver: Will our prom be held together with another association? If so, maybe have a speed-dating borrel to get to know everyone.
- Naomi van den Berg: This is for the Feestcie to write down.
- Bart van Wijck: Battle of the associations!
- Naomi van den Berg: Nice idea! We will see if it is possible.
- Bart van Wijck: Have you discussed this with other associations yet?
- Naomi van den Berg: yes! It will be in 2018 if it happens!

10. Important dates:

- 7 December: Borrel #2

- 17 January: GM #3

- Mike Bisschop: I had some criticism on this part. At the state of affairs you noted just about everything. Right now only your own things. Isn't that twisted? Either do both in state of affairs and both for important dates or do only your own stuff in state of affairs and in the dates.
- Naomi van den Berg: We will look at that.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: Do we still have a winner of the best outfit for the borrels?
- Naomi van den Berg: Nope! Sorry.

11. A.O.B. (Any Other Business)

- Internationals' opinion on events so far – Esther
- Karlo Welch: I wasn't sure what to expect but so far I've enjoyed it.
- Kieran Everts: I feel like you've prepared for us internationals, which is cool. The meeting for the committees, how much you've transitioned to English is really cool. Thanks for that.
- Nicole Mamone: I thought it was nice that we had Active Member Day and the Welcome to Amsterdam that showed us around Amsterdam.
- Bart van Wijck: Since it is only 8 o' clock. I wanted to ask you to tell us something about your policy plan?
- Naomi van den Berg: That will be discussed in the next general meeting.
- Bart van Wijck: Why? We have all the time in the world.
- Naomi van den Berg: I can give a quick update. We have been doing birthday cards, we are doing first year breaks where we stand outside with candy. It works and we can sell tickets there, which has been going well. We've done 2 so far. 2 more to go for the policy. We want to do that later in the year. We have a member of the month every month, we have a teacher file. We have a vacancy overview every Monday of the month. It's been really working for us well. About 1500 people see it on Facebook. We put it on Instagram once so far. We see people tagging others in the posts and our sponsors seem happy about it. Our Snapchat has launched. We had a monthly compilation which has been uploaded. Also we are doing our questionnaires. We also had our international/first-years activity. We made

the past-board file. We make sure the logo of the association is on every picture on social media. We have the site translated.

- Bart van Wijck: How do you think internationalization is going?
- Naomi van den Berg: I think it's been going well, some things still need some work. Mostly culture things, but we also addressed this with the faculty. We need to do a lot more explaining with regards to culture, but the translating has been going well.
- Julia de Ruig: We also made a page on the website that has information for international students on how to get around the student life.
- Mathanja Schokking: The member list had disappeared from the Balie account from the site.
- Naomi van den Berg: This is a question for Genkgo (site developer), we will get on that.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: So you updated the English version of the site, now the Dutch one needs one as well. When will that be updated?
- Naomi van den Berg: It should have been changed, we will look into it.
- Jan Helder: Is the party committee interested in working with other associations for the formal party?
- Myrte Vroemen: We are open to the idea, but it would have to be formally discussed.
- Bart van Wijck: How is Friends of the VSPVU going?
- Naomi van den Berg: It is up, we need to be able to change the amount to be donated, which we are working on.
- Amelie van den Boom: I heard a lot of enthusiasm on the meet Amsterdam, will you do something like that for the 2nd and 3rd year students.
- Naomi van den Berg: We heard the people who wanted to go, it was a successful event and we are really looking at the possibility to organize it for other students as well.
- Mike Bisschop: We talked about giving back to the friends of the VSPVU, maybe free tickets to e.g. a LEX activity.
- Naomi van den Berg: Good one!
- Chiara Rijlaarsdam: The text with friends of the VSPVU was kind of short stumped, maybe think about having it cover the full idea.
- Naomi van den Berg: We will look into it!
- Amelie van den Boom: How are things going with the final financial statement of the 70th board?
- Damian Waij: Currently working on it, still waiting on some amounts, also from the faculty declarations. So far it's not looking pretty.
- Jan Helder: On the English version of the site there is no Friends of the VSPVU in the banner.
- Pieter Braak: We will fix that!
- Famke Swinkels: Will Damian make the deadline to do all the faculty declarations before Christmas?
- Damian Waij: Yes!

12. Questions

- Mathanja Schokking: Shout out to the board for doing this meeting in English, you did awesome.
- Bart van Wijck: Who is ahead with “board points”?
- Naomi van den Berg: that is private.
- Thy Nguyen: How many points do you have?
- Naomi van den Berg: a few.

13. Closing

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