



General Assembly Minutes 2013

3rd of March 2013, Bahnhofsbuffet Olten

Present board members: Ueli Staeger Staeger, Cecilia Mihaljek, Konrad Staeger, Filip Winzap, Dominic Degen, Delia Berner, Sophie Hall.

Minute-taker: Sophie Hall Hall

1. Greeting and selection of the ballot counters

Ueli Staeger welcomes everyone to the General Assembly and proposes Nicole Goetz and Nadia Mondini as the ballot counters. 27 in favour of these ballot counters.

2. Approval of the minutes from last year's GA

With 21 in favour and none against, the GA approve the minutes of last year's G.A.

3. Annual report of the President

Ueli Staeger reviews the past year's activities

- General Assembly 2012
- Chairs' Training for the Regional Sessions
- Regional Sessions 2012
- Alumni weekend in Meiringen
- National Selection Conference Aarau 2012
- Youth in Action funding and participation in advisory committee
- Communication of NSC
- Going abroad training
- Academic training EU and democracy
- Rhetorics training, part I with Nicolaia Marston
- Christmas dinner
- Ongoing work for IS Zurich 2013 (this will be covered mainly by the Head Organisers in their presentation.

Ueli Staeger asks the general assembly to consider the vision for 2012: *creative continuity and a vision for the future*". He reviews the goals and achievements of the year in line with this:

- Focus on solidifying rather than innovation for its own sake has been an area of considerable work, for example with certain quality standards at the National Sessions.





- Compile guidebooks for future generations: EYP Switzerland has followed the “First Steps” guidebook for new alumni with a fundraising guidebook (the Matura paper of two Aarau organisers) and international support for the guide for Buddy NCs.
- Offer more opportunities for older generations and offering proactive Alumni Support: Sophie Hall has actively been working on this and we have been able to offer the travel grants for the first time.
- Revive Regional Officers: this has only happened within the context of the Regional Sessions, but not as an institutional practice and should be considered in 2013.
- Increase public visibility: there were several positive mentions within the context of Aarau (including the radio appearance) but EYP CH could still be better-known.
- Fundamental questions which remain in the board’s field of vision:
 - EYP for other secondary educational establishments; the board has considered this and would like to explore it in the medium-term, though our focus remains grammar schools.
 - Long-term vision and strategy
 - How can we continue to inspire young Swiss people?

Ueli Staeger looks at the results of the vision discussions with EYP CH alumni at the alumni weekend in Meiringen in Summer 2012.

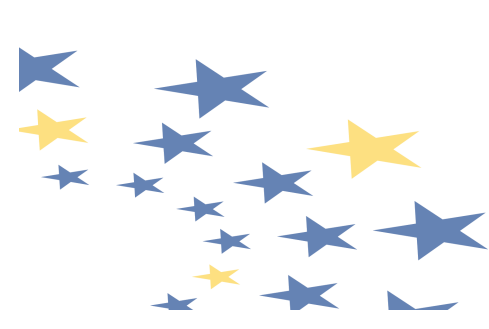
- **Inclusiveness:** Languages, schools without debating/political classes, individual delegates, non-high school participants, dissociation Regional Sessions/NSC
- **Membership:** more active involvement through invitations and feedback collection, active suggestion of sessions, participative governance, crowdsourcing delegation recruitment, combining social and academic events
- **Individual vs. delegation selection:** cf. today’s ‘mixed’ system, additional spot as of 2014, suggestion to permanently decrease delegation size to 4

4. Report on Regional Sessions 2012.

The participants’ survey came back with generally positive results, with the main findings being:

- The academic concept is greatly appreciated
- There is a need to inform participants more and earlier, including the teachers, about the academic concept.
- There were some comments about the quality of food

4.1 Basel Regional Session 2013





Ueli Staeger takes the opportunity to explain and reflect on the cancellation of the Regional Session in Basel. The board as a whole agree that:

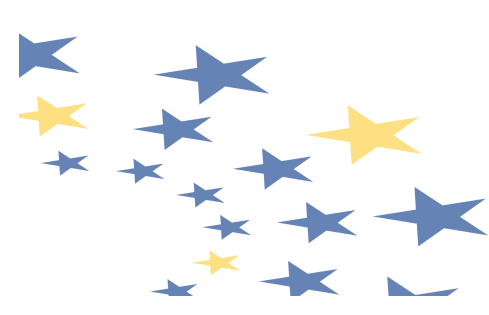
- The cancellation is a **clear shortcoming** with regard to the usual quality standards that we strive for.
- A **lack of time** within the board lead to late communication of cancellation.
- The **clear separation of tasks between board and Head Organisers** in preparation of the Regional Session lead to a late communication of the cancellation to them
- They commend the **fine quality of organisation** of the session and thank Theodor and Lara for their good work regardless of the cancellation.

5. Report on the National Selection Conference Aarau 2012

- Seraina Petersen (Head Organiser) is very happy that the bunker went well, she was a bit apprehensive initially.
- There were several new schools, including another school in Aarau – which is particularly motivating to think that an NSC can have an impact on the local school landscape.
- The media presence was good
- Youth in Action was a good back-up, but the fundraising team also put in a lot of work and there was a negligible amount of money back. Having local sponsors would be important and be good for regional presence.
- The accounting is almost done, all the bills have been paid.
- Seraina thanks all the organisers, the board and Anais.

Ueli Staeger says that it's interesting that we can have a session without any schools (as seen in Ticino), but that school support is immensely valuable. There are also two concrete outputs:

- The new Freifach Politische Bildung
- The fundraising guide and Matura paper – another positive result of having a school involved.





6. Presentation of the annual account

Filip Winzap presents the generally positive state of the accounts; due to unplanned income from BSV support we had more money in 2012 than expected. The only issue is one of liquidity since EYP Switzerland has forwarded 5000.- each to the two previous NSCs, neither of which has finished the accounting (in the case of the NSC Ticino this was due to the prospect of compensation from Schweizer Stiftung for the exchange rate loss) and 2000.- to the IS.

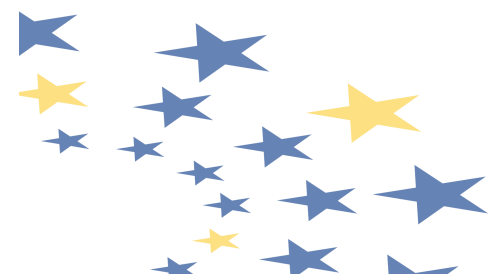
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AKTIVA

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Postcheck	8'312.25	40.9%
Totalsumme Flüssige Mittel	8'312.25	40.9%
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Liquiditätspolster NC	10'000.00	49.2%
Liquiditätspolster IS	2'000.00	9.8%
Totalsumme Kurzfristige Forderungen	12'001.00	59.1%
<u>TOTALSUMME AKTIVA</u>	<u>20'313.25</u>	100.0%

PASSIVA

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Rückstellungen NC 2011	500.00	2.5%
Totalsumme Kurzfristiges Fremdkapital	500.00	2.5%
Eigenkapital	16'363.54	80.6%
Totalsumme Eigenkapital	16'363.54	80.6%
Gewinn	3'449.71	17.0%
<u>TOTALSUMME PASSIVA</u>	<u>20'313.25</u>	100.0%





ERFOLGSRECHNUNG

ERTRÄGE

		%
Mitgliederbeiträge	969.71	10.2%
Spenden/Gönner	4'649.00	48.8%
Totalsumme Beiträge	5'618.71	59.0%
Einnahmen National Conference	3'597.71	37.8%
ausserordentlicher Ertrag	301.00	3.2%
Zinsertrag	11.70	0.1%
Totalsumme übrige Einnahmen	3'910.41	41.0%
<u>TOTALSUMME ERTRÄGE</u>	<u>9'529.12</u>	100.0%

AUFWAND

		%
Domain-Gebühren	123.80	2.0%
Druck/Versand EYPinside	85.30	1.4%
Reisespesen Vorstand	121.71	2.0%
Totalsumme Büro- und Verwaltungsaufwand	330.81	5.4%
Aufwand National Conference	171.25	2.8%
Prep Weekend	614.10	10.1%
Orga Kick-off	443.00	7.3%
Aufwand Regional Session	681.30	11.2%
VV (Einl, Saal, Gesch)	390.10	6.4%
Events	1'383.80	22.8%
Officials Training	557.95	9.2%
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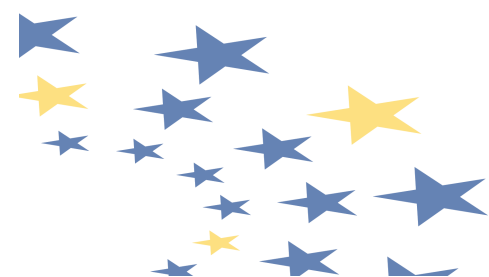
7. Discharge of the board of 2012

21 in favour. Ueli Staeger thanks Filip Winzap and Delia Berner for their hard work on the board.

8. Revision of the statutes

The General Assembly first vote on whether to vote for the statute changes all in one block. There are 21 votes in favour. There are 21 votes in favour of accepting the updated statutes.

9. Election of the board.





The following candidates are presented for election:

- Board Presidency – Ueli Staeger – 27 in favour
- Board Vice Presidency, International Coordination – Sophie Debrunner Hall – 29 in favour
- Support International Coordination – Cecilia Mihaljek – 29 in favour
- Communication – Konrad Staeger – 29 in favour
- External Affairs – Nora Wilhelm – 29 in favour
- National Events – Lukas Bock – 29 in favour
- National Conferences – Dominic Degen – 27 in favour
- Finances & Membership – Julie Huissoud – 29 in favour

A new board is thereby elected.

10. Election of the auditors 2013-2014

Both Kathrin Munz and Patrick Geiger will run again. Both are elected with 29 votes in favour.

11. Outlook and budget 2013

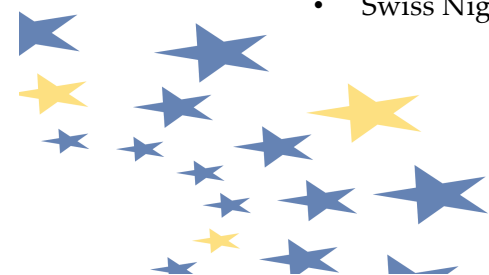
Ueli Staeger presents the outlook and budget for the upcoming year. The vision is: **“Balancing high ambitions and limited resources”**. He summarises this as:

- Improving our event concepts and board-internal management
- Providing sound „basic service“
- Laying the foundations for an excellent IS and learn from it as organisation
- Our organisation as a team: changing alumni involvement
- EYP Switzerland as a Swiss organisation: visibility and networking
- Reaching out to new cities
- Maintain active collaboration with other NCs
- Think about:
 - Opening up to individual late bloomers
 - Diversifying delegate pool
 - Involving older inactive alumni

12. Outlook on activities 2013

Ueli Staeger presents the key planned activities for 2013:

- Two upcoming Regional Sessions, one of which has already been held in St. Gallen.
- Training “Rhetorics II: speech writing” with Melanie Imhof in Basel
- International Session Zurich 2013
- Swiss Night; an EYP CH funded event for EYP CH alumni at the IS.





- National Selection Conference 2013: Romanshorn 2013

The Head Organisers of the International Session in Zurich briefly present the development in the organising process: the collaboration with Uni Zürich has been secured, and they will offer us venues for opening ceremony, GA and the panel debate.

Julia Badertscher presents the session in Romanshorn, briefly showing the various venues.

13. Miscellaneous

Ueli Staeger reminds alumni to make use of the EYP Switzerland travel grants and the alumni advisor.

14. Adjournment & Apéritif

Ex est 15.50, 3rd of March 2013.

