



## General Assembly Minutes 2012

18<sup>th</sup> February 2012, 15.00, Zentrum Karl der Grosse, Zurich.

Present Members: Ueli Staeger, Sophie Hall, Filip Winzap, Cecilia Mihajek, Konrad Staeger, Karoline Otte, Lukas Bock, Delia Berner, Patrick Geiger, Kathrin Munz, Céline Pfisterer, Theodor Hall, Lara Reinfels, Laura Merten, Seraina Petersen, Yannick Berner, Ditjola Naco, Moritz Bändeli, Kian Hunziker, Helene Keller, Philip Aiolfi, Felix Kurer, Matthieu Loup, Mohamed Atiek, Marius Suter, Lisa Yerebakan.

Guests: Schima Labitsch (Austria).

Minute-taker: Sophie Hall

### 1. Greeting and selection of the ballot counters

Ueli welcomes everyone at 15.00 to the General Assembly with particular mention to the Chairs' training participants. He proposes Schima Labitsch and Marius Suter as ballot counters. The General Assembly approves with 25 votes in favour.

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

Minutes are unanimously approved with 25 votes in favour.

### 3. Annual report of the President

Ueli reviews the year's events by summing up the annual report (to be published online):

- General Assembly 2011
- The 2011 board
- International Communication Training
- Debating event & trainings
- Cross-cultural Youth Parliament
- Christmas dinner & Barbecue party
- 15-year anniversary party
- EYP Switzerland National Selection Conferences Association
- National Selection Conference Ticino 2011
- Youth in Action
- Website and Communication
- Regional Sessions
- IS Zurich 2013
- Living up to our vision for 2011: „towards a versatile and connected EYP Switzerland“

Ueli finishes by thanking all of the members of EYP Switzerland for their continued participation and enthusiasm.





#### 4. Report on the National Selection Conference Ticino 2011

The Head-Organisers of Ticino 2011, Philip Aiolfi and Felix Kurer give their report of the NSC. They present

- Their motivation for Head-Organising after being organisers at the previous NSC, Basel 2010, and the International Session in Lillehammer
- The key novelty of the session being the unprecedented extent of the funding, thanks in particular to Youth in Action support.
- Their compliments to the organising team who handled the session well despite not being from Locarno.
- The novelty of having the larger session in a hostel.
- An explanation of the Euro-exchange difficulty, the only remaining financial aspect which needs to be resolved: They are in consultation with Youth in Action about how to handle the deficit resulting from the decrease in the value of the euro between the promise of funding and the actual transfer. They are confident that the matter will be resolved soon.

#### 5. Presentation of the annual account

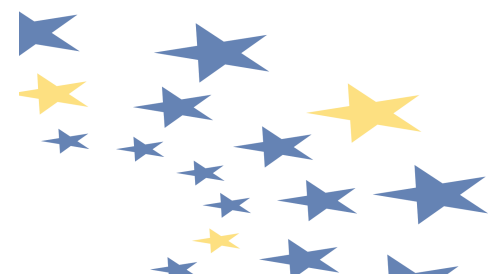
Filip Winzap presents the accounts for the year, noting in particular that the association made a profit of CHF 390.-. With this profit, EYP Switzerland's equity capital amounts to CHF 16'363.54.

Furthermore, Filip reports about the books of the Basel 2010 National Selection Conference being closed with a loss of CHF 1'5496.47. This loss will be covered by EYP Switzerland. As the accounting for the Ticino 2011 National Selection Conferences isn't completed yet, but as the possibility of a loss is a scenario, an accrual of CHF 500 was created to cover an eventual loss.

#### 6. Auditor's report and approval of the annual account

Auditors' report: Kathrin Munz and Patrick Geiger introduce themselves. They praise the work at Ticino 2011, which was accurate and professional, and they compliment the board on their innovative and enthusiastic work in planning events. They suggest potential improvements for the future:

- Integrating the accounts of the National Session into the accounts of EYP CH to simplify the accounting process and avoid a dragging out of the accounts,
- The precise number of votes should be included in the minutes,
- A clarification of the various different bank accounts held by EYP CH with regard to purpose and who has access.





## 7. Discharge of the board or 2011

Ueli proposes that the discharge of the board and approval of the budget are voted on together in one vote, there are no objections. The vote passes with 19 in favour (the six abstaining being the current board being discharged).

On behalf of the board, Ueli thanks Karoline Otte and Céline Pfisterer for their contributions to the board of 2011 and gives them each a gift of a one-day class upgrade for the SBB.

## 8. Election of the board according to candidatures

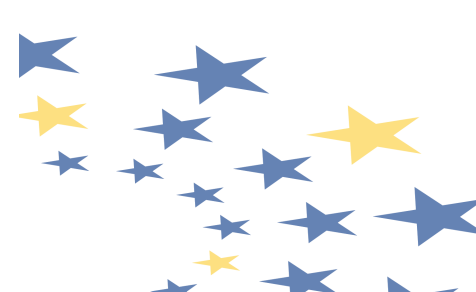
Election of the board for 2012. Ueli presents the suggested board members for 2012 (noting specifically the new candidates) and invites each candidate to speak about themselves on the board, which they do. Ueli also draws attention to the fact that the Fundraising portfolio was renamed “External Affairs” to better cover the new tasks in this position.

The proposal to vote on the new board in corpore is approved by 27 in favour and none against. The board’s suggestion for election is likewise accepted by 27 votes as follows:

- Board Presidency – Ueli Staeger
- Board Vice Presidency, National Coordination – Sophie Hall
- Support National Coordination – Cecilia Mihaljek
- Communication – Konrad Staeger
- External Affairs – Delia Berner
- National Events – Lukas Bock
- National Conferences – Dominic Degen
- Finances & Membership – Filip Winzap

## 9. Election of the auditors

The board suggests the re-election of the incumbent auditors, Kathrin Munz and Patrick Geiger. They are re-elected with 25 votes. Ueli thanks Kathrin and Patrick for their helpful and professional work in 2011 and expresses his pleasure that they will be working together again in 2012.





## 10. Vision and Budget 2012

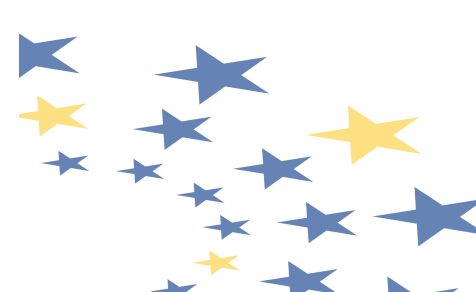
Ueli presents the board's vision for EYP Switzerland in the year 2012 and beyond, the key points being:

- Focus on solidifying rather than innovation for its own sake
- Compile guidebooks for future generations
- Offer more opportunities for older generations
- Offering proactive Alumni Support
- Revive Regional Officers
- Increase public visibility
- Fundamental questions:
  - EYP for other secondary educational establishments
  - Long-term vision and strategy
  - How can we continue to inspire young Swiss people?

The budget for 2012 is shown with a budgeted surplus of CHF 100.-:

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
Member fees	2'000	Accounts	50
Sponsoring	500	Website	150
NSC PP fees	3'500	Travel costs board	500
		GA	500
		Kick off meeting	500
		Prep Weekends	700
		National Selection Conference	500
		Events	1'000
		Officials Training	500
		Promotion material	500
		Giveaways	500
		Regional Sessions	500
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6'000</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5'900</b>

Surplus: 100





## 11. Outlook on the National Selection Conference Aarau 2012

Anaïs Franck and Seraina Petersen will organise the upcoming National Selection Conference in Aarau (29.8-2.9.12). Anaïs can't be here, so Seraina presents the outlook on the upcoming NSC. The prolonged session format from Wednesday will be taken on again, as introduced in Ticino. She notes that the collaboration with the Alte Kantonsschule Aarau is a pleasant opportunity for bringing an EYP Session to a long-term participating school. The theme and some venues are already set:

- CW venue in the AKSA
- GA in the Grossratssaal Aarau.
- EYP CH is going back to bunkers for 2012.

Seraina also calls for another 2-3 organisers to help during the session itself.

## 12. Outlook on the Regional Sessions 2012

- Geneva: Mohamed Atiek tells the General Assembly that though there had been difficulty finding delegations, we now have six. Mohamed hopes that next year, this will change and suggests repeated collaboration with other NCs, with the „Region“ in question stretching beyond Switzerland. Ueli adds that Momo is being modest in not saying that he has succeeded in organising Pierre Maudet as a speaker at the venue of the Salle du Grand Conseil.
- Basel: Victor Gutgesell & Philip Dyson aren't present so Sophie reports that the Gymnasium Münchenstein will be hosting and there have been a record number of schools involved.
- Bern: Ueli presents Shuting's updates: the Gymnasium Kirchenfeld will be hosting the event, for which the program has been confirmed, including the eminent speaker Mr. Richard Jones, Ambassador of the EU to Switzerland and Liechtenstein.
- Geneva: Cecilia Mihaljek reports that the venue will probably the Kantonsratssaal, and sponsorship so far includes a few crates or apples from the Thurgau and an apéro sponsored by the EU delegation via Mr. Libiszweski, Press and Communication Adviser to the delegation.

## 13. Outlook on the International Session Zurich 2013

Philip Aiolfi and Felix Kurer tell the General Assembly about their decision to bid for the IS, including the debate of choice of city (Geneva vs. Zurich). The dates will be 17.-28.7.13. They resent the team of organisers from all over Switzerland, noting that there are no organisers from Zurich – but that they managed fine in Ticino with a similar situation. At the moment mostly legal and financial foundations are being laid (in part to protect the HOs from any financial or legal liability





for the large sums of money involved). A separate organisation will be founded in collaboration with the Berlin international office. The Senior Alumni Advisory Board, made up of Men Keller, Daniel Decurtins, Philipp Marzohl and Michel Hochstrasser (SAAB) has been offering useful legal advice.

The session concept so far:

- No confirmed venues as yet, but likely the Youth Hostel at Wollishofen will be the accommodation.
- Likely collaboration with Rami Bühl.
- Zurich Tourism contacted them and they're meeting in March to help with venues.

#### **14. Call for Regional Officers**

Ueli announces the call for Regional Officers for 2012, which will follow in more detail in a newsletter after the G.A. The tasks are described as:

- Promote EYP in your city – using your local knowledge and connections.
- Possibility to organise events to your liking. If your suggestion convinces us, you'll receive a small financial contribution to organise it.
- Present EYP in schools and spread the word using guerilla tactics

#### **15. Miscellaneous**

No members have miscellany to discuss.

#### **16. Adjournment & Apéritif**

Ex est 16.25, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

